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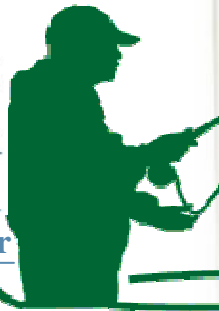
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By Larry Gibbs

I used to love fly fishing in December on the Yakima River. Virtually no one else is out on the water. When it snows hard, sound is absorbed by the falling flakes and a stillness and silence descends upon the area. Breaking the ice off your line and out of your guides after 2 or 3 casts is just part of the game. I almost always had some of my best fly fishing on the river during the winter. On the Yakima River, the fish tend to pod up in certain flows of water mostly by size. If you dangle a nymph by them and a smaller fish takes it, then you can assume there are more smaller fish there. If you only want to target larger fish, then push on and try another spot. If you just want to have some fun on a light weight rod, then stay and catch a few more fish, have fun, enjoy yourself.

During the winter, the most productive style of fishing is nymphing. Yes, you can catch a fish on a dry fly, sometimes, but usually not very often and not that many. I remember a time I was drifting down the Yak and I had been having a very productive morning, catching many larger fish and some smaller ones. My guide anchored up near a particular seam that we knew had a nice ledge under the water and I was working that area with my nymphs and hooking up on some nice fish. Another drift boat came down the river. A guided boat with two fly fishers. Both were casting dry flies towards the bank of the river and working it hard. I asked them how they were doing and one said he had had a hook up but it came off earlier in the morning. That was it. One strike and just a lot of casting. But I guess that is what they wanted to do, dry flies when only size 32 midges were hatching. I kind of felt sorry for them, and when they asked how I was doing I just said I was having a decent morning.

I don't get out in the winter anymore. My old body does not like the freezing cold anymore and fishing in 16 degree weather is not something I can do.

I bring this up because if you think that fly fishing is only a Spring, Summer, Fall sport, you are missing out on some great Winter fishing. When you go to our website the first thing you are going to see is a shot of the Yakima winter dressed in her white robe of snow.

Don't forget that our December meeting is on the THIRD Tuesday, December 20. This avoids any conflicts with your Christmas holidays.

See you then.

"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



Fly Fishing International
Fly of the Month
December 2008
COMMON CHERNOBYL ANT

By Bob Bates



Here is an ant (or beetle) pattern that every fly angler can use. It can be tied on large hooks like the size 4 in these step pictures or on small hooks like the size 20 beetle in the fly box below. It can be painted black, red or two tone red/black. Best of all it uses packing foam that most of us throw away. Tom Berry from Fairfield Bay, Arkansas showed us this pattern at the 2008 FFF Fly Fishing Show and Conclave, Whitefish, Montana.

There are many times when an ant pattern is the best thing to use. It seems that when ants are on the water fish will hit an imitation without hesitation. Some writers say it is because of the taste, but I wouldn't know because I have never eaten an ant, even chocolate covered.

Use floating pattern techniques when fishing it. A drag free float is the starting point in moving or still water. On lakes and ponds let it sit quietly or drift with the wind. Sometimes a slight twitch will trigger a strike. On streams follow the fly with your rod. Or using a reach cast might be the thing: Simply lean your rod and body upstream just before the line lands on the water. Other techniques include S-cast, sloppy cast, throw the line a little high so it will fall with Ss or pull the line back upstream just before it lands. You might think that I am kidding with the sloppy cast, but years ago some cutthroat in a northern Idaho stream taught me that it was the best cast to use.

Material List:

Hook: Any light hook you want

Thread: Black, 70 Denier, finer for small hooks

Body: Packing foam

Legs: Silicone legs, thread on small flies

Color: Black or red waterproof marking pen

Tying steps:

1. Wrap a thread base on full length of hook shank. Leave thread at bend.
2. Cut a piece of foam about a gap width wide. Taper one end a little. Paint both sides with marker. Put head cement on hook.
3. Tie securely to hook.
4. Move thread forward to where you want make front of rear segment. Pull foam forward and tie it down. Hold up foam and move thread forward to near eye. Tie foam securely and cut off excess.
5. Wind thread over cut foam to smash it down and make a little head on the fly. Whip finish and cut thread. Paint all of the foam with marker.
6. Reattach thread in middle of fly. Fold a piece of leg material over the tying thread and move leg to side of hook. Fold another piece of leg material over the thread, and move the leg to the other side of the hook. Put another thread wind or two to secure the legs pull the front legs back and whip finish in front of legs.
7. Trim the legs to length.
8. (Two steps that he didn't do at the Conclave were: 1. Coat the body with Softex, and let it dry; then 2. Coat it with Sally's Hard as Nails, and let it dry. The Softex makes it more durable, and the Hard as Nails makes it shiny. Softex has acetone in it, and he didn't want to take it on the plane.) The fly box shown below has several finished flies including small beetles on the right side. The smaller one is size 20, and it is just as easy to tie a larger ones.

Closing comments: Ants, both wet and dry, have been in my fly box since about 1960. This pattern will join the others soon. It is easy and adaptable. Any color ant can be created, and even beetles of any size and color can be tied. Best of all the body material is something that you would throw away or reuse as packing. You will still have to buy hooks, legs and thread from your friendly fly shop.

Back of Beyond

Stephen Neal

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

Rivers

In late October 1996 I had an epiphany while walking in the midst of aspen and cottonwoods, all dressed up in brilliant splashes of yellow gold paint. The place, Idaho's, Big Wood River. In that moment of clarity, I was acutely aware of the call of the river. The outdoors has always called to me, snowcapped mountains, the brilliant light of high peak vistas, and alpine glow, U shaped glacier valleys, high fragrant sagebrush deserts, Sonoran Desert landscapes with saguaro cactus presentations, the awe-inspiring breadth of the Pacific west coast, where land meets the ocean, massive trees and lush plant rich rainforests, mysteries dark deep caves, meandering creeks, water heavy marshes filled with grasses and cattails, and soggy bogs. These are the areas I feel most at home, a place to be myself, attuned to the rich vibrancy of life.



Until that October moment, River encounters were a passing happenstance. They were beautiful and welcoming sites to hike and explore, necessary obstacles to ford while backpacking and pleasant places to fish for alpine trout. I had even floated a few on white-water trips. The Truckee River spanked my butt twice, in a burst of youthful exuberance, (18 and testosterone fueled), I swam across the Truckee River at the height of spring runoff. When I reached the far shore, I knew I was in trouble and a return trip awaited me. Stupid, stupid, stupid. A full-on encounter with a river bend and a granite wall, resulting in an abrupt swim and lost gear. I foolishly trusted two new friends, co-owners of a canoe, little did I know it was their first outing when I took the middle seat.

On the Big Wood River, I felt an emptiness, my lack of understanding hit me like a strong wind, I needed to establish a base to stay upright. To understand rivers, my heart was telling me to get into the water. Fly-fishing answered the call to step into the water and know. To view it from within, to feel its force and let its knowledge seep into my soul. To listen and see, with wider and deeper view, to adjust my stance and get a better perspective.

Leaving the river, I made a short drive into Ketchum, Idaho and turned into Silver Creek Outfitters. After a discussion with a sales associate/fly-fisherman, about rods and reels, and a call to a close and knowledgeable fly-fishing friend, I weighed my options, checked my finances, and made a decision. I drove away with a rod, reel, and fly-line, they have become dependable friends, they now fit my hand with a deep familiarity. My epiphany was spot on, and I hold no regrets, fly-fishing truly opened new vistas. Rivers and Fly-fishing are old friends, my life is deeper and richer, because I chose to enter the water and participate, no longer am I just a spectator.

Shortly thereafter, I picked up my new fly rod and began developing the abilities that would put me on fish, the first step was to meld with my rod, as I progressed in my casting, I turned more of my attention to identifying where fish were, and the insects that they fed on. Later I learned optimum water speeds and flows to improve catching. I asked, questioned and watched other fishermen to learn, fly presentation, drifts, swings, and fishing depth. These knowledge acquisition opened up new avenues of learning and understanding. Water temperatures, fishing holding depth, fishes' preferred river structures for, feeding, resting, and cover. As I fished, I learned to let the rod be an extension of me, to feel the line in the water and the movement of the fly. This knowledge led to me recognize and discover rivers personalities and their natural history. Each step into the water took me further along the knowledge curve, river knowledge changed me and continues to push me to grow. I am shaped and honed by the element I chose to know better.

Each river breathes, sometimes deep and restful, some breaths are shallow, what we refer to as hyperventilating, other times they are a violent gulp of air, trying to catch its breath. We witness this breathing as waves, waterfalls, rapids, and rills, storms, and floods, each play a part in oxygenating its waters, essential to the lives of critters who make their homes there.

Fouled rivers breath poorly, as they succumb to breathlessness, so does the environment around them, they become scars in need of healing. Some rivers disappear, going underground in their seaward journey, and reemerge further downstream. In draught years they may vanish completely, leaving the land parched and lifeless, a pall lies over it all. The life cycle is broken, the river no longer breathes, and a new generation of anadromous fish are lost, too many disruptions, may see the disappearance of fish runs altogether. All life on earth needs to breath.



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Each seasonal change brings a different look to a river. Winter in the northern hemisphere brings cooler temperatures and hopefully moisture. The river quiets as snow and cold dampen sound, fish lay near the bottom their movements sluggish in the cold, one must put their fly right on their nose to entice a take. To put yourself in the best position to dance with a steelhead, you watch storms and follow the rise and fall of water levels. As Spring creeps in, fish movement increases, their feeding lanes widen, they will begin to move toward a fisherman's offering, but spring brings turmoil, as temperatures increase, water flows increase, floods, muddied water, landslides, trees toppled, log jams and rearrangement of fish lies and redds. Insects hatch and fish take notice and start to look up. (I must admit my heart also accelerates; dry fly fishing is my absolute favorite fishing experience). Again, you follow storm reports and flow rates. In your mind, you review the river systems and chose where to put your fly on the water. Summer heat and cloudless skies, drive fish lower in the water column, they seek temperature relief and protection from overhead predators. In the heat of summer fishing is best in the early morning, before the sun hits the water and early evening once the sun is off the water, a swinging or skating fly works well. Fall brings leaf hatches and a more aggressive feeding pattern, at winters approach, fish stock up on protein and nutrients. Each season has different patterns of fish movements, hold overs, spawning, returning, and departing fish. The river is a living breathing entity of action and reaction, birth and death, growth, and decline. Rivers have a direct influence on their resident fish, rivers with the most or toughest obstacles to overcome, in the fish's migrations to and from the sea, promotes growth and strength. Stronger and healthier fish mean better survivability and better reproductive vitality.

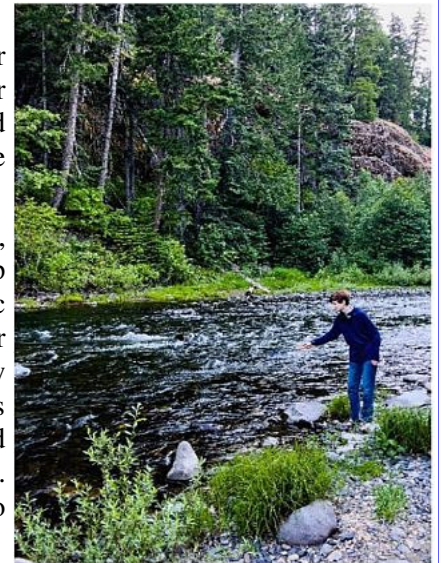
Rivers leave footprints in their passage, the minerals in their birthplace, impregnate the rocks that line the riverbed. Through floods and other natural disruptions, that river dyed rocks, are disseminated along its length, leaving footprints of its geological movement throughout its history. One can walk the land and trace old riverbeds and identify the river that once flowed there. In places here in the Pacific Northwest you can spot the rocks from two or more rivers at different elevations that once flowed through this same area. Outside Ellensburg, you can see the old riverbed of the Columbia above you, from beside the Yakima River. Present day finds the Columbia twenty-nine miles to the east of Ellensburg. Outside my hometown of Fresno/Clovis, the table mountains near Friant were once the riverbed of the San Joaquin. The San Joaquin rich valley soil on the valley floor produces, grapes, stone fruits, melons, olives, cotton, alfalfa, etc., the abundant alluvia soils were deposited by the rivers flowing out of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Each geological discovery leaves one bathed in awe and wonder. These changes from small to monumental, dwarf the works of man.

Rivers never sleep, they are in constant motion, even when blocked, or stemmed, they never cease in their efforts to reach the sea. Each escape from confinement leaves further footprints. The land is scored, torn asunder, and carried away within its frothing and churning liquid form, the house and car sized rocks that its waters pick up and carry are strewn along its new path to the ocean.

Geologists refer to them as erratics. These footprints are around 15,000 to 17,000 years old, the landscape, that was, is no more; instant release of mind-bending mega tons of pent-up liquid energy, (the size of these sudden releases have been estimated to be between 10 cubic kilometers per hour, and up to 27 cubic kilometers per second, traveling at over 80 miles per hour), this mind-bending amount of water, washed away the past and introduced new beginning. The Missoula floods happened at least 25 times over a 2,000-year period. Its affects are still being discovered and studied to this present day. The Bonneville flood happened one time, but it was the second largest flood in earth history. More on this latter. Earth shaping can be slow and lengthy or short and violent, on scales that are hard to imagine, but real none the less.

Every person that wades water for any length of time, learns to use brail. We use our feet as our guides as we seek a firm foundation from which to cast. Some river bottoms are smooth and firm, others are squishy and try and suck you down, freeing oneself can take a lot of energy, and are anxiety inducing until one frees them self. Other river bottoms, have rocks, roots, and submerged trees, each obstacle is uniquely engineered to maximize your use of resources to extract oneself from said obstruction and foot traps. Rock size matters, (don't go there.) gravel is good, not only for wading fisherman but as redds for spawning fish, every rock size, above gravel is a fishing danger zone for fishermen and a haven for fish, we fishermen stumble, fall, and flounder, trying mightily to avoid bathing in hidden holes designed for ease of fishermen entrapment. Columnar basalt is like slick steppingstones that change height as you probe for your next step.

My absolute favorite are the ones that have bowling ball sized rocks, so close together that you cannot place a foot between them, and to enhance the difficulty, add slickness, like that of wet, red, Missouri clay. A close second favorite wading experience is one I encountered on the Merced River near Snelling. Placer mining removed all the topsoil and gravel, right down to the bedrock, a slip here, results in a ski run to the nearest crevasse and an icy plunge. In both instances, bowling ball rocks and bedrock, you can dance forever in an effort to stay up right, but the reality is that lack of footing and gravity always result in a river baptism.



Inside out waders are inevitable. Hint if you come across a fishing camp with inverted waders you know it is bath day, some fisherman bath daily, other may shun baths for years at a time, but even they succumb occasionally, every fisherman needs a good deep river cleanse now and then, for no extra charge these watery spills may clean your clock as well. If someone laughs when you say, I get my exercise fishing, take them fly-fishing to wipe the unbelieving smirk from their face.

Watercourses through every earth terrain, glacial ice, moraine, basalt, granite, sand, mountains, canyons, deserts, plains, jungles, swamps, on the surface and below the ground. And oh, my lord the beauty of their courses, what rivers have wrought in their passage boggles the mind. Granite creeks and rivers of the Sierra Nevada Mountains dominated my youth, in my twilight years, the river courses I follow are mostly basalt.

Much of what we know of the rock layers that reveal earth evolutionary process, were revealed to us by the erosion and cutting force of water. Thousands of years of earth's history laid bare. We fishermen are time travelers, we carry the fishing DNA of our ancestors, and we step back-in-time every time we step into a river.

Rivers were born at the first touch of falling rain, and they have been shaping the earth and bringing forth life ever since. Natural history is written all around us, we just need to be astute enough to recognize it and read its story. River sources are many, springs that bubble to the surface, bogs, marshes, lakes, and Glacial ice. Small streams meet and form rivers. The smallest creek that that feed those mighty rivers are the incubators of life for those same rivers. I have walked across fouled and clogged river areas seeing no life at all, and yet in a small cut bank depression cut off from the sludge, neglect and desecration, tiny trout fry, are beginning a new life cycle. If we humans can get out of our own way and work with nature, she will rebalance herself.

The kernel of idea for this article was born on Hwy 84 on a recent trip to Elko Nevada. South of Boise Idaho we again dropped into the Snake River water shed, (largest tributary of the Columbia River) with a deeper river understanding and appreciation, I began surveying the landscape. The contour of the land was shaped by water, I began to notice the tell tail signs, the footprints of ancient flooding. They hit me full force as we drove through Twin Falls, Idaho. Two random events coincided, this was the first time I had ever driven through Twin Falls in the daylight, and a few historical facts I had picked up in my travels came together. The high desert around Elko Nevada was where I used to Buckaroo. This was where I began to accumulate knowledge on the Great Salt Lake, and its predecessor Lake Bonneville. Lake Bonneville like Lake Missoula was a massive ice age lake, and I knew that the Great Salt Lake was a remnant of Bonneville. I wondered what had happened to Bonneville but did not have resources available to learn more.

That knowledge did not go any further, till I drove through Twin Falls in daylight, and saw the footprints of a great flood that had gone through here ages and ages ago, 17,000 years give or take. Over our week stay in Elko I searched Google for, the geologic history of the area. I now know where Lake Bonneville went. For millions of years, water in the Great Basin has not left the Great Basin, except by evaporation. The geography of the area has no outlet. The water levels in the ice age lakes in the Great Basin grew in size and only fluctuated based on snow and rain fall. The cool earth temperatures of the time slowed down it only avenue of escape, evaporation. But water never sleeps, and eventually Lake Bonneville through wind driven wave action, water pressure, natural erosion and soil saturation broke through the alluvial soil at Red Rock Pass near Downey, Idaho and entered the Snake River water shed.

That outflow was over 300 feet deep and was draining a lake, that was roughly the size of today's Lake Michigan, with a surface area of over 20,000 square miles. 15,000,000 cubic feet per second was thundering downhill seeking the shortest route to the Pacific. The volume of this flood was over twice as large as the biggest Missoula flood, six times bigger than the flood flow of the Mississippi river. Over a period of weeks and months, 1,000 cubic miles of water was released. The flood waters joined the Snake River near Pocatello Idaho, Near Twin Falls the water backed up and braided, swung north, scrapping the topsoil clean before reentering the main Snake River channel down stream of Twin Falls. To this day this land is barren. The power of the flood cut deep into the basalt and left the iconic basalt canyon and the twin falls, that the town takes its name from. As I crossed that basalt canyon in daylight my eyes and river knowledge told me there was an ancient flood story here. The flood waters followed the Snake River water course leaving gravel bars 100 feet above the current Snake River water level in Hells Canyon. The Bonneville flood water joined the Columbia near Pasco, Washington. Finally reaching the Pacific through the Columbia River gorge. So ended the existence of Lake Bonneville, its small remnant is now called the Great Salt Lake, unfortunately, it too is disappearing, dwindling snow and rainfall and increased evaporation are taking their toll.

The more you see and touch the earth, the greater your reverence grows, the size of the gift we have received is almost beyond comprehension. Mankind is intimately connected to the earth; she is our cradle and grave. Man's avarice and short-term profits has driven a wedge between us. We over weigh the economy as our home slips from our grasp. She is reeling from a million small cuts and too many of us are in denial of our responsibility.

Those of us, who recognize the danger, (we and the earth), are in, have a monumental task in front of us. A just balance must be established, People, Economics and Earth, must each carry the same importance in any decision-making process.



This is our home, and it needs protection. May you stand in a river and truly feel and see. Pick up a rod, become a participant, embrace the flood of living, and hold our earth close to your heart. We only get one shot at this life and our moment is now.

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Rivers change all that they touch, the earth, the fish and mankind, we are so much better for it.

If this article has piqued your interest about our Rivers and Geological History, Google and You Tube are excellent sources for pictures and more information on Washington Scablands, Missoula Floods, and the Bonneville Flood. Enjoy!!!

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' -

April of 1979

Editor: Ed Monger



This ~ *In The Past* ~ article was published in 1978. The information it contains is 44 years out of date and is not accurate.
This is a historical document only.

Program: Program "Volunteer Chairman" for April is Pat Trotter. Pat has ordered a film from the FFF on fly fishing for bass. If this film does not arrive on time, he will show slides of his trip last summer to Kamloops, B.B.

Door Prizes: Perrine fly box
Reel case

Trustees Report: At last count four members have not paid their dues which were due on January 1st. The fee is \$5.00 for members of last year and \$7.50 for new members. A new roster of members names and phone numbers will be made after the April meeting in readiness for the coming fishing season.

President Merle Herrett asks that those arranging programs for future meetings contact the treasurer before promising payment for a program.

Two Wheatley fly boxes with flies are being purchased for a special \$1.00 a ticket drawing. More details will be announced later.

At the last meeting, Gary Strodtz mentioned that if fourteen more people will join FFF through him, he will get a graphite rod which he will donate to the club. **The FFF dues are \$15.00** and are tax deductible.

Fly Tying Classes: Highline Community College is offering the following classes in the near future:
1. Advanced Fly Tying
2. Saltwater Fishing Workshop
The fee for each of the above classes is \$15.00

Fly Patterns: Each month we would like to feature a couple of fly patterns that might be successful for the particular time of the year. This month's patterns come from Jim Higgins.

Kodel Damsel

Hook: Mustad 9672 #10
Thread: Brown Monocord
Tail: Olive Marabou
Abdomen: Olive Kodel Yarn Dubbed
Rib: Tying thread
Hackle: Brown partridge
Shoulder: Olive Kodel—larger than abdomen
Head: Very small

Chironomid

Hook: Mustad 94840 #12 or smaller
Thread: Brown Monocord
Abdomen: Dark olive (east side)
Brown or brown & gold (west side)
Thorax: Deer hair reversed
Head: Small

New trends have brought good news to fishermen all over: Fishermen are no longer considered the world's worst liars. If you doubt this, ask a jogger how far he runs.

Editors Note - Present day editor that is:

Did you notice in this edition of the 1979 Alpine Fly Fishers newsletter, the editor, Ed Monger, noted that the FFF dues were \$15.

You may think something like, 'how cheap' or 'what a great price', but it was really expensive.

Back in 1979, the purchasing power of \$15 was the equivalent of \$61.32 today in 2022.

The FFI only charges \$35 for a standard membership and only \$25 for a senior or veteran membership.

Well worth it if you ask me! Larry



March 10 & 11 2023



NW Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo
@nwflytyingexpo

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.



Alpine Fly Fishers

Future Meetings — December 20, 2022

For The Year 2023

January 24 / February 28 / March 28 / April 25 / May 23
June ??? / September 26 / October 24 / November 28 / December 19

No meetings in July or August



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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.

Larry

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Worley Bugger Fly Co.

Steve Worley has some great guides and he has put together the best fly shop filled with a massive amount of fly tying materials and equipment. You really need to stop by the shop and check it out. Just take the Canyon Road exit off I-90 and turn north towards town, the Worley Bugger Fly Co. shop is on the left or west side of the road. Open all year. Stop by and say Hi!

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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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PLATINUM \$25,000 / Payable at \$2,500/ year or \$225/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
- Specially designed President's Club pin, FFI President's Club sticker, FFI hat, an FFI embroidered shirt, and an FFI Yeti mug
- Exclusive individualized fly fishing instruction for President's Club members or person of their choosing.
- 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.

JOIN THE

FFI1K

**SAFEGUARDING THE LONG-TERM
HEALTH OF FLY FISHING AROUND
THE WORLD**
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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

JOIN US IN SAFEGUARDING THE LONG-TERM HEALTH OF FLY FISHING AROUND THE WORLD BY BECOMING ONE OF THE **FFI1K**.

**VISIT FLYFISHERSINTERNATIONAL.ORG/FFI1K
OR CALL 406.222.9369 TO JOIN TODAY!**

*See enclosed card envelope for payment options.
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FFI1K

FFI1K - BECOME A MEMBER OF 1000 STEWARDS OF FFI

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!



Membership Categories **Yes, I want to preserve the sport of fly fishing.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1-Year General \$35 | <input type="checkbox"/> Student (22 & under)* . . \$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3-Year General \$90 | <input type="checkbox"/> Business* \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (65+)* \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime \$1,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran* \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Premium** . \$1,500 |





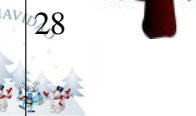
Note: General and Veteran memberships include spouses, cohabitating partners and children under 18 years of age. Lifetime memberships include spouses and cohabitating partners.
*Membership eligible for up to 3-year purchase (multiply price by number of years).
**Lifetime Premium member will receive a custom-built rod from TFO Rods.

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 Please do not share my information with organizations outside of FFI.

December 2022 / January 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
"A thousand hills, but no birds in flight, Ten thousand paths, with no person's tracks. A lonely boat, a straw-hatted old man, Fishing alone in the cold river snow." - Liu Zhongyuan, River Snow 773 - 819 AD				1 December	2	3 
4	5 	6 	7 	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Club Meeting	21	22	23	24
25 Merry Christmas	26 	27 	28 	29	30	31

1 January	2 	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Club Meeting	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	"The trees down the boulevard stand naked in thought, Their abundant summery wordage silenced, caught In the grim undertow; naked the trees confront Implacable winter's long, cross-questioning brunt." - D. H. Lawrence, Winter in the Boulevard, 1916			

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