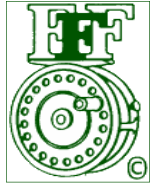




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OCTOBER MEETING—OCTOBER 10TH



On October 10th, the meeting will feature Brian O'Keefe, a fly fisherman with an eye for beauty and the ability to capture it with a camera.

Brian has been serious about fly fishing for the past 30 years, having won many fly casting competitions and achieving the title of Master Certified Fly Casting Instructor for the FFF.

During the past 20 years cameras have played a significant part in his outdoor lifestyle. Having traveled throughout the world on his fishing adventures, Brian, armed with his camera, has had cover shots in Field and Stream, Outdoor Life, Fly Fisherman, and a score of other magazines.

Brian, an extraordinary photographer, has agreed to share his knowledge during a one hour class from 5:30 to 6:30 PM at a cost of \$10 per person, with the proceeds going to SFF. Since the class must be limited to 20, call Fred Howe at 448-4707 to enroll.

Brian's topic for the club meeting will be Fishing in Oregon.

Also, at this meeting, from 6 to 6:45, hot dogs, sausages, chips and soda will be offered.

REMEMBER: CALL 448-4707 TO SIGN UP FOR THE CLASS (or email to frednlindah@comcast.net).

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AROUND THE BEND

October 6th - 13th, Boise Area Outing

October 6th, Spokane River Cleanup

October 10th, SFF Meeting 7PM
Brian O'Keefe

October 13th, Amber Lake Outing

October 17th, SFF Board Meeting 7PM

October 20th & 21st, Clark Fork Outing

November 14th, SFF Meeting 7PM, FLY AUCTION

November 21st, SFF Board Meeting 7PM

December 12th, SFF Meeting 7PM, CHRISTMAS PARTY

PREZ SEZ

By Dan Ferguson



We got off to an interesting start with our first meeting! Due to Horizon Air canceling all flights with their puddle jumpers, our speaker wasn't able to get out of B.C.! Tim Reed and Judy Kaufman did what they do best - they brainstormed for a minute or two and found us a new speaker courtesy of Sean Visintainer and Andy Breneman from Silver Bow Fly Shop. Sean and Andy gave a nice presentation on fishing in Belize. A pretty good show for being REALLY last minute. Our thanks to Sean and Andy.

We got WAY too involved in business at the meeting. For this, I apologize. Starting the next meeting we'll just welcome everyone, make the newcomers and visitors feel welcome, mention the sign up sheets and go right into the featured speaker. Any business will be covered after the speakers finished.

An issue that was brought up at the meeting was the service of alcohol at meetings. The board decided to add this to our insurance policy and will be looking for someone to take on the service.

There was good response looking for folks to take on food service at our meetings. Klaus Rissman, Linda Howe and Carla Ferguson will be serving light fare at upcoming meetings. We'll be serving starting at 6 and finish up at 6:45 so the kitchen staff can enjoy the meeting.

Our speaker for the coming meeting, Brian O'Keefe, will be offering a photography seminar before the meeting. We'll be charging \$10 for this and if you're interested, please give Fred a call at 448-4707. Don't forget the fly auction coming up for the November meeting. Betty will be getting hold of everyone she can for your flies. This is a great fundraiser for the club and we all appreciate your donations and participation at the auction.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our next meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS OF SFF

- November 14th:** Fly Auction: Attend, bring your money or checkbooks and try to be the successful bidder for some marvelous flies.
- December 12th:** Christmas Party. Always an enjoyable meeting with great food, fantastic company and door prizes.
- January 9th:** The speaker will be Kelly Galloup, an avid fly fisherman, published author, Editor of Fly Fishing Magazine and lodge owner.

KOOTENAI RIVER OUTING REPORT

By Jan Sadlo



The Kootenai River outing became a mixed bag of events. For the most part, it was a float down an easy river with one fast rapid. Some participants went to the Libby Norwegian Festival. Listening to the fishing reports at the Sunday morning breakfast, it sounded like the average day's catch was six to nine fish, consisting mainly of rainbow and red band trout ranging in size from 9 to 14 inches. There were a few reports of 18 inch fish caught, too.

Changing the dinner to a breakfast added a plus to the event. More of us were able to slow our drift down to participate in the evening hatch. Around six o'clock, the caddis and mayfly hatch really started coming off. The trout were responding making for easy fishing. Several of us fished till the last bit of light.

Some of the better flies were Black Caddis, Royal Wulff, Blue Wing Olive, PMD and a variety of emerging patterns.



The next morning we were able to muster the spirit of the club, and put together and cook a really filling breakfast. Thank you to all for making this a successful outing.

Please let the outing chairman know if you want to continue with this outing next year.

DUES CHANGE By Mary Kovatch

Since the club is now going to annual renewal on the 31st of May each year, the dues have been prorated by quarters for this year. Dues from May 31, 2008 to May 31, 2009 will remain the same as they have been previous years.

Dues payable in August is \$20 Individual or \$25 Family,

Renewals for September, October, and November are:

Adult Individual:	\$15.00
Adult Family:	\$18.75

Make checks payable to Spokane Fly Fishers

BOISE AREA OUTING—OCTOBER 6TH & 7TH

Host: Clint Rogel

We will be fishing the South Fork of the Boise, Big Wood, and Silver Creek areas. These streams are “world class fishing”. Flies to use are Red Quill’s, Blue Wing Olives, Pink Alberts and usual assortments of nymphs using sizes 18-20. We will meet Saturday October 6th in Boise ID or October 7th in Ketchum. Clint Rogel 509-220-9486 or 535-7538

AMBER LAKE OUTING-SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

Host: Geno Baril

Directions: Take I-90 west to the Cheney Exit. Go completely through town and then left on Mullinix Road (Opposite the funeral home on the right side of the road). Continue on Mullinix for about 10 miles and you’ll find Pine Springs Road. Turn right and stay on Pine Springs until you find a small Amber Lake sign where you will turn left and follow the dirt road to the parking lot. If you miss the Pine Springs turn, continue on Mullinix for about a half mile and then turn right on the next paved road. It will join up with Pine Springs and you’ll be back on track. You can drive down the hill to unload, but you have to park in the lot on top. We will meet at 10:00 a.m.

CLARK FORK OUTING—OCTOBER 20TH & 21ST—HOST: JIM & JO GOOLEY

See September Barbless

NOVEMBER FLY AUCTION

By Betty Smith-Lambert

Those members who attended the September SFF General Meeting got to meet me - I was there with "the clip board". I think I talked to each person that came in the door; it is possible I missed one or two if several came in at one time.

I now have 23 people who have committed to bring flies for the Fly Auction. Although this is a good start, we could use more flies for this event.

As I have said before - this event supplies money for the Barbless Flyer / newsletter; the meeting room; the refreshments; speakers and other general needs of the club like outing supplies and replacement of worn and broken fly rods and lines for education and the list goes on and on ---

Warning - I plan to be at the next meeting and bring "the clip board". Maybe I will ask some of you again - please bear in mind that as one gets older they forget what they have already done. Or maybe you could consider this a compliment on your tying skills and will find that you desire to tie more than just that dozen you are already signed up for.

After the October meeting I will turn to the Roster and start phone solicitation. Save yourself some time and call me @ 838-5914 and leave a message if I am outside getting my yard and house ready for winter.

BEGINNING FLY TYING - 2008

By Betty Smith– Lambert

SFF will again offer a Beginning Fly tying course for members of the Spokane Fly Fishers. You must be a member to attend this class. Youth over the age of 10 are invited to attend with an adult. A ten dollar \$ 10 charge will be collected at the first meeting.

For 5 Saturdays starting with January 5th there will be a early class starting at 9am and if there are enough people who sign up, an afternoon class starting at 1pm.

This schedule will make the first class on January 5th followed by Jan 12, Jan 19, Jan 26 and Feb 2nd.

We will follow last years game plan having the class at "the Club House" 1812 West 10th Ave.

SFF supplies all the materials and tools needed to complete the course as well as a notebook of information about flies and tying. This and other education programs are supported by materials and tools donated to the club by members. Although this class is not meant to complete your education on how to tie flies, it will supply the answer to the question each of us ask early in our fly tying - "Do I want to tie my own flies or do I want to buy them"?

I am looking for people willing to help with the class. You do not have to be a master tier to do this. We are teaching people how much fun tying can be rather than a Masters techniques. It is best to have one person to help with each of the classes. In other words one for the morning class and one for the afternoon class each of the class days. Sign up sheets will be at the October, November and December meetings. Or call me @ 838-5914. I will need to talk to you so if I am outside winterizing my house and yard please leave a phone number so I may call you back.

YOUTH WATER FESTIVAL

By Dan Ferguson



Mike and Alli Melmoth and Fred and Linda Howe joined Carla and I at the Youth Water Festival on September 21. This is a program involving 125 fifth graders emphasizing water related activities and issues including, Fish habitat, gold panning, Water conservation and Fly Casting.

Use your imagination and see fly rods handed to all these kids, (groups of 25) and have them flail around for 40 minutes. Visualize the knots and tangles!

The weather was great, the kids pleasant and hopefully a few went home really excited by fly-fishing. Thanks to Mike, Alli, Fred, Linda and Carla for helping with this annual event.



FFF MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

By Carl Johnson, President, WSCFFF

Starting July of this year the FFF started two membership incentive programs. The first program is for FFF affiliated clubs. This program is to increase our members to support the Federation's growing Conservation and Educational programs. One group that represents real potential is the members of our affiliate clubs who are not FFF members.

From July 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007 affiliate members may join the Federation at the special discounted price of \$15.00 for a regular one year individual membership.

- These memberships will count toward the Rod Incentive program.
- Membership form must be signed by the club president to certify that the applicant is a member of an affiliated club

Life Member Promotion

Beginning July 1, 2007 until December 31, 2007 we will also have a life membership promotion. At a price of \$750 it will include for a new member, choice of a Sage 590-4 Z-AXIS Series Rod in 5 wt OR a Sage 890-4 Xi2 8 wt.

Thus the new life member gets a package valued at approximately \$1150.00 for his \$750.00 investment..

Rod incentive Program:

For every 12 new members of a club who join the FFF, the club will receive their choice of a Temple Fork Outfitters Lefty Kreh Professional Series rod: TFO 5864P (8'6" 4 pc 5 wt) or TFO 0894P (9' 4pc 8 wt) .

If the club enrolls 18 new members, they can choose between a TFO Lefty Kreh TiCR X series rods: TFO 5904TX (9' 4 pc 5 wt) or TFO 08904TX (9' 4 pc 8 wt)

All membership categories for new members count toward the rod with the following exceptions.

- Two youth memberships count as one membership for this program
- Disabled Veteran memberships do not qualify
- Reinstatement of membership (former members less than 3 years)

NAME TAGS

The issue of name tags was re-addressed. We won't be hitting anyone up for a \$.25 fine for forgetting their name tag. The box will remain, at least for the time being. We will strongly encourage everyone to keep their name tag and bring it to meetings, outings and functions.

2007 UPCOMING OUTINGS

Oct. 6-13	Boise Area		Clint Rogel
Oct. 13	Amber		Geno Baril
Oct. 20, 21	Clark Fork	See September Barbless	Jim and Jo Gooley

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

Vance Rauer, introduced to the club by Jack Fruit and Ray Baker.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL OLYMPIC PENINSULA FLY-FISHING EXPO
Saturday, March 22, 2008, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Port Townsend, Wa.

Celebrities Phil Rowley, Doug Rose and Skip Morris will perform slide shows and fly-tying presentations. Other skilled fly fishers will demonstrate casting, fly-tying and more. Vendors will also offer tackle, boats and artwork.
 Main emphasis: fishing Peninsula rivers, lakes and saltwater, including instructions for beginners. Other topics will range widely.
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NEXT MEETING

October 10, 2007

BRIAN O'KEEFE
FLY FISHING BETWEEN SPOKANE AND OREGON

7:00 P. M.
ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL
1104 W. HEROY

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