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September 26

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President's Line

By Larry Gibbs

We used to have a June picnic at Duffy's place when she owned the golf course then when she sold that we moved up to Stephen's place near Buckley. Then life happened, mainly in the form of Covid and the picnics were a thing of the past. Last year we simply went on our summer hiatus one month early and skipped the picnic.

This year I came up with the idea of having the picnic again, but inside at the Puerto Vallarta and having it be a Taco Bar Picnic, with the club paying for the food.

If you all agree, I would like to continue this for the next few years until another option opens up. But, to do so, we really need to increase the attendance numbers at our monthly meetings. The funds we get from the monthly raffles, the raffle boards, and the Liar's Cup are what help fund our meetings. Speakers cost us money. The FFI insurance costs us money. Even the few dollars we send to the Secretary of State for Washington takes a little nip out of our funds. The attendance during the first part of 2023 was not up to par. Please, when we start up again in September, start coming to our meetings. There will be a winner of the current raffle board that will be determined in September. If you have not purchased a square, better do so early on at the September meeting. But, fear not, we will be starting a new raffle board right after that.

The Taco Bar Picnic was great!!! There were 20 of us there. Kevin & Ellen Gill; John & Kathy Clark; Bill Fox; Arlene Christy; Stephen Neal; Bob & Carole Koehne, Kevin & Debrah Ryan; Ron Zarges; Paul Watanabe; Randy & Joy & Keith Newburn; PJ Hicks; Brian Miller and Berry Miller.

I posted a few pictures on page #7. As you can see I had the tables arranged in a 'round table' fashion, okay, maybe a rectangular table fashion. But it did allow everyone to communicate better than in the way the tables are usually positioned.

I had three door prizes, boxes of flies I won when I was down in Albany for the Oregon Council fly tying expo. The winners at our Taco Picnic were happy to get them. John, Barry and Kevin were the winners if memory serves me right.

We used to always have gatherings of 20 to 25 people. That shutdown really hurt us and I suspect, many other clubs and organizations. For those who have not been able to attend this past 9 months, please, when September rolls around, please start coming back to our meetings. We are a social club and that means we enjoy talking to the other members, sharing stories and experiences. It is much nice to do that with a lot of people rather than just a few.

We start our summer hiatus now, so have a safe and sane summer. Be careful out there on the water and on the roads.

"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
July 2009
Turkey & Bead Soft Hackle
By Bob Bates



John Kimura from Alturas, California did something different with his turkey wing quills. (At least it was new to me.) This was at the Washington State Council FFF Fly Fishing Fair, May 1-2, 2009 in Ellensburg, Washington. Somebody gave him two nice matched turkey wing quills. Instead of using them on a grasshopper or Muddler Minnow pattern he made a good looking soft hackle fly. He had tied this pattern before, just with different body materials.

Soft hackle patterns are used in streams and lakes. When wading in streams, cast so it will sink a little as it drifts and let it swing toward shore. Sometimes a fish will chase a fly all the way across the stream and think about hitting it as it moves enticingly at the bottom of the swing. Hence the advice: Be patient at the end of the swing and vary the retrieve before casting again. Depending on where the fish are in lakes (shallow or deep) use floating to full sinking lines and a variety of retrieves. Try to remember what you did just before the fish hit.

Strike indicators are also useful. One time on the Madison River in Montana I cast upstream to let my soft hackle sink. My strike indicator stopped by a boulder and I thought “hang up.” But the “hang up” went crazy when the line was tightened. Usually in lakes there is no question about the strike.

Materials list:

Hook: Czech Republic barbless, DaiRiki 135, Tiemco TMC 2457 or other scud hook

Weight: Gold bead

Thread: Black 6/0

Body: Barbs from turkey wing quills, can use pheasant tail or turkey flats

Rib: Copper wire, Ultra XS or S

Hackle: Blue Grouse or Partridge.

Tying steps:

1. Slip bead onto hook, and put hook into vise.
2. Wrap a thread underbody first. Put copper wire on hook. Fold back end of wire and tie it down to make it more secure.
3. Take 3 to 6 fibers out of wing quill and tie in by tip.
4. Wrap body forward to the bead.
5. Counter wrap wire to the bead, tie off behind bead and trim.
6. Whip finish and cut off thread.
7. Push bead back over thread and body. Reattach thread in front of bead. Prepare grouse feather by pulling off the real fuzzy stuff. Hold feather by tip and stroke barbs away from tip. Tie in by tip with dull side of feather toward hook.
8. Trim excess feather. John recommends using clean materials. His Blue Grouse was washed. Stroke fibers back as the feather is wrapped forward. Secure feather, trim excess and finish the fly with a small head between hackle and eye of hook. Can make the hackle a little sparser than shown.

Closing Comments: It is a fairly simple fly to tie, and it catches fish. The main point: Don't get hung up on a particular color of material. If you think that another color or a different material might be more attractive to fish, use it. Then go out and test it. When you dazzle all the other fly anglers, give it a name and become the hero of the area.

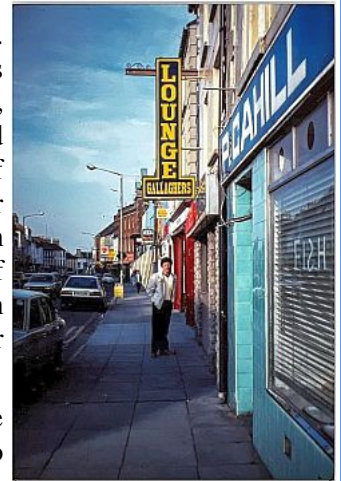
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Sean & Barbara Gallagher & Stephen Neal

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

An Irish Tale

1982 Ballisodare, County Sligo, Ireland, the summer equinox was a little more than a week away. The Emerald Isle was in the latter days of spring, comfortably cool, the fresh grass was emerald-green, and the sky a turquoise blue decorated with wispy clouds. The air over the old-world, blue-collar town held the smoke of turf fires. The Irish call it turf, in Scotland, peat, it has been used for warmth and food preparation since Ireland's first inhabitants squatted around a fire for warmth. If you are new to the smell, it is like your first sip of scotch, a little off putting. But with time your nose, like your taste buds open, with familiarity it turns aromatic, and it becomes the smell of hearth and home. Sean stood on the Lilac Cottage path as his ride pulled away with a rattle and a puff of motor exhaust. He was way, way overdue; it had been hours since he had told his wife and his cousin that he was going for a short hike. He had returned with a story and a North Atlantic Salmon, mirror bright dangling at his side. He raised his free hand and knocked.



Sean, Ireland 1982 *

Sean and I first met on a Steelhead trip down the Deschutes River in Oregon. It soon became apparent that I was in the presence of a fisherman. It was the ease and economy of his motion, no wasted effort. He read the water with an adept eye that put him on fish. The ease he possessed came from a lifetime of loving the outdoors, fish, and fishing. My observations have since been confirmed by many others, around campfires, fishing camps, by fishing guides and other students of piscatorial pursuits. Sean professes that his angling is just an excuse to be closer to nature. (As a student of life, he knows he still has much to learn. He speaks of fishing and nature, with awe, reverence, and wonder, and I for one listen and try to absorb that of which he speaks, as do many others.)

Sean's love of fishing started early in his life and became his refuge from obstacles beyond his control. Sean and fishing are synonymous. On his wedding day, he stole away for an hour, made just two casts, and landed a steelhead on the second one. Upon his return he presented the steelhead to Barb and suggested that they use it for wedding hors d'oeuvres. Of the many books Sean picked up as his love of fishing grew, was a book by Jock Scot – Grease Line Fishing for Salmon (and Steelhead). Its dog-eared edges and loose pages testify to its being well-loved. Two other books that he referenced during his teaching career and fishing exploits were by Roderick L. Haig-Brown; Silver and Return to the River. Mr. Scot's book details the fishing of A. H. E. Wood a salmon junkie who fished the rivers of England and Ireland, Haig-Brown hailed from the United Kingdom before settling on Vancouver Island B.C. Those books and his Irish family heritage set a wish spinning in Sean's head. He began to dream of exploring the land and rivers of his forbearers.'

The books introduced Sean to the connections between Steelhead and Salmon. They are cousins, the way they are fished, are remarkably similar, as is the gear and flies used for Steelheading. U.S. steelhead fishermen borrowed heavily from techniques used in European Salmon fishing. Sean acquired the books in the early days of the adoption of spey rods for Salmon and Steelhead fishing. Here in the U.S., it was the heyday of experimentation with new rods, fishing lines and fly adaptations for salmon and steelhead fishing. These were the pioneers of Steelhead fishing, hardy individuals whose lives revolved around the outdoors, fishing, and the pursuit of a magnificent fish.

Sean's father James (Séamus) emigrated from Ireland. James's parents' lives were intimately intertwined with the land and rivers of their birth. Sean's grandfather was from Malin Head, County Donegal, a wild and rugged land on the northern tip of Ireland; sea and storms ruled the land. His grandmother lived on the River Arrow in the town of Ballisodare, County Sligo, just above the Confluence of River Arrow and River Ballisodare. (Ballisodare means Waterfall of the Oak). Sean and Barb, two young teachers, making their first steps in home ownership and the adoption of a child, got their chance to visit Ireland in 1982. A planned trip with Sean's father in 1981 did not come to fruition, unfortunately his father passed away before they could visit it, together.

They were in Ballisodare to meet family, his cousin, Barbara Adair and two other relatives, the Browns. While there, Sean fervently hoped to see his grandmother's house and the River Arrow. Barb in her diary, describes their first view of Lilac Cottage, "It was like a scene from a movie, it was both humble and beautiful." Lilac Cottage sat on a corner lot, as it had for many generations. (It sits there still, now a vacation rental) A utilitarian and humble two-room structure of stucco and wood, with magic all its own. The bedroom was just big enough to fit a bed and the living area was just a tad bigger. Simple but well-kept, it shone with owner pride. Along one wall, Sean noted as he entered, that there were rows of shelves filled with tin storage boxes.



Barbara Adair and Lilac Cottage *

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On one wall hung a picture of Barbara Adair and her husband and another of their daughter, an unadorned Christian cross was also displayed. Shoehorned into the small living space was an upright piano.

The constant shining star in the house was its proud owner, Barbara Adair. Barb in her diary, describes her as “Mrs. Claus.” She had a warm and beautiful welcoming smile, white hair, rosy-red cheeks, and she was dressed simply, in a modest floral cotton dress. Salt of the earth is an excellent descriptor. She was seventy-seven when Sean and Barb crossed her threshold. In preparation for their visit, Barbara Adair had been cooking for days. All of the tins on the shelves, (they were later to learn), were the products of her labor, each item prepared to perfection, over an open-hearth turf fire, for her young visiting teachers/relations from Washington.

Barbara Adair asked them to stay with her, Sean and Barb demurred, they had already planned to stay at a nearby hotel. She left it at that, later she took them out back and down to her caravan, unused since the passing of her husband. It looked forlorn and abandoned, nestled in unkept tall grass, Sean and Barb’s thoughts returned to staying in a hotel. She ushered them inside and left them there to decide whether to stay or not. As they looked around, they were won over by its fresh and clean interior and its spring fresh linen, they recognized how much effort she had put into preparing for their visit and knew they had to stay to honor her.



Caravan bed and breakfast *

The year before, Sean’s Dad and Brother were offered the Caravan on their visit, but James’s was too sick. A second refusal would have been devastating. When they told her they would stay, it made Barbara Adair’s day, she beamed with joy, she was proud of her home and her way of life, and she so much wanted to share it with them.

After food and a visit, Sean asked to see his grandmother’s home. His cousin was reluctant to show them, clearly uncomfortable with the neglect and disrepair of the old home. The home lay vacant, a symbol of the town’s current fortunes. As they looked over the old place, Sean’s river-trained eyes glimpsed the River Arrow behind the house, his interest piqued, he asked if he could go behind the house to see the river. Reading the reluctance in her body language, he let his request go. He would return later. After they returned to Lilac Cottage, he informed Barb and Barbara Adair, who were now fast friends, that he was going for a short walk. His internal compass pointed towards the river. His visit now took an intriguing and unexpected turn.



Sean’s Grandmothers house *

His fishing pursuits, reading literature, and Irish heritage now had an avenue to realize his fevered dreams. He was about to explore a river in Ireland. At his grandmother’s home, he began to work his way through the overgrowth behind the house and made it to the river, it was healthy and lush with a hint of color from the fallen glory of the previous autumn. With fair spring weather gracing his passage, he followed a grass fringed earthen path beside the river, down through town and across a bridge where the River Arrow became the River Ballisodare. He eventually came to another dirt path that headed back towards the river. With little hesitation, he took the path less traveled, until he came to a closed gate and a sign prominently displaying Ballisodare Fishing Club, Private Property, No Trespassing, Members Only. This only whet his appetite for more, Sean pressed forward and got almost to the river when he was pulled up short, by the Water Bailiff.

The jig was up, and he was asked to leave! In Ireland a Water Bailiff is responsible for enforcing the property rules and detaining or escorting off the property the miscreants that break rules. “You can’t be down here, this is private property”, The Bailiff stated. Sean respectfully answered, “I am visiting from America and staying with a relative and just want to see the river”. The Bailiff asked. “Were in America?” Sean, “Washington” The Bailiff asked “Washington D.C.?” “No Washington State all the way over on the other side of the country”, Sean answered. The Bailiff then asked for Sean’s name. “Sean Michael Gallagher” Pronouncing it GallaHer in the dialect of the Irish. Bobby Chapman introduced himself, and they began to discuss Salmon and Steelhead fly fishing and the European fishing techniques being adapted for Steelhead fishing in Washington State, Bobby was intrigued. Bobby then said, “Sean, follow me down to the river I want you to meet the boys”.

The first thing Sean saw as they approached the river was a large rowboat with a net in the water harvesting salmon. Sean was taken aback. Bobby explained that the club was leasing the fishing rights and they operated the boat to pay the rent, and that they only used one net to harvest salmon, which they sold to markets in London. They raised additional money by charging the club members 5 pounds per day to fish.



Club’s Salmon harvesting boat, catch of the day. *

In Ireland, England, and Scotland, and most of Europe, Salmon Fishing is the sport of Kings, it is not available to the common man. The Ballisodare Fishing Club was one of the few

exceptions to the rule. The club's goal was to allow their members to fish and at the same time to preserve, improve and bring their Salmon River back to life. Bobby and the Club members were amazed that in Washington any man can fish a river by buying a fishing license and access was not limited to a specific area. Europeans use the beat system, and an angler is limited to fishing one beat, no moving around to find a better area. The Ballisodare Fishing Club itself only had three or four beats. They felt very grateful to have access to fishing, which was denied to most.

Bobby took Sean down to the fishing beats and introduced him to each club member, each time giving Sean's full name, "This is Sean Michael GallaHer, from Washington State not D.C"! It tickled Sean to hear his full name repeated as it was supposed to be pronounced. Sean spent hours standing on the riverside rock shelves, visiting with each club member, talking salmon fishing and steelhead fishing. The club members were all local working men, wearing tweeds and Wellington's (Wellies - rain boots). They fished with an assortment of equipment, spinning rods, bait rods rigged with worms, and fly rods.

He learned the club members' names and was soon in deep discussions with Patrick, Michael, Connor, Finn, etc... Sean was in his element and felt more than welcome, he was an honored guest. As the Sun descended, Sean's real time clock reasserted itself and he decided he had better head back to Lilac cottage and his abandoned Barbaras. The salmon harvesting boat was returning with its catch of the day, and Bobby asked Sean to wait. When Liam the boat master pulled in to unload the catch of the day, Bobby introduced Sean, "Liam this is Sean Michael GallaHer from Washington State not D.C." He then said, "Liam I want you to give Sean your best Salmon." Sean was blown away by the generosity. It was mirror-bright and beautiful 10 lb. salmon. At the same time, Sean was concerned with the prospect of walking through town as a stranger, with a salmon trailing from his hand. As Sean dressed the salmon, Bobby must have also had thoughts about how odd it would look to the locals to see Sean walking through town with a swinging salmon, fresh from private waters. He offered to drive Sean back to his cousin's house. At the Cottage walk he let Sean out and waved good-bye.

At the cottage door Sean knocked, and Barb, Sean's wife answered the door, her look took in Sean and the fish he held. Sean says, "her look was priceless" as she exclaimed, "I should have known that you'd gone fishing", Sean knew she was thinking of their wedding day when he held up his fresh caught steelhead. To add to the surprise and delight, his cousin Barbara Adair was in awe. Barbara knew exactly what to do, she had Sean cut the Salmon up into steaks, and Sean flayed the rest and packed full her tiny freezer compartment.

She wrapped the salmon steaks in parchment paper and poached them on the open-hearth fire. Sean still remembers the flavor to this day, it was buttery sweet, sticky, moist, and flakey, it melted in his mouth. While eating Sean realized that this was not a common occurrence for his cousin. Yet, she somehow knew how to prepare and cook salmon. There was a story there. As a commoner in Ireland of 1982, Mrs. Adair had no access to Salmon, even though they were caught on the river, that passed through her town. Even if they had been available, they were out of her price range. This lack of access to salmon did not prevent her from knowing how to prepare it.

Over dinner Sean shared his story of the Ballisodare Fishing Club and of the men who provided the salmon and the fishermen. Bobby Chapman not only honored Sean with the gift of the salmon, but he also knew the gift would bring joy to Barbara Adair as well. That night the three common kin enjoyed the repast of Kings.

On the Morning of their departure Barbara walked down to the caravan with a gift of two of her fine China cups, Barb in her diary wrote "She gave us the cups to remember her by, as if that would make a difference." The mingled tears of sadness and joy were many as they left Barbara Adair and Lilac Cottage, she waved to them until they were out of sight and Sean and Barb's eyes were full of tears, they knew that they were unlikely to see her again. Their memories of her and the time spent in Ballisodare are treasured and sweet, indeed.

There are many angels out there and not all of their wings can be seen.

(The Ballisodare Fishing Club still owns, manages, and operates the fishery to this day. In 1990 they purchased the fishing rights, and as of 2020 they have one of the highest returns in Europe of North Atlantic Salmon, 13,000 in one season.)

Sean is the best fisherman I know; he can find them and land them, with no rod at all.

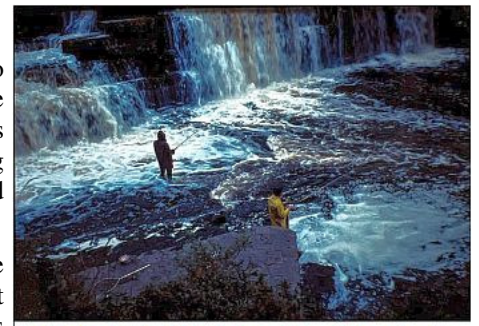
To my readers, may the waters of life flow beside your doors.

Stephen – Backofbeyond.neal@gmail.com * Pictures by Sean & Barbara Gallagher

"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



Ballisodare Fishing Club Members, Salmon fishing a beat. *



Cooking over the open-hearth fire in Lilac Cottage *



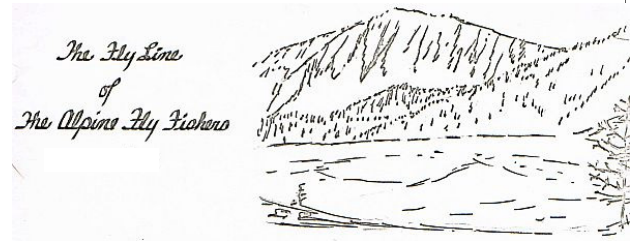
After dinner recital performed by Barbara Adair *

~ In The Past ~

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

January of 1980

Editor: Ed Monger



This *~ In The Past ~* article was published in 1980. The information it contains is **43** years out of date and is not accurate.

This is a historical document only.

Program: Carl Dunham, the program coordinator for January, will present Ted Muller, Region 4 Fish Biologist, who is responsible for fish management from Tacoma to the Canadian border.

Door Prizes: Our newly elected Gilly, Steve Anderson, will provide the door prizes for this first meeting of 1980.

New Officers: A unanimous ballot was cast for our new slate of officers at the last meeting. New officers are: President - Chris Jones, Vice-President - Russ Grim, Secretary - Jack Corbit, Treasurer - Joe Roni, Gilly - Steve Anderson, Trustee - Ed Monger. Trustees already on the board are: Phil White with one year remaining on his term and Pat Trotter with two years left. With all of the big train companies in financial trouble, it is heartening to see some real "railroading" still going on. Congratulations!

December Meeting: The December meeting was again a great success with fine slide presentations and some "unique" gifts being exchanged. The "Gross-Out" award this year probably had to go to the can of "instant worm" however several others were in cosecontention! Winner of the Orvis graphite rod outfit was Phil White (who had predicted the outcome ahead of time), and the Wheatley flybox and flies were won by Ed Monger!

Dues for 1980: January is now the due date for our annual dues of \$7.50

1980 Program Chairmen: The Trustees, at their last meeting, voted to again select monthly program chairman by a drawing at the January meeting.

Entomology Class: We will again remind you of the "Entomology and the artificial Fly" class which will be held at the Rodeway Inn in Tacoma on February 3rd. The fee is \$30 if received two weeks before the class or \$35 on the day of the class.

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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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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 application on the next page



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INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN THE FFI



**ALL FISH,
ALL WATERS™**



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Please fill out this form carefully and legibly, the form will be the basis from which your FFI Membership will be built.

FFI Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Club(s) Affiliation _____

Paid by: Check Cash Card Square Total Paid: \$ _____

Card # _____ Expire Date: ____ / ____



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Membership Levels

Each FFI Membership level includes full access to the FFI Learning Center, Online access to both spring and fall issues of the Flyfisher Magazine, and discounts and benefits from a huge variety of FFI partners.

*First time joining the FFI? Mark this box *Renewing your FFI Membership? Mark this box

Standard - \$35 / Yr <input type="checkbox"/>	Advocate - \$75 / Yr <input type="checkbox"/>	Steward - \$125 / Yr	Sustainer - \$250 / Yr
Includes full access to FFI Learning Center, Online	*Includes all Benefits of Standard Membership!*	*Includes all Benefits of Standard Membership!*	*Includes all Benefits of Standard Membership!*
Access to Fly Fisher Magazine Discounts and Benefits from FFI's Partners	Choice of FFI Hat, or 1 year subscription to Flyfisher Magazine Hat <input type="checkbox"/> Subscription <input type="checkbox"/>	Also Includes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FFI Hat • Magazine Subscription • 1-year Subscription to OnWater App 	Also Includes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airflo Fly Line • FFI Hat • Magazine Subscription

I am 65 or Older I am a Veteran Youth Membership Age 22 or younger
 (\$10 Discount per year for either) (\$15 Discount per year) \$ _____

Specialty Groups: Fly Tying Group \$20/yr Guides & Outfitters Association \$30/yr Women Connect \$ _____
 (1 year Complementary)

Printed Flyfisher Magazine: \$15/yr USA \$25/yr International \$ _____

Choose the number of years you wish to purchase: 1 - year 2 - year 3 - year \$ _____

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.

July / August 2023

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This tall oak stands by sparkling stream, whose water plashes grass and rock, reflecting in its azure gleam, the woodland plant and dandy clock While goes beneath the cloudless sky, amidst a warm and dreamy breeze, a squirrel idling, passing by, past numerous, careless, floating seeds." - Stephen Patrick, Sleepy July in Skipwith Common

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"Summertime, And the living is easy
Fish are jumpin', And the cotton is high"
George Gershwin and Dubose Heyward

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August

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29	30	31	"One summer night, out on a flat headland, all but surrounded by the waters of the bay, the horizons were remote and distant rims on the edge of space." - Rachel Carson

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