

Alpine Fly Fishers

Our Next AFF Meeting

Tuesday

February 27

Puerto Vallarta

215 15th St. SE

Puyallup at 6 PM


FLY FISHERS
INTERNATIONAL

Charter Club

1000 Stewards member



The Dead Drift - February 2024

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President's Line

By Larry Gibbs

Yep, a new year, 2024. I know I have mentioned this before, but I have been your president for 15 years this month. Wow. If you ever get tired of me being your 'El Presidente' just let me know, I will be happy to nominate anyone else for the position. Meanwhile, you are stuck with me.

I really would like to start getting more of our members to show up at our meetings. The last few years I tried a system where everyone who attended a meeting got a chance to win some prizes at the December Christmas meeting. I decided to change things up for 2024. The raffle table usually has around 10 items each month. That will change. The month of January, I had 10 items out but the rest of the year the number of items will be determined by the number of people attending the meeting the previous month. Fifteen people means fifteen items, twenty people means twenty items. Our members attendance will be the determining factor. I plan on having some really nice items in the raffle.

As most of you may know, PJ passed late last year. In his will, he donated \$2,500 to our club. I think we will use that money to fund the next five years of our club's Taco Bar Picnic's each June. They will be held at the Puerto Vallarta like we did last year. Free food for everyone, you just pay for your alcoholic beverages.

We had a good meeting in January. Two new members were there, **Steve Fulkerson** and **John Howard**. Thanks for coming to the meeting and thanks for joining both the FFI and our Alpine Fly Fishers club!

Speaking of the meeting in January. Since we had 14 members attending that means that for February, we will have 14 raffle table items. Also the raffle board is almost full with only 4 squares left. I will get with the winner and find out what they would want for their winnings. I have lots of very good 'stuff' to pick from. Rods, nets, reels, and more.

Don't forget to go to the Fly Fishing Show in February at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue, either on the 17th or the 18th. But if you are going to attend this great event, go on line to the WA State Council website and sign up for a ticket for Saturday the 17th. That will get you into the FFI/WSC hosted reception from 4:30 to 6:00 PM. There will be a drawing for a very nice Thomas & Thomas fly rod and some other great 'stuff'. Peter Maunsell will be there at the event, say 'Hi!' to him and have some good food as well.

Also, March 8 & 9, there is the Northwest Fly Fishers Expo in Albany, OR. The FFI and the Oregon Council FFI are sponsoring this great event. You owe it to yourself to check it out.

From John Clark: Q: What's a frogs favorite sport? A: Fly Fishing



"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

February 2010

March Brown

By Bob Bates



Anglers who live in an area that has streams with March Brown hatches are truly fortunate.

The March Brown (Genus *Rithrogena*) is a clinger mayfly that inhabits fast flowing streams. Where populations exist it is one of the earliest hatching mayflies, and it comes fairly large sizes (#12-14) which might be why it is so popular. People in Oregon are among the fortunate ones; their March Browns hatch is in late February to March. In the higher altitude streams of the Rocky Mountains or Canada the hatch might be as late as mid-May. March Browns attract the trout, and the trout attract anglers.

All of the March Brown patterns that I have photographed for the FFF Fly of the Month (FOM) have been at the N.W. Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo in Albany, Oregon. To see the other March Brown Patterns, see FOM October 2008, March Brown Soft Hackle and February 2009, March Brown Emerger. This adult March Brown (February 2010) was tied by Monica Mullen at the 2009 N.W. Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo in Albany, Oregon.

Fish it with a floating line and a drag free float. Depending on conditions there are several ways to achieve a drag free float. You can cast a little upstream and let the fly float back to you. You can wiggle the rod before the line hits the water so it will land with a bunch of "S" curves. You can lean your body and rod upstream as far as possible before the line hits the water to throw an upstream bend in the line.

Materials list:

Hook: Dry Fly: Size 10

Thread: Gudebrod brown, 6/0

Tails: Microfibbets, dark

Post: Antron yarn, brown

Body: Hackle quill, brown, tan, etc.

Hackle: Brown

Thorax: Dubbing, brown

Tying steps:

1. Line hook with thread. Start at front of hook and wind back to bend.
2. Tie on four Microfibbets to make a shank length Tail. Take a piece of thread and place it around the back of the hook. Slide thread along the hook up to the bend, and between the Microfibbets to spread them with two fibers on each side. Then tie the thread down.
3. Fold Antron yarn in half, and tie both pieces on at a point one third shank length back from the eye.
4. Pull up Antron and wrap thread in front of Antron to hold it up. Then wrap thread around the base of the Antron to hold the four strands together. This is posting, and it gives a base for winding on the hackle. Build up a base of thread on the body for the quill. Leave the thread at the back of the hook.
5. Tie on a feather quill by the tip just in front of the tail, and wind the thread forward to behind the post. Monica keeps the quills in a crock pot with warm water and a few drops of hair conditioner. This keeps them pliable and easier to wrap.
6. Wind quill forward carefully and secure in front of post. Put a little head cement or Sally Hansen's Hard as Nails on the quill.
7. Select a hackle, and trim the barbs so there is a little stubble to help secure the hackle. Tie it on in front of post. Put a little brown dubbing on the thread, and wrap a thorax in front of and behind the post. Finish with thread behind the eye.
8. Start wrapping hackle by putting the first wrap up the post, and putting each succeeding wrap under the preceding one. Tie off the hackle behind the eye, and trim excess. When asked how many wraps Monica said: "Use all of the feather." Trim the thread, and trim the post about a shank length high. Put a drop of head cement on top of the hackle, and hold the fly so it runs down the barbs into the post.
9. Monica also ties the March Brown with two quills (one lighter than the other) to give the pattern a more segmented appearance. Wind the quills carefully so one quill always stays in front of the other.

Closing comments: You can make your own quills by burning off the barbs and dyeing them. However, it is easier and safer to buy them from Cabela's, Orvis, a local fly shop or some other supplier. This pattern floats well in the faster water where the *Rithrogena* lives. If you are new to fly fishing, talk to people at your local fly shop to see if the March Brown is in your area and when it hatches.

Back of Beyond

Stephen Neal

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

Tool Makers



In my last article I stated that in my humble opinion, "Music was humanity's greatest achievement". There is a close second, "tools and tool makers", they make it possible for us to share a gift from our human soul back into our world.

As children, my sisters and I received gifts of wooden toys, crafted with tools in the hands of a former combat infantry-Tec-Five radio operator and repairman. Our father made his living and raised a family, on post-World War II carpenters' wages. Watching him as I grew, taught me rudimentary tool use, and gave me the ability to create various shaped wooden objects, using hand-me-down hammers, saws, nails, sandpaper, and glue. As I grew taller, watching him design and build our home and create furniture, and cabinetry birthed my appreciation of good tools, craftsmen, and tool makers.

Like many of my generation, manual labor was my entry point into the U.S. labor pool. Work and sweat solidified my appreciation of good tools in the right hands. Like my forefathers before me I needed to put a roof over my head and food in my stomach. Tools that accomplished more with less effort became appreciated and revered. My childhood tool appreciation grew, as art and music entered my life. Good tools in craftsmen's hands bring man's beauty of music and art to life. Like many of my contemporaries, I have succumbed to the acquisition of more tools. The man that has too many tools is a rare creature. Musicians are always acquiring new instruments, fishermen more rods, reels, cooks more kitchen ware, carpenters, electricians, mechanics, doctors, the list of occupations and hobbies and the use and attainment of tools goes on forever.

Last year on two separate outdoor ventures to the western most point in the continental U.S., we visited the Makah Indian reservation and museum. The tools and crafts that were on display gave me a deep appreciation for their tool making ability. They excelled at using the raw materials they had, turning them not only into exceptional tools suited to their way of life. They were artistic and beautiful as well. My tool loving heart sang with my discovery of their tools, problem-solving skills and the beauty and skill of their workmanship.


The Pacific coast from Yakutat, Alaska to Mendocino, California, has seen human habitation for over 13,000 years. This area was unique during earth's last ice age. The area had a temperate climate, very seldom falling below freezing. Its area of survivability and sustainability was greater due to lower ocean levels as a vast amount of earth's liquid water was held in ice sheets covering its continents.



Temperate climate, lower water levels, abundant food sources, sparser forests, the area became a migration conduit south. As in any migration, advancing parties leave settlers in their wake. This triple blessing of materials for shelter, the relative ease of obtaining food for survival and its moderating temperatures allowed the Indigenous people that chose to stay, to grow and flourish. They became one with the land and sea. The land provided them with the resources to make shelter and tools, and they became very adept in using them to harvest the bounty of the sea.

The coastal Pacific Northwest is rich in western red cedar. Red cedar is resistant to rot, it is strong, light, and buoyant. They fashioned it into their homes, clothing, canoes, hunting tools, wallets, fishing hooks, combs, storage boxes, tables and sleeping platforms, ceremonial items, the list goes on and on. The canoes they built from red cedar logs are wondrous creations. They learned to work with the wood, not only hollowing it out, but heating and stretching the wood fibers to create width and stability while maintaining its strength. Their canoes are all purpose built for specific tasks. Sea canoes for whaling that held eight men, two-man seal hunting canoes, and single person fishing canoes. Add to this list, war canoes, and children's practice canoes. Not only are these canoes beautifully wrought, but they are also embellished with carvings that represent the animals that they hunted. The skill displayed in the building of their canoes is evident in all they created using water, wood, stone, and fire as their shaping tools.

These artistic animal carvings can be found embellishing all their tools. From their canoes, oars and seal clubs to their boxes, baskets, and clothes. Stylized images of whales, seals, salmon, halibut, ravens, eagles, and wolves, are found carved, painted, or woven, into the tools of their lives.

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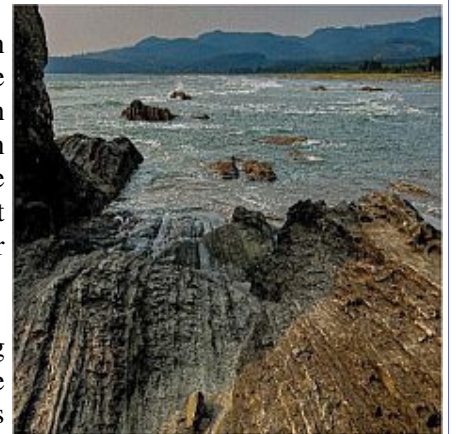
In homage to the animals that sustained them, fed them, clothed them, and joined them as residents in a world, surrounded by ice. For the Makah, the inhabitants they shared the world with were sacred partners. The animals that they hunted for food were asked to give themselves to the Makah. In the hunt for whales as an example, they prepared themselves to be worthy of the whale that gave up his life so that they may be fed and clothed. They cleaned and purified themselves. They sequestered themselves to clear their minds, to ask the whale to give itself to them to accept the harpoon. They thanked them for their sacrifice so that they might live. Each life that they took in sustaining them was received as a gift. The givers were sacred and always respected. The Makah did not separate themselves from the animal kingdom but saw them as equals. They respected their knowledge and wisdom. Thanks, to their benefactors, was woven into every moment of living here. They harvested only what they needed and used every part of the animal and plants they gathered.



There were too many tools on display for me to cover in this article, but I will cover a few to illustrate their quality and the skills necessary to craft them. Beside the baskets for food gathering and storage, they built waterproof cedar storage boxes. They were made from single pieces of slab wood, harvested from the red Cedar logs, using wooden wedges driven with the grain to split off the planks. They were then further shaped with scrapers until they were the right thickness and smoothed. They looked to me as if they had been run through a planer so even and smooth were they. The cedar planks were then cut to length for the size box that was desired. V shaped kerfs were cut in the plank. After steaming the wood, so that the wood fibers would stretch and bend without breaking. The slab was folded forming a waterproof seal. The last corner was notched to allow them to fold into each other, again forming a waterproof seal. This corner was then pinned together, with bone pins. The bottom was carved to fit perfectly and then pinned to form a waterproof solid box. Finally a lid was carved removing the inner depth, to form a tight seal. These boxes were used for storage and ceremonial use and were prized possessions. I would put them side by side with custom boxes made with modern tools by today's craftsmen, they would hold their own.

Hunting whales in the open ocean is a perilous undertaking that calls for its own special tools. Each one designed to not only to capture and kill the whale, but to protect the hunters as well. Besides ropes, harpoons, nets, and canoes; they needed to keep the whale from sinking once the whale had given itself to the harpoon.

Their solution boggles my mind. They used inflated seal skins as floats. Looking at them on display they look like modern day vulcanized rubber tubes with rounded ends. The harvested seal skins were turned inside out stitched together and sealed with spruce pitch and a wooden bung to seal in the air once they were inflated. They were tied to the harpoon line to slow the whale as he tired. Once the Whale died, the floats were attached with rope and netting to keep the whale afloat. Then one member sewed the mouth closed so that it would not fill with water and make it impossible to tow the whale back to land for harvesting.



The skill and technology developed by the Makah and other coastal tribes came into being long before Europeans explores made contact. The early inhabitants of the Americas are often described as primitive, but all the evidence displayed in the Makah Museum presents a different picture. These were very intelligent, adaptable, inventive, and skilled artisans, who lived in balance with nature and respected the knowledge and intelligence of the animals with whom they lived. They were perfectly adapted to the natural world, they read the waves, noted the swells, learned and remembered the ocean sounds around the islands and the shore, enabling them to navigate home in fog. We modern people still have much to learn from our ancestors. And last but not least they sang and danced in celebration of the gift of life here in the Pacific Northwest. They give their song, to the world.

Put a visit to the Makah Museum in Neah Bay, WA on your bucket list, your life will be richer. Rediscover a world buried for 600 years.

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“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' -**

September 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: Jim Higgins, program chairman by default, will present a 3M film narrated by Dave Whitlock on the six aquatic insects.

Door Prizes: Wet Fly Book
Forceps with retractor

September Board Meeting: The Alpine Fly Fishers Board of Trustees met at the home of Chris Jones on Monday, September 8th. The main topic under consideration in both new business and old business was to get more members into the club. Several ideas were discussed, under "old business" Jim Higgins will be making up some small plastic boxes with four flies in each to resent to guests at each meeting. Also under old business, a statement of purpose for the club is to be printed and presented to all new members. Under new business it was decided to renew pre-meeting activities. This month Jim Higgins will bring his fly tying equipment and demonstrate the tying of this months fly of the month and the dry caddis in general. A big push will be made to get old members to this meeting. A lengthy discussion was held concerning fishouts with the consensus of opinion that they be reinstated and organized.

October Fishout: A fishout has been planned for Dry Falls Lake for the weekend of October 11th and 12th. Jim Higgins is the organizer and more will be said about this at the meeting.

October Program: Chris Jones and Pat Trotter will present the October program. The pre-meeting session will be on knots and leaders also run by Pat.

Fly of the Month: As mentioned in the board minutes Jim will be tying this fly at the pre-meeting session. He will tie the fly, then you will try your hand at it. Remember all those times you watched an expert zip through his fly while you took notes furiously, and then when you got home couldn't make heads or tails of it? This approach of Jim's should eliminate that.

Dun Caddis

Hook: Mustad 94840, #12 down to as small as you can tie

Thread: Black, Danville 6/0

Body: Dubbed Muskrat

Wing: Dark Ealk hair tyed fly back over the body

Hackle: Dun tyed dry

WSCFFI Awards Nominations 2024

By Sam Matalone



Members affiliated with Washington FFI are engaged in education, conservation, and environmental stewardship statewide. Since the formation of Washington FFI in the 1960s, our members and affiliated clubs have played an invaluable role in conserving and protecting countless acres of stream and riverbank. We bring people together in the vigorous defense of ecosystems and committed efforts to share the best in fly tying, casting, and fishing skills.

Each year, the Washington State Council gives up to 7 awards for excellence in education, conservation and leadership to various members and affiliated clubs. In addition, there are numerous national level awards. Each year we go through a nomination and selection process. You and your colleagues are the engine that drives that and FFI awards are a way to say thanks and invite deeper commitment.

Awards nominations will be open from February 1st, 2024 until April 15th, 2024, with the finalists to be announced in May 2024.

To review the awards along with the criteria for each of the 7 Washington State Council Awards, go to: <https://wscffi.org/award/>

Or

Go to the home page on our the Washington State Council FFI website (wscffi.org), on the menu bar at the top of the page place your cursor over “ABOUT US”. A drop down menu will appear, click on “AWARDS”.

On the “Awards Page” you will find:

- All Washington State Council FFI Awards and criteria
- Past Council Award recipients
- National Award Recipients (WSCFFI members)
- On Line Nomination Forms for the following awards (active link starting on February 1, 2024:
- WSCFFI Fly Fisher of the Year
- Washington State Council Fly Tying Hall of Fame Award
- The Jimmy Green Memorial Fly Casting Instructors Award
- Washington Conservation Award (club or organization)
- Mackay Conservation Award (individual)
- Club Education Award
- Pat Herdt Education Award (individual)

After reviewing the awards, the next step is to nominate one of the unsung heroes in our organization. There is a link to the nomination page on the home page of our website (www.wscffi.org) active on February 1, 2024 and on the awards page.

If you have any difficulties with the on-line nomination process, please send an email with your nomination to: webmaster@wscffi.org

In addition to this article in the newsletter, beginning Feb 1, 2024, we will be using our various social media account to keep everyone aware of the various awards, key dates and updates.

It is our desire to get the most qualified candidate for each award. Within all groups there are many unsung heroes who may not get the recognition they deserve. Please, help us to make sure every qualified award recipient is identified.

Watch our Facebook and Instagram posts for more information.

Send in those nominations!

You have until April 15th, 2024

Which will be way more entertaining than preparing your taxes!



President Steve Jones

It takes a plan to pull off a fishing trip with friends

First you've got to consider whether to go to familiar water or someplace new. Would you like a guide? Do you need a guide? Who's driving and when? Cabin or camp? If you're renting a cabin, do you cook or eat out? And once you decide, there is the next question of who cooks which nights? It gets even more complicated when you bring boats and even more complicated when you've got to organize river shuttles. It's a crazy amount of detail, yet all of us figure it out several times a year. A 2019 study by an industry group called the Recreational Boating and Fishing Association found that there are about 7 million fly fishers in the U.S. that each go on about 11 outings each year.

That's a lot of planning.

So, it stands to reason that since September the directors of the Washington State Council of FFI have been at work on a plan themselves. Of course we fish, but this plan is about going after a different trophy: you.

Directors of Washington State Council FFI joined this board because they believe there is value in an organization of fly fishers dedicated to education, conservation and community. The question for us has always been how to deliver on that mission. It's not as easy as it sounds; first of all Washington is a big state. Since September, directors have held monthly Zoom meetings when we've puzzled through these questions and we're ready to share our plan. Over the next three years we want to make this organization more engaging for you, more useful in your fishing and more meaningful in its conservation and advocacy efforts. We want to make you happy you joined and proud to tell a friend they might want to think about joining too. We want to make FFI matter, for you.

Here goes.

In the next three years FFI will host at least three casting and tying events each year.

In 2024, we will start at the Fly Fishing Show Feb. 17-18 at Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue where Washington State Council FFI will have a booth and host the FFI Learning Center there to teach fly tying, knots and other basic skills. Also on Feb. 17, FFI will host a reception at 4:30 after the show and before the beginning of the Fly Fishing Film Tour at 6 p.m. Watch the FFI Website, Instagram and Facebook for a package deal that will offer you admission to the show and our reception Feb. 17. Stop by the reception to grab a snack and a beer and catch up with friends. There will be a presentation on an important campaign to designate several new Wild & Scenic Rivers on the Olympic Peninsula and drawings at the end for a new Thomas & Thomas 5wt. fly rod and other gifts. Watch your email and our Instagram and Facebook for ticket details.

On May 4, the FFI Fly Casting Fair will once again be held. The location is still being studied but it will be in the greater Puget Sound area. This year's fair will offer an expanded focus on the new FFI Skills Development Course along with classes with the distinguished roster of FFI Certified Casting Instructors and Master Certified Instructors in our state. Then in September 2024, we will take the Casting Fair on the road to Vancouver, where we will hold our first event in that part of the state. Look for details on the date and location in our spring newsletter.

Next year, we also want to introduce as many FFI members and clubs as possible to the Casting Skills Development Course. FFI is putting on a push nationwide to help members improve their cast and lead more toward seeking Certified Instructor status. The first step in the effort is to show members what the Skills Development Course is all about. FFI Director and CI Marion Hiller and Master Casting Instructor Molly Seminik are offering Skills Development now in the Bellingham area. In spring, FFI Director and CI Jim Black and Washington Director and Casting Coordinator Neal Hoffberg are going to be offering the same program in the South Puget Sound area. We're taking the Skills Development Course to your neighborhoods.

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Home Water Continued

Beyond events in 2024 we want to rekindle links with our Eastern Washington clubs with an eye toward holding an FFI event in Spokane in 2025. In 2025 we also want to create an event focused on fly tying and resume holding an annual membership meeting to conclude the directors election and present awards to members who make noteworthy contributions to our sport.

Then looking out to 2026, we want to hold a multi-day event similar to the Washington State Council FFI Expo held for more than a decade in Ellensburg, WA. Covid put the brakes on the Expo and we are looking ahead to 2026 to bring back another event that draws from every corner of the state.

That's the rough outline of the plan. FFI directors hope you will become as engaged with the mission as we are. If you've got thoughts on the goals, please write to me at president@wscffi.org

Thanks.

In closing, I want to welcome the newest members of Washington FFI at the 4th Corner Fly Fishers of Bellingham.

The club voted in November to become affiliated with Fly Fishers International. Thanks to Frank Koterba, club Treasurer, who invested the time in learning about FFI and the benefits we offer affiliated clubs. And thanks to all the members of 4th Corner who gave us the thumbs up.

Alpine Fly Fishers



For The Year 2024

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

Washington State Council's FFI Update for February

*By Steve Jones
President WSCFFI*

The Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy is June 22-29 and now is the time to enroll your kids and grandkids ages 12 to 16 in the week-long camp at Panhandle Lake near Shelton WA. Go to NWYCFFA.com for details and to enroll. In addition to educating kids from your clubs, now is a good time to consider a donation to the Academy. For 20 years, the Washington councils of Trout Unlimited and FFI have run the camp and kept enrollment fees low to enable families to afford it. The Academy also offers scholarships to those who need them. Now is a good time for clubs to donate to the Academy as well. Thanks.

The Washington State Council supports excellence in fly tying, fly casting, education and conservation and invites you to nominate your friends and your fly clubs for our annual awards. Every club has leaders that keep the club going and growing. Nominating those men and women for the annual Washington Council Awards program is a way to say thanks. Details about awards and nomination forms are available on the WSCFFI.ORG Website, click on the About Us tab and click on Awards.

Please join FFI at the Fly Fishing Show, Feb. 17 at Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue. Washington State Council FFI is hosting a reception at the show Saturday from 4:30 to 6 pm where FFI members and friends can gather to say hello and learn about a game-changing conservation strategy for Olympic Peninsula salmon and steelhead rivers. The \$30 FFI ticket buys full day entry to the show plus the reception with savory snacks and a chance to win a new Thomas & Thomas 5wt fly rod and other quality gear. FFI also will host the Learning Center at the show where we will offer walk-in instruction on fly tying, knots and casting if space is available. Tickets are available on the WSCFFI.ORG Website.

The Fly Casting Fair is returning to Ballinger Park May 4 with a full day of skills development for fly casters and tyers. The event is a great place for FFI members throughout Puget Sound to connect. Watch for details in spring. Tight lines to all!



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

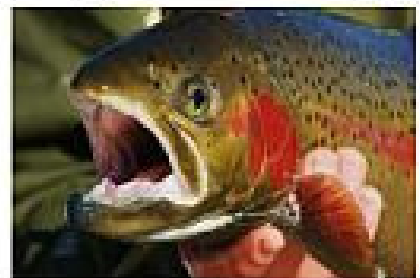
\$500 Enrollment Fee - Limited Scholarships Available

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.

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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
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- 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
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- 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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**SAFEGUARDING THE LONG-TERM
HEALTH OF FLY FISHING AROUND
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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!**

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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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- 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



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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 <input type="checkbox"/> | Sustainer - \$250 / Yr <input type="checkbox"/> |
|---|---|---|--|
| 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!* |
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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) \$ _____

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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.

February / March 2024

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| <p>"There is nothing in the world more beautiful than the forest clothed to its very hollows in snow. It is the still ecstasy of nature, wherein every spray, every blade of grass, every spire of reed, every intricacy of twig, is clad with radiance." - William Sharp</p> | | | | 1 February | 2 | 3 |
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| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Fly Fishing Show– Bellevue Meydenbauer |
| 18 Fly Fishing Show– Bellevue Meydenbauer | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 Club Meeting | 28 | 29 | <p>"Away in a meadow all covered with snow The little old groundhog looks for his shadow The clouds in the sky determine our fate If winter will leave us all early or late." - Don Halley</p> | |

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| <p>"You ask me why I dwell in the green mountain; I smile and make no reply for my heart is free of care. As the peach-blossom flows down stream and is gone into the unknown, I have a world apart that is not among men." - Li Bai (701 - 762 AD)</p> | | | | | | 1 March | 2 |
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