

# Alpine Fly Fishers

Our Next AFF Meeting

Tuesday

February 28

Puerto Vallarta

215 15th St. SE

Puyallup at 6 PM

  
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Charter Club  
1000 Stewards member



## The Dead Drift - February 2023

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### President's Line

*By Larry Gibbs*

The end of December was interesting what with the Arctic Blast that we had. 18 degrees is way too cold for these old bones nowadays. But, I remember many years of fishing on the Yakima River in 16 degree to 18 degree weather. You had to nymph because dry fly fishing was totally out. After one or two casts the fly line was stiff like wire and the guides on the fly rods would be totally iced over. So I nymphed and did very short sloppy casts. But, I caught a lot of fish, and I mean a lot. I was talking to Peter Maunsell in late December and he had been over on the Yak in that kind of weather and he had caught many fish. Good for Peter, but my days on rivers this time of year consists of fond memories. With memories we can relive the experience yet again.

Luckily, that kind of weather is behind us now and in February, hope springs eternal. Better start getting your gear together, give it a good cleaning and get out there to do some fishing.

You may have noticed that Ron Zarges has taken over the Program's Coordinators duties from Bob Alston. Bob has some important commitments that he has to do so he asked Ron if he would take that position again. Ron naturally said yes. If any of you have a guest speaker in mind that you think would be a good fit for our club, please let Ron know.

As I mentioned at the January meeting, and everyone agreed, I think we could also get some 'guest speakers' off the YouTube website. They have a huge selection of fly fishing videos. All I have to do is get the sound to go from my laptop to the TV. A work in progress.

March 10 & 11 are days to be in Albany, OR for the Fly Tyer Expo put on by the Oregon Council FFI and a couple local clubs. See page 7 for more info. This is a great event. I started going to this event back at the end of the 90's when they were in Eugene, OR. They held it in a circular building that was way too small and people were shoulder to shoulder in there. When they made the huge commitment to spend a lot more money on a facility and move to Albany, that is when the show really sprang to life. I will be working the FFI booth at this event, so if you come down there, stop by and say Hi!

Stephen wrote a very good 'Back of Beyond' this month. Please make sure you read it.

We had the 2022 Attendance Raffle drawing last night. Remember, if you attend a meeting and sign in then you gain a chance at winning the attendance raffle for the December 2023 meeting. Each time you attend, you get an extra chance. Duffy, Bill, John and Carole were the winners last night. Two fly rod outfits, a fly plate and a trout sculptor were selected as the winnings.

April 29 is the WA State Council's Fly Casting Fair, see page 2. This will be a very good one day event. All kinds of casting instruction & demonstrations and some great fly tyers!!!! Again I will be working the FFI membership booth, so stop by and say Hi!

Barry Miller joined us last night to check out the club. Hope you had a good time Barry.

*"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 Fishers International and Mountlake Terrace Recreation

# Fly Casting Fair



**CASTING CLASSES  
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**Saturday April 29, 2023 9 am to 4 pm  
Ballinger Park, Mountlake Terrace WA**



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**Fly Fishing International**  
**Fly of the Month**  
**February 2009**  
**March Brown Emerger**

By Bob Bates



The March Brown is an important spring mayfly. It is a reasonably sized insect so it is easy to imitate. Monica Mullen was tying this pattern at the 2008 N.W. Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo in Albany, Oregon. Many people I talked to during the Expo raved about the March Brown in their local streams.

The March Brown (species *Rithrogena*) is a clinger mayfly, so they are found in fast flowing streams. They are widely distributed through the western U.S. and Canada along the Pacific Coast to British Columbia inland to the Eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains. Notable rivers around the western North America include McKenzie and middle fork of the Willamette in coastal Oregon, Yellowstone, Madison, the Henry's Fork, Rock Creek (Montana) and Crowsnest (Alberta). There are some populations of *Rithrogena* elsewhere, but hatches are not reliable.

Oregon seems to have the earliest hatches in late February to March with higher altitude streams in the Rocky Mountains or Canada as late as mid-May. According to references, in faster streams the nymphs hang on to the bottom while the dun emerges underwater. Finally, the emerging dun is released from the bottom and floats to the surface. At the surface the dun's wings need to dry before it can fly off. This is a great time for trout as they seem to delight in feeding on drifting emergers. The angler can take advantage of this and float the fly behind boulders, near eddies, along under banks and log jams. Use a floating line and a dead drift.

**Material List:**

Hook: Dry fly size 8

Thread: Black 6/0

Tail: Antron yarn, tan

Rib: Ultra wire, brassy, red

Body: Peacock herl dyed red

Wing: Deer hair

Thorax: Hairtron, dark brown

**Tying steps:**

1. Start thread a little more than an eye width behind the eye, and wind back to the bend.
2. Tie on Antron yarn for tail. Wind thread rearward around the bend so the tail slopes downward a little. Then wind forward to about two eye widths behind the eye.
3. Tie on the wire rib and wind thread rearward over it to a little behind the bend. Bring thread forward to the bend. Keep the rib on top of the hook. Leave thread at bend.
4. Tie three peacock herls at bend and wind thread over them to a point about 2/3rds shank length in front of the bend.
5. Wrap peacock herls forward to the thread, secure and trim excess.
6. Counter wrap the rib, secure and trim excess with cheap scissors. Don't use the sharp points of your good scissors. "Counter wrap" means to wrap the wire in a direction opposite to how the herl was wrapped.
7. Take a small bunch, a little more than match stick, of deer hair, clean out the under fur and stack it. Tie the bundle at front of peacock herl with tips pointing backward. Trim flared hair at the 1/3rd shank length back from the eye. Wind thread over the butts.
8. Put dubbing on thread and build up thorax. Use two layers to get a large enough thorax. It should be fuzzy to stand out more than the body.
9. Grab deer hair and bring it forward over the dubbing. Tie it down right behind the eye. Hold up the deer hair and whip finish between the deer hair and the eye.


**Closing comments:** If you are near a stream that has March Browns in it be sure to tie a few of Monica's emergers to be ready for the hatch. The swift water habitat of a March Brown will make every fish feel like a monster. Always release the fish carefully so they can play with your fly another day.

# Back of Beyond

Stephen Neal

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




## Tai Chi

John Muir during his pilgrimages into the High Sierra's and study of the natural world, became aware of the interconnectedness of everything in this world. "When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the universe."- John Muir. Humanity from its beginning, has strived to make sense/understand life. Like John Muir, our early ancestors also studied nature to find answers, they followed the stars, listened to the oceans, dug into the earth, and studied animals, to learn how they survived and thrived. They too understood that interconnectedness of all things was paramount to our survival. Those wise men went even deeper than John Muir and defined that connectedness and created symbols that illustrated and teach this interrelationship. Many of those symbols are still used to this day, one that most of us are familiar with is the Tai Chi symbol  or the yin and yang as it is referred to in the western world.

The circle represents the whole, be it the world or the universe, the top of symbol represents the sky and the bottom earth. The clear section or fish as they are sometimes referred to is yang, dynamic energy, the shaded area, or dark fish is yin, passive energy. Within each fish is its opposite energy (the small circles of light and dark). Life moves in a circle, our planets orbit around the sun, the changing of the seasons, conception, birth, life and finally death. The fishes in motion represent movement, change as one always flows into the other. Rest becomes action, night becomes day, life becomes death, breath in (yin) and breath out (yang). Love and hate, joy, and sorrow, progressive and conservative. In turns they can be in opposition, or complimentary, within each they always carry the essence of the other. In all cases they are dependent on each other and together they make a whole. Each gives meaning to the other. We know love because there is hate, we know peace because of war, there would be no joy without sorrow, no action without rest.

In our day-to-day rush to get something accomplished we have over emphasized Yang and we have deemphasized Yin. An athlete pumps iron to build muscle, that exercise tears the muscle, it is sleep and rest that heals and rebuilds the muscle, making it stronger. A cup is only useful because of the empty space that holds the liquid. A house is a home because of the empty space held with-in. Earths winters allow rest and rejuvenation for rebirth and growth. Prayer and meditation allow spiritual growth. Each new project requires research and planning before construction. A fish holds in soft water to be able to feed in the fast water that delivers food. Outside time and away time, recharges us and make us more productive at work. Soft overcomes hard. Water erodes rock. Patience overcomes difficulty.

Fly-fishing teaches and employs all these truths. A fly rod enables us to cast a line further because it is yang with flexible yin properties, a fly-line is soft/yin, but its yang portion is firm enough to transfer energy, a fly is light enough to be cast and delivered but hard enough to hook a fish. All use yin and yang to work. As casters, we need to find that balance of hard and soft to cast affectively. Too much body inflexibility and power shorten our cast, too much softness and too little power causes a collapsed in delivery. Both yin (soft) and yang (hard) need to be in balance to move and effectively deliver a fly.

The catching of a fish is yang, the circle is made whole as yin is embraced and the fish is returned to the water. Mankind seeks absolutes where there is none. All that is, is necessary, each completes the whole, male and female, good and evil, love and hate, rich and poor, whole, and broken. All is in transition, from yin to yang on and on. In my lifetime (72 years) the Democratic party and the Republican party have become the other, at my birth the Republican party was the progressive party, and the Democrats were conservative. Today they identify as their opposite. As time moves and the world turns, the parties will morph again. Change is evident in the tai chi symbol itself; it has changed from its early beginnings  it morphed again  till it reached its modern appearance . As individuals we have our own dark and light sides, many times in our lifetimes we fight and doubt ourselves. Pointing our fingers and claiming one is better than the other is unproductive. We all have good and bad, pretty, and ugly, smart, and not so smart, rich, and poor. They each play a part in making us whole.

No system of government is always right and true, each have strength and weakness, democracy, socialist, capitalism, communism, fascism, were based all upon a hope for better, a noble ideal, but all have been corrupted by human frailties.

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Our forefathers were just men, who were both good and had failings. When they created the U.S. Constitution, they soon realized that to get it passed, they could not set down hard and fast rules, that ambiguity allows the constitution to work. Systems that do not allow space fail. If the fish can never fight free, it would not be a sport and we would soon lose interest. The fish that most fishermen remember the most, are the ones that got away. Those loses, make our catches that much sweeter.

Action (yang) and inaction (yin) or doing and not doing is a struggle we all face. Should we or shouldn't we intervene. Too often we feel that we need to do something, but more often, not doing is the best outcome. Most problems given time and space will resolve themselves. In fishing, inaction promotes our productivity, catching. Constant casting keeps the fly off the water resulting in less time fishing. Too much movement of a fly chases away the fish. Longer drifts provide more presentation time to the fish. Too soon of a hook set, results in pulling your fly away from the fish. Patience (yin) is essential to productive fishing. So too in life, an over aggressive salesman drives away a customer, a too clingy lover drives away a partner. Too much force spoils a cast. When we are in balance, we flow with life exerting the right amount of effort provides the best results. Space and emptiness are vital to all efforts and endeavors. There is no sound without the medium of air space, a skin stretched over a hoop or drum needs air to produce sound, a guitar uses the emptiness of its body to give depth to its notes. Planets, moons, and stars need space to move, workers need space to do their jobs well. Micro-managing impedes work. Breaks refresh and reenergize us. When yin and yang are in balance that is when we are the most productive.

No effort by man is needed by nature for it to work effectively and efficiently. We are most beneficial when we do nothing at all. Our mostly well intentions efforts, lead to more problems than solution. My discussion here on Tai Chi is a miniscule introduction to a deep and rich philosophy to help comprehend all the dynamics and interactions of life, there is wealth of information available if you wish to learn more. Your journey through life is yours and your alone, we each are responsible for our own growth. True knowledge is earned by the individual that does the hard work to learn.

The people I admire the most are those that look at the mountains with appreciation and not with the need to own them. Step outside and embrace this garden of Eden.

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*

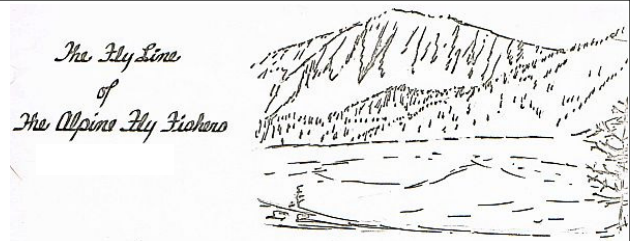


~ *In The Past* ~

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

June 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:** Phil White, program chairman for June, is presenting Jack Ayerst, Assistant Chief-Management and Research, Fish management Division of the Washington State Game Department. The topic will be: Washington Steelhead Management Program, "Problems in Production".

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

**June Fishout:** The Leech Lake fishout is scheduled for June 23 & 24. Due to some severe weather problems this winter, the campground is closed. The lake is open however, and Bruce Jones took a look at the situation this past weekend. There is a picnic table near the entrance that looks useable, but the boats will have to be small enough to be carried in as the boat launch is blocked off. The best place to camp will probably be nearby Dog Lake campground. We will discuss this more at the Monday meeting.

Gary Strodz reports that he will have a number of Insul-Dri float tubes at the lake to try out - so bring your waders and your own float tube. Gary is also going to check the camping situation more this weekend. Remember the Wheatley Fly Box and Jim Higginn's flies are to be raffled off at the campout.

**Deschutes River Trip:** The Deschutes River trip of the Memorial Day weekend was very enjoyable with twelve people participating (8 mile hike and all)! The wind and mild weather kept the hatch down pretty much until most of us left on Monday. Phil White reports that from Tuesday through Friday the weather was hot, the wind subdued, the bugs were out and the fishing was great!

**Flies of the Month:** This month's pattern and suggested flies are suggested for the Leech Lake campout by Gary Strodz.

**Miracle Nymph**

Hook: #10

Body: Pheasant Tail (center portion)

Tie hackle in at the butt and wrap forward. Tie hackle tips down as legs.

Other suggested flies: #10 Brooktrout streamer  
Nyerges Nymph—olive  
Tenny Nymph



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# Alpine Fly Fishers

## For The Year 2023

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

**No meetings in July or August**

The guest speaker for the February meeting is Chris Conklin, Coastal Regional Director (Region 6). He will be talking to us and answering questions about the very important coastal fisheries of our state.



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### Washington State Council FFI joins the Amazon Smile Program



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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:

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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:

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*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

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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
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### 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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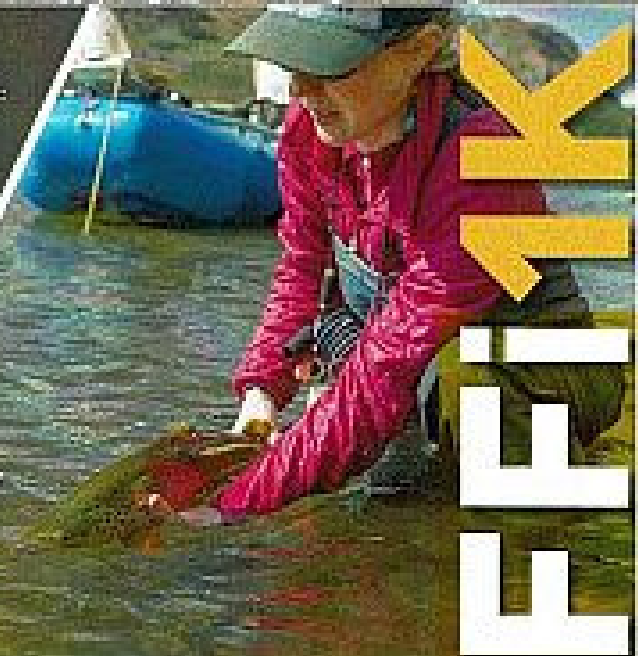
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- The FFI Learning Center's wealth of fly fishing knowledge and resources
- Camaraderie among anglers built at our annual Expo and other events

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**INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN THE FFI**




**ALL FISH,  
ALL WATERS™**

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

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

## Join the Legacy Circle



### What is the Lee and Joan Wulff Legacy Circle?

FFI established the Lee and Joan Wulff Legacy Circle in 2019 as a way to honor the tremendous imprint Lee and Joan have left on the world of fly fishing and the contributions they have made to Fly Fishers International. Planned giving through your estate can be one of the most transformative gifts to FFI.

#### Why Join?

There is perhaps no more profound way to establish your legacy withing the sport of fly fishing than by naming Fly Fishers International as a beneficiary in your estate plan.

#### How Your Bequest Will be Used

Your gift to the Lee and Joan Wulff Legacy Circle will be used to fund the Education and Conservation programs of Fly Fishers International.

#### What You Need to Include

Legal Name: Fly Fishers International, Inc.

Designation: Lee and Joan Wulff Legacy Circle

Employer Identification Number (EIN): 23-7037444

Address: Fly Fishers International, 1201 US Highway 10 West, Suite E, Livingston, MT 59047

#### Sample Language in Estate Document

Residual Gift: "All the residue of my estate, including real and personal property, I give to the Fly Fishers International, Inc., located in Livingston, Montana."

A Percentage of the Estate: "I give \_\_\_\_\_ percent of my estate to the Fly Fishers International, Inc., located in Livingston, Montana."

A Fixed Amount of Money or a Designated Property: "I give \$\_\_\_\_\_, (or describe the real or personal property, including legal description or exact location) to the Fly Fishers International, Inc., located in Livingston, Montana."

#### Please Let FFI Know

Maybe you have already included FFI in your estate plans or you are going to do that now. Please let us know. We would like to honor your legacy and acknowledge your generosity that directly impacts the future of fly fishing.

#### Need More Information?

Please contact Patrick Berry, the President and CEO of Fly Fishers International at [pberry@flyfishersinternational.org](mailto:pberry@flyfishersinternational.org).

Fly Fishers International and Mountlake Terrace Recreation

# Fly Casting Fair



**CASTING CLASSES  
FLY TYING DEMOS AND TYING CLASSES  
SPEY CASTING CLASSES  
WALK-IN CASTING CLINIC  
CASTING SKILLS DEVELOPMENT**


**Saturday April 29, 2023 9 am to 4 pm  
Ballinger Park, Mountlake Terrace WA**



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# February / March 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
"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			<b>1</b> <b>February</b>	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	<b>28 Club Meeting</b>	"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			

"The March wind roars Like a lion in the sky, And makes us shiver As he passes by. When winds are soft, And the days are warm and clear, Just like a gentle lamb, Then spring is here." - Author Unknown			<b>1</b> <b>March</b>	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	<b>28 Club Meeting</b>	29	30	31	"No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn." - Hal Borland

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