

Alpine Fly Fishers

Our Next AFF Meeting

Tuesday

December 19

Puerto Vallarta

215 15th St. SE

Puyallup at 6 PM


FLY FISHERS
INTERNATIONAL

Charter Club

1000 Stewards member



The Dead Drift - December 2023

In this issue:

Page 2

FFI Fly Of The Month

Page 3 & 4

Back of Beyond

Page 5

In The Past

Page 6

Future Meetings

Casting Info

Page 7

Youth Fly Fishing Camp

Page 8

FFI President's Club

Page 9

FFI Thousand Stewards

Page 10 & 11

Invite Someone To Join FFI

Page 12

Join the FFI Legacy Circle

Page 13

Calendar

Editor Information

Mailing Address

Board of Directors

President's Line

By Larry Gibbs

Mark Ware and I got together the first weekend of November up at Jimmy Mac's in Federal Way. He took possession of the Orvis fly rod outfit and we had a very good lunch at the restaurant. He is a busy at work a lot but he has been getting in what fishing he can and he has been practicing his casting and learning about fly tying. Mark was the winner of the last Raffle Board. Keep it up Mark. We started a new Raffle Board at our October meeting. Make sure you buy some squares, you could win!

2024 is right around the corner. How time does seem to fly as we get a little older. I remember sitting in school and the time just crept on by. Then sitting in an office and just waiting until the end of the day to head for home. Now, those of us that are retired, seem to see the hand of time moving ever faster. That's perception for you, the better it is, the faster it goes.

The November meeting was a decent one. There were 19 of us there. Unfortunately our guest speaker, John Fiskum, had to cancel. He had attended a Thanksgiving Day dinner and came down with Covid. So, Ron and I decided we would either show a DVD using my computer or go on line to get a YouTube presentation. Turns out the new TV that the Puerto Vallarta is one of those smart tv's and has a computer built in, and they have the YouTube app. So, we watched a very nice fishing presentation about fishing in Belize.

I made a decision while at the meeting. I asked the group if they approved and they did. The **December 19** meeting will be a **Taco Bar Picnic** meeting. I am buying everyone their dinner, so make sure you come and have a good time. We will have a video fireplace burning on the TV, and maybe have a presentation as well, using the TV that is. I will not buy the drinks, that is up to each person, but the food will be great and the companionship very friendly.

We will have a raffle table, just not as big as in past December meetings. But I will have a nice selection of items that I know someone really wants. So, come to the party, bring a few bucks for raffle tickets, buy a square on the Raffle Board and have fun.

Ron is working on getting us a good speaker for the January meeting. I will let you all know who it is later in the month. Don't forget to come to the December 19 meeting for the:

TACO BAR PICNIC

"Time is but the stream I go a-fishing in. I drink at it; but while I drink, I see the sandy bottom and detect how shallow it is. Its thin current slides away, but eternity remains." Henry David Thoreau

Good Fishing & Stay Safe



Larry



Fly Fishing International
Fly of the Month
December 2009
TAK'S CRYSTAL MIDGE

By Bob Bates



There are thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands, of midge (chironomid) patterns. Every time I turn around my friends have a new chironomid pattern that is a better fish catcher than the old one. At the 2009 Federation of Fly Fishers Conclave in Loveland, Colorado I stopped at Rich Takahashi's table to see what he was demonstrating. Guess what, it was another midge pattern. However, this one is a little different. It is different by the way the body and rib are put on and how it is finished with a body coating that is cured with ultra-violet light.

Fishing a chironomid can take many paths. One is to use a sink-tip or full sinking line, let the line and fly sink to where you think the fish are. Sometimes, but not always, a fish finder can help locate these fish. If you don't have one you can start out with usual rule: "At or one foot off the bottom." The retrieve can be a slow hand twist or a variety of strip pause retrieves.

Many anglers do as some say "go bobber fishin" which is another name for using a strike indicator. The length of leader and tippet between the fly and strike indicator puts the fly just above the bottom. All you have to do is watch the bobber, and hope that it does something other than just sit there. If the strike indicator sinks give the rod a long sweeping strike to straighten out the 90 degree bend between the fly line and leader. If you are fishing in 10 to 20 feet of water a quick short strike will not do the job.

A few years ago I was fishing in 5 feet of water and using a slow retrieve. My fly was at 4 feet, and no fish were interested. Then the WIND made me throw a bow tie in the leader, which left the fly at 2 feet below the surface. Fish started hitting the fly on almost every cast. So it was good that I didn't stay near the bottom as the rule dictated.

Also remember with bobber fishing a fish will usually hit as you are pouring a cup of coffee or watching an eagle fly by.

Materials list:

Hook: Tiemco TMC 2302 – size 10 to 22

Thread: Uni 8/0, white

Abdomen and rib: Stretch Magic, 0.5 mm, Olive or Clear

Top Wingcase: Mirage tinsel, large

Side Wingcase: Biot, brown or color to match the natural

Gills: Oral-B ultra floss, white

Protective Coating: Loon Fly Finish Clear

Tying steps:

1. Attach thread about three eye widths behind eye.
2. Secure Stretch Magic with about two eye widths of thread, and return thread to original tie in point.
3. Put some tension on the Stretch Magic and wind it rearward to a point beyond the barb.
4. Hold up the Stretch Magic and color it with a dark color marker. On this fly Rick used a red marker.
5. Spiral the rib forward, secure and trim.
6. Attach clear tinsel on top of hook and wind thread forward. Attach a brown biot on each side of hook. Have the concave curve on the biots to the outside
7. Wind thread forward to one eye width from the eye. Then use a dark permanent marker, and color all the way around the thorax.
8. Bring the tinsel forward, secure, then move biots forward and secure. The biots represent the developing wingcase.
9. Trim off excess tinsel and biots.
10. Attach breathing gills with a figure eight wind at the front of the wingcase. Rick used poly yarn until a friend told him about Oral-B ultra floss.
11. Whip finish behind the gills, trim thread and trim gills short.
12. Coat abdomen and wingcases with Loon Fly Finish. Expose to ultra violet light for a few seconds until the plastic sets. Several uv-cure products indicate that the plastic will cure in direct sunlight.

However, it will not cure if the sunlight is filtered by glass.

This mimics the chironomids that are more transparent than the solid black, olive, etc. species we frequently see. The acrylic plastic sets much quicker than any of the solvent evaporation cements. If the Stretch Magic is not in your fly shop; look for it in craft or scrapbook supply stores. I guess the message here is to explore a little for material that can be used for fly tying. The fish don't know that you didn't find it in a fly shop.

Back of Beyond

Stephen Neal

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

The Hours Grow Shorter as the Days Go-By

Our waning fall sky exhibits more starlight than sunlight. Oh! But when the sun shine's, those are treasured hours. Water rich marine air from the Pacific Ocean and Salish Sea, creeps inland, making itself at home amongst the evergreens of the Cascade Mountain Range. Mount Tahoma, King of the Cascades has donned a dense grey blanket of clouds, and when the blanket settled around his majestic shoulders, he reached back and pulled it up over his head, ready for his winter nap. Bright fall colors are falling down, as rain and wind gleans them from limbs, branch, and brow. Dampness touches all. The earth seems to fall in upon itself as it enwraps what it touches. There are no dry and desiccated bones here, the earth is a giant sponge, continually absorbing and renewing itself.

Every atom here is in transition, the cycle of life on full display. New growth springs forth from the fallen. A nursery log provides the go juice for the next generation. A miss-placed and forgotten yard rake, hidden in a grass choked nook, missed by mower, and weed wacker; when found, the wooden handle was well on its way to becoming compost and the metal tines had transformed into rusted yard art. From plot tiller to new soil and rusted accent relic.



The color of dampness in the Pacific Northwest is green. Shades of winter green to be precise, all things west of the Cascades occupying space in the water shed of Puget Sound, acquire a bit of the green. Cars, buildings, roads, paving stones, roofs, etc., if it sits outside for any length of time it develops a green patina. Without human intervention it will all be overtaken and swallowed by green growth, from the minute growth of lichen and moss to massive logs stretching so far into the sky, the tops are hard to see, Western Red Cedar, Western Hemlock, Sitka Spruce, and Douglas-Fir.

What's the old saying? Oh! Yes, a rolling stone gathers no moss. No movement around these parts produces green growth. Woe be the tool, that is set aside and missed in the pick-up, its useful lifetime is diminished. The expanse of winter green colors is extraordinary. Each plant, rock, car, building etc... shares the human identified color spectrum green, but each displays their own unique hue and tone of green. I need to add a qualifier here, those of you who are color blind are exempt from this description. Yes Mr. Gallagher, you are excused. Stand easy.


Ours are not the only eyes that view this world. The colors displayed by plants as seen by insects blows the human visible color spectrum out of the water. The plant color spectrum shown to insects is awe inspiring. Want to widen your view of the world? Take the time to investigate the plant colors as seen by insects. Your world view will shift dramatically.

A fall storm is moving through, leaves and limbs stripped from the trees fly through one's sightline, at this wind speed, most are carried horizontally. Copious amounts of rain hits with enough force to bounce. Around three AM the storm unleashed a river of wind. Its strength and force hammered our siding and rattled the windows, it pulled me from my warm blankets. My first thoughts were of the greenhouse doors. I had just straightened them; a third repair session was not a wished-for result.

I threw on some clothes and rushed outside to secure them. In leaving the house I also noticed that our new tarp covered carport was halfway into the driveway. The carport had wrenched its anchors, as the ropes parted it began to migrate, another un-wished for result, made more import by how bummed my grandson would be at the loss of his new and unused semi-dry covered work area.



Once I had the doors on the greenhouse secured, I called Nolan from his bed to assist me with the arrant carport. The would-be carport/kite was threatening to fly away, looking to get tangled in a fence line or deposited in dispersed scrap piles across ours and our neighbor's property. It was touch and go, as Nolan and I hung on as it pushed us around. The sustained wind gust finally subsided enough that we could replace the severed anchor lines and add additional restraints. Was it pretty? No, we grabbed what was close and made do.

Continued on page 4 

We even backed the truck up to it, to keep it corralled. We returned to our slumbers, relatively secure in the knowledge that it would still be here in the morning. That desired outcome did come true.

It has rained hard most of the day, a rain heavy and steady enough to have caused flash flooding in the canyon lands of Utah and Arizona. Oh! It floods here frequently, right now we are early into our rainy season and Ma earth is still refilling her reservoirs. Here and now the giant sponge of mother earth is absorbing it all. Yes, there are puddles but no major runoff, the rivers and streams will be freshening and our anadromies fish will begin to leave the Pacific Ocean and Salish Sea to spawn in the creeks, streams, and rivers of the west. Now we wait for the tribes and fish and game to make a call. I am poised with anticipation, hoping for good returns. The numbers are disappointingly low though. If wishes, were fishes, we would all have a fry. Fish or fry I will find a way to be back-of-begone.

In the busy days of spring and summer, introspection is a lost art, pushed to the back burner as we fling ourselves into our chosen activities. In contrast, fall and winter are more congenial to introspection and reflection. At my age the hours have grown shorter as the days go by and with the slowing of the season it is easier to let it be, to give into the day, and let it surround me. To embrace the rain and not wish for some other weather. To build the green house steps and relish the challenges and not wish I was somewhere else.

Time and again we submit to the helter-skelter, to things we think we need, and miss what is already here. We falter in our remembering, and forget to close our eyes, to stop and listen, to feel alive and know that nothing is missing. We do not need a reason to smell the rain, to lose ourselves in the clouds, to feel the kiss of the ocean spray, to be amazed at the colors of green, or the rainbow of color flashing on the side of a trout or the rainbow left in the wake of a storm. Have you witnessed the ring your dry fly produces, as it settles on the water and then seen another ring form within your ring, created by the trout when it sips your fly? Have you watched the descent of a helicopter seed pod, from its separation from a branch high in the maple tree, through its descent, to its embrace by the earth? Have you been entranced in the flight of a bumblebee or dragonfly investigating a field of wildflowers or the bull rushes in a pond? If you have, good on ya, if not, now is the best time to take on new adventures.

In the pursuit of valuation of things and monetary gain, cataracts begin to cloud our eyes. As children we greeted each day with wonder, our senses were wide open, and we interacted with taste, touch, and sight. Each new discovery infused us with joy. It is time again to re-embrace our wondrous nature, to reacquaint ourselves with the child we hold within. To reevaluate our value hierarchy. Sun's up, the world survives into another day, grab a hold of where you are, not where you think you should be. Taste the wind, smell the sun and drink in the colors of the day. Open your peepers and let them truly see, do not just identify, and move on. Look deeper, breath deeper and feel deeper. Labels and classification box us in, they limit our growth.

We are prisoners of our own prejudices; those are heavy chains to pack around. Our early ancestors lived in better balance with our earth, in our defense we have been heavily marketed elective distractions. With the world entering a shift in the environment, it is time to take a closer look at those elective distractions. All endeavors should adopt these guidelines: A project must improve the environment or at least not harm it, it must help all of humanity not just a chosen few, and it must be based upon sound economics. A three-legged stool is the most stable in an uneven environment, it can always find balance. Only when all three legs are on the ground should a project go forward, Earth, People, and Money are equal, one cannot take precedent over the others.

The holidays are upon us, this week Thanksgiving and soon Christmas, Hanaka and a New Year. All mile posts in the circle of the year. Circles within circles. In this season of giving thanks and remembrances, I thank you my readers, without you my life would be poorer. Because of you I strive to be a better storyteller, you encourage me to keep looking deeper into human existence and share my interactions with living. As a conversant fly-fisherman, the tackle I carry while fishing has been pruned and pared down. Experience has taught me that less is more. I apply that same principle to the rest of my life, I try carrying the least amount of baggage as possible, sometimes successfully.

All information, discourses and interpretation on living are solely my own. Your own mileage may vary.

Merry Christmas, Tight Lines and keep in mind that Less is More. May the New Year be full of the richness of life.

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 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: Chris Jones is acting program chairman this month and will present Fred Norman from the Puyallup Fish Hatchery. Fred will give a presentation on steelhead management.

Door Prizes: "The Caddis and the Angler" by Solomon Weiser
Wet fly book

Leech Lake Fishout: The June fishout at Leech Lake has tentatively been set for June 21st. Steve Anderson will be going there this coming weekend to assess the dust situation. Steve will give a report at the meeting along with a recommendation as to whether or not it is fishable.

Orvis Rod System: Our Orvis rod system is here and under the watchful eye of Chris Jones. The "Advantage", a two piece 9', 7 weight rod with an Orvis reel and floating line is available to be checked out. We will have it at the next fishout.

Deschutes River Fishout: Three members and two guests went on the Deschutes River Fishout on May 27. Fish coordinator, Phil White, reports that it was a great trip. The weather was cool on the day they went in and the day they came out and was hot on the days they were there. The wind, which was a big problem last year, was bad on one day only. Quite a few fish in the 14" to 20". There were some 10" steelhead smolts and a few whitefish landed and returned, of course.

The hatch was on just right and success was had on both large and small nymphs, with the most success coming on the large, dry, salmon fly imitations.

Fly of the Month: Assuming that we will go to Leech Lake again this year, the two flies chosen for this month are ones that some of the fellows had success with last year.

Little Brook Trout

Hook: Mustad 9575 or 79580, #4 to 14
Tail: Red floss with sparse bright green bucktail over it
Body: Cream spun fur
Rib: Flat silver tinsel
Throat: Small bunch of orange bucktail
Wing: Equal amounts of white bucktail on first layer. Orange bucktail on second layer. Over this is an equal amount of barred badger (or gray squirrel).

Little Rainbow Trout

Hook: Mustad 9575 or 79580, #4 to 14
Tail: Bright Breen Bucktail
Body: Pale pink spun fur
Rib: Flat silver tinsel
Throat: Short pink bucktail
Wing: Equal amounts of white bucktail of first level
Pink bucktail on second level and bright green bucktail on the third. Over this a barred badger (grey squirrel).
Cheek: Jungle cock (optional)

Alpine Fly Fishers



For The Year 2023

December 19

No meetings in July or August

All meetings will be at the Puerto Vallarta

For The Year 2024

The Fourth Tuesday of each month except December, that being the third Tuesday

January 23 / February 27 / March 26 / April 23 / May 28 / June 25

September 24 / October 22 / November 26 / December 17

No meetings in July or August

All meetings will be at the Puerto Vallarta

Taco Bar Picnic !!!!



Our December 19 meeting will be a Taco Bar Picnic at the Puerto Vallarta. 6 PM.

This is our last meeting of 2023. I am paying for the taco bar, you only have to pay for your adult beverages.



This is open to all members of Alpine Fly Fishers and their immediate family. We could end up with a lot of people but that is half the fun.

I would appreciate a RSVP to me so I can get a feeling of how many people to order for just incase we are going to go a minimum, if so I will order more food. The taco bar consist of:

- Ground beef
- Chicken
- Rice
- Beans
- Taco shells
- Flour tortilla
- Lettuce
- Cheese
- Tomato



Fly Fishing Camp

Shelton WA June 22 - 29, 2024

12 - 16 year old Co-Ed

All Equipment Provided

- o Introduction to Fly Fishing Equipment
- o Beginner & Intermediate Tracks For Casting & Tying Instruction
- o Macro Invertebrate Creek Sampling Field Trip
- o Stream Hydraulics - Trout Hangouts
- o Hours of On-Lake & In-Stream Mentoring
- o Techniques & Tactics for Success
- o Fisheries Conservation - Too Much Time to Fish
- o Ethics & Etiquette - Stewardship Awareness
- o Match the Hatch - Aquatic Entomology

Dorm Lodging - Students Given a Rod & Loaded Reel with a Sling Pack Full of Equipment - Full Meal Service

16 Students

become more

Conservation Minded & Effective Fly Fishers

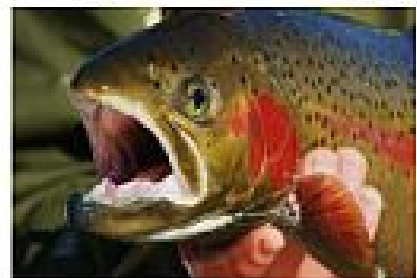
\$500 Enrollment Fee - Limited Scholarships Available

The academy is a non-profit youth education program of the Washington Council of Trout Unlimited & the support of Fly Fishers International, Trout Unlimited Chapters, N.W. Fly Fishing Clubs, Generous Individuals and Great NW Businesses.

Apply Now



Flyfish.academy



Fly Fishers International

President's Club

The President's Club at Fly Fishers International represents the highest level of financial commitment to the organization and comes with exclusive benefits and opportunities as a way of thanking donors for this level of generosity. Over the course of FFI's history, the President's Club has been instrumental in our ability to ensure the legacy of fly fishing for all fish in all waters. Members of the exclusive giving circle can support any program or project at FFI that most inspires them, and at a level that recognizes their level of giving, including Platinum, Gold, Silver, or Bronze. The program allows for a pledge to be satisfied with yearly or monthly payment plans.

QUESTIONS? Email: operations@flyfishersinternational.org or phone: 406-222-9369 ext 4

Check out the FFI Donate page on line: <https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Donate/Presidents-Club>

The categories and their associated benefits are as follows:

BRONZE \$5,000 / Payable at \$500/ year or \$43/month

Benefits Include:

- Quarterly virtual President's Club meeting with exclusive special guest
- One-on-one meetings with the President and CEO for each member of the President's Club
- Opportunity to select the special President's Club Award
- Invitation to President's Club destination travel opportunity
- Specially designed President's Club pin, FFI President's Club sticker, and FFI hat

SILVER \$10,000 / Payable at \$1,000/ year or \$85/month

Benefits Include:

- Quarterly virtual President's Club meeting with exclusive special guest
- One-on-one meetings with the President and CEO for each member of the President's Club
- Opportunity to select the special President's Club Award
- Invitation to President's Club destination travel opportunity
- Specially designed President's Club pin, FFI President's Club sticker, FFI hat, an FFI T-shirt
- Exclusive individualized fly fishing instruction for President's Club members or person of their choosing

GOLD \$15,000 / Payable at \$1,500/ year or \$125/month

Benefits Include:

- FFI Life Membership
- Quarterly virtual President's Club meeting with exclusive special guest
- One-on-one meetings with the President and CEO for each member of the President's Club
- Opportunity to select the special President's Club Award
- Invitation to President's Club destination travel opportunity
- Specially designed President's Club pin, FFI President's Club sticker, FFI hat, and an FFI embroidered shirt
- Exclusive individualized fly fishing instruction for President's Club members or person of their choosing.

PLATINUM \$25,000 / Payable at \$2,500/ year or \$225/month

Benefits Include:

- FFI Life Membership
- Quarterly virtual President's Club meeting with exclusive special guest
- One-on-one meetings with the President and CEO for each member of the President's Club
- Opportunity to select the special President's Club Award
- Invitation to President's Club destination travel opportunity
- Specially designed President's Club pin, FFI President's Club sticker, FFI hat, an FFI embroidered shirt, and an FFI Yeti mug
- Exclusive individualized fly fishing instruction for President's Club members or person of their choosing.
- Unique, customized FFI Special edition fly rod when member reaches the \$100,000 level

Editors Note:

I am a proud member of Fly Fishers International and have been for over two decades. I really believe in what the FFI is doing and their goals. We are truly an "All Fish, All Waters" organization with strong beliefs in conservation and education. I belong to the President's Club as well as the Thousand Stewards program and the Legacy Circle. I would really like it if you, the reader, would join me in helping to support Fly Fishers International.

JOIN THE

FFI1K

**SAFEGUARDING THE LONG-TERM
HEALTH OF FLY FISHING AROUND
THE WORLD**
FLYFISHERSINTERNATIONAL.ORG/FFI1K

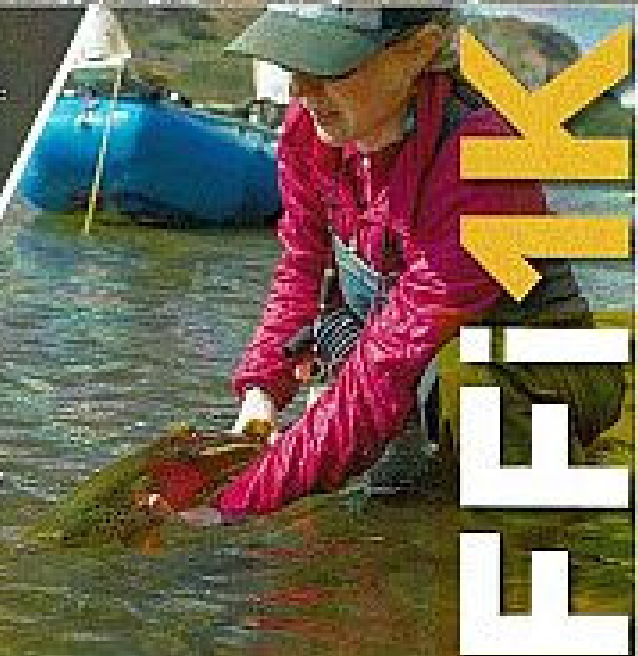
THE FUNDS RAISED BY THE FFI1K ARE VITAL to providing a solid foundation on which to continue to grow and expand our mission, and to support:

- **SPEARHEADING PROJECTS** that improve our fisheries and protect our fishing opportunities
- **THE FFI LEARNING CENTER's** wealth of fly fishing knowledge and resources
- **CAMARADERIE AMONG ANGLERS** built at our annual fair and other events

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

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

*See enclosed card envelope for payment options.
PHOTOS COURTESY OF: Ed Gipe, David A. Thompson



FFI1K

FFI1K - BECOME A MEMBER OF 1000 STEWARDS OF FFI

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

Fly Fishers International (FFI) has been an organized voice for fly fishers around the world since 1964. We represent all aspects of fly fishing – from the art of fly tying and casting, to protection of the natural systems that support healthy fisheries and their habitats so essential to our sport. Today, our mission is to ensure the legacy of fly fishing for all fish in all waters continues by focusing on CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY.

Join us in safeguarding the long-term health of fly fishing around the world by becoming one of the FFI1k, by committing to donate \$500 per year for 5 years (total of \$2500).

The funds raised by the FFI1K are vital to providing a solid foundation on which to continue to grow and expand our mission and to support:

- Spearheading projects that improve our fisheries and protect our fishing opportunities
- The FFI Learning Center's wealth of fly fishing knowledge and resources
- Camaraderie among anglers built at our annual Expo and other events

Join the FFI1K Now

Fly Fishers International

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



**FLY FISHERS
INTERNATIONAL**

INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN THE FFI



**ALL FISH,
ALL WATERS™**



FFi

406.222.9369

membership@flyfishersinternational.org

flyfishersinternational.org

Mail to: Fly Fishers International
 1201 US Hwy 10 West
 Suite E
 Livingston, MT 59047



<https://www.flyfishersinternational.org>
 406-222-9369

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: ____ / ____



FLY FISHERS
 INTERNATIONAL

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 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.

December 2023 / January 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

"Every year at just this time, In cold and dark December, Families around the world All gather to remember, With presents and with parties, With feasting and with fun, Customs and traditions for people old and young." - Helen H. Moore

1
December

3	4	5	6	7 Happy Hanaukkah	8	9
10	11	12 ↓	13	14	15	16
17	18 →	19 Club Meeting	20 ←	21	22	23
24 31	25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29	30

"The fishing season begins on January 1st, and ends on December 31." Marie Huston (Edited by me)

	1 January	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Club Meeting	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	"In the bleak mid-winter, Frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone; Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow, In the bleak mid-winter, Long ago." - Christmas Carol		

Alpine Fly Fishers' 'The Dead Drift' is Published monthly by the Alpine Fly Fishers Club
Larry Gibbs, Editor 253-820-0475 flytier015@gmail.com

Alpine Fly Fishers
PO Box 1456
Sumner, WA 98390

If you have an email address allow us to send this newsletter via the internet. If your email address has changed recently, please share your new address.

Visit our website at alpineflyfishers.org

Board Of Directors:

President & Editor	Larry Gibbs	253-820-0475
Vice President:	Bob Alston	253-848-6884
Treasurer:	Duffy Christy	253-653-4716
Secretary:	Stephen Neal	559-977-7979
Gillie/Director:	Bill Fox	253-845-8592
Programs Coordinator:	Ron Zarges	253-653-5292
Webmaster:	Sam Matalone	972-754-9558