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President's Line

By Larry Gibbs

If you notice on page 7 the FFI is having a Summer Sweepstakes. You really should consider going on line and buying a package deal of tickets, ie: chances to win. Two great Hardy rods and reels and a really nice WaterMaster raft are up for grabs. If you tell yourself that, "Oh, I never win anything", I can guarantee you will not win if you don't buy some chances. This past year I have given away three Orvis fly rod outfits, the winners were all picked from raffle tickets. The neat thing about that is two of the winners both said they had never won anything before. Well, how about that. They entered and they won. Give it some thought. Even if you don't win, you are a winner by being able to help the FFI continue the fantastic work they are doing, trying to keep the future open for fly fishing.

The WaterMaster raft is worth over \$2,000. A very nice deal for sure. The two Hardy fly rod and reel packages are valued up to \$1,500 and \$1,300.

Go ahead, give it a try. You get five entries for only \$25. Spend a little more and get fifty entries for \$50 or buy a \$100 packet and get forty entries. Remember, you are helping the FFI and you could just win a very nice raft or fly rod & reel combo.

Alpine Fly Fishing club members, here is a challenge:

Tell you what. If you belong to the Alpine Fly Fishing club and you buy a package deal in the FFI Summer Sweepstakes, just show me your printed receipt for making the purchase and you will be entered into our club's very own sweepstakes, with a chance to win a really nice prize. The number of entries you get in our sweepstakes, is based on the number of entries you purchase in the FFI Summer Sweepstakes. More on the prize later but you know me, it will be a nice prize.

I had the pleasure of having lunch with some long time fly fishing club members. Unfortunately not everyone could make it to the luncheon, various appointments and a major accident on the freeway blocked some. I picked up the Fox and we managed to get to the Nisqually area on time, as did Bill Aubrey. So it was just the three of us. We had a good time talking old times and trips and I kept an eye on the northbound lanes of I-5, totally blocked. Bill Fox and I decided to head for Yelm then go north. Bill Aubrey looked at the stalled lines on the freeway and on old 99 and stopped at a pub for a draft to wait it out. Well, what turned out to be a nice lunch then head for home took Bill and I, and 4 more hours later we finally make it back to our respective abodes. Every road trying to get over the Nisqually River was totally stalled. But, that gave the Fox and I plenty of time to continue our reminiscing on long ago fishing trips and experiences. So, all in all, not a bad day at all. Thanks for the company Bill.

"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

August 2009

Tied Down Caddis

By Bob Bates



In North America there are 1,200 species of caddisflies (7,000 species worldwide), and they hatch from April to October. At particular times and places there are fantastic caddis hatches that attract anglers from all over. You might need a special pattern for a hatch like that, but it is a good idea to have patterns that might work any time.

One of those is what Jim Ferguson, Salem, Oregon, was tying at the 2009 Federation of Fly Fishers Conclave in Loveland, Colorado. Many anglers have known about the Tied Down Caddis for years, but there are few references, books or internet, that list it. None list an originator except to say that it probably came from Oregon.

It is an emerger that can be used in streams or lakes. Hatching caddisflies sometimes just sit on the water surface, but frequently they move in a variety of ways: wiggle, swim in circles or swim in a straight line until they take off or disappear in a splash. I never figured out how to imitate circling caddisflies. Egg laying females might lay their eggs high over the water surface, dip onto the water surface to wash off eggs or lay spent on the surface after depositing their eggs on underwater plant stems.

So how do you fish a caddis pattern? Standard answer: "It depends." Jim likes to fish it the on the surface or just under the surface film of the Deschutes River, Oregon. Sometimes he will cast upstream a little and let it float drag free, often the fly will sink 2 or 3 inches as it passes him. As the fly gets to the end of the float he will let out more line so the fly will sink a little more. When the line tightens at the end of the swing, the fly will rise up like a hatching natural.

If you don't know the water, it depends on what you see the fish doing. If they are clearly taking floating insects, go with the dry fly line and the drag free float. If the insects are clearly moving before they are recycled into fish, then put some motion into the fly. Binoculars are helpful in seeing what is happening. If the fish are taking the caddis just under the surface, then give the fly a quick strip to sink it, and fish it out the way Jim does. In fact one reference recommends using a sink tip line in lakes. Jim also mentioned lake fishing from a float tube or pontoon boat using a sink tip line. Granted it is more fun when a fish grabs the fly off the surface, but if that doesn't work, experiment. Also, fish riffles where cased caddis break free, and weed beds.

Materials list:

Hook: Mustad 94840, 10-14 (References list sizes 8 to 20)

Thread: Uni 8/0 olive

Body: Yarn, yellow or orange

Hackle: Brown

Shellback: Deer hair, light early season and darker in August.

Tail: Tip ends of deer hair shellback

Tying steps:

1. Put a thread base on the hook from front to the bend. Tie in yarn at bend. Jim ties a thinner body than some other tiers so he uses two strands of a four strand yarn. Early season he uses size 10 or maybe 12 hooks and a yellow body. Midseason he uses a size 12 hook and light orange body, and then in late season he goes down to a 14 hook and dark orange body.

2. Select a feather with barbs about a gap width to less than a gap and a half long. A gap and a half is really too long. Tie feather in by the tip between barb and point.

3. Wind thread forward to about two eye widths back from the eye. Put at least one wrap of yarn behind the feather and then wrap forward to the thread and secure.

4. Wrap the hackle around hook to where it is tied in before starting to palmer it forward. Put an extra wrap at the front to end the spiral. Secure hackle, trim excess, and build a thread base for tying in the deer hair.

5. Find the middle portion of the hackle and pull the barbs down to make a little space for the shellback. Pick deer hair that matches the hook length. If hair is too long then hair on the fly will be mostly solid fibers that will not float. Use lighter deer hair in early part of season, in July start moving toward darker hair, and use darker hair later in August and September. Select a small bunch of deer hair, maybe a little more than a match stick in diameter when you twist it, clean out under fur and stack it. Trim butts so there will be enough hair at back of hook for the tail. Pre glue if you are going to make a hard head. It also makes tying the hair a little easier and provides something in there to keep hair in place.

6. Finish head at front of hook: whip finish and trim thread. Pick up deer hair and with long tag in back build a thread base at back of body. Then tie down deer hair securely with long tag and whip finish. Break off any deer hair that was pulled down too far by the thread. If there is quite a bit of hair pulled down reducing the size of the bundle next time might help.

Closing comments: It is actually a pretty easy fly to tie and imitates more than just caddis. Sow bugs and other critters floating down stream can be imitated with this pattern, so keep alert for strikes when the fly swings through riffles or tail outs. It can be tied with an Elk Hair Caddis type of head which is trimmed on an upward angle from eye to rear. The most important thing is that it catches a lot of fish for a lot of anglers. There are many ways of tying a Tied Down Caddis. One used raffia for the shellback, and another secured the deer hair at the bend and then wrapped the body. Jim thinks that Audry Joy, while not the developer of the pattern, probably developed the method of tying the Tied Down Caddis described above. It is a good production technique that she adapted to use on her sewing machine. She tied a lot of Tied Down Caddis flies for the Meier & Frank store in Portland, OR.

Back of Beyond

Sean & Barbara Gallagher & Stephen Neal

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

“If you see your stirrups slap together above your saddle horn you’re probably bucked off.”

In early June, Terry and I made a trip from Washington’s west coast, into the upper Midwest, and as far east as Kentucky, before heading to Louisiana’s gulf coast, then returning home. The trip was for Betty, Terry’s mom. A great-grandchild, two grandchildren and a nephew, had moved east, following opportunities. At ninety-two years of age, it was time to reconnect. With a wheelchair, a prosthetic limb and rural living locations, our journey became a road trip.

Our seven-thousand-mile-plus trip used Eisenhower’s National System of Interstate and Defense Highways as portals into lands that our footsteps had never touched. Many of the areas we visited played a role in our country’s western expansion and became absorbed into our nation’s folklore.

Pendleton, Elko, Green River, Cheyenne, Laramie, Medicine Bow River, Ogalala, Platte River, Missouri River, Mississippi River, Quanah, Amarillo, Brazos River, Pease River, Canadian River, Red River, Sabine River, Santa Fe, Colorado River. These place names appear in our history books, fictional literature, poetry, TV shows, movies, and songs. Their names conjure western images of adventure, beauty, history, and of wonder. As a child they fueled my imagination and filled me with curiosity.

When I hear these names, images of native Americans, trappers, cavalry, settlers, wagon trains, cowboys, cattle drives, stampedes, river crossings, rodeos, births, death, drowning, struggle, perseverance, open range, and barbed wire, all come to mind. They entered my awareness and fueled my imagination at an early age.

Growing up in the 1950’s, Western’s, on black and white television, were viewing staples. Hopalong Cassidy, Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, Lone Ranger, Zorro, and The Cisco Kid were Saturday morning viewing favorites. Evening viewing with parents included Gunsmoke, Have Gun will Travel, Wagon Train, Cheyenne, and The Rifleman to name just a few. Western mythology was in its heyday. Over one-hundred westerns were on TV in the fifties and sixties. Two-gun holsters, with cap gun revolvers, cowboy hats, vests, chaps, boots and on rare occasions, cowboy cuffs were Christmas and birthday gifts, marketed for kids. As kids we spent many a day roping cattle and recovering stolen stock from rustlers with our six guns blazing, dressed to the nines in movie cowboy finery.

In the San Joaquin Valley of California, Producers Milk, “Hoppy’s Favorite” graced the mourning table. Ample milk was needed to soften up the dry and unsweetened Kellogg’s, Corn Flakes and General Mills, Cheerios, we had for breakfast. Too make them palatable, we added three or more heaping tablespoons of C&H granulated sugar. Properly sugared up, we were ready to take on the bad guys or throw a leg over our bicycles and head for school. Teachers and kids, both parties, juiced up for the school day, half sugar high the other half fortified with caffeine to take on the sugar high group. It is a wonder that more schools did not spontaneously combust.

Western history and mythology was blended in our reading literature. My Mom a big believer in reading, signed me up for a monthly book club series titled “We were There” American historical fiction with kids as the protagonists. The titles included “We Were There at the Alamo”, “We Were There on the Oregon Trail”, “We Were There at Gettysburg”. Historical fiction was also a major portion of my library reading choices, on Saturday morning library check-outs.

At a young age, I received a book series by the Author, Ralph Moody. The first book was “Little Britches” the five-book series was based upon Ralph’s upbringing on Colorado’s ranch lands. Ralph was born in New Hampshire, at the age of eight in 1906, when his father’s weak lungs were further compromised by his work in a woolen mill; his family moved to Colorado for drier air. A common prescription and treatment for lung ailments. When his father passed after contracting pneumonia, local cowboys, (his hero’s) took him under their wings and became his surrogate father figures.

The Ralph Moody books were my introduction to a more realistic west. While Cowboys were still the knights of the range and idealized by Mr. Moody, gun play was not prominent; their skill with horses, ropes and cattle were. As were their efforts at helping those in need. Rough and tumble working men who took a shine to a young fatherless boy and helped herd him into adulthood.

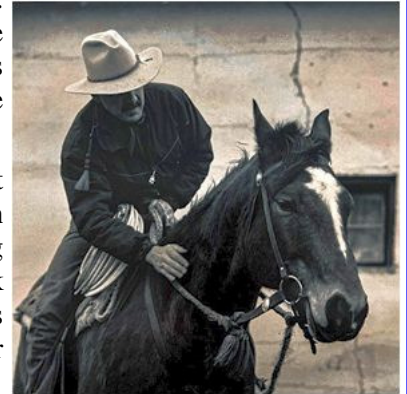
These stories later led me to writers like, Elmer Kelton, (“The Man Who Rode Midnight,”) (“Six Bits a Day”), (“The Time it Never Rained”), Jack Shaffer, (“Monty Walsh”), (“Shane”), (“The Kean Land and Other Stories”), and Larry McMurtry (“Lonesome Dove”). Yes, some of these books have since become movies and TV series and have been gussied up for lovers of the mythical gun toting cowboy.



These books were based upon a more authentic western life, men and women and their struggles to survive, blizzards, floods, drought, windstorms, hailstorms, summer heat and winters cold, while working with livestock. These people became my heroes.

In the 1970's is when I got a true appreciation of the life and work of a buckaroo (a name used by Great Basin cowboys, which maybe a corruption of Vaquero – pronounced Baquero). While working on ranches in Nevada, the make-believe clothes I wore as a kid morphed into everyday wear. Now they were my work ware, minus the two-cap-gun rig. High top buckaroo boots protected my shins and ankles. They had spur shelves to keep my spurs from slipping down. The narrow toe boxes helped me find my stirrups when mounting. The high heels were designed to help keep the foot from slipping through the stirrup in case of a buck-off. My chaps or chinks helped protect my legs, from sagebrush, rocks, and cactus. Not to mention fence posts, coral boards and whatever else you and your horse happened to run up against or into.

The wide brim hat was worn for sun protection and as a roof over your head when it rained. It also served as a crash helmet in a pinch, as an old buckaroo remarked after being thrown headfirst into a barn wall, "it's a good thing I was wearing only one hat, if I had been wearing two, I would have bashed my brains in." A wide silk bandana was knotted around one's neck for warmth in winter and cooling in summer. A rain slicker was kept handy behind the saddle's cantle. My lariat strapped to the saddle rode on top of my leg. A blue heeler cross, Thunder worked with me. A much-loved friend, companion, and partner!



On our trip into the heartland of our country, each river we crossed, the land we passed through, and each settlement we traversed took me on multiple immersive journeys. Songs, history, movies, and firsthand experiences crowded my mind. "Leaving Cheyenne," ("Goodbye old Paint, I'm a-leaving Cheyenne, I'm bound for Montana"), "Lights of Laramie", "Red River Valley", "Cherokee Fiddle", "Prairie Lullaby", etc... Some I hummed, some I played and sometimes just the lyrics resonated with me.



Historical events and fictional westerns stories flooded back, Ft Laramie, Wyoming's, first permanent fur trading post and military post on the Northern Plains, (it played a role in western expansion and Indian resistance) Tom Horn, scout, cowboy, detective, and Pinkerton agent was hanged in Cheyenne, (his luck ran out when he accidentally shot a child), Yellowstone our nation's first National Park, Platte River "a mile wide and an inch deep" an important section (water, feed and fuel) of the Mormon and Oregon trail and the great western migration. Cheyenne, named after a Plains Indian Tribe, Ogalala, subtribe of the Lakota Indians also known as Teton Sioux, Quannah, named after Quannah Parker war leader of the Comanche Nation. Our history is written in our place names.

Major thunderstorms added beauty and drama to our journey. We lost traction and skidded on flooded pavement and were blinded by rain that the wipers could not keep up with. The storms play of light, bent by the water heavy clouds, highlighted the landscape, as we crossed the plains and traversed the mountains. Rainbows made frequent appearances. Near and distant mountain ranges and peaks still wore their white mantles of snow and ice, even some of the ravines were still full of snow only revealing themselves as we pulled abreast them. Nevada blew us away with its rich deep grass and plethora of colors, winter storms had worked their magic there.

The thunderstorms and the snows presence, recalled to mind tales of harrowing and fatal weather encounters with trappers, cowboys, and early settlers. Many a citizen of the west drowned in river crossing as well as livestock. River crossings were high drama, few people knew how to swim, and the mere prospect raised fear levels to high. Storms in the open were just as worrisome. Imagine riding horseback across the open plains and being caught in a hailstorm, with hail as big as golf-balls and your only shelter is underneath your horse, as you struggle to hold him as he is being struck and cut by the falling hail. The plains had few landmarks, one of the evening chores on wagon trains or the chuck wagon was to point the wagon tongue towards the north star to keep yourself orientated. It was easy to wander off track when weather obscured the stars for weeks at a time. Tying a rope, one end on your front door and the other end on the barn so that you can find your way back in a blizzard was a common occurrence. The plain states held little shelter from the wind. I have heard it described as a land where the only shelter from the wind was a barbed wire fence, and it was full of knot holes.

We spotted lots of Antelope (speediest land mammal in North America) they dotted the landscape, most accompanied by young. The plains used to hold huge Indian horse herds and tepee lodges before the incursion of Europeans. The buffalo made that possible. At the time of Columbus's landing, an estimated herd of thirty million buffalo roamed here.

Men's and women's fashion, specifically hats, opened up the exploitation of the west. These mountains, rivers, and stream valleys held beaver. First came the mountain men and fur traders. Behind them came European settlers, and manifest destiny became the cultural belief of the 19th century. Thoughts like these and many more ran through my mind as we drove.

I listen to music as I drive and one of the songs, I have in my collection is about the unasked-for advice imparted to a want-to-be rough stock rider. As a fly-fisherman and an ex-buckaroo, there are times when the two interests will intersect. One of the thousands of thoughts that came to me as we drove across the U.S. was how much advice given about casting a fly rod was kin to the advice given on riding a rank horse. As well as the similarity in gear and clothing. Therefore, I would like to leave you with a little humor that came out of my immersive journey on our Great Mid-western road trip.

Here is some sage advice(?) that I have received in my time learning to ride and how to cast!

How to Ride a Bronco - offered advice

It's in your seat, slip a little forward, crowd the pommel. *

It's how you hold your feet, you got to sit back a little and drop your heels. *

Jerk him sideways a time or two Pull his head around to the left or right. *

Rake some fur get aggressive and use your spurs. *

Don't forget to stay loose, stay relaxed, don't get tense. *

Don't worry pard, I bet they can sew that ear back on. *

Pull him around in a circle then line him out. *

Keep your elbows in, and throw your free arm back, find the rhythm.

My Personal favorites:

If you see your stirrups slap together above your saddle horn you're probably bucked off. *

Cowboy Equipment; Riding Boots; Spurs; Slicker; Chaps; Wide brim hat/Ball Cap;

How to Cast – offered advice: It's in your grip, higher on the cork, thumb on top, stay loose. It's in your stance left foot forward and turn your waist, don't break your wrist. Look back. Don't jerk, lift your rod slowly until just your line tip is on the water then start your back cast. Tighten your grip to make hard stops to load your rod. Lighten your grip, not so tense. Don't worry I've got some pliers here; I'll rinse the slime off in the stream and then jerk that hook out. Lift your rod, then drop it, circle the wine glass rim, bring it forward by pulling your bottom arm in. Keep your elbows in and keep your hand level as you cast. Find the rhythm. When the line puddles up like that, you did something wrong.

Fly-Fishing Equipment: Wading Boots; Cleats or studs; Wading or rain jacket; Waders; Wide brim hat/Ball cap; Rope; Vest; Saddle bags; Rod and fly-line; Fishing vest; Fishing gear bag

**A note on the above lists, this was put together for humor, while cowboys/buckaroos wear spurs it is considered poor horsemanship to leave spur marks or panther tracks (as they are called in the buckaroo world) on a horse. It is very frowned upon!

To write a story, or understand the land, or any endeavor for that matter, to be successful you need to immerse yourself. To bring a journey to life put yourself there, do not just pass through. There is wonder wherever you look, take the time to see.

Thank you for joining us on this mid-western road trip.

Stephen – Backofbeyond.neal@gmail.com * Dave Stamey – “Talkin’ Bronc Ballet Blues” If I Had a Horse

“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

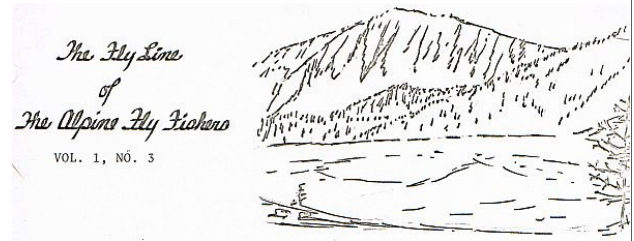


~ In The Past ~

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

February 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: Phil White, February Program Chairman, will present a slide show on his two fishing trips to Alaska. These are great slides and this will be an interesting program.

Door Prizes: EZ-Lap Diamond Hook Hone
Fly Fisherman's Log Book

Trustees Meeting: The meeting was held on January 30th with Chris Jones, Jack Corbett, Steve Anderson, Phil White and Ed Monger in attendance. One of the first items taken care of was to draw for the "Volunteer" program chairman for the coming year. The results were: February-Phil White; March-Bruce Jones; April-Pat Trotter; May-Jim Higgins; June-Dave Castimore; July-Jim Baker; August-No Meeting; September-Rudy Thut; October-Cal Dunham; November-Norm Norlander; December-Jack Corbett; January-Ed Monger.

If you are unable to attend the program for the month you have been volunteered for, it is suggested that you contact a program chairman for another month (ahead of time, of course) and arrange for a swap.

The need for an increase in attendance at meetings and in membership was discussed at great length. All members will be encouraged to not only increase our attendance, but to bring interested friends as well. Other ideas will be discussed with you members at the club meetings.

Fishouts were also discussed and it was decided to take a new look at that situation. We now have three fishouts a year: Leach Lake, Elwha River, and The Deschutes River. Is there a need for more? should we plan for one amonth as in the past or maybe every other month? These are questions that will be asked of the membership.

Russ Grim has resigned from his position as Vice President because of job commitments. Jim Higgins was nominated to finish out the term. Further nominations and voting will be held at the February meeting.

Dues are due! In accordance with our new by-laws, our dues of \$7.50 per year are now due on he first of January. Unpaid members are to be dropped from the roles if the dues are not paid by March.

Fly of the Month: Purple Maribou

Hook: #2—8 (your favorite steelhead hook)

Body: Leaded, purple chenille

Wing: Purple marabou

Throat: red (optional)

Bring your self and a friend to the February meeting!!!!

Alpine Fly Fishers



For The Year 2023

September 26

October 24 / November 28 / December 19

No meetings in July or August

All meetings will be at the Puerto Vallarta



Enter to win valuable prizes and have an impact on the sport you love.

All proceeds from this opportunity to take home high-performance fly fishing gear you know you want goes to support FFI's commitment to the legacy and future of fly fishing for all fish in all waters. Help inspire and engage the next generation of fly fishing enthusiasts, support initiatives to grow women's programs, and show your commitment to conservation and healthy fisheries by entering the FFI Summer Sweepstakes.

Three winning entries will be drawn. The first place winner can pick from three items, second place winner from the two left, third place gets the item that wasn't picked by winner one or two.

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Requested Donation

\$25 for 5 entries

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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
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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, 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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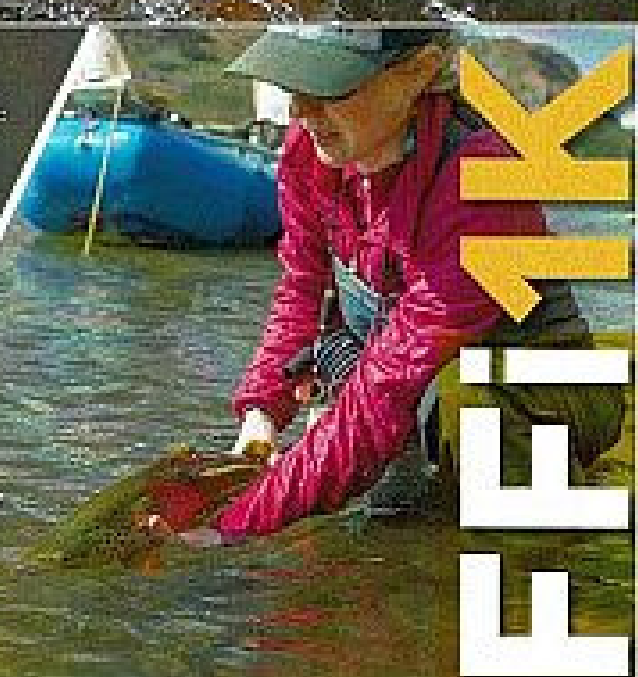
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You have a unique opportunity to invest in the sport you love.

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).

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Join the FFI1K Now

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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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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 <input type="checkbox"/>	Sustainer - \$250 / Yr <input type="checkbox"/>
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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.

August / September 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
"Summertime, And the living is easy Fish are jumpin', And the cotton is high" George Gershwin and Dubose Heyward		1 August	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 No Meeting	23	24	25	26
27	28	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	

"September days have the warmth of summer in their briefer hours, but in their lengthening evenings a prophetic breath of autumn. The cricket chirps in the noontide, making the most of what remains of his brief life. The bumblebee is busy among the clover blossoms of the aftermath, and their shrill and dreamy hum hold the outdoor world above the voices of the song birds, now silent or departed." - September Days By Rowland E. Robinson, Vermont.

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