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Tuesday

October 25

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Puyallup at 6 PM


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The Dead Drift - October 2022

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President's Line

By Larry Gibbs

October was always the month I enjoyed most fishing on the Yakima River and the Clark Fork River in western Montana. Mother Nature is dressing her trees and shrubs in brilliant splendor. The reds, yellows, and oranges mixed in with the multicolored evergreens paint such a beautiful picture. The geese are heading out. You may get to see a stray Osprey that is late in flying south. The local duck population is now increased by all of the migrating waterfowl. And the fish. They have bulked up over the spring and summer eating from the vast supply of bugs and critters that the rivers offer. Now the fish are really starting to feed. Instinct tells them that the cold months of December and January are approaching and then their food supply will be mainly nymphs and such within the cold waters of the river.

Come the first week of October we will only be one month away from the **2022 FFI Virtual Expo!!** Last year was their first year at having that and it went over very well. This year they have expanded it with more programs you can log onto and enjoy. Fly tying instruction and demonstrations. Fly casting will be well covered as will some destination presentations. November 4 - 6. Check it out!!!!

The Washington State Council's Board of Directors are currently working on the 2023 in person event like the 2022 Fly Casting Fair. We had a successful event this year and we really hope to build on that in the next few years. WSC President Steve Jones has been spearheading this event and has been doing a fantastic job.

The Alpine Fly Fishers was honored with a WA State Council award. Someone from our club submitted the information, don't know who but thank you for doing that. We received the Club Education Award. See page 3.

The WA State Fair is finally over, it takes up almost the whole month of September. They did have fantastic weather for this year, virtually no rain and for sure no freezing. Four decades ago, we used to get our first solid frost about the middle of September. No more. Now it will be the middle to late October, it that. This whole summer was really dry and that has lowered our ground water levels. The trees are showing signs of lots of stress, not a good condition. I hope we get a heavy rain/snow season this year to replenish those low levels and keep the rivers and streams flowing.

See you in October.

"Time is but the stream I go a-fishing in. I drink at it; but while I drink, I see the sandy bottom and detect how shallow it is. Its thin current slides away, but eternity remains." Henry David Thoreau

Good Fishing & Stay Safe



Larry

VIRTUAL EXPO 2022

NOVEMBER 4-6

Virtual Expo Activities

Some great activities are planned for the FFI Virtual Expo. As information becomes available we'll post it to this page. Come back often to check for information.

Workshops, Seminars & Demonstrations

FFI has some of the best instructors in the world. They are coming to you online to provide some great learning opportunities through seminars and workshops. Topics covered include:

Casting
Tying
Fly Fishing Skills
Conservation & More

Auctions, Raffles & More

Want to Participate in our Auctions and Raffles? Donate an item to our auctions and raffles. Need more info? Send an inquiry to ffiexpoauction@flyfishersinternational.org

Bid on an item of your choice, and bid high! Remember it's for preserving the legacy of fly fishing for all fish, all waters.

Be a Sponsor or Exhibitor

All sponsors will be given an exhibitor space at the Expo, plus additional benefits at each level.

Gold - \$3000 - 1 available
Silver - \$1500 - 2 available
Bronze - \$500 - 7 available
Exhibitor - \$100 - unlimited available



FFI Virtual Expo

Event Date: November 04, 2022, 9:00 AM - November 06, 2022, 5:00 PM Export event

FFI Virtual Expo has been scheduled. Details will be posted as available, but please mark your calendar.

Christmas Gift Drawing

I mentioned in the May newsletter that this coming December, at our Christmas meeting, I will be holding a special drawing. Each time a member attends a meeting this year, they will get one entry into the drawing. So far we have had two meetings so some club members already have two entries for the drawing. First place will be an Orvis Encounter fly rod outfit, a 9'6", 6wt, 4pc, with reel and line. I will also have second and third place winners as well.

Just for clarification, if Nature doesn't treat us well and we have to go back to not having in-person meetings, but rather having Zoom meetings, those who attend the Zoom meetings will each get one credit per meeting towards this drawing.

Introduction to Fly Fishing Lakes



Michael Martin will present “Introduction to Fly Fishing Lakes” on Tuesday October 25th, 2022. This seminar on Fly Fishing Washington’s Lakes includes tackle, fly patterns, Stillwater techniques, lake “anatomy”, entomology, and some fly fishing photos.

Come join us for a piscatorial event. It will whet your passions to cast a line!

Washington State Council’s

Club Education Award

Alpine Fly Fishers

Alpine Fly Fishers Presented to an FFI Club or other organization that has made extraordinary contributions to the education of fly fishers, including youth, and education about our fisheries resources, including regulations. This year’s award goes to the Alpine Fly Fishers, under the strong leadership of their president Larry Gibbs. Adapting quickly to respond to the challenges of the COVID pandemic, the Alpine Fly Fishers continued to hold regular meetings using “Zoom”. Their various programs ranged from classes with member presenters as well as named fly tying experts and guide presentations about possible fishing opportunities. The Alpine Fly Fishers has created an environment of continual learning.

Fly Fishing International
Fly of the Month
October 2008
March Brown Soft Hackle

By Bob Bates

It is almost November, and at this time of the year fingers are getting cold, hatches getting sparse and insects are getting smaller. So right now I am thinking about next spring when there are nice hatches. One nice spring hatch at least for the Western U.S. and Canadian anglers is the March Brown (Genus *Rhithrogena*). Depending on location, hatches start from late February (costal Oregon) to mid-May (Alberta, Canada). These mayflies are large enough, sizes 12-14, to attract hungry trout. For some species the nymphs thrive in fast turbulent streams, and other species prefer slower waters even placid meandering mountain streams. So be sure to talk to friends in your fly club or other local anglers. Fly shop personnel are usually the most forthcoming.

Jeff Childress of Idaho Falls, ID tied this version of a soft hackle pattern for us at the 2008 NW Fly Tyers Expo in Albany, Oregon.



“Wonderful fly,” he said. Jeff fishes it on the South Fork of the Snake River. He uses a floating line and a leader that is the same length as the rod. He casts one quarter upstream and mends the line so it does not get ahead of the fly.

Material list:

Hook: Mustad3906B, size 12 but sometimes down to 18

Thread: Orange 8/0

Rib: Gold Mylar tinsel

Body: Hares ear dubbing, dark

Hackle: Brown partridge

Tying steps:

1. Put thread on hook starting behind the eye and wind backward to a position on the shank over the point.
2. Tie on the Mylar ribbing.
3. Dub hares ear, trying to taper the body larger forward. One of the biggest dubbing problems for new tiers is using too much at one time. Keep it sparse, and always spin it in the same direction between the thumb and first finger. Putting pressure on dubbing while twisting helps control it. When all else fails put a little dubbing wax on the thread.
4. Counter wind rib. For the new tiers that means winding the rib in the opposite direction from how the thread is wound. If there are some scraggly hairs just trim them off.
5. Strip fuzzy fibers off a brown speckled partridge feather. Tie it in by the tip with the dull side facing the hook.
6. Trim excess feather tip.
7. Then wrap partridge no more than twice around the hook. Secure and trim excess partridge feather. Finish the fly with a small neat head and a whip finish. If you want, put a little head cement on the head.

Closing comments: This is a great pattern that is fairly easy to tie, and it catches fish. What more could you ask for? Tie a few and try them before the March Browns start coming off. It also looks like a pattern that would work when chironomids are getting ready to hatch.

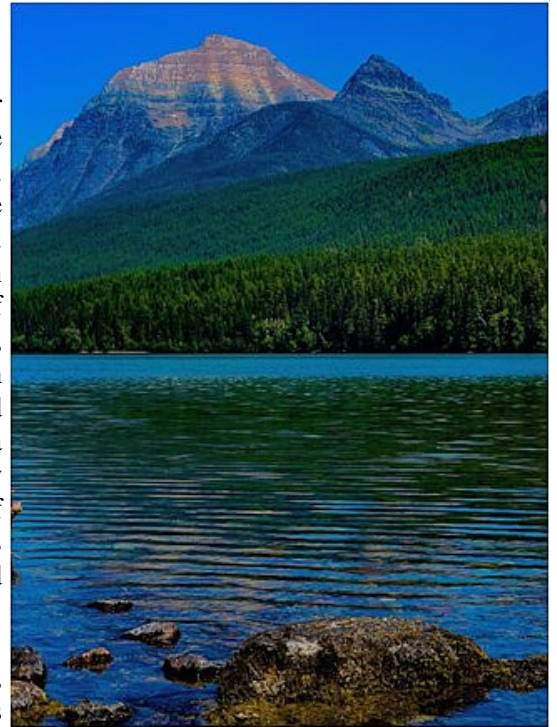
Back of Beyond

Stephen Neal

In Wildness is the Preservation of the World - "Henry David Thoreau"

A Peek At Montana

Navigation went smoothly through the Kiosk check-in and the bag drop, but our swift progress stumbled as we neared the security screening closest to the departure gate. I glanced at my watch, no worries, it was two hours until departure. Due to the crush of travelers, me and my fellow travelers were redirected to the next check point, it too closed as we approached, and again we were redirected. We fellow air travelers soon took on the characteristics of migrating salmon swimming upstream in mass, each seeking release from the narrowing channels of the screening gates. Each successive check point was full, at the last check point, furthest from my gate, I gained ingress, into the holding pen. Now the stream narrowed even more, the upstream path serpentine between nylon straps and plastic pylons. Like a fish fighting the current, rocks and falls I swam into a circular booth where I reached to the sky in supplication, seeking release to the sky gates. The door opened and I swam free. Rhonda, now anxious at my lack of appearance at the boarding gate, texted me, when our flight departure was announced. I answered as we met. I made it on time, with ten minutes to spare, and then we boarded.



The turboprop plane throbbed as the blades grabbed the air and pulled us forward, we accelerated down the runway to rotation speed, the pilot pulled back on his yoke and we climbed into the airspace above the Salish Sea. Lady luck was with me, she gave me a clear majestic view all the way up into Canada. I drank in the sweet beauty of the land I live in. The plane banked east, and we headed for Kalispell, Montana, and a family reunion with two of my three sisters. High gas prices precluded Rochele's and Mark's attendance, Terry stayed home to watch over our daughter and her sons. As I've gotten older, spending time with my sisters is pretty precious, and I try really hard not to let that time slip away.

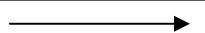
I brought a book to read, but the view out my window pulled my attention outward, and like a hungry beggar, I fed on the feast spread out below me. The peaks of the Cascades still held snow and a plethora of mountain lakes, with no noticeable road access, sparkled like a thief's spilled jewels. I dreamed of exploring the area below, knowing that it was a dream that would turn to smoke as life demands pulled me in a different direction. I traced the rivers paths, from far in the North to where they disappeared below my sight line, beneath the plane. The Yakima, Wenatchee, Methow, Okanogan and the mighty Columbia. The sunlight reflecting off their surfaces illuminating their wandering paths through the landscape of mountains, prairies, and cropland. Plumes of wildfire smoke dotted the land below, miraculously the smoke rose heavenward and did not obscure my view. A small blessing, but one that was truly appreciated.

Our flight was short and scenic. Michele met us at the airport, and we were soon sitting on her deck in Somers overlooking Flathead Lake, emersed in the beauty, while eating a sumptuous, home cooked meal. Our reunions are simple affairs, home cooked meals, walks in the wood or on beaches. With occasional visits to art galleries, rock shops, and bookstores and fresh cherries from roadside vendors. A typical day is a morning hike, a lunch of leftovers, maybe a grocery store run, then evening meal prep while music fills the house, lastly dinner on the deck as night falls.



The lake water spread out beneath our view, started its journey in the MacDonald Mountain Range in southeast British Columbia. Before flowing into Flathead Lake, the Flathead's sister waters, the Middle Fork, and the South Fork join. Their waters come from the Continental Divide and Flathead National Forest. Just below the head of the lake, the Swan River enters at the town of Big Fork. Flathead Lake is the largest freshwater lake west of the Mississippi River. Flathead Lake covers close to 200 square miles, or 126,000 acres when full. It is nearly 30 miles long, 15 miles and wide, and at its deepest point it is 370 feet to the bottom. Its shoreline is 160 miles long. It is one of the 300 largest lakes in the world.

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Flathead is a natural lake formed by a glacial dam, a remnant of the ancient, massive glacial dammed lake, Lake Missoula. Ancient Lake Missoula is responsible for much of the land sculpting from Montana to the Pacific in the Pacific Northwest, its impact cannot be overstated. The latest field research shows over 200 major floods shaped the land. The river and the lake take their name from the Flathead (Salish) Indians, whose reservation adjoins the lake on the south.

For the fishermen amongst my readers, its waters hold Rainbow, Brown, Bull, Cutthroat, Brook, and Lake trout (Mackinaw), Largemouth bass, Smallmouth bass, Perch, and Whitefish. Its record Lake trout caught was 42.5 inches and weighed 42.69 pounds. You can commence dreaming. Sorry!! I did not take a rod; I was traveling light. The lake fishing is primarily a gear lake and down riggers are evident on all the fishing boats I encountered. Your best chances for fly fishing are on the Flathead River above and below the lake, the Swan River is also good for fly fishing. There is a plethora of fishing guides for whatever is your fishing style.

Like all big open water, you have to be constantly on the alert, wind and waves will ruin your day very quickly. Michele has taught her children and grandchildren to look south and when you see a dark line on the water you have twenty minutes to get off the lake. One afternoon we were a little slow getting back, the wind suddenly picked up once we crossed the imaginary headland line. We immediately turned around and headed back, the wind driven waves were high enough that we had to slow our return speed, to keep from bouncing out of the boat or rupturing our kidneys. By the time we got back the wave height was two to two and half feet with a wavelength of less than five seconds, it was so rough we could not get the boat out of the water, and onto its dry dock. Thank God for bumpers, or the boat would have been destroyed by the dock. Flathead's lakeside residents were mighty busy scrambling to secure their watercrafts. Michele and a lot of other residents lost docks two years ago when an early winter storm came up. The high waves and short duration between crests just blew the docks apart, the power of the waves strike upward.

Flathead Lake usually does not completely freeze in the winter, a small area over the deepest part remains open. In March 2019 the lake did freeze completely over, first time in twenty-five years. In the days before refrigeration, ice was harvested and stored for summer usage. An historical picture shows a steam driven saw cutting down through at least three feet of ice to reach the lakes liquid surface. There are many stories about life and death on the Flathead Lake. My favorite discovered story from this trip is about Locomotive.

There is a local story about a steam engine locomotive that ended up in the lake. The owner of the railroad operated a short line between Kalispell and Somers Montana. Man, and machine came together, and the machine got the raw end of that encounter, some might say that the Locomotive was responsible for its own demise. I'll let you make up your own mind. The following story is derived from an article published in the Kalispell News by Rick Hull, January 11th, 1984. Engineer A. J. Adams was in poor health and had been transferred to the short line Kalispell run, in hopes the light duty would allow him to regain his health. His fireman Otto Fenske also was trying to help the engineer recover and went to the roundhouse alone to save the engineer the long walk from the depot. Fenske ran engine No. 215 onto the main line then jumped off to close the switch. The brakes on the engine were in bad shape, so to hold the locomotive he put the engine in reverse. While pulling the switch into the closed position, the throttle jumped out of its slot and the train took off, backwards towards Somers. It was Sunday Morning the 25th of October 1908 around 5 am, instead of heading to Columbia Falls, No. 215 was on a one-way trip, backwards into the cold water of Flathead Lake.

The local newspapers, precursors to Fox News reporters of today did not let the facts or lack of facts get in the way of telling their stories. One reporter gave this fanciful report, based upon very little information. "Fireman Otto Fenske ran the gallant 215 out from the roundhouse to take the early morning run to the junction. At the switch he shut off the steam, as he supposed, but did not set the brake and ran to throw the switch. While he was doing it, 215 felt the steam coursing through the pipes, winked its headlight derisively at Otto, wheezing goodbye, and resumed the Sunday morning run to Somers." (The Somers Sunday run had been canceled for the year, two weeks earlier.) "Otto lost interest in other things about that time and started after his vanishing train puller. In the dark he tripped on something and went down the bank headlong. By the time he recovered his footing, 215 was well out of his reach."

Another news reporter also working on little to nothing information, wrote this piece: "Instead of the regulation train of engine and two coaches, engine 215 made the trip to Somers from Kalispell between the hours of five and six in the morning minus a crew, and when she reached Somers, instead of making the regular stop at the union depot, she continued on down to the dock and the iron horse plunged into Flathead Lake, where she lies waiting inquest."

"She lies fully thirty feet from the end of the dock in probably fifteen feet to twenty feet of water, and no doubt, was going to shoot out into the deep this far. The building at the end of the dock did not act as a bumping post in this case, but was cut off clean as a whistle and today looks like a huge raft on the water."

“When the report came that NO. 215 was in the lake, it was hard to believe, and not until an investigation was made could they convince themselves that such was the case. The news soon spread far and wide and hundreds of people have visited the scene of the wreckage. The engine is hardly visible owing to the depth of water at this spot”

Another newspaper in Kalispell wrote their piece attacking Jim Hill’s Railroad. “Early Sunday morning the dinky scrap heap which serves to confine sufficient steam to haul a stub train to and fro on open schedule, by courtesy designated Engine No. 215, in the senility and decadence, escaped from the fireman who was bring it onto the mainline, via round house switch, and following the branch line to Somers traveling the 11 mile course safely and with increasing speed, keeping the rails to the end of the Somers dock, when it jumped 20 feet, carried the terminal shanty and plunged into the lake.”

“Both the fireman and engineer of the engine unluck No. 215 were discharged by wire and from some unforgotten hiding place Bill Smith has dug up a twin sister to the runaway skate and traffic has resumed.”

News paper accounts don’t give details of the eventual rising of the train, or the fate of the crewmen. They did note the dock at Somers had to be strengthened with additional pilings before the 75 ton crane from Whitefish could be used in the operation. And the Missoulian account on the wreck did say optimistically. “Otto Fenske has been railroading for about five years, having put in three years on the Baltimore & Ohio before assuming his present position on the Kalispell division some 28 years ago. Further, Adams is very well and properly known here and stands high with the company, and though they are both temporarily laid off, it is likely they will make a satisfactory accounting of themselves when the hearing is held.

Other accounts have the train taking on a life of it own: “In the meantime No. 215 rolled South under a full 140 pound head of steam. No great head of steam but it kept on plugging right along, and it so happened there was nothing in the way to stop it. After reaching the depot at Somers, a sharp down grade leads to the dock, and when it struck this, it took a renewed vigor.”

And this news account with imagination, all this happened without a crew: “No. 215 was heading for Somers, whistling the crossings as usual, and getting more excited at every turn of the drivers. She had started out at a moderate gait, but by the time the halfway point was reached, she was going some.”

“When the runaway fully realized that there was no one on board to control her actions, she took another hitch in the throttle, and started into the home stretch near Somers like a one-eyed black demon”

This newspaper soberly reported that: “The track stops about two car lengths from the edge of the pier, but proved no barrier, the engine leaped across the boards and far out into the water”

And finally, this jewel: “She leaped the 20 feet of track and the water scarcely breaking a board, but a tool house belonging to the mill company, containing supplies, was swept off the dock as though it had been a chip and floated away. The engine struck the lake thirty or forty feet from the edge of the dock and settled to rest in the twenty feet or water. She’s there yet, and will be for some time to come.”

So, was this a manmade accident or did the train commit suicide? Be careful of your choice of news reporters, your own predisposed prejudice will lead you astray. Isn’t history fascinating?

My trip with my sisters was full of laughter and new sights, new trails, and fishing discoveries if Montana is not on your bucket list, it should be. Its moniker Big Sky Country is well earned. Take care my friends, get out and let nature restore you.

Stephen – Backofbeyond.neal@gmail.com



The world is out there, the journey starts the minute you leave the door, go outside and truly live.

“When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind – Dr. Wayne W. Dyer

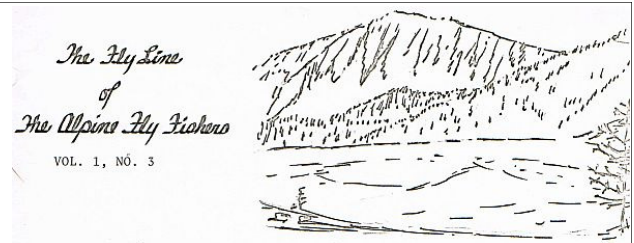
“Many go fishing all their lives, without knowing that it is not fish they are after” - Henry David Thoreau

~ In The Past ~

The Newsletter of the Alpine Fly Fishers
'The Fly Line' -

February of 1979

Merle Herrett



This ~ *In The Past* ~ article was published in 1979. The information it contains is 43 years out of date and is not accurate.
This is a historical document only.

Program: "Steelhead - The Boldt Decision" and "Hair Spinning". These are FFF slide and tape recorder presentations.

We need to poll the membership for the FFF. There is a proposal which reads as follows: "That the FFF add a ndw classification of membership to include both husband and wife, to eliminate the double mailing of the Flyfisher and FFF Bulletins. Both husband and wife are to be full members and are entitled to all privileges. The cost of the dual membership will be \$25 per couple rather than \$15 per person. Also Question: Should something similar be done for the wives of life members?"

The Northwest Regional Council FFF will have their Annual meeting on March 10, 1979 at the Black Angus on Elliot Ave West in Seattle. Each club in the council should have one official delegate but anyone interested can attend.

The Washington State Council FFF has set up a committee to select "Quality" fly fishing water. Each club should make nominations of water they feel would be suitable for quality water status within the State of Washington.

Points to consider are as follows:

1. The water must be productive enough to be able to support and grow trout to a size that will satisfy "Quality" requirements.
2. Give some thought to access. How is the parking? If it is walk-in, how far?
3. Consider the size of the water if it is a lake. Is it large enough? Is it so large it cannot be covered with a row boat?
4. Think about it's location and the esthetics of the water and its surroundings. Is it enjoyable to fish there?
5. If at all possible, send a photograph of the water with your nomination.

Fisherman's Hotline: A fisherman's hot line for Western WA steelheaders seeking up to date information on river conditions has been set up. This service is an experiment by the National Marine Fisheries Service and will operate thru March.

Seattle International Sportsman Exposition: Coliseum at Seattle Center. Our club needs 5 - 6 tiers to fill a booth on fly tying. Bring your own fly tying gear, a chair and a light. If you are interested call Jim Higgins.

New Fishing Dock: A new public fishing dock will be opening in Edmonds the later part of February. The area has been enriched by artificial reefs. The fish population has be building over several years. It should be quite an asset to land lubber fishermen. Oh, by the way, rumor has it that rockfish will take a fly in the evenings at certain times.

See you at the meeting!



March 10 & 11 2023



NW Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo

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The NW Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo is a fly tying & fly fishing expo for new and experienced fly fishers. The has many options for all anglers from attending classes. At the Expo you will have the opportunity to:

- View 72 Fly Tyer Stations
- Explore 50 Exhibitors
- Observe Casting Demonstrations
- Choose from 90 Classes on tying, casting, & fishing
- Participate in Raffles & Silent Auctions daily
- Attend the Banquet & Auction

Plan on attending the Fly Tyer Expo in Albany

The Oregon Council FFI along with several Oregon fly clubs puts on this great event every year, but naturally they had to cancel for several years due to the Covid restrictions.

I have been attending this event for decades and always enjoy being there, visiting with many friends from around the country, bidding on silent auction items, hitting the raffle tables and bidding on some live auction items as well.

I will be working the FFI membership booth. Swing by and say hi if you come on down to Albany.



Future Meetings October 25

See you on:

October 25 / November 22 / December 20



**FLY FISHERS
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Washington State Council FFI joins the Amazon Smile Program



**FLY FISHERS
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You can donate to the state FFI council with every purchase at [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile)

Reward programs are everywhere these days. From the grocery to airlines everybody is rewarding a purchase by giving you credit for future purchases or contributing to a cause. Now the Washington State Council of Fly Fishers International is one of the groups you can help when you purchase goods through Amazon Smile.

Amazon Smile donates 0.5% of the price of every purchase to the non-profit of your choice. It doesn't change the price you pay for goods. Amazon takes a sliver of its earnings from the transaction to donate to the non-profit you choose.

Washington FFI supports a range of education and conservation efforts every year from cash contributions. We support Casting for Recovery for women cancer survivors and Project Healing Waters serving wounded veterans. For years we've backed the annual Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy that has introduced a generation of teens to our sport. Last year we helped organize and fund a successful effort to preserve public ownership of the Ebsen Fishing Access on the Grand Ronde and we helped fund new signage for fishers on the Yakima River.

It takes cash to sustain these efforts, cash we usually raise through our annual Fly Fishing Fair and other events. That hasn't been possible lately. But everyone still shops. Many FFI members shop online at Amazon. Directors of the Washington State Council have joined the Amazon Smile program to help fund our work. You can help by shopping through Amazon Smile.

To join follow these steps:

Visit [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com)

Sign in with the Amazon.com credentials you ordinarily use to shop at Amazon.

Search the list of charities and select **Fly Fishers International Inc. Seattle WA**. Make sure it says Seattle!

Bookmark [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) on your computer to make it easy to return to the charity site.

Every time you shop through Amazon Smile a portion of every purchase you make will help fund FFI education and environmental stewardship in Washington. Several FFI councils nationwide participate in the program so be sure to select Fly Fishers International Inc. Seattle WA when you sign up.

Since our founding 56 years ago, Washington FFI has worked to support the 22 FFI member clubs in Washington and Alaska and design ways to promote and conserve fly fishing for all fish in all waters. Washington FFI pursues projects and partnerships that educate the public about our sport and the habitats that sustain salt and freshwater fisheries. We have a track record of success creating innovative education programs, sound conservation efforts and a strong community of fly fishers statewide. Help Washington FFI continue that success by signing up at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and selecting:

Fly Fishers International Inc. Seattle WA as your non-profit of choice. Thank you.

Editors Note: I already had a link to Amazon on my computer but it did not open to Amazon Smile, so I copied the URL to the Smile site and opened up my link and pasted the new URL in it. Now I open to Amazon Smile when I click the link. It doesn't cost me any more money and the WA State Council FFI gets a donation from Amazon.

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President's Club

The President's Club at Fly Fishers International represents the highest level of financial commitment to the organization and comes with exclusive benefits and opportunities as a way of thanking donors for this level of generosity. Over the course of FFI's history, the President's Club has been instrumental in our ability to ensure the legacy of fly fishing for all fish in all waters. Members of the exclusive giving circle can support any program or project at FFI that most inspires them, and at a level that recognizes their level of giving, including Platinum, Gold, Silver, or Bronze. The program allows for a pledge to be satisfied with yearly or monthly payment plans.

QUESTIONS? Email: operations@flyfishersinternational.org or phone: 406-222-9369 ext 4

Check out the FFI Donate page on line: <https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Donate/Presidents-Club>

The categories and their associated benefits are as follows:

BRONZE \$5,000 / Payable at \$500/ year or \$43/month

Benefits Include:

- Quarterly virtual President's Club meeting with exclusive special guest
- One-on-one meetings with the President and CEO for each member of the President's Club
- Opportunity to select the special President's Club Award
- Invitation to President's Club destination travel opportunity
- Specially designed President's Club pin, FFI President's Club sticker, and FFI hat

SILVER \$10,000 / Payable at \$1,000/ year or \$85/month

Benefits Include:

- Quarterly virtual President's Club meeting with exclusive special guest
- One-on-one meetings with the President and CEO for each member of the President's Club
- Opportunity to select the special President's Club Award
- Invitation to President's Club destination travel opportunity
- Specially designed President's Club pin, FFI President's Club sticker, FFI hat, an FFI T-shirt
- Exclusive individualized fly fishing instruction for President's Club members or person of their choosing

GOLD \$15,000 / Payable at \$1,500/ year or \$125/month

Benefits Include:

- FFI Life Membership
- Quarterly virtual President's Club meeting with exclusive special guest
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- Opportunity to select the special President's Club Award
- Invitation to President's Club destination travel opportunity
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Benefits Include:

- FFI Life Membership
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- Opportunity to select the special President's Club Award
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- Unique, customized FFI Special edition fly rod when member reaches the \$100,000 level

Editors Note:

I am a proud member of Fly Fishers International and have been for over two decades. I really believe in what the FFI is doing and their goals. We are truly an "All Fish, All Waters" organization with strong beliefs in conservation and education. I belong to the President's Club as well as the Thousand Stewards program and the Legacy Circle. I would really like it if you, the reader, would join me in helping to support Fly Fishers International.

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THE FUNDS RAISED BY THE FFI1K ARE VITAL to providing a solid foundation on which to continue to grow and expand our mission, and to support:

- **SPEARHEADING PROJECTS** that improve our fisheries and protect our fishing opportunities
- **THE FFI LEARNING CENTER's** wealth of fly fishing knowledge and resources
- **CAMARADERIE AMONG ANGLERS** built at our annual fair and other events

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*See enclosed card envelope for payment options.
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You have a unique opportunity to invest in the sport you love.

Fly Fishers International (FFI) has been an organized voice for fly fishers around the world since 1964. We represent all aspects of fly fishing – from the art of fly tying and casting, to protection of the natural systems that support healthy fisheries and their habitats so essential to our sport. Today, our mission is to ensure the legacy of fly fishing for all fish in all waters continues by focusing on CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY.

Join us in safeguarding the long-term health of fly fishing around the world by becoming one of the FFI1k, by committing to donate \$500 per year for 5 years (total of \$2500).

The funds raised by the FFI1K are vital to providing a solid foundation on which to continue to grow and expand our mission and to support:

- Spearheading projects that improve our fisheries and protect our fishing opportunities
- The FFI Learning Center's wealth of fly fishing knowledge and resources
- Camaraderie among anglers built at our annual Expo and other events

Join the FFI1K Now

FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL (FFI) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit with the distinctive mission to preserve the legacy of fly fishing for all fish in all waters. Formed by some of the most influential luminaries in the world of fly fishing and conservation back in 1964, and dedicated to innovative strategies to inspire a new generation of fly fishers, providing FFI members the opportunity to leave a legacy in the sport we love.

FFI continues to focus on conservation, education, and community as the underpinning of our work. Our commitment to these principles provides the rock-solid foundation as we lean into the challenge of unprecedented times, and ascend to meet the needs of the evolving demographics of fly fishing.

JOIN FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL TODAY to help ensure that fly fishing can continue to instill the kind of passion it does today in so many of us.

WHY JOIN FFI? TOGETHER WE:

- **PROTECT THREATENED WATERS AND HABITATS** for current and future generations.
- **BRING TOGETHER EXPERTISE** in fly casting, fly tying, fly fishing skills, and conservation education and development programs.
- **ADVOCATE FOR POLICIES** and initiatives for conservation issues.
- **STRENGTHEN THE FLY FISHING COMMUNITY** by sharing knowledge and experiences.
- **PROVIDE RESOURCES** for fly fishing educators and professionals.
- **INSPIRE A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND CONSERVATION ETHICS** in people of all ages.

MEMBERS RECEIVE

- Access to an unmatched repository of knowledge through the FFI Learning Center
- Special offers and discounts • Recognition for special skills or achievements
- Access to a network of like-minded outdoor enthusiasts
- A chance to help make a positive impact on the sport

We've got momentum— Help us keep it going as a member of FFI. As participation in fly fishing has grown, FFI is providing enhanced opportunities to learn, sustained our commitment to conservation, and offers new and exciting opportunities to expand our community. JOIN US!



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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1-Year General \$35 | <input type="checkbox"/> Student (22 & under)* . . \$20 |
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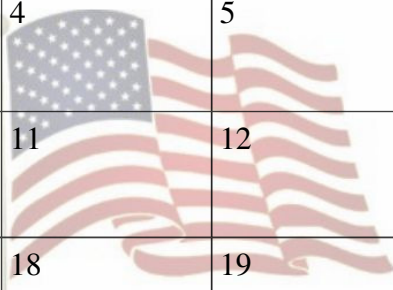
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"There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on, and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings, as now in October."

- Nathaniel Hawthorne

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October**

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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Club Meeting	26	27	28	29
30	31					



"O wild West Wind, thou breath of Autumn's being,
Thou, from whose unseen presence the leaves dead
Are driven, like ghosts from an enchanter fleeing." -
Percy Bysshe Shelley 1792 - 1822

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6 Daylight Savings Ends	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Club Meeting	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	"So dull and dark are the November days. The lazy mist high up the evening curled, And now the morn quite hides in smoke and haze; The place we occupy seems all the world." - John Clare, November 1793 - 1864		

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