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The Dead Drift - April 2024

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President's Line

By Larry Gibbs

We just had our final meeting at the Puerto Vallarta. Since September of 2009 we have been meeting there, 14.5 years. Guess that didn't mean much to the new manager and management style at that restaurant. We have been kicked out, booted out, dismissed as customers because they decided to establish new criteria for groups using that banquet room.

- #1. An absolute minimum of 25 people
- #2. Everyone has to order a meal, not just drinks.
- #3. A \$50 fee has been put into place for each night the room is used.

I was willing to pay the \$50 room fee, as long as we could stay with the 14 or so members who do show up for meetings. But, no, absolutely not. We are no longer welcomed at the Puerto Vallarta. So they would rather just lose the money we inject into the business than have us use the room. Well, I shall never set foot in that restaurant again.

To say I was shocked is an understatement. After 14.5 years we get kicked out. Wow. Prior to the Covid shutdown, most of our meetings were within their new guideline of 25 minimum. But, after Covid, we have pushed it to have 15 members show up and sometimes only 11, like this last meeting in March.

A couple years ago, Ron and I did some deep studies of possible new locations for our meetings, we even forced ourselves to eat at some possible locations (yep, some had really good food). We were not able to locate a new location. So, I guess I shall now let my fingers and then my feet do the walking to find a new home for our meetings.

My criteria: Has to be in the Puyallup/Sumner area. Good parking. Decent food. A banquet room for a fair amount of privacy so we can have decent conversations and be able to hear the guest speakers during their presentations. I suspect we will end up having to pay a fee for the use of the room since that seems to be the norm now days.

I have started my search already but the choices are few and far apart.

"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

April 2010

Smoke Jumper

By Bob Bates



To me this is an interesting pattern that is not too difficult to tie and it catches fish, both good objectives. Carolyn Sells tied this fly at the 2009 Washington State Council Fly Fishing Fair, Ellensburg, WA May 1st and 2nd. Carolyn didn't talk about the history of the pattern while she tied it, so I did an internet search on "Smoke Jumper fly pattern." Guess what? Other patterns with the same name showed up. It turns out that Mike Hoiness, Yellowstone Fly Goods, tied the original one as a crippled midge emerger. Yellowstone Fly Goods, Billings, MT is a distributor, and they have marketed their Smoke Jumper for four years to fly shops in Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, etc.. Their flies are tied on Tiemco 2488 or DaiRiki 125 hooks with a scud back body, CDC shell back and wing and peacock herl thorax.

Now back to Carolyn's Smoke Jumper. Hers is a Hackle Stacker pattern. That is kind of obvious when you look at the fly above. The original Hackle Stacker is a mayfly emerger pattern. Bob Quigley is often cited as the developer of this fly although the technique can also be attributed to Jim Cramer and the late Ned Long. As with any technique that produces great trout catching flies there are many variations for mayflies, midges and other insects. The springtime websites in the Montana and Idaho talk about using it to attract fish feeding on midges. Naturally, they recommend smaller sizes 18 – 20. Your job is to look at the insects trout are feeding on in your favorite stream, and tie the sizes and colors needed. Fish it like any other dry fly or emerger: Floating line, long leader and drag free float. The smaller flies are hard to see so some anglers string it behind a more visible pattern like a hopper or parachute with a Hi-Viz wing. Then if you see a splash behind the visible pattern, strike gently.

Materials List:

Hook: Tiemco TMC 2312 sizes 14-22 TMC 200R is OK for smaller sizes

Thread: White 14/0

Body: Stretch tubing, micro size

Hackle: Grizzly

Tying steps:

1. Bend the front part of the hook downward a little as shown. Be careful to not damage the hook when you do this. Use smooth jaw pliers or the jaws of the vise. Serrated jaw pliers can damage the hook so it will break when a nice fish hits. Believe me, I know.
2. Wind thread on hook from eye to the bend you put in shank.
3. Secure Stretch Tubing at the bend you put in the shank, spiral thread tightly rearward to a point over the barb. Spiral thread forward to front of Stretch Tubing and half hitch. Now you can put the thread out of the way on a post, etc. as Carolyn did.
4. Pull the Stretch Tubing tightly, wrap it forward to the bent shank and secure. Trim excess tubing.
5. With a red permanent marker, paint rear 1/3rd or 1/4th of Stretch Tubing all the way around hook.
6. Use a black permanent marker to paint over some of the red and the rest of the Stretch Tubing.
7. Tie a loop of 5X tippet at front of body. Make the loop of the proper length to fit on a gallows tool. (Although not as convenient, Step 10 can be done without a gallows tool. Make the loop short enough so it can be held with the first finger of the left hand, and you will be able to wrap the hackle with the right hand.)
8. Put monofilament loop on gallows tool.
9. Select a hackle with barbs (fibers) of a standard length for the hook size. The barb length should be equal to 1-1/2 times the gap width. Attach to hook in front of monofilament loop with long part of hackle to rear.
10. Wrap hackle 6 turns up and 6 turns down, and secure around monofilament loop.
11. Wind thread to eye. Take loop off gallows tool, and spread loop to move the hackle down to hook.
12. Stroke barbs back, pull monofilament loop forward through the barbs and put a couple of thread wraps over it. Keep barbs out of the way to prevent trapping them, pull the loop hard forward, secure loop and wind thread to eye. Trim excess monofilament loop.
13. Whip finish, trim thread and paint head with black marker.

Closing comments: This pattern is a combination of two other patterns the original Smoke Jumper and the original Hackle Stacker. It catches fish, and the tying technique can be used to tie a variety of patterns including blue wing olives and pale morning duns. You might want to use a smaller material for the body on small flies. Invent your own to solve that special fishing problem. With smaller flies, like 22, 24 and 26, some tiers will use 7X or 8X tippet for the monofilament loop. These patterns catch fish so tie up a few, and go fishing.

Back of Beyond

Stephen Neal

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

Steelhead Weather

The back of my pickup is a damp tangled mess, it's my own damn fault. Although wet weather played its part. As I contemplated the task before me, I went back to the end of February, our Steelhead fishing journey started wet and finished wet. The silver lining was ideal weather conditions for steelhead fishing. A freshening river, light rain, and clear water. Fishable river levels and flows at just the right amount of speed to get the fly down and presentable. Our trip had been simmering since December, but abundant amounts of rain and high-water levels kept pushing it back. Greg was keeping his eye on the weather and Sean on water levels. A window opened up and we went for it. We set up camp beside the Bogie, (Bogachiel) and headed upriver in search of winter steelhead. Steelhead numbers are down and only a few of the Olympic Peninsula (OP) rivers are open for fishing. A few is better than none in previous years.


The tri-surface (asphalt, gravel, & dirt) access road wound inland following the contours of the river valley and Olympic mountains. We skirted beaver ponds and splashed through road puddles as we left human settlement further behind. The further we traveled; the road's surface reclaimed its birth incarnation. The access road ended at a bull dozed cut in the side of a hill. The parking area was no longer a rough cut, time and rain have softened its bulldozed features. Just enough vehicle use has prevented its complete absorption back into its natural rain forest state. The OP is a world of damp, thick growth, tall and massive timber, and concealing undergrowth, you leave the trail at your own peril, cross country travel can only be accomplished by following Elk trails and those contain pitfalls. Already wearing our waders and boots we slid out of the pickup and donned our waterproof packs and with rods in hand, we descended through the encompassing rainforest into the Bogachiel river valley. The rain forest is a wild place in constant change, but its change is cloaked by constant new growth, its scars healed over and covered by new green growth. Splintered limbs and fallen giants are soon covered with seedlings, moss, ferns, and fungi all quickly soften the appearance of the broken and shattered.



The river valley presents a different wild. Here raw change is evident wherever your gaze falls. Frequent highwater events tear new paths, constantly altering the landscape through which it passes. Do not count on the trail you used last year or even last month taking you where it once did. Your next step may drop you into the river. The high bank is now a river bar, or the perfect run is now a log jam, freshly deposited giants require long detours or maybe a new bridge to a new favorite run. Monster trees that are giants to us are mere match sticks when tossed about by the forces of nature. These behemoth trees are strewn like straw amongst displaced boulders, swales, and promontories. Eventually the trees will make it to the sea as periodic flushes push out the old and deposit the new.

Cross country travel across a gravel bar to the river can be as difficult as a walk through a rainforest. Point A does not always lead to B you may have to go to M and back to J to get to B. What looks accessible may not be as it appears. Each step must be judged and executed with care, rocks, roots, barbed vines and fallen limbs all conspire to pull you down. In this wild and beautiful environment, you earn each journey you undertake. No wonder Steelhead are powerful and smart, this is their home, and it has made them strong and wise. This is a fish that can make multiple trips to the ocean. It returns a stunning chrome color looking for food and redds to reproduce. They will repeat this circle many times if we allow them too. On this day, low clouds intermingled with the dark-green cedars, hemlocks, firs and gray splotched, white barked, alders. The rain forest and river valley are quite, muted by the low-lying clouds, the only song we hear is the river, our footsteps in the sand and gravel of the river bar, and gently falling rain. Steelhead weather, but the perfect atmosphere for steelhead sends chills through our wet rain jackets, lucky for us, hiking, wading, fishing, and our packed lunch produced enough self-generated body heat and gets us through our Steelheading day.

Over two days of Steelheading we three piscatorial aficionados manage to ascertain the presence of steelhead in the Bogie. Our survey equipment 12-foot, 7/8wt. Spey rods, 10-foot T10 sinking line and three feet of 15lb tippet and tube flies. With this setup we pursued magnificent fish, but alas the landing of a chrome beauty was not to be.

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Between the three of us we attained, a hook-up with a jump, a take, a nibble, and spotted a rolling fish. In conversations with a few other steelhead fishermen, our brief fish contacts put us at high stick, for our two days of fishing. In a low return year, just the opportunity to say hello to this beautiful aquatic being, is welcomed and appreciated.

After a day descending and climbing river valley access trails, wading, backtracking, winter Steelheading and dampness, dry clothes, dinner, music, a campfire, a day's recounting with friends and a wee dram of the "water of life" (whiskey) our evenings quickly restored our depleted energy supply, and we were ready to do it all over again. Whiskey's Latin roots - ((Irish/Galic), Uisce beatha, Uisce meaning - water, beatha meaning - life, over time Uisce beatha was shortened and is now pronounce Whiskey), On the morning, we broke camp, it rained all night and throughout camp disassembly and packing. To minimize water exposure, all equipment was hastily flung into the pickup, my usual packing routine was abandoned. My hope was that on my return home that I would have time to air everything out and reorganize. It was a false hope, I only had time to unload and get everything spread out undercover so that it could dry and opened the tent to let it air and buttoned it back up before the rain returned.



Now three weeks later my wished for, dry spell had finally materialized. I now had time to put my house/truck back in order. All time in the back-of-beyond requires preparation and clean up. When I pulled open my kitchen and storage drawers, I had a site of clean up to do. Wet setups and tear downs are part of the visits to the OP. It comes with the territory. I admit I was a little dismayed at the mess of stakes and ropes that needed to be detangled. Take your worst wind knot and multiply it by a factor of five, add water, dirt, twigs, fir needles, and about twenty ropes in various sizes from three-feet to fifteen-feet and a plethora of galvanized spikes and you will understand my dismay. An hour of labor sorted the problem. The rest of the truck took a little longer. The upside, it was done in spring sunshine and the truck, kitchen, gear, and my water of life stash is replenished, and all is ready for our next fishing trip in May. Woohoo!!

Thank you, Sean, and Greg, for showing me new country, new water, and as always for our time around the campfire.

Ps: Dear readers, I lost all the pictures I took on this trip, these pictures are from a previous trip to the OP on a different, now closed river, but same environment. On this trip we often remarked on how much the two rivers resembled each other although the Bogie is rockier, and we lost more flies.

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

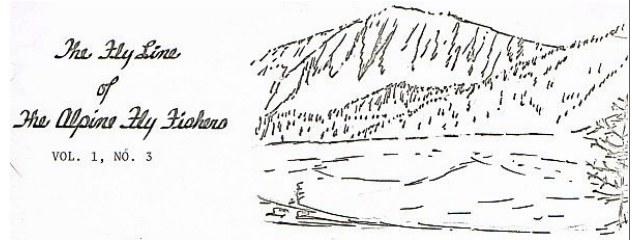


~ *In The Past* ~

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

November 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: Bring your tying vise, some basic materials and your favorite fly patterns. This will be a unique session, led by Jim Higgins, which should prove to be a very interesting evening. Come to tie or watch and swap information. Learn what others feel are their most productive patterns.

Door Prizes: The book "The Caddis and the Angler" by Solomon and Leischer
Sportsman's scissors with barb crusher and shot spreader

November Board Meeting: The board of trustees met on November 10th with five members present. Jim Higgins gave Steve Anderson, Ghillie, the plastic boxes of flies to be given to each guest of our club. Each box has six fine flies in it, a fine remembrance of an evening with us. The problem of what to do about our monthly programs was discussed. Gene Rivers has sent word that he would be willing to help, so...the program committee for the coming year will be: Gene Rivers, Chairman, with Phil White and Chris Jones as committee members.

Nomination of Officers: The following able and willing members have been nominated for 1981:

President:	Rose Marie Raudebaugh
Vice President:	Jim Higgins
Secretary:	Steve Anderson
Treasurer:	Bruce Jones
Ghillie:	Bob Giese
Trustee:	Dick Mazza

Members and Guests Needed! It was noted at the last board meeting that our membership is quite low and we are having much trouble getting the minimum of twelve people to our meetings. The club had to buy four dinners last week. With the attractive box of flies now to be given to each guest, it is a good time to talk that friend who has always seemed interested in those fuzzy things you play with to attend with you. **MORE MEMBERS ARE ALSO NEEDED AT THE MEETINGS!** If you have any ideas for perking things up, we would be glad to hear them.

Fly of the Month:

Hairy Brown Leech originated by Al Troth
(creator of the Elk Hair Caddis)

Montana Riverboat Photo



Hook: #6 or 8, 2x or 3x long (#8, 3xl seemed best)
Tail: Brown marabou (quite long)
Body: Brown Mohair

When the mohair is wrapped on the hook shank, use a dubbing needle to pick out the hairs as you tie and keep them from getting under the main body of the yarn. Lead may be wrapped on the front part of the hook to make the pattern dip and rise on a slow retrieve.

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>



For The Year 2024

NO APRIL MEETING

Future meetings at a new location TO BE DETERMINED

Speaking of presentations, Peter Maunsell put on a very in-depth presentation about fly fishing in New Zealand at our March meeting. THANK YOU PETER!!!!!!

Raffle Boards and Monthly Raffles

We sold out the latest Raffle Board. Ron won it at the February meeting and selected a very nice TFO reel. Congratulations Ron. We started a new Raffle Board that night as well.

Speaking of winnings. YouTube has some great videos we can watch and learn from, and there are times when we will be using those as our 'guest speaker'. I enjoy having a live person doing our presentations but there are times and circumstances that occasionally do not allow an actual person as a guest speaker so we will use a YouTube video. I hope you all enjoy them when we do that but to add a little more spice to the night, from now on when we do a YouTube presentation I will have a special prize awaiting one lucky club member who was at that meeting. I will pass out a special raffle ticket to every member who attends that meeting and I will pluck their winning number from a container. What will the prize be? Wait to find out.

Over the years I have collected hundreds and hundreds of items for the sole purpose of using them at both our monthly raffles and the more expensive items for our raffle boards.

WANTED

Programs Coordinator

Ron has more than done enough time doing this job and he has asked to be replaced starting with the FALL meetings this year.

By then I hope we have found a new location to have our meetings.



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
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- o Ethics & Etiquette - Stewardship Awareness
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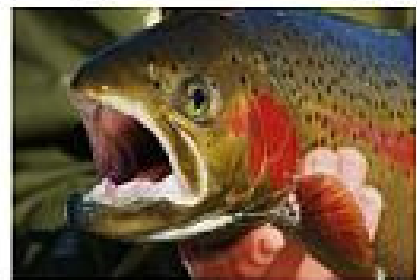
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President's Club

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

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

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

The categories and their associated benefits are as follows:

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

Benefits Include:

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

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

Benefits Include:

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

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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
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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 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.

JOIN THE

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**SAFEGUARDING THE LONG-TERM
HEALTH OF FLY FISHING AROUND
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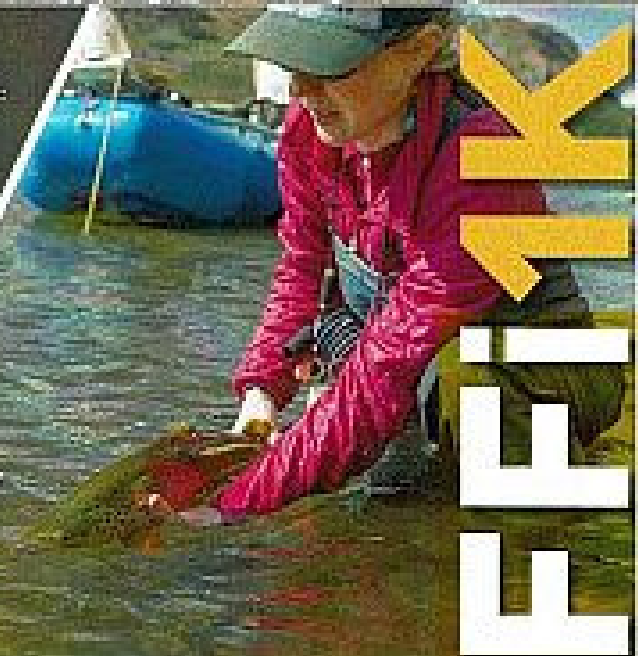
THE FUNDS RAISED BY THE FFI1K ARE VITAL to providing a solid foundation on which to continue to grow and expand our mission, and to support:

- **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

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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).

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

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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

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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.

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April / May 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
"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 NO MEETING	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	"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)			

"Tis like the birthday of the world, When earth was born in bloom; The light is made of many dyes, The air is all perfume: There's crimson buds, and white and blue, The very rainbow showers Have turned to blossoms where they fell, And sown the earth with flowers." - Thomas Hood			1 May	2	3	4 WSC Fly Casting Fair
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	"The world's favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May." - Edwin Way Teale

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