

Alpine Fly Fishers

NEXT MEETING

MAY 28

Playa Azul

Mexican Restaurant

1114 River Road NW,
Puyallup AT 6 pm


FLY FISHERS
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1000 Stewards member



The Dead Drift - May 2024

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President's Line

By Larry Gibbs

Ron and I independently were checking out the various restaurants in the Puyallup and Sumner areas and a friend of Ron's suggested the Playa Azul. (Ron says that means Blue Beach). So, Ron and I went there for lunch and checked out the place.

They do have a banquet room, a bit small but it should fit our needs. Unfortunately they do have open windows that look out into the main eating area so that may be a noise factor, but something we can live with.

They have a very nice menu and they serve all forms of drinks. As long as everyone orders something to eat there is no charge for the room, which makes it nice.

There is a small flat screen TV up high in a corner. I can plug a HDMI cable into it and we can have presentations and/or YouTube videos for our entertainment. I will buy a universal TV remote like I did for the other place we used to meet, and that way we won't have to worry about any missing remotes.

Playa Azul Mexican Restaurant 1114 River Road NW, Puyallup

It is located on the south side of River Road just west of 11th Street and River Road. Turn off River Road at the large **Value Village** sign, then immediately make a left turn into the parking area for that small strip mall. The Playa Azul is located between a driving school and a Thai restaurant. There is parking available, and I trust it will be sufficient for our needs but there is not a lot of it right near the restaurant, but more just a short walk away.

I figure we can have out meeting there and take a vote as to staying there or looking for some other place.

See page 6 for photos of the Playa Azul Restaurant area. As you are heading west on River Road, just look for the Value Village sign on the left and turn in there, then left again right after you enter the driveway.

Speaking of meetings, Ron was our Programs Coordinator for many years then Dr. Alston took it over. But Bob had to give up that position due to personal commitments so Ron stepped in and took over. Ron is now asking for someone else to become the Programs Coordinator starting this fall. That means October and November since we do not have a guest speaker at our September meeting nor at our December meeting. See page 9.

Hope to see you at the Playa Azul on May 28th.

"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

May 2010

Chromie

By Bob Bates



Chironomid (midge) patterns are numerous, and everybody has their own phenomenal fish catcher. (An adult chironomid looks like a mosquito, but it doesn't bite.) This pattern by Philip Rowley came after his observation of pupae hatching into adult chironomids (midges) in a Canadian lake. He saw that the body had a silvery appearance with some red left over from the larval stage. Chironomid larvae frequently live in the oxygen poor environment of a muddy lake bottom, and they have extra hemoglobin to compensate. Philip says that this is his number one lake pattern. He has much more to say about chironomids in his book *Fly Patterns for Stillwaters*. It is also a go to pattern for many of the Washington state stillwater anglers.

Fishing the Chromie is usually a straightforward application of strike indicator (bobber) techniques. Use a floating line and long leader. Usually, the fly should be near the bottom or top of the weeds. If the strike indicator does anything unexpected like go underwater or move sideways you might have hooked a fish so strike. It might also be a weed. Usually the bobber will sink when you are watching a bird or pouring a cup of coffee. The Chromie may be fished with a regular leader, greased or not greased, to keep it close to the surface.

Materials list:

Hook: Tiemco 2457, Mustad C49S, # 8-14

Bead: Black metal, 1/8th inch for size 12 or 10 hooks

Thread: Black 8/0 - 14/0

Gills: White CDC puffs or sparkle yarn

Rib: Red holographic Flashabou, Dynafloss or fine red wire

Body: Silver Flashabou, Dynafloss or silver holographic Flashabou

Thorax: Peacock herl

Tying steps:

1. Smash barb with smooth jaw pliers. Slip bead on hook with smaller hole toward eye. Put hook in vise with middle part of bend exposed. Slide bead to bend, and attach thread at eye. Use just enough turns to hold thread.
2. Tie on a CDC puff and pull it to a length over the eye equal to the diameter of the bead. Half hitch thread and trim it. Trim excess CDC puff.
3. Put a little head cement on thread, and slide bead forward over thread and CDC puff. The head cement helps the bead slide over everything to the eye. If the bead doesn't slide over; take it off and rethread it with the larger hole forward. On the next fly reduce the amount of thread, CDC or both. I made this switch to a CDC puff for the gill after fishing a Canadian lake and found the sparkle yarn too stiff when replacing a fly lost to a big fish. Reattach thread behind bead.
4. Tie on one piece of red holographic Flashabou. Hold it on your side of hook as you wrap over it almost to back of hook. Spiral thread forward to bead.
5. Double two pieces of silver Flashabou over the thread, and slide them down thread to secure them onto hook. Put a couple of thread winds over the Flashabou to make sure they stay in place. Return thread to bead.
6. Wrap Flashabou rearward to where rib tie down ended, and then forward to bead. A short hold, 1-inch, helps prevent splitting. Keep even tension on the Flashabou. All of the black thread should be covered. Secure Flashabou, pull it back, and wind thread over the fold back for added security. Trim excess Flashabou. Return thread to bead.
7. Counter wind the rib in an open spiral forward to the bead. Pull on red Flashabou enough to make it stay in place. Excessive tension will thin the Flashabou and it will lose color. Secure as in step 6, and trim excess.
8. Tie on two pieces of peacock herl, wind thread to bead, wrap peacock herl forward (no more than three turns), secure and trim excess. Put a little head cement on the thread and wind it between the peacock herl and the bead. Whip finish behind the bead; trim thread. Philip said that the main purpose of the peacock herl is to cover the thread winds. Some tiers skip this step, but I think it looks nice and finishes the fly. Three times coat the body with Sally Hansen's Hard as Nails or equivalent. Each time hang fly on a wire, paper cup, etc., until dry.

This fly is easy to tie if you don't let the Flashabou slip. A variation called the Motherboard is tied using the antistatic plastic protecting computer boards in place of the silver Flashabou. Have fun, and release the fish carefully so you can play with them another day.

Back of Beyond

Stephen Neal

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

Awe

("Awe" - a feeling of reverential respect mixed with fear or wonder.)

When out in the "Back of Beyond" I am reverent of our natural world, below is a very small sample of our planet's life forces that continue to fill me with wonder and admiration. When you walk with awe in your life, you are bringing vitality and balance into your being.

A citizen of riverbank and trails that I keep my eyes open for is snakes. Their natural camouflage makes them hard to spot, so vigilance is necessary. Snakes have successfully been around for over 250 million years since the Permian period. Snakes tend to fall more on my fear side of awe, specifically rattlesnakes. They strike at 9.7 feet per second, or 0.70 of a second. In that wisp of time, it will adjust its fangs, calculate distance, and decides the amount of venom to inject and hit its target. Hate them or revere them as some cultures do; they balance the food web of our planet. They are both predator and prey. They show up in an environment where, for example rodent populations get out of control, they are hunters. A rattle snake's presence entices other snakes to appear, these snakes are rattle snake hunters. The rattle snake then becomes the hunted. They are also prey for owls, eagles, hawks, foxes, coyotes, feral cats and even turkeys feed on these slithery stealthy nocturnal hunters. Nature always seeks balance. Even though snakes give me the willies, they are still an awesome creature, and fill an important niche in our planet's health and balance.




An awe-inspiring fish that I seek to have lots of close encounters with, (while keeping an eye peeled for sissnakes) are Steelhead/ Trout – (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*). Wild steelhead/trout emerge into this world in fast flowing, well-oxygenated rivers, and streams, with gravel bottoms. (A beautiful pristine place appreciated by both steelhead and me.) In the next one to two years a genetic spark will fire and some of the Steelhead/trout hatchlings will turn towards the ocean. Others will stay in fresh water; they will be called rainbow trout, those that turn towards salt water are called steelhead. Two steelhead parents can hatch a rainbow trout and two rainbow trout parents may make a few steelhead. I have danced with both and feel blessed to have made their acquaintance. Steelhead are fast, in a burst of speed they can hit 26 feet per second, that is about a mile in about 3 minutes and 30 seconds; they can cartwheel 3 feet out of the water and pull 50 yards of line off your spool in what seems a nanosecond.

The environment (fresh water or salt) that calls to them will shape their physical build and colors. Steelhead are broken down into two groups, summer run and winter run. The timing of their hatch will also influence where they mature. Those that mature in the ocean generally grow bigger than those that mature in fresh water.

Steelhead like salmon have monumental homing instincts. The biggest difference between trout and steelhead is their homing instinct. After a one or two year stay in their home waters, steelhead become imprinted with the water's concentration of solutes and chemical indicators. Steelhead detect and remember the chemical profile of every body of water that they swim through. These imprints will bring them home with their use of the sun's position and the pull of magnetic North. In a lifetime (11 years is possible) steelhead will cover more than 10,000 miles from home waters, into the ocean and multiple returns to spawn. A hen may lay up to 9,000 eggs in four to five redds that will be fertilized by competing bucks. Steelheads, depending on where they spawn and the difficulty of their sojourn from sea to their spawning ground can weigh 55 pounds and reach 45 inches in length. Steelhead are one of nature's indicator species for habitat quality and also a primary food source for predatory mammals and scavengers, including humans. My awe of steelhead is pure wonder, to cradle them in the water and then release them is rarified indeed.



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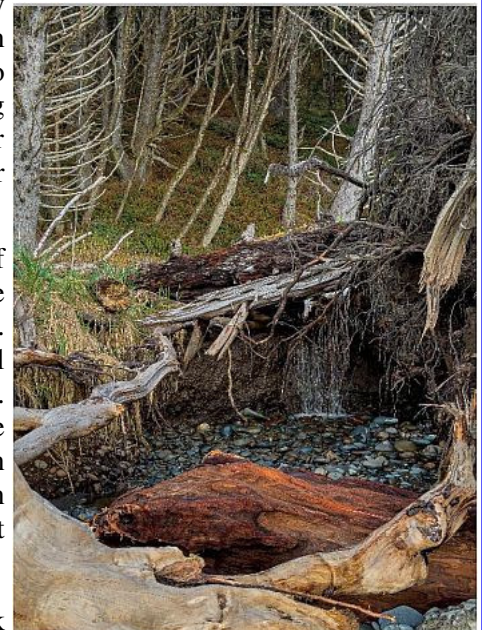
Morro Bay, a million miles in my past, it was summertime on California's golden central coast, as a child with my feet firmly wiggle squished into the tidal sand; I spotted a pod of Dolphins paralleling the coast. I stared with pure kid delight and wonder as they took to the air amongst the incoming breakers. They still fill me with awe 68 years later. Dolphins are intelligent, in point of fact they are one of the most intelligent mammals in the world. As intelligent beings they also display signs of empathy. Since the time of Ancient Greece, there are many recorded instances of Dolphins going out of their way to protect people that they sense to be in danger.

There are accounts of Dolphins rescuing people from sharks, helping save children and sailors from drowning and guiding boats through treacherous waters. These magnificent creatures are great communicators, they use clicks, whistles, loud pulses, water splashes, echolocation, and physical contact, in their interaction with each other and other marine mammals. Dolphins are highly social creatures and have names (signature whistles) for each member of their pods. They also have specific whistle sounds for naming themselves. They use signature whistles to cooperate, address other individuals, facilitate mother-calf reunions and possibly to broadcast affiliation with other individuals. They typically travel in pods from 2 to 30 dolphins, and work together in hunting. Dolphins are warm blooded, they breathe through lungs, they give birth to live young, they produce milk, and surprise, surprise, they have body hair, (they lose it at birth, it is believed that it is a holdover from when they were land animals). Their ability to dive deep with prolonged underwater stays is that they exchange 80% of the air in their lungs. (We humans can only manage 17% exchange rate). As a keystone species, Dolphins regulate the ecosystem, they control prey populations and make food available for other species. Their presence enriches our world.

My first contacts with Clark's Nutcrackers (*Nucifraga Columbiana* – "nutcracker of the Columbia) was on backpacking and fishing trips into the high Sierra Nevada Mountains'. They prefer living near timberline (in the Sierra's that is around 10,000 feet) and rocky areas and meadows. They store up 300,000 pine seeds each season and remember where they stash each one. Pretty amazing for a brain, the size of a peanut! The seeds are stored in multiple locations, creating a vast network of micro pantries. They have a fantastic spatial memory that allows them to map their area using landmarks. This ability gives them a major advantage in survivability. The Clark's Nutcracker is the primary seed disperser of Whitebark pine, a tree currently in decline due to mountain pine beetle infestation and white pine blister rust. Their excess cash of the pines seeds is critical to the survivability of whitebark pine and also to the Clark's nutcracker, as the Whitebark pine seed is the primary food source for the nutcrackers. The Clark's nutcracker was given its name by the Lewis and Clark expedition in 1805, when William Clark spotted it on the banks of the Salmon river a tributary of the Columbia River. All things are interconnected as Clark's nutcrackers and Whitebark pine growth and survivability demonstrate. All fishermen wish we were as successful as Osprey when it comes to catching fish. They catch fish at least once in every 4th dive and on average they make a catch when hunting, in around 12 minutes. An Osprey's diet is 99% live fish, and they are perfectly suited for piscatory harvesting. Ospreys come equipped with reversible toes that allow them to grasp with two toes in front and two behind. Sharp spicules on the inside of their toes and barbed pads on the soles of their feet help them grasp slippery fish. (This is a skill I have not mastered as some of my releases are not intentional). When flying they line up their catch headfirst to lessen wind resistance. Their vision allows them to detect underwater objects from the air at an elevation of 33 to 131 feet. Once it spots its prey it hovers momentarily then plunges feet first into the water, oftentimes completely submerging themselves. As they dive, they adjust the angle of their flight path to account for the distortion of the fish's location caused by the water's refraction. To aid them in diving they have closable nostrils to keep out water, and their dense plumage, which is oily prevents them from becoming waterlogged. An Osprey may log more than 160,000 migration miles in its 15-to-20-year lifetime. (Seesh! my arms get tired after a day of casting. We fisherman need to up our game to keep up with the competition).

If the above bird examples don't leave you in awe of birds, add this to your list of wonder items. Birds are descended from Dinosaurs, since the 1960 many scientists have found recurring evidence that birds are direct descendants of prehistoric reptiles. According to the Smithsonian Magazine, all living birds are indeed dinosaurs, but not all dinosaurs were considered birds. Some dinosaurs even had feathers just like birds. (Gives new meaning to the line, birds of a feather stick together). On an outing to the Federation Forest (In 1926 the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Washington State, began a fund to protect Old Growth Forest, the park was established in 1949) on the interpretive trail, I came across an information station that delved into the insect population that lived in the soil beneath our feet.

Since my first trip into the Sierra Nevada mountains, while carried on my father's back in an old WWII ruck sack, I have been in awe of nature, but this was the first time I gave a thought to what lay beneath my feet. My awe of nature grew in a new direction, down.



The inhabitants of the soil beneath our feet include micro-invertebrates, worms (called annelids and nematodes) and bugs (called arthropods), an insect group which includes springtails, beetles, and ants; crustaceans, such as sowbugs; arachnids such as spiders and mites; myriapods such as centipedes and millipedes; and scorpions. A 0.8 square meter of soil contains 20,000 of these small crawlies. (This makes our dense city population seem like wide open spaces). The more insects the richer the soil, they increase water infiltration, more soil carbon, and organic matter and more plant diversity. Our soils origins begins with bugs. There is a whole world beneath our feet that makes life possible.

Douglas Firs have been a part of my life since my birth, it was one of the first tree names I learned, we had them in our home as Christmas trees. It was the wood my dad used to build homes. It was the prominent tree in many of my favorite camping spots, and it lines the banks of the rivers I fish. Most recently I discovered 17 volunteers in our back pasture, which I judiciously protect. Douglas-Fir (Doug fir) – *Pseudotsuga menziesii*. *Pseudotsuga* means “false hemlock”. The Doug fir is not actually a true fir, a pine, or a spruce. It is an evergreen that grows in western coastal regions and the Rocky Mountains. The Coast Salish call it lá:yelhp. This brief overview will concentrate on the coastal variety. These beautiful coastal trees regularly reach heights of 330 feet, some have been recorded at over 390 feet tall. They can reach 8 feet in diameter and 16-foot diameters trees exist, they can live to be at least 500 years old, with the oldest specimens living over 1300 years. Indigenous Americans used them for building, basketry, and medicinally for stomach aches, headaches, rheumatism, and the common cold. Douglas Firs are conifers, they produce seeds from cones. The seeds have single wings and are dispersed by the wind. A number of small animals feed upon the Doug fir seeds, chipmunks, mice, shrews, and red squirrels eat 65% of the annual seed crop, bears eat the sap, and songbirds harvest the seeds right out of the cones. Old Growth Doug Fir are the primary habitat for the red tree vole and the spotted owl. The spring diet of the Blue grouse is prominently Douglas-fir needles, and black-tail deer browse new seedlings and saplings in spring and summer. The old growth Doug firs here in the Pacific Northwest accumulate carbon over their entire lifespan and gather more than they lose, they act as carbon sinks, helping to balance our environment.

Trees communicate with each other, They “talk” to one another through an intricate network of fungi that scientists have dubbed the “Wood Wide Web”. It connects trees at their roots, allowing them to communicate by sending signals about upcoming threats like drought and disease. This allows trees to alter their behavior upon receiving the signal. Some Trees are able to defend themselves, they can flood their leaves with chemicals called phenolics, to deter pest that may cause harm to the tree. Trees also have protective structures and processes that help protect them from disease much like our immune system. Yes, trees are awesome, they do not simply supply us wood for construction or firewood for heat. They are an integral part of the whole fabric that makes our world work.



As much as we humans think we are the masters of this world, we have barely scratched the knowledge that is truly abundant in all that surrounds us, we are pretty proud of our democracy and our right to vote. Interestingly democracy and our right to vote isn’t just human behavior. African Water Buffaloes are one of the animals best known for using a voting tactic to make travel decisions. One at a time adult females will stand up and look in a certain direction before settling down. Whatever direction gets the most amount of looks is typically where the herd travels. Interestingly if the vote is divided the herd will actually split up temporarily. Only the adult females are allowed to vote, regardless of social status. Maybe, it is way past time to give women their true due.

Our earth surrounds us with riches beyond our wildest dreams and we do not see. Always walk with awe in this world, the knowledge and information that the natural world holds is the greatest gift that mankind has received. We are stewards of this gift, not the masters. It is time for us to remove human-built hurdles that threaten our planet and let it breathe; when we do, we too will breathe more deeply and grow so much more.

This article was sparked from a text I received from my daughter with an attached article titled, “Awe” the premise of the article is: how it heals us. Like a well struck cord it resonated and became a melody. Thank you, Nicole!

** Sources for this article include: OneTreePlanted, Hells Canyon tours, National Wildlife Federation, Study.com, Wikipedia, Science Buddies, National Institute of Health, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, NOAA Fisheries, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, naturallywood.com, USDA Plants Database, Washington State Parks, National Geographic Education. All these sources were accessed through Google.

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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

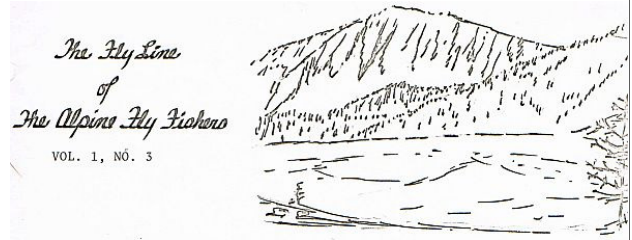
“Many go fishing all their lives, without knowing that it is not fish they are after” - Henry David Thoreau

~ In The Past ~

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

December 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 Master of Ceremonies for annual Christmas meeting will be Joe Roni. The FFF fish "The Way of the Trout" will be shown. Joe has been working on the program and has promised to have a lively one this year.

Door Prizes: The Orvis 9'3", 7 weight graphite rod with matching reel and floating line
Orvis Gear Bag

Attend the December Meeting!: Remember, this is the big meeting of the year with spouses and friends invited. There will be a special gift for the wives. We are changing away from the slide show this year and the evening should be most enjoyable. Let's have a good turnout for our last meeting of 1980!

Gift Exchange: Bring a gift of any kind (preferably to do with fishing). Joe Roni has a new plan this year which should make the exchange quite interesting!

December Drawing: The drawing this month is the special one for the Orvis Graphite Rod system. The second prize of the Orvis Gear Bag would be a useful item for any fisherman. This drawing is for members only with a two ticket per member limit. The tickets are \$5.00 each.

Election of Officers: The election of officers for 1981 will be held at this month's meeting. If past history means anything, this should not take too long. We do have an excellent state of nominees:

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

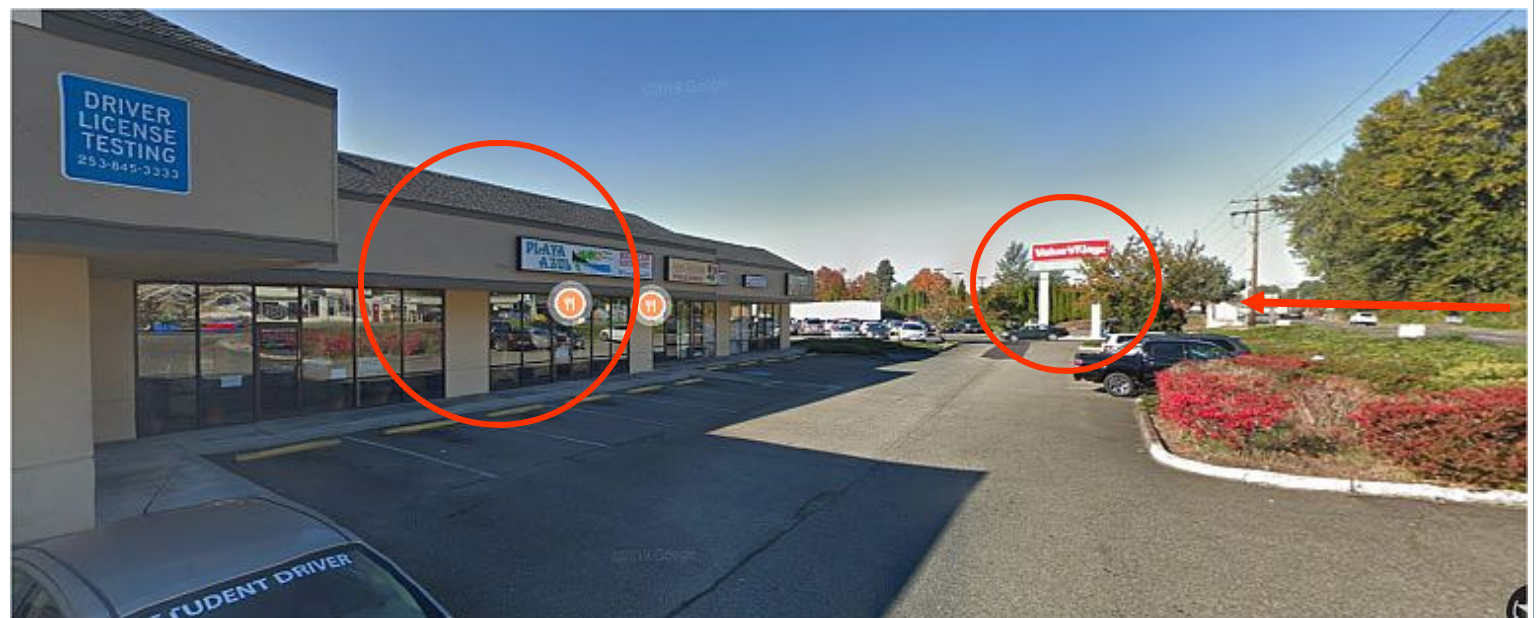
Message from the President: Once again the year has come to an end. Our accomplishments have not been great this year, but we, as a club, have begun to move in a positive direction. Starting next year we will be offering each new guest a small box of Jim Higgin's flies for attending a dinner meeting. For those who become members, a membership packet containing a variety of valuable information and the much talked about "Statement of Purpose" professionally done by Gene Rivers and organized by Phil White will also be given.

January will be the beginning of a membership campaign with the placement of point of purchase posters to advertise the Alpine Fly Fishers. A key item for next year will be better programs and activities. I am confident the actions taken this year and next year will build a club we will all enjoy.

Chris

Playa Azul Mexican Restaurant 1114 River Road NW, Puyallup

South side of River Road just west of 11th Street and River Road



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

May 28

June 25 / September 24 / October 22

November 26 / December 17 (Third Tuesday)

No meetings in July or August

**Playa Azul Mexican Restaurant
1114 River Road NW, Puyallup At 6 pm**

2024 CASTING FAIR



Casting Fair 2024

Washington Fly Fishers International Fly Casting Fair Sat May 4, 2024 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Mountlake Terrace Ballinger Park, 98043 The Washington State Council of FFI will hold a Fly Casting Fair May 4th [...]

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.



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

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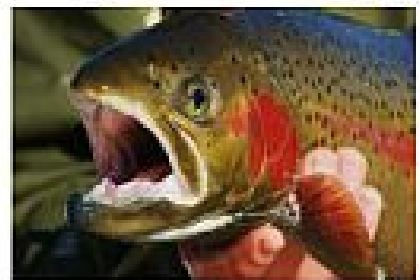
\$500 Enrollment Fee - Limited Scholarships Available

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
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- 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
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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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HEALTH OF FLY FISHING AROUND
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- **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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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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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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Club(s) Affiliation _____

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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!* <input type="checkbox"/>	*Includes all Benefits of Standard Membership!* <input type="checkbox"/>
Access to Fly Fisher Magazine Discounts and Benefits from FFI's Partners	Choice of FFI Hat, or 1 year subscription to Flyfisher Magazine Hat <input type="checkbox"/> Subscription <input type="checkbox"/>	Also Includes • FFI Hat • Magazine Subscription • 1-year Subscription to OnWater App	Also Includes • Airflo Fly Line • FFI Hat • Magazine Subscription

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Join the Legacy Circle



What is the Lee and Joan Wulff Legacy Circle?

FFI established the Lee and Joan Wulff Legacy Circle in 2019 as a way to honor the tremendous imprint Lee and Joan have left on the world of fly fishing and the contributions they have made to Fly Fishers International. Planned giving through your estate can be one of the most transformative gifts to FFI.

Why Join?

There is perhaps no more profound way to establish your legacy withing the sport of fly fishing than by naming Fly Fishers International as a beneficiary in your estate plan.

How Your Bequest Will be Used

Your gift to the Lee and Joan Wulff Legacy Circle will be used to fund the Education and Conservation programs of Fly Fishers International.

What You Need to Include

Legal Name: Fly Fishers International, Inc.

Designation: Lee and Joan Wulff Legacy Circle

Employer Identification Number (EIN): 23-7037444

Address: Fly Fishers International, 1201 US Highway 10 West, Suite E, Livingston, MT 59047

Sample Language in Estate Document

Residual Gift: "All the residue of my estate, including real and personal property, I give to the Fly Fishers International, Inc., located in Livingston, Montana."

A Percentage of the Estate: "I give _____ percent of my estate to the Fly Fishers International, Inc., located in Livingston, Montana."

A Fixed Amount of Money or a Designated Property: "I give \$_____, (or describe the real or personal property, including legal description or exact location) to the Fly Fishers International, Inc., located in Livingston, Montana."

Please Let FFI Know

Maybe you have already included FFI in your estate plans or you are going to do that now. Please let us know. We would like to honor your legacy and acknowledge your generosity that directly impacts the future of fly fishing.

Need More Information?

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May - June 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>"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</p>			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 Club Meeting	29	30	31	"The world's favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May." - Edwin Way Teale

"O Day after day we can't help growing older. Year after year spring can't help seeming younger. Come let's enjoy our wine cup today, Nor pity the flowers fallen."
- Wang Wei, On Parting with Spring

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June

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