

Alpine Fly Fishers

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March 26

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The Dead Drift - March 2024

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President's Line

By Larry Gibbs

Busy times for fly fishing gatherings. I hope some of you made it to the Fly Fishing Show in February at Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue. If so, did you check out the WA State Council booth, the fly tyers and the casting at the Learning Center?

Now you can head down to Albany, OR for the **Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo** put on by the Oregon Council and Fly Fishers International. Friday and Saturday, March 8 & 9. This is really a great event. Usually over a hundred fly tyers, casting demonstrations, vendors selling all kinds of neat fly fishing 'stuff'.

The **WSC Fly Casting Fair** is returning to Ballinger Park on May 4 with a full day of skills development for fly casters and fly tyers. You REALLY need to attend this fantastic event. More detail about that in later issues of our newsletter.

When I first started being the editor of our newsletter, I decided we needed a name rather than just 'our newsletter' so I called it The Dead Drift. That is a very important fly presentation method when you are fishing, especially on streams or rivers. Both on the surface when fishing dry flies or subsurface when fishing a nymph, the dead drift allows the fly to look just like all the other edible goodies that are floating down the river. If you have drag or pull on the line, that transfers to the fly and the presentation to the fish will not 'look right' and they ignore the fly. Naturally, as with everything, there are exceptions to this rule. Sometimes a twitch is good, if the actual bug in question does a twitch either on the surface or below, but that is not the norm. Then there are the times when you will actually skate a fly over the surface, but again not the norm. Our lives have been based on 'norms' and for the most part, they all have a reason for being there and for us to follow them. I have always hoped that people would rely on common sense when dealing with our 'norms' but I am afraid that many do not. So, in your daily routine or when you are fishing, please rely on common sense when you go about your day. We want to keep you around for a long time.

If you read all the pages of this newsletter, you will understand why I am mentioning a memory of mine about sardines. When I was very young my father and I had spent a long day hunting in the Busywild area out of Eatonville. We did not have a lunch with us so when we got back to the rig we found we had a loaf of bread and a can of sardines. Up to then I did not like sardines but after eating that sandwich I started liking sardine sandwiches.

"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

March 2010

Shop Vac

By Bob Bates



This is a go to fly for many anglers. It is a generic pattern representing many different insects. With its white wing and brass bead it has been called a great searching pattern. Roger Thompson, Inkom, ID tied this one at the 2009 East Idaho Fly Tying Expo in Idaho Falls, ID. It was developed years ago by Craig Mathews and company at Blue Ribbon Flies in West Yellowstone, MT. It can be used in streams or lakes. One reference said that it most effective in tail waters, but it is excellent in freestone waters. Any type of fly line can be used depending how deep you want to fish it. Some anglers use it as a dropper from a high floating pattern like a stonefly, hopper or may fly.

When fishing it deep in a stream, adjust the length of the leader to be twice the estimated depth of the water. Then cast upstream so it will sink as it comes back to you. Watch end of the fly line to detect a strike.

If you are using a floating pattern as a strike indicator be sure to watch it carefully. If the floating pattern does anything strange like stop, move upstream or sideways, tighten your line. It might be a rock or a nice brown trout.

I usually don't STRIKE because that is when the tippet breaks. I just tighten the line, and if it wiggles it is probably a fish.

In lakes you can use a floating line or any of the sinking lines to put the fly in the proper place. Let the fly sink to where you think the fish are, and then retrieve the fly in a manner to attract the fish. Books have been written on the subject.

Materials List:

Hook: DaiRiki 135, 14

Bead: Brass 3/32

Gold Thread: Uni-thread, 8/0 white

Rib: Copper wire, small

Body: Pheasant tail

Wing: Darlon, Zelon or Sparkle yarn, white

Tying steps:

1. Attach thread behind bead.
2. Hold copper wire on top of hook, and wind thread over it to past the barb.
3. Attach 6 or 8 pheasant tail fibers on top of hook.
4. Wind thread forward to just behind the bead, and then wrap pheasant tail fibers forward to bead, secure and trim excess.
5. Spiral the copper wire forward and secure. Wiggle the wire to break it off. Sometimes when the wire is cut, a sharp edge is left that cuts the thread. Also Roger is reluctant to use his good scissors for cutting wire.
6. Select a small bundle of Darlon, and attach it as a wing behind the bead. Trim at back of the body. (Other tiers make shorter wings.)
7. Whip finish, trim thread and coat thread winds with a little head cement.

Closing comments: As with any great fly there are a few variations. One tier used chartreuse wire. Another added two winds of lead free wire and shoved it into the back of the bead. Two others added a peacock herl thorax (under the wing and in front of the wing). They all sing the praises of the Shop Vac as a great fish catcher. It is easy to tie, so tie a few and go fishing.

Back of Beyond

Stephen Neal

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

High and Lonesome our High Desert Treasure



Just got off the phone with Steve, a fellow steel-header, he called from the road. He had just spent a week in and around Death Valley, camping, taking pictures and fighting Covid. His experiences are worthy of their own story, but those are stories I'll save for a future article. His action and adventure recounting sent me down the backroads of my past. I love the roots I have put down in the Pacific Northwest (PNW). These current PNW roots are transplants from other homes and earlier times. In one of those earlier times, Terry and I planted roots in the Great Basin, specifically Northern Nevada (Battle Born, Silver State). From the back of a horse, I succumbed to the spell of its sparse and raw beauty, its wide-open space, its preeminent plant life, the sagebrush. Yes, I fell under its spell, and there are times it pulls me back, those roots from my past.


I miss its high desert environment with wide-open vistas. As an introvert born of two introverted parents, its high and lonesome, was a comfort to me, a release from the stress of too many people. I miss that too. A western saying I adopted: "I like my neighbors more when they're scattered some", still rings true. The sweet tangy aroma of sagebrush after a rain, what an amazing smell, I miss that too. I also miss the music of the high desert wind in the wire. It is the music of wind, wooden posts, wire staples, and stretched barbed wire fences leading towards the horizon. The baritone of whispering sagebrush to completes the ensemble.

*The Great Basin (Gran Cuenca – Spanish) that encompasses nearly all of Nevada much of Utah, and portions of California, Idaho, Oregon, and Baja California. Its lowest point is Badwater Basin in Death Valley 282 feet below sea level, (Steve recently had a close encounter at Badwater Basin) and its highest point is Mount Whitney 14,505 feet above sea level. Nevada averages more than a mile of elevation above sea level. Gran Cuenca/Great Basin owes its name to its geographic shape, none of the water that fall in the great Basin leaves the Great Basin, no water flows to the oceans. But this basin is no smooth sided dish, it holds mountains, in fact Nevada, is the most mountainous state in the union. Think washbasin/sink, filled with barnacles, throw in volcanoes, vanished massive ice age lakes, Paiute Indians, ranchers, buckaroos, Basque, horses, cattle and sheep, miners, transcontinental railroads, throw in sagebrush, lots of sagebrush, and don't forget the deer, big horn sheep, beaver, rabbit, badger, and badger holes (buckaroo & horse wrecks), sage grouse, ruffed grouse, chukar and mountain quail. That will give you a glimmer of its spell. Oh! be sure and add coyotes, their yips and howls add to the ambiance.



To keep a little of Nevada wherever we have put down roots; Terry and I have brought sagebrush with us. If it didn't make the move, we replaced it on our next trip to Terry's, hometown, Elko, NV. Sagebrush (*Artemisia tridentata* Nuttall), ranges north to south from British Columbia to Baja California and as far east as the Dakotas. So ubiquitous is sagebrush in this western landscape that Zane Grey used its imagery, to depict the western landscape in his Western Novels. It is featured prominently in his best-known book, *Riders of the Purple Sage*.

Sagebrush is well adapted to the Western and Great Basin environment, it excels in surviving and prospering in the arid climate of the intermountain region. (Sierra Nevada mountains to the Rocky mountains) As the ice age receded the once great lakes shriveled, leaving tufa formation as monuments to their past. Today the vast majority of water moving inland from Pacific Ocean storms is scraped off by the Sierra Nevada Mountain range. Leaving little moisture for the land beyond the Range of Light. The demarcation of wet to dry is dramatic, once you cross the mountain's crests, the vegetation become sparse and stunted.

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The plant and animal life here has adapted to less moisture. On the eastern mountain slopes sagebrush put down its roots and claimed the intermountain west as its homeland. The great basin supports some of the oldest living trees on earth, Bristle Cone Pines. These methuselah's (5,000 Years of age) locations are protected, as too much love is detrimental to their existence. We humans are pin pricks in the arch of life, we are without doubt, too big for our britches. Hell, in the Great Basin I have ridden through sagebrush forest where the sagebrush was taller than me and I was on a horse looking up through the sagebrush canopy to see the sky. It's past time to take care of what we have.

In the settlement of the west, mistakes were made, thank goodness we are at least recognizing some of those mistakes and some effort is being put into practice to address our shortcomings in managing our resources. Sagebrush's true value is finally being recognized.

****Big sagebrush is possibly the most important shrub on western rangelands. With its evergreen leaves and high seed production it is an excellent food source and winter feed for mule, black-tailed, and white-tailed deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, bighorn sheep and jackrabbits. Its ecosystem is home to almost a hundred bird species. In addition, sage grouse, sharp tailed grouse, pygmy rabbits, sage thrashers, sage sparrows and brewer sparrows and big sagebrush are dependent on each other for survival.**

Because sagebrush plants maintain high levels of nutrients and crude protein it is also forage for wildlife and livestock. Because big sagebrush has a two-part root system, a deep tap root and a shallow, diffused root system. This allows it to bring deep soil moisture to the surface during the day and then release it into the upper soil at night, thereby allowing grasses to grow in its protection. Big sagebrush also capture and helps retain snow fall which increases soil moisture. Smart plants, it gets the most use from limited resources and share it with its neighbors. All things prosper within its sphere of influence. We now know to protect sagebrush as it benefits us with its presence. Too long it was removed to promote grass for grazing, that action is counterproductive, in truth sagebrush presence, promotes more grass growth than its removal.



The United States owes its inventiveness, resourcefulness, and resilience to its natural environment. We need our outdoors and those interactions with nature. It has taught us so much and we still have much to learn. Right now, more than ever people need to protect what gave our country and its people strength. Protect our natural environment.

May you be blessed to know the smell of sagebrush after a rain, witness our Purple Mountain Majesties stretched across the horizon, in a sea of sagebrush carpeting the land, while the sound of barbed wire sings in the wind. Nature is our greatest gift, treasure it.

Thank you, Steve, for opening the door to my back trail, and thank you readers for letting me take you down my backroad.

*WikipediA

**USDA NRCS – Plant Guide

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

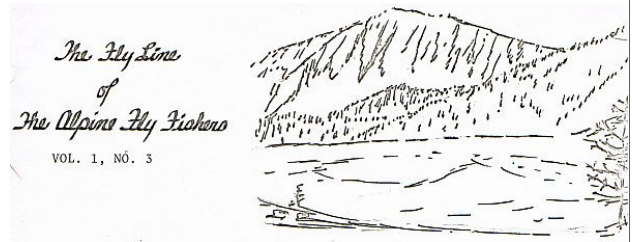


~ In The Past ~

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

October of 1980

Editor: Ed Monger



This *~ In The Past ~* article was published in 1980. The information it contains is **44** years out of date and is not accurate.

This is a historical document only.

Program: The program will be shared between Chris Jones and Pat Trotter. Chris will show slides of this year's Elwha River trip and Pat will show slides of his summer fishing trip to California. This will be an interesting program.

Door Prizes: Our Ghillie, Steve Anderson, is in England. We will have door prizes at the meeting, but this time their identity is a secret.

October Fishout: The October Fishout, at Dry Falls Lake on October 11 & 12, was attended by two members. The trip was fine with beautiful weather on Saturday. Jim Higgins expressed some disappointment on the way the water level in the lake has changed. Not too many fish were landed, but the big ones were a lot of fun. We spent Sunday exploring the Yakima River between Ellensburg and Cle Ellum. Jim reports that it has changed a lot, but looks very fishable.

Leader Night: The premeeting activity at this month's meeting will be a leader tying session led by Pat Trotter and Chris Jones. Bring some leader material and get ready for your next trips.

Fly of the Month:

Inch Long and Green by Jim Higgins

- Hook: #10 3XL
- Tail: Pheasant tail feathers, 4 or 5 barbules
- Body: Dark, medium olive chenille
- Wingcase: One inch wide strip of tail feather tied over shoulder with tips tied to the side as legs
- Shoulder: Same material as body, wrapped slightly heavier

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!

Washington Fly Fishers International Fly Casting Fair

Sat May 4, 2024 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Mountlake Terrace Ballinger Park, 98043

Fly Fishers International and Mountlake Terrace Recreation

Fly Casting Fair



The Washington State Council of FFI will hold a Fly Casting Fair May 4th at Ballinger Park in Mountlake Terrace Washington. The day-long event will offer Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced, Women Casting, Spey Classes and an introduction to Fly Tying course geared for all ages. There will be Fly tying demonstrations, a free Walk-in Casting clinic and Casting Skills Development Course led by FFI certified instructors. Please bring your own equipment (not required for fly tying course). Except for the Spey Class, the recommended rod is 9ft 5wt. You have 7.5' of leader with a yarn fly attached. We will have a minimum number of loaner rods. The WSCFFI highly recommends that you wear a hat and sun glasses or other protective eyewear. Sun screen is recommended.

To sign up for the event go to the url below:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/washingtonflyfishersinternational/1147114>

Alpine Fly Fishers



For The Year 2024

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

- 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

Guest Speaker for March

Our very own Peter Maunsell will be talking to us and showing us some great pictures about fishing in New Zealand.

Washington State Council's FFI Update for March

*By Steve Jones
President WSCFFI*

The Fly Casting Fair is returning to Ballinger Park May 4 with a full day of skills development for fly casters and fly tyers. This year's event will feature an expanded Skills Development Course where individuals or groups can practice the fine points of casting and earn Bronze, Silver and Gold level recognition from FFI. By popular demand, we are offering beginning fly tying in both the morning and afternoon. That's on top of a roster of casting classes from beginning through advanced and lunchtime demonstrations of casting accuracy, shooting line and distance casting. The event is a great place for FFI members throughout Puget Sound to connect. There will be coffee and snacks available for purchase in the morning and lunch at noon. Head to the Council website at WSCFFI.ORG for details and to register. See you at the Casting Fair!

The Washington 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.

The FFI Learning Center at the Fly Fishing Show, Feb. 17 at Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue was a big success. Visitors learned the details of fly tying, casting and important conservation initiatives FFI is pursuing. We also engaged with dozens of people interested in sending kids to the NW Youth Academy. Thanks to our volunteer casting and tying instructors. Special thanks to the more than 50 people who attended the FFI Reception after the show Saturday and Jonathan Owen of Wild Olympics for his presentation on the campaign to designate Wild & Scenic status to several peninsula rivers and expand wilderness in the national forest.

John sent in another bit of humor:

Pupils at an elementary school we're asked to write in 50 words or less the effect of oil on fish.

An eleven-year-old wrote, " Last night my mother opened a can of sardines. It was full of oil and all the sardines were dead."



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

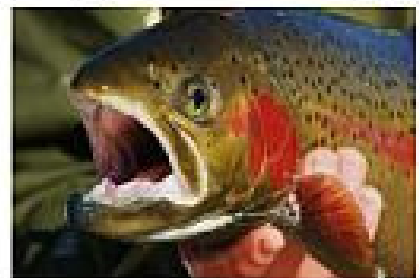
\$500 Enrollment Fee - Limited Scholarships Available

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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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 25 years. 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 & the Legacy Circle. I was a member of the Thousand Stewards program until I joined the President's Club. 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
THE WORLD**
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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!**

*See enclosed card envelope for payment options.
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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



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INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN THE FFI



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ALL WATERS™**



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 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

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Address _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Club(s) Affiliation _____

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

Card # _____ Expire Date: ____/____/____



FLY FISHERS
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Membership Levels

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

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

Standard - \$35 / Yr <input type="checkbox"/>	Advocate - \$75 / Yr <input type="checkbox"/>	Steward - \$125 / Yr	Sustainer - \$250 / Yr
Includes full access to FFI Learning Center, Online	*Includes all Benefits of Standard Membership!*	*Includes all Benefits of Standard Membership!*	*Includes all Benefits of Standard Membership!*
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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 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.

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"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)

					1 March	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 NWFF Expo, Albany	9 NWFF Expo, Albany
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 31	25	26 Club Meeting	27	28	29	30

"Spring would not be spring without bird songs." - Francis M. Chapman

		1 April	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Club Meeting	26	27	28	29	30
		<p>"The April rain, the April rain, Comes slanting down in fitful showers, Then from the furrow shoots the grain, And banks are fledged with nestling flowers; And in grey shawl and woodland bowers, The cuckoo through the April rain Calls once again." - Mathilde Blind, April Rain (1841 - 1896)</p>					

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