

# Alpine Fly Fishers

NEXT MEETING

**June 25**

**Playa Azul**

**Mexican Restaurant**

**1114 River Road NW,  
Puyallup AT 6 pm**

  
**FLY FISHERS**  
INTERNATIONAL

**Charter Club**

**1000 Stewards member**



## The Dead Drift - June 2024

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### President's Line

*By Larry Gibbs*

Okay, we have a new confirmed meeting location. 15 of us were there at the May meeting and everyone liked the Playa Azul. The staff is friendly and the food is better than "the other place".

Our next meeting is **JUNE 25**, which is our **PICNIC** meeting. Like last year the club will be buying the food. You will have to pay for any alcoholic beverages. Unlike last year, the Playa Azul does not have a Taco Bar. BUT wait. They do have two sections of their menus that we can order food from within a price range that fits our club's budget. The Small Dinners and the Senior plates. Please see page 2 for the menu that I typed up from photos I took at the restaurant. There is a great selection of food, far more variety than a taco bar.

I made several announcements at the May meeting.

The first being that we need someone to step-up and take over the Programs Coordinator position on the board of directors.

The other announcement was that I have cut way back on my fly fishing for the foreseeable future. Over the past 25 years I have purchased some really nice fly rods and some really nice fly reels. I do not like selling things, so I would much rather give some of these rods and reels to you, the club members. So, starting at the June picnic meeting, I will be bringing either a fly rod or a fly reel to be given away. I will have some special raffle tickets that you will be given to anyone who wants to maybe receive the rod or reel. Then a wining ticket will be plucked from a container. This will continue on through the rest of this year and who knows when.

We will continue to have our monthly raffles so everyone can have a chance to win some stuff.

We will also continue with our Raffle Board. It is 2/3 full right now, only ten squares left. The winner of that will have a choice from three really nice fly fishing related items.

I hope you are all doing well and having fun. Summer is nearly upon us and by the time our June meeting rolls around we should be well into the start of that sunny weather. That means many of you will be going out to enjoy the water. So please remember to take care when you are out and about. Those rocks in the streams and rivers can get really slippery. Use extra caution when you are trying to wade fish. When you are out in your boat or pontoon boat or raft, please have a PFD with you. When you are on the open road, don't over do it by trying to drive past your normal limits. Take some breaks and rest up between stretches.

*"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

# Alpine Fly Fishers June Picnic Options At The Playa Azul

## Small Dinners

Served with rice and beans

**#80. One Enchilada**

Choice of chicken, picadillo or beef

**#60. Two Crispy Tacos**

**#61. One Chalupa**

Choice of chicken, picadillo or beef

**#62. One Relleno**

**#63. One Enchilado and Choice of Bean Tostada or Chrispy Taco**

Add meat to the Tostada \$1.59

**#64. Two Enchiladas**

Choice of chicken, picadillo or beef

**#65. One Chimichanga**

Choice of chicken, picadillo or beef.  
Served with sour cream and guacamole

## Senior Plates

Must be 65 years +

Served with rice and beans

### Enchilada

Choice of chicken, picadillo or beef

### Tostada

Choice of chicken, picadillo or beef

### Chrispy Taco

### Chalupa

Choice of chicken, picadillo or beef

### Chile Relleno

Omelet style Anaheim pepper stuffed with cheese

### Burrito

Choice of chicken, picadillo or beef

### Fajitas

Choice of steak or chicken. Served with sour cream

**Fly Fishing International**  
**Fly of the Month**  
**June 2010**  
**RED BUTT ANT**



By Bob Bates

Comments: Ants are found all over the world. They have been labeled our most abundant terrestrial insect with some 3,000 species worldwide (August 1999 Fly of the Month by Jim Abbs). Ant sizes range from #8 to #32 or smaller, and they come in variety of colors. Where Dave Millard lives in Tumwater, WA he thinks about the larger species of ants, and successfully fishes his ant pattern in many waters. He tied this pattern at the March 2010 N.W. Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo in Albany, Oregon. Ants hatch on land, and the only way they can get into the water is by falling into it. They drop from overhanging vegetation or crash when trying to fly over a water body. When there is an ant fall fish feed actively on the hapless insects. There is an advantage for the fish because ants have much more food value than mayflies or caddis flies. Also, some people say they have a tangy or spicy flavor, but I have not checked out that claim.

Lakes or streams with a predictable ant fall also attract anglers. Some of my friends plan a spring trip to a lake in British Columbia to fish the “ant hatch.” Trout seem to lose their natural wariness and hit flies with abandon. Sometimes at the beginning of the rise you can’t tell what is happening because you don’t see anything on the lake surface except rising fish. Usually the angler unsuccessfully offers a variety of dry flies to the wildly rising trout. When I heard a thunk behind me in my aluminum boat, tactics changed. A large black carpenter ant was trying to crawl up the side. I offered a low floating black pattern, and the fish cooperated. I let the fly float a little bit. If a fish didn’t hit, a wiggle usually brought a strike. Ant patterns work in streams also. Usually a drag free float is recommended. Anytime and anywhere be alert for a potential “ant hatch,” and carry a few ants.

**Materials List:**

Hook: Any dry fly, Eagle Claw, Mustad 94840 or Tiemco 100, size 12

Thread: 6/0 black Body:

Foam, 2mm thick and 3/16 inch wide, red and black

Legs: Grizzly saddle

**Tying Steps:**

1. Attach thread at back of hook. Attach red foam and fold it over. (Here it stays folded over because Dave was using sticky back foam. It is what he had left from other tying projects.) Regular foam is just fine.
2. Tie down foam and trim excess as shown.
3. Attach the black foam at front of hook as shown.
4. Fold black foam back, tie down securely.
5. Trim excess foam, and wind thread over any pieces of foam that are sticking out.
6. Select a dry fly feather with barbs that are about a gap width long, and tie it over the red foam with the longer part of feather pointing rearward. Leaving some bare shaft helps keep the wrapping neat.
7. Wrap feather from red bulge forward to near black bulge. Tie securely and trim excess.
8. Whip finish thread and trim. Turn hook over and trim bottom fibers even with hook shank. This makes the fly float low in the surface film.
9. Put a drop of head cement on thread winds.

Closing comments: This is not a difficult fly to tie, and at the right time you will be happy you made the effort. Look at the ants around your fishing waters, and tie a few patterns to match them. Especially, have a few black ants, in two or three sizes, in your fly box for emergencies. Then add a few others like the Red Butt to be on the safe side.

# Back of Beyond

*Stephen Neal*

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

## Lake Life Beneath The Goddess of Dawn and the Northern Wind

("Aurora – goddess of dawn, Boreas – the northern wind)

Have you ever missed a place that you haven't yet left? That bittersweet moment as you leave, and you are already planning for next year. Some places bind themselves to your soul. Jimmy Buffet referred to them as "One Particular Harbor" – A place where everything eases, and you are rejuvenated. I just left such a place and I plan to return with the Ruddy Ducks and Red Winged Blackbirds next spring. The Goldeneye's are there to greet me when I arrive.

This particular harbor is located in Washington's Northeastern Cascades roughly 5 miles from the Canadian border at an elevation of 2,911 feet. It is surrounded by mountain crests that reach 7,410 feet above sea-level. The lake is surrounded by forested grasslands, sprinkled with sagebrush. During the last ice age, it slept beneath (2.5 miles) the Laurentide Ice Sheet, when the ice receded a mountain lake remained. Over centuries the land has rebounded, shifted, and its ice dams gave way, the lake shrank, leaving evidence of its ancient shorelines on the surrounding mountain slopes.

In its present configuration the lake has become a fly fishing only, trout paradise. The lakes' waters are healthy and rich with abundant aquatic insects, the rainbow trout are very well fed. So well fed this year, that they were reluctant to come to our offered dry flies. During hatches, Duns popped up everywhere and sailed downwind, a miniature regatta, very few were taken on the surface maybe one out of fifty, one-hundred, two-hundred, there were thousands of duns.


When the rainbows did take our flies, it was pure Blue-Ribbon Fishing. Twenty inchers were common, these trout were powerful and full of fight. Multiple jumps (Steve counted ten jumps on one fish) with takes that took you into your backing, were the norm. I had one fish that took me 15 plus minutes to bring to net, he circled my raft at least three times, interspaced with line stripping and reel singing runs. Four or more times I reeled him near my net, close enough to land him, but once he caught sight of the net, he left like a high-speed freight train, ripping the hard-fought line I had just reeled in off my spool as if it did not belong there. That is a fishing experience that will be cherished until I depart this earthly realm. Daily, each of us recounted stories of hard fighting bright and beautiful rainbow trout encounters, around the fire or over a fishing day-end thirst quenching beer. We had other stories to tell each other as well.

It was mating season at this "one particular harbor", the Ruddy Ducks and Goldeneye always provide endless entertainment. they often manage to pull one's attention away from one's task at hand. One warm morning with no clouds in sight I headed to the Northend of the lake to fish in the shade of lodge pole pines. But when I arrived two other fishermen were already prospecting the water. I pulled up the nearest tree and leaned back to watch and observe until they each landed a fish and departed. During my wait I was entertained by a pair of mating Goldeneyes, they were well into their coupling ritual. They were bobbing heads, rustling, and fluffing feathers, and mimicking each other's moves, with major eye contact and probably some heavy breathing.

Another male landed nearby, to display his prowess the male of the pair, beat his wings and ran on the lakes surface and charged the intruding male to drive him away from his intended mate. After driving off the interloper he returned in the same fashion he left, wings flapping and running on water aiming straight for his betrothed. As he approached, the female Goldeneye realized that he was not stopping and darted out of the way narrowly avoiding the collision. He pivoted as he came to a stop strutting his stuff seemingly saying ha-ha scared you didn't I. She returned his boasting with a missed me, missed me, now you got-a-kiss-me, flourish.

She was just as proud of her evasive maneuver as he was of his attack. They then merrily resumed their bobbing and mimicking dance. The Goldeneyes were just a small portion of the sexually charged atmosphere. New beginnings were everywhere and continuous, buds were popping, bushes displaying spring white flowers, Ruddy Ducks were racing and diving and their blue bills thrumming on their chests, the air was full of emerging insects, the lakes surface was dotted with dun sails and chironomids emerging water rings. Red winged Blackbirds were singing and chasing off claim jumpers.



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Above the reed beds adult mayflies were mating and laying eggs. The resident Eagles kept wary eyes on possible interlopers bothering their nest. Newly arrived swallows were snatching insects out of the air, between forays for mud to construct new or repair old nests. Prairie Dogs threw dirt into the air as they cleaned old tunnels and dug new ones. Other Prairie Dogs scurried to new burrows with mouths full of grass for nest padding. Nature was very busy renewing itself. A black bear was spotted climbing the mountain slope and loon calls carried across the lakes surface to our listening ears.

One evening we watched with awe as dispersed eagle pairs gathered, seven of them circled and soared in the thermals that rose upwards in the evening skies. We were treated to a low-level flyover by an intermixed flock of swallows and blackbirds, we all involuntarily ducked, while watching the eagles air acrobatics. The air was full of flying insects and birds, it was a spontaneous airshow of epic proportions with no entrance fee required. As you can imagine, stories of nature's wonders were eagerly shared with the fishing stories. Fishing mishaps are part and partial to the fishing experience, a note stuck on the community bathroom door listed a rod and reel lost out in the lake, asking for its return if found. It was a familiar story, an untethered rod jerked from a boat by a big fish. While wading amongst the reeds casting to passing fish, I came across several items within a short distance from each other. A bent long handled net, a fly box, parachute cord, a broken carabineer wrapped with a severed piece of the same parachute chord. Whatever happened here was probably not a good experience for those involved. Pure speculation on my part, the bent and crushed handle of the net, looked as if it had been smashed in frustration over the gunnel of a boat. Or been stepped on as it lay across two items. What ever happened here the owner left the scene minus a fly box and flies, a net and carabineer and rope and possibly more. I teased Garry when I returned to camp about finding the fly box, he had lost in the lake a few years previous. I offered to return what was left of the flies in the box I found. He declined, only one resembled the fly it once was, and it was not long for this world at that. Yes, fishing is a contact sport that at times will upset your calm, as the big one swims away. In the future it will become the story they tell of the one that got away.

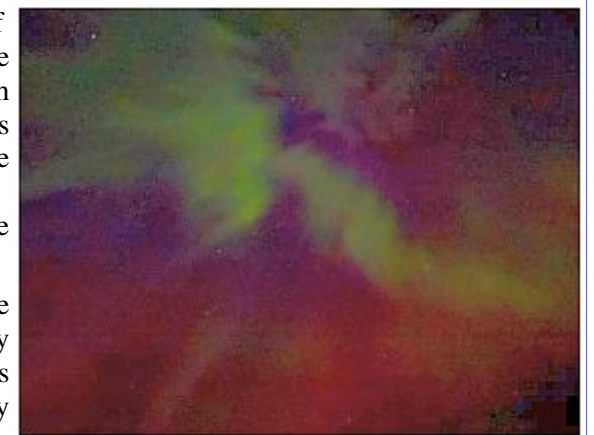


This safe haven, this one particular harbor, this fly-fishing heaven is a return destination for many of those that visit and fish its water. Kids have been raised here and still return, friendships are made here and renewed yearly with each visit. I have been a visitor for less than ten years, but I have met and become friends with those who have been coming for over 40 and 50 years. That is testament to its pull of place upon those who visit. There is fondness, reflection, and respect for this special place and all that it holds in the folds of this mountain wildness, this back of beyond.

This year's visit included a special event that came as a surprise and was celebrated upon its arrival. Like many others we got to experience the aurora borealis on the morning of May 11th. It was a sweet experience seen through cloudless skies with no light pollution to dim the experience. Steve and I spent 3 hours recording and enjoying the effects of our sun's coronal mass ejection, upon reaching our earth atmosphere it follows our earth's magnetic lines to the north and south pole and along the way it activates the gases in our atmosphere. That is a long explanation for the beautiful light show above us. This was a wish, come true for me, my first Aurora Borealis. I was in Awe I was at one of my most favorite spots and got to witness the goddess of dawn interact with the northern wind, now that is cool. Steve and I celebrated the wonder of it all with two fingers of scotch at 3 am. (side story – the next morning Steve talked to his wife Donna, they live on Whidbey Island as she watched the Aurora Borealis the whales in the Sarasota straight were singing, now how cool is that?)

That is my view of the world from beneath the goddess of dawn and the northern wind. (Aurora Borealis May 11-12, 2024.)

No description of location is complete without discussing the weather that one encounters. May weather in the Cascade Mountain Range is changeable. My hoped-for weather is mild temperatures, light wind, and mild rain. This combination keeps the Mayflies on the water longer making my dry fly presentation more productive. AKA, I catch more trout. The weather I pack for is a little broader. In the spring, I have experienced snow, ice, sleet, rain, wind, and lots of wind, (people often leave their watercraft at the lower end of the lake and hike back to camp and then return to paddle back after the wind has abated), extended cold spells, major storms (camp destroying storms, flying boats, collapsed tents, sailing canopies and don't forget flooded tents) then throw in hot days, no wind, clear skies, and mirror calm lake surface. Shade is at a premium and fish seek the lakes bottom and fishing shuts down completely. In short, pack parkas and long underwear and throw in shorts, tee shirts and probably a bathing suit. Ps, I have never needed snowshoes but never say never.



I pack for a two week stay, my mentor has always stressed the fact, that to really get into the rhythm of a lake, takes at least two weeks. One needs at the minimum of three days to come down from the mental blight of modern living, we bring that over excited energy with us. At the end of the third day your mind begins to slow down and you see your new surroundings. The stress that you have stored up will take a little longer. When that happens, you will begin to enter lake time and your quality of life will improve dramatically. It helps that there is no cell coverage at this one particular harbor. I once had a fellow camper ask me if I had heard the news, when I answered no, he gleefully exclaimed, “me neither isn’t that wonderful”. You get the picture.

I will close this article with a passage from T.H. Whites book “The Once and Future King”, You may be more familiar with the Disney adaptation “The Sword in the Stone.”

One day Arthur/Wart comes to Merlyn sulking with disappointment at the injustice of life and Merlyn offers this advice on dealing with disappointment and sorrow. “The best thing for being sad... is to learn something. That is the only thing that never fails. You may grow old and trembling in your anatomies, you may lie awake at night listening to the disorder of your veins, you may miss your only love, you may see the world about you devastated by evil lunatics, or know your honor trampled in the sewers of baser minds. There is only one thing for it then — to learn. Learn why the world wags and what wags it. That is the only thing which the mind can never exhaust, never alienate, never be tortured by, never fear, or distrust, and never dream of regretting.”

“Look at what a lot of things there are to learn — pure science, the only purity there is. You can learn astronomy in a lifetime, natural history in three, literature in six. And then, after you have exhausted a million lifetimes in biology and medicine and theocriticism and geography and history and economics — why, you can start to make a cartwheel out of the appropriate wood, or spend fifty years learning to begin to learn to beat your adversary at fencing. After that you can start again on mathematics, until it is time to learn to plough.”

I know I could spend several lifetimes learning fly-fishing, it certainly has taught me a lot about our natural world and the interconnectedness of everything, our world is full of wonder, it is a waste of a life to get hung up in the minutia and fail to see all the gifts we are given, we are surrounded by beauty. Go outside and let yourself learn.

May you my readers, soon have a line in the water, with a fish taking your fly, and always keep an eye out for your own “One Particular Harbor”. I dedicate this article to Sean Gallagher, Steve Egge and Garry Blankenship whose friendships brightens my life. Thank you for a wonderful time fly-fishing for rainbow trout in a little slice of heaven and for sharing stories around a campfire.

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*

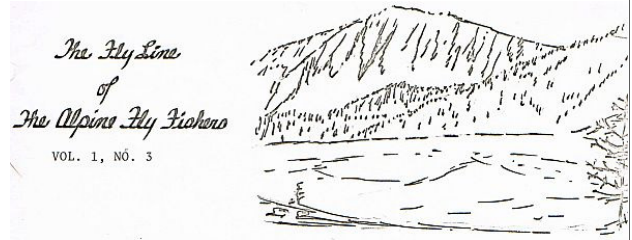


~ *In The Past* ~

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

January of 1981

Editor: Ed Monger



This ~ *In The Past* ~ article was published in 1980. The information it contains is 43 years out of date and is not accurate.

*This is a historical document only.*

**Program:** Our new Program Chairman, Gene Rivers, has arranged for Bruce Ferguson to meet with our club. Bruce will give a presentation on "Fly Fishing For Salmon in Puget Sound". This will be an excellent program as Bruce has had great success with this type of fishing. I, for one, am anxious to learn all his secrets!

**Door Prizes:** They will be provided by our new Gillie, Bob Giese.

**December Meeting:** The December meeting was a great success with many members and wives attending. Great job as chairman and Master of Ceremonies, Joe! The much coveted Orvis rod and reel outfit was won (very fittingly) by out-going president, Chris Jones. Although it wasn't planned that way, the rod was a good way to show thanks to Chris for a job well done.

**New Officers:** The Alpine Fly Fishers version of "AMTRAK" was in full swing at the December meeting and the following officers were elected:

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

This is an excellent slate of officers, let's get behind them and make 1981 a great year for the Alpine Fly Fishers. The other two trustees are: Pat Trotter, one year remaining and Ed Monger, with two years remaining.

**Trustees Meeting:** The Board of Trustees held their first meeting on 1981 at the home of Rose Marie Raudebaugh, our new president. Also in attendance were Jim Higgins, Chris Jones, Dick Mazza, and Ed Monger. The main part of the evening's discussion centered around getting new members into the club. To encourage this, a motion was passed to give a \$75.00 give certificate to the club member that brings in the most new members in 1981. The contest will end with the November meeting and a new member is defined as anyone eligible for membership who was not on our 1980 membership list. New members who contact club members through our advertising posters will not count towards the new membership prize. Jim Higgins will have more to say about this at the meeting. This contest, along with the box of flies as gifts to our guests, should provide a good incentive to increase our ranks.

A tentative list of fishouts was drawn up and will be discussed at the meeting. We should have more about this for you in next month's bulletin.

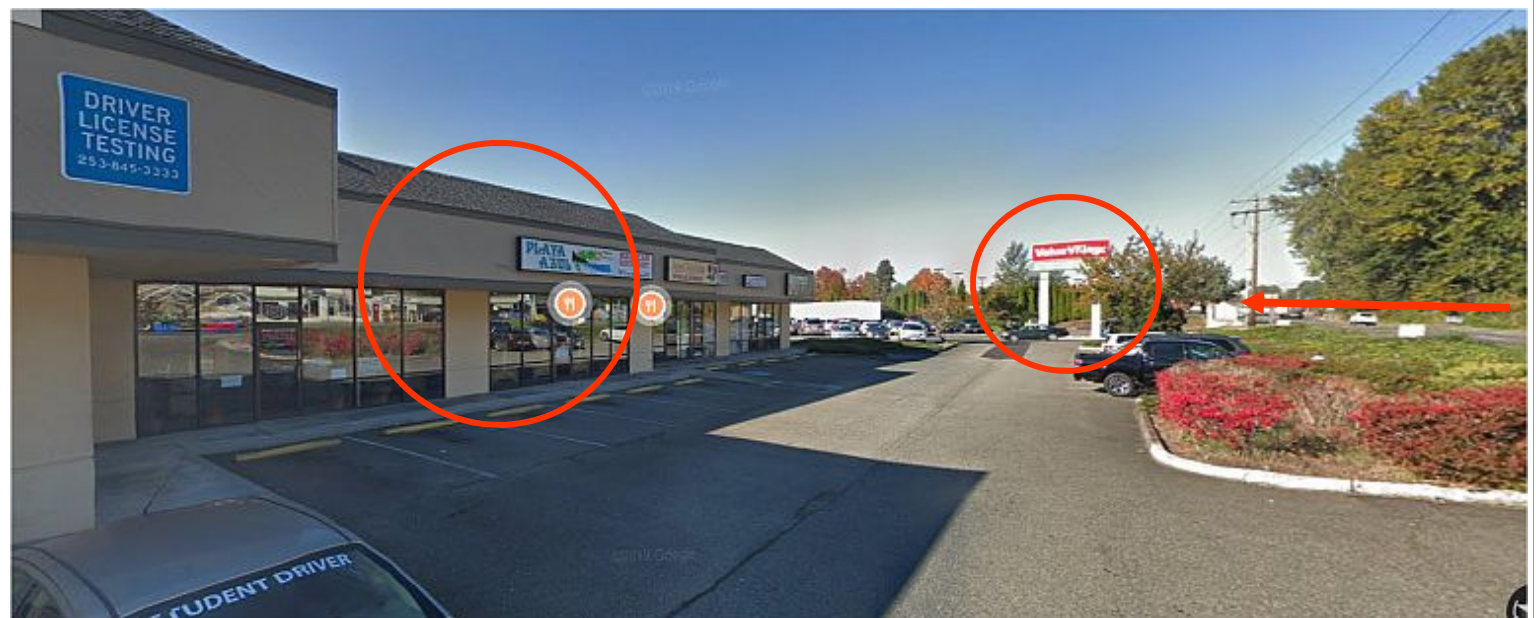
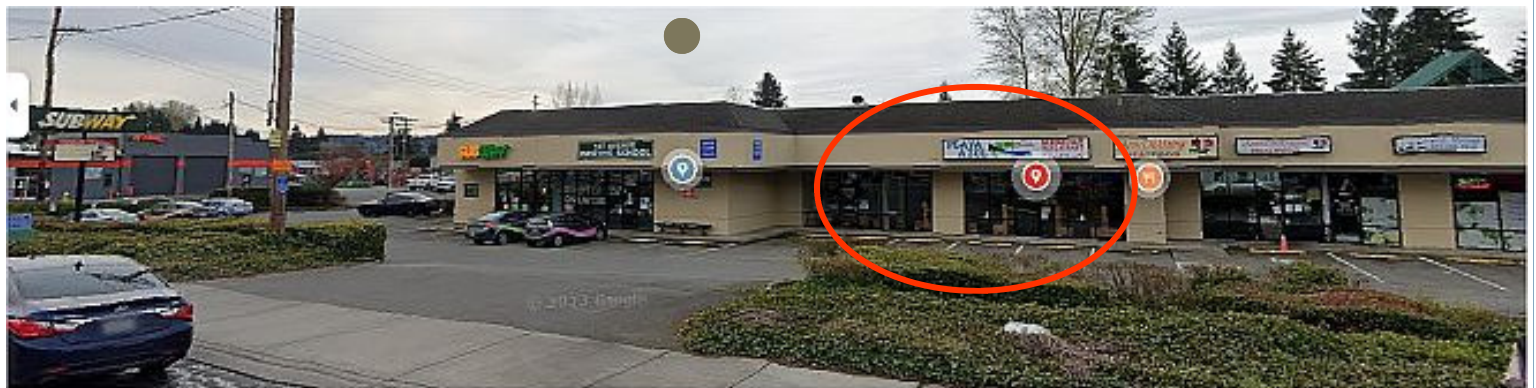
**Club Posters:** The new posters advertising our club with information concerning membership are now ready for distribution. About fourteen sporting goods stores and other likely places have been targeted for their display. If you have a suggestion of a place that we might have missed, see Chris Jones. The posters have small tear-off cards with the phone numbers of members that can be contacted for meeting information. These posters are quite attractive and should also enhance our display at the annual Sportsman's Exposition in Seattle.

ATTEND THE MEETING AND BRING A GUEST!



# Playa Azul Mexican Restaurant 1114 River Road NW, Puyallup

South side of River Road just west of 11th Street and River Road  
Turn in at the Value Village sign and the Playa Azul is immediately to the left.





# Alpine Fly Fishers



**For The Year 2024**

**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**

## FFI Update for June

By Steve Jones

Purchase of the Yakima Canyon Ranch on the Yakima River is complete. The Washington State Council FFI and many FFI affiliated fly clubs contributed to the campaign to buy and preserve the property. BLM has taken possession of the land and on May 16 officially opened the the Bighorn Recreation Site. In 2023, Western Rivers Conservancy launched a campaign to purchase the 812-acre ranch and turn it over to BLM for management as part of its Yakima Canyon Conservation Area. Washington FFI was proud to back the effort and directors thanks all of the members and affiliated fly clubs that joined us in donating to the campaign.

Bighorn is now open to us all, but it's not fancy. The site contains a spacious gravel boat ramp, 15 primitive campsites and several day-use and picnic areas. Curtis Bryan, Wenatchee field manager in BLM's Spokane District said the priority this summer was to do basic clean-up of the site and open it for public use. For now, there is no charge for campsites. Improvements are coming, but before they begin Bryan said the agency wants to gather ideas from the public for the best way to develop and use the property. For that purpose, BLM has created a website at Yakima River Canyon ([blmyakimarivercanyon.org](http://blmyakimarivercanyon.org)) where fly fishers can learn about the opportunity at the site and suggest ideas for how it should be used.

FFI will hold its annual election of directors as usual in June. Be on the lookout for an email from the Council in late June that will contain a ballot. Please alert your club members to the opportunity to help choose the leadership of your Washington State Council of FFI.

# 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

become more

Conservation Minded & Effective Fly Fishers

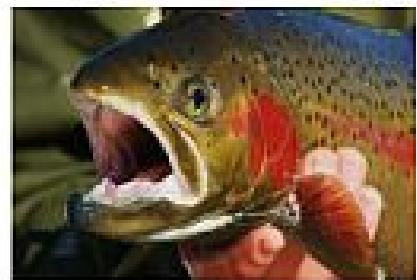
\$500 Enrollment Fee - Limited Scholarships Available

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](mailto: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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- 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
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- 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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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).

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**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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City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Club(s) Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

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

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expire Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_



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### Membership Levels

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

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

Standard - \$35 / Yr <input type="checkbox"/>	Advocate - \$75 / Yr <input type="checkbox"/>	Steward - \$125 / Yr	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

I am 65 or Older  I am a Veteran  Youth Membership  Age 22 or younger  
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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?

Fly Fishers International  
Donate  
1201 US Hwy 10 West  
Suite E  
Livingston, MT 59047

# June - July 2024

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"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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July Halfway between Winter and Winter LWG	<b>1 July</b>	2	3	4	5	6
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21	22	<b>23 NO MEETING</b>	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	"Nothing is more memorable than a smell. One scent can be unexpected, momentary and fleeting, yet conjure up a childhood summer beside a lake in the mountains..." - Diane Ackerman		

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