

# Alpine Fly Fishers

Our Next AFF Meeting

Tuesday

January 24

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215 15th St. SE

Puyallup at 6 PM

  
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### President's Line

*By Larry Gibbs*

Another year put behind us. For the most part, a better year than the two previous years when we were under that Covid restriction. Those two years sort of did us a disservice. We were forced to hunker down and avoid contact with any groups of people, no matter how small. We all turned inward, relying on our own and our immediate family. Naturally we should always rely on our family, but the lack of contact with others can have a negative effect upon us.

This past year of 2022, we were finally able to have in-person meetings. The attendance at our club meetings were greatly reduced. While I enjoyed the Zoom club meetings when we had to have them, I far more enjoy our in-person meetings. Camaraderie is very important to us and is achieved far better with in-person meetings rather than looking at a computer screen. In a way, it is like either watching a person fly fishing on TV or actually being out there casting away. The actual experience is far better than a televised one.

I had a Christmas special going during all of our in-person meetings. If you attended a meeting you got a point, the more meetings you attended, the more points you collected. The names were put into a container, each person had a name tag for each meeting they attended. Some had 5 entries, giving them a better chance at winning something. That drawing will take place at our January 24 meeting since we had to cancel the Christmas meeting.

I had hoped that the Christmas drawing would be a little bit of an incentive to have more of our club members attend our in-person meetings. But, I suspect it was not enough to 'break the routine' of not attending live meetings. I will have the same Christmas Special Drawing for our 2023 December meeting. That means our club members have up to 8 entries in the drawing.

When you arrive at the meeting, your name tags, for those of you who turned them in, will be on the table as you enter. Also there will be a sign-in sheet. Please sign that. From that I will be indicating attendance for the Christmas Special. In 2022 I had 4 prizes, but I think in 2023 we will have 6. A good chance to win something nice.

Invite a friend to our meetings. Let them see if they like our 'social club' atmosphere. Print out page 11 of this newsletter and give that page to a close fishing partner. Ask them to join the FFI.

We are all set for the year. I renewed Go-Daddy (our website) and our Zoom account and our Secretary of State fee to remain a non-profit. I absorbed these costs to not deplete our account/

I am sorry we had to cancel the December 20 meeting. Heavy threats of snow and or ice and the Board of Directors thought it was best to cancel. So, our January 24 meeting will be our end of the year, start of a new year meeting. The winners of the Christmas Special Drawing will be plucked from a basket. January also starts the 2023 Christmas Special drawing, attend the meetings and win a chance to win something really nice in December 2023.

*"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

January 2009

### Tellico Nymph

By Bob Bates



Tellico Nymphs are absolutely necessary for many anglers. If they are not in your fly box go home and get some. The Tellico Nymph is an old pattern that was developed around 1927 by a priest along the Tellico River in Tennessee and North Carolina. The Tellico River basin is one of the Southeast's premier trout-fishing destinations. According to website promos it offers year-round fishing for wild and stocked trout in secluded mountain streams. It seems like every guide or fly shop in Tennessee and North Carolina that has a website mentions the Tellico Nymph. I also see references to huge brook trout, a 20-pound brown and also smaller fish (stockers) that apparently love Tellico Nymphs. It is an approximate imitation of many insects like Golden Stoneflies and bees. Probably most of the time it is fished in streams, but it has been successful in lakes.

There are many variations of the Tellico Nymph, at least 7 or 8 according to Mike Stewart. Mike was tying his version at the 43rd FFF International Fly Fishing Show and Conclave in Whitefish, Montana, July 22-26, 2008. Mike lives in North Granby, Connecticut. This is an easy fly to tie. This is the third pattern (without the reinforcing over-rib) that Mike teaches in his beginner fly tying classes. Use your favorite nymph fishing technique. One person describing his experience said he made sure it was right on the bottom.

#### Materials list:

Hook: Mustad 3906B or similar, size 8 (this can be tied down to 16, but Mike swears by size 8)

Thread: Black, 3/0

Tail: Hen back hackle, mottled brown

Over-Rib: Copper, brassy size or smaller

Weight: Lead or lead substitute, 0.020 inch dia.

Rib and shellback: Peacock herl

Body: Floss, bright yellow

Legs: Hen back hackle, mottled brown; (alternatively you can use any brown feather)

#### Tying steps:

1. Start thread about 1/4 of the way back from the eye, and wind toward a point near the barb.
2. Tie on a few fibers of hen hackle to make a tail that is a shank length long.
3. Tie on the over-rib. You could use a finer wire than what he used because you really do not need the flash. He folds a little of the wire back and wraps the thread over it to be sure it is secure. The wire reinforces the peacock shellback and rib that will be put on later. The Tellico is easily shredded by the sharp teeth of fish. The wire over-rib solves that problem.
4. Put about 12 wraps of lead or lead substitute. Use a half hitch tool to roll and smooth the ends of the wire.
5. Use some "Sally Henson's Hard as Nails" clear fingernail polish over the wire and build up a thread ramp at each end. Select a bunch of peacock herl. How many you need depends on the bulk of the fibers. Some strung herls are thin so more are needed. Mike used 12 on this fly. Tie them in near the eye so the materials can be tied down smoothly over the back. Put all the herls in a material clip. Select a nice full herl from a feather. This will be the rib. Tie it in with the others and secure it in the clip so you can find it later. Leave thread near bend of hook where you tied-in the tail. Tie the yellow floss just in front of the peacock herl. Use 8-10 inches of floss for size 8 hook. Double the floss over the thread, slide it to the tie in point and secure it. Smooth out lead with thread to get nice ramps front and back of lead. Wind thread forward to about an eye length from the eye.
6. Wetting your fingers before starting to wrap helps prevent fraying the floss. Also, when wrapping floss pass it from one hand to the other rather than sliding it through the fingers, again to prevent fraying the floss.
7. Take the full herl and spiral it forward in five wraps. Secure it at front of floss.
8. Pull herls forward and put one wrap of thread over the top.
9. Now start counter wrapping the wire. First make one wrap at the back like a tag. Counter-wrap wire over the shellback and ribbing at evenly spaced wraps as was done for the rib. Use your thumb to keep the shellback on top. When you get to the last wrap, stop and unwrap the thread while keeping tension on the wire. Tuck shellback herls out of the way. Take one more spiral wrap of the wire, then tie down the wire with three wraps of thread, pull the wire back to lock it in place and tie it down. Use "klunky" (a new fly tying term??, for those poor quality, inexpensive scissors used on bulky and hard, tough materials) scissors to snip off the wire. You have to get down with the point of the scissors to cut the wire, and that will damage good scissors.
10. Select a hackle with barbs that will almost reach the point of the hook. A hackle gauge can be used. Stroke the fibers back, and tie it in softly by the tip. Then Mike pulls it back through the thread a tiny amount (about 1mm) so a tiny amount of shaft is exposed. Trim the barbs sticking out front.
11. One wrap of the hackle is usually enough. If the feather is not webby you might need two wraps. Finish wrapping on top of hook, so it not critical if you clip a fiber or two when the feather is cut.
12. Collect all the herls, pull them down and then forward. Make a soft wrap, check to make sure everything is centered. Then put on two more wraps, first one soft and second tight.
13. If you have a stray fiber, grab it with tweezers and snap it off. Form a head and finish with a whip finish. Put on head cement or "Sally Henson's Hard as Nails."

Mike goes through a hundred Tellico Nymphs each year. He uses so many of them because they catch fish. If you really want it to sink fast put a bead on it. There is so much great fish catching history attached to this fly, particularly in the eastern U.S., that fly anglers in the rest of the world should check it out. Mike actually caught his first striped bass using a Tellico while smallmouth bass fishing on the Connecticut River.

# Back of Beyond

*Stephen Neal*

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

## Christmas 2022

(Songkran - transformation, change or new beginnings) \*

During our nights repose, Al Lind, returned one of Steve's many unanswered phone calls, in an attempt to check up on him. Mind you this return phone call was at 3 am. After Steve's polite and sincere conversation with Al on his health, fishing, and life actions, never mentioning the time; Steve and I burst into rambunctious laughter. Just that evening around the campfire we had asked after Al, and Steve had told us of his inability to get in touch with him. After that, this next incident barely raised our eyebrows. That very same night, Sasquatch visited our campground.

Sean announced' I have a story to share as he strode into camp from his morning restroom visit. A fellow campground patron ambushed him just before he opened the lavatory door, claiming that Sasquatch had brushed up against his car last night, while he was on the phone with friends back in LA. Just the mention of LA raised our skepticism. To back-up his pronouncement. He thrust his phone in front of Sean nose with a purported picture of a very large footprint left in the mud behind his car. Sean very diplomatically answered un huh! In Sean defense he was not wearing his glasses and had no idea what was in the picture. When the gentleman asked Sean, "if he had seen bigfoot, would he share the sighting with his friends?" Sean ever the diplomat answered, "well maybe"! Sean told him that although, he'd never seen big foot in the area, that the area was known for sighting of werewolves and vampires. At this discloser the gentleman was very surprised and intrigued and asked for more details. Sean further enlightened the gentleman that Forks Washington was the town that was featured in the TV series Twilight and that yes vampires and werewolves had been seen here. Sensing that our fellow campground visitor was genuinely invested in his Sasquatch encounter, Sean gently extracted himself and casually walked back to camp, bursting with his story of a close encounter, with a camper of a higher sensibility. Many, many jokes were shared over the next few days, much to Sean's delight and chagrin. My takeaway from all this, is that Sasquatch is the world's acknowledged champion at hide and seek, and may his reign never be broken.

To dispel our encounter with 3 am phone calls, werewolves, vampires, and sasquatch, we headed to the beach with smiles plastered on our faces and effervescent laughter in our hearts. On our beach wanderings calm was soon restored as we were surrounded by the music of liquid richness, The ocean waters were calm, no pounding of restless surf, more of a murmur of ease with a gentle rhythm that soothed. It was a slow deep bass drum beat that was accentuated by its slow methodical flow. Between the wave driven drumbeat, the cobbled rock stretches slowly rolled as they polished themselves in the oceans push and pull. The music of the rocks was a slow brush on a snare drum. The ocean moving through the beach sand produced the sound of a slow hiss like a leak from a punctured tire, and the waves moving to and fro through the channeled beach rock formation whispered a woosh like water slapping in a rusted-out horse trough. Occasional seagull calls added emphases to the soothing musical sound of calm surf, framed by the high shriek of hunting eagles.

The lighting was subdued by wispy clouds and a November sun that hung low in the southern sky. From a photographers view the light was diffused, and washed-out, producing flat lighting for pictures. That all changed when the sun fell into the horizon then its magic violet and purple light flooded the sky. Massive storm deposited logs lay like giant pick-up sticks carelessly strewn as far as the eye could see. In this tangle of water polished and bleached wood lay freshly deposited giants still bearing bark slashed and scored from their journey downriver to the sea. We walked among sea stacks and through rock tunnels, slipped on water slick rocks. All the while smelling the tang of seaweed and wet earth. We three earth travelers breathed deep and let nature heal our bodies and souls. As the sunset, she displayed a sky of wonder. I was able to catch the image of a fly-fisherman casting to a steelhead of dreams.

The import of wild nature to humans cannot be overstated, we are beings of stardust and earth. From dust-to-dust figures in every religion and spiritual guide. Nature is our inspiration for our music and arts, it is the bases for all our medicines and herbal remedies. It feeds us, cloths us, shelters us and satisfies our thirst. It is the root of all martial arts, the beginning of all our science, the root of our knowledge and a teacher that is full of wisdom and of knowledge not yet attained. She is gentle, awesome, and deadly. Without her there is no us. Anne Frank, in her diary written during the captivity of a hate filled world, predicated on the false belief of white supremacy, her solace was nature.

“The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely, or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quite alone with the heavens, nature, and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature. As long as this exists, and it certainly will, I know that then there will always be comfort for every sorrow, whatever the circumstances may be. And I firmly believe that nature brings solace in all troubles.”-Anne Frank

In this season of celebration of new beginnings and transformation, let us once again turn away from hate and recommit ourselves to preserving our home, this planet that we call earth. Merry Christmas.

Stephen – Backofbeyond.neal@gmail.com

“The world is out there, the journey starts the minute you leave the door, go outside and truly live.” - S. Neal

“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

\*Songkran – A festival celebrating the traditional Thai New Year, marked by the throwing, and sprinkling of water. The word “Songkran” comes from the Sanskrit word Samkranti – meaning transformation, change or new beginnings...



*~ In The Past ~*

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

May of 1979

Editor: Ed Monger



This ~ *In The Past* ~ article was published in 1978. The information it contains is 43 years out of date and is not accurate.

*This is a historical document only.*

**Program:** Mark Bale from Kaufman's new store in Bellevue will discuss summer steelhead fishing.

**Door Prizes:** 4 weight Lamiglas rod blank  
Diamond hook hone

**May Fishout:** Phil White is industriously organizing the Deschutes River "hike in" and "fish out" for the Memorial Day weekend. Phil and his crew will hike in the eight miles to the White Horse Rapids on Friday. Some of us are planning to drive down Friday after work and hike in Saturday morning. Maps and other info will be distributed Monday night and a head count of those going will be taken. Phil is promising good weather and a good hatch!

**June Fishout:** The Leech Lake fishout was such a success last year (taking into consideration that success is not always measured by the number of fish caught, that we will do it again this year on June 23 and 24. Merle Herrett will be the organizer. Chances will be sold on a fine Wheatley Fly Box filled with more than 80 flies donated by Jim Higgins. The drawing will be held at the fishout.

**Flies of the Month:** The fly patterns this month are again genially given by Jim Higgins and were selected as especially goof for the Dechutes River trip.

**Stonefly Nymph:**

Hook: Mustad 9672 #4  
Weight: 20 wraps of 4 amp fuse wire  
Tail: Same as hackle, optional  
Abdomen: Black wool  
Rib: Gold wire  
Thorax: Rust yarn dubbing  
Hackle: Grouse

**Stonefly Nymph:**

Hook: Mustad 9575 #4 6 XL  
Weight: 24 wraps + 8 wraps over thorax area  
Tail: Grouse  
Abdomen: Thin black wool  
Thorax: Black wool  
Wing case: Pheasant sword feather  
Hackle: Grouse

**Dry Stone:**

Hook: Mustad 94831 2X long, 2x light  
Tail: Elk hair  
Rib: Palmer brown hackle, clipped  
Wings: Elk hair over body  
Hackle: Brown, very heavy (use 3 to 4 hackles.

**Fly Fishing Class:**

An extremely interesting fly fishing class is being offered this summer by Highline Community College. The class begins on July 23rd and has both on and off campus sessions. Prospective wates for the off campus sessions are Silver creek, Idaho; Beaverhead, Gallatin and Madison Rivers in Montana and the Yellowstone and Firehole Rivers in Yellowstone Park. This is a comprehensive course in fly fishing and fly tying and willb e taught by Darrel Martin.



# 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

## 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



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



**FLY FISHERS**  
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Washington State Council

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!

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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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# Fly Fishers International

## 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](mailto: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
- 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, and an FFI embroidered shirt
- Exclusive individualized fly fishing instruction for President's Club members or person of their choosing.

**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
- 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 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.

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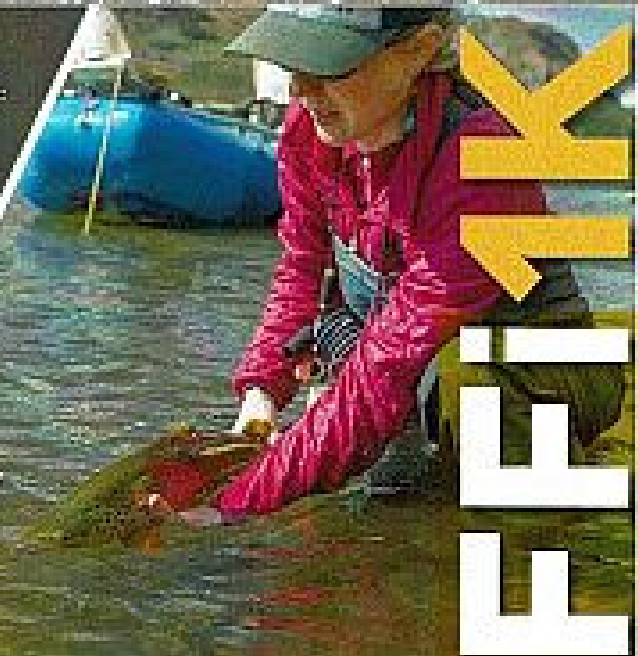
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- **SPEARHEADING PROJECTS** that improve our fisheries and protect our fishing opportunities
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**FFI1K**

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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

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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.
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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	<p>"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</p>			

"The birds are gone, The ground is white, The winds are wild, They chill and bite; The ground is thick with slush and sleet, And I barely feel my feet." - Winter Poems

5	6	7	1 February	2	3	4
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Club Meeting	<p>"Loud are the thunder drums in the tents of the mountains. Oh, long, long have we eaten chia seeds and dried deer's flesh of the summer killing. We are tired of our huts and the smoky smell of our clothing. We are sick with the desire for the sun And the grass on the mountain." - Paiute Late Winter Song</p>			

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