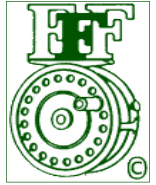




# The Barbless Flyer



Spokane Fly Fishers

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February, 2008

## FEBRUARY 13TH SFF MEETING SPEAKER, DENNY RICKARDS



Denny Rickards has had an opportunity to fish and guide anglers over some of the most challenging trophy trout waters in the Western United States over the past 30 years. His simplistic approach and techniques on presentation have accounted for cutthroats to 15 pounds, rainbows in excess of 16 pounds and browns over 20 pounds.

Denny spends over 250 days a year doing what he loves best: guiding, writing, tying flies, conducting fly fishing schools and field testing and developing fly fishing manufacturer's products. Denny guides full time on Upper Klamath Lake.

When Denny isn't fishing or guiding, he spends many hours studying trout behavior, their habitat, and the various insects found within their environment.

As a professional fly tyer Denny's suggestive patterns have appeared in various outdoor magazines and are on display at Cushners Fly Fishing Museum in Florence, Oregon. Based on past reviews, his books and companion videos are now considered the "bibles" for fly fishing lakes.

Denny Rickard's knowledge and ability to teach others were a prerequisite to establishing his fly fishing schools/clinics which have become a priority for anglers seeking the ultimate form their stillwater angling experiences.

For more information on Denny's flies, materials, books, videos, gear and guided trips visit his web site at [www.flyfishingstillwaters.com](http://www.flyfishingstillwaters.com).

**Denny will give a one hour tying demonstration before the meeting.**

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## AROUND THE BEND

February 13th, SFF Meeting  
7PM, Denny Rickards, Speaker

February 27th, SFF Board  
Meeting 7 PM

February 29th, March 1st and  
2nd, Great Western Sport Fish-  
ing Show

March 8th, Coffee Pot Outing

March 12th, SFF Meeting  
CONSERVATION RAFFLE

March 20th, Fly Fishing School  
Begins

March 26th, SFF Board Meet-  
ing 7 PM

April 5th and 6th, Bitterroot  
Outing

## **PREZ SEZ**

**By Dan Ferguson**



**Who's been fishing lately? It's been a bit on the chilly side for me. Besides, I'm not good enough a caster to hit that 6" hole in the ice! I have talked with a couple guys who were still fishing for the triploids at Rufus Woods.**

**I personally was very pleased with the program put on by Kelly Galloup at our last meeting. Those who weren't able to partake in the two tying sessions really missed out. His presentation on big fly's for big fish was informative and entertaining. I've never taken the time to really fish streamers, but I think I'll give it a try. Like Kelly said "leave your dry fly rod in the vehicle so you're not tempted to give up".**

**We're gearing up for a few important events on the club schedule. Probably the most important of these in our March conservation raffle. We typically, with your help, raise around \$3000 for the year's projects. We're asking that you contact us early on with your new or gently used items for the raffle. Please see the separate article inside.**

**We also have a new event (or a replacement) this year. We'll be participating the Great Western Sport Fishing Show this year on Feb. 29, March 1 & 2. This event will be held at the new convention center downtown. Our primary purpose will be to solicit sign-ups for the Fly Fishing School. In addition to our usual tiers, we'll need a dedicated few to really promote the school.**

**While on the subject of the school, this will be starting March 20<sup>th</sup> this year and running for seven consecutive Thursdays. We hope to have a high number of sign-ups this year, so we'll be asking for your help handling the expected crowd. More to be seen on this inside.**

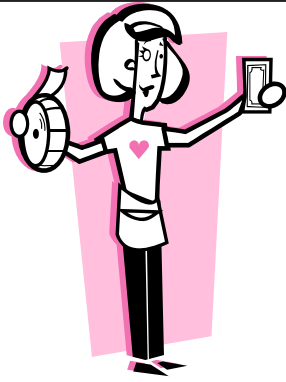
**In addition to our outings starting off in March, we're also planning on a bigger and better April extravaganza. We hope to have representatives from both Idaho and Washington F&G. The Forest Service, Rod builders, Tiers, Outfitters and Retailers. If you have any good ideas or contacts, please let any of the board know.**

**Well, it's back to snow removal for me! Dan Ferguson**

## **From the Editor of the Barbless**

**The March Barbless Flyer will include the information on the scheduled outings for the Bitterroot, McGinnis Lake, Amber Lake and Eloika Lake. We suggest that you keep the Barbless during the year as space (and the number of outings) dictates that several outings must be covered in only a few issues.**

**It would be appreciated if the hosts of all outings would submit their plans to the newsletter as soon as possible so we can inform the members. Shortly after an outing, we ask that the host or a member participating in the outing submit a report to the Barbless.**



## CONSERVATION RAFFLE March 12, 2007

The club's annual Conservation Raffle will be held at our March 12th meeting. Roger Bertsch, our Conservation chairman, has agreed to chair this event. For this wonderful program, we contact local fly fishing and sporting goods store and ask for donations. We also ask you, our members, to also donate new or gently used items and/or services which can be raffled off for this good cause. Last year's raffle included many fishing trips, books, flies, and a lot of fishing items. We even had a pontoon boat. If you have items to donate, please call the people below to arrange to drop your item off:

- |            |              |          |
|------------|--------------|----------|
| Northside: | Dan Ferguson | 325-8885 |
| Southside: | Mike Keegan  | 455-4433 |
| Valley:    | Judy Kaufman | 924-9462 |



We will also be accepting items at the February meeting. Those who get their donations in early, by March 1st, will be entered into a special drawing.

The actual raffle begins by members purchasing tickets and then dropping them into buckets representing each item. You can put your tickets in separate buckets for a chance at winning many items or, if you wish, load up one bucket to increase your chances of winning something that you REALLY want.



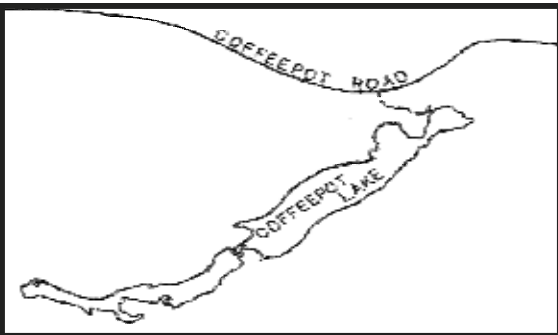
This is a marvelous money maker for the club. It provides the funds for our conservation projects and it is a wonderfully fun meeting. See you on Wednesday, March 12th.



# SPRING WILL FINALLY ARRIVE

## COFFEE POT LAKE OUTING - MARCH 8, 2008

On Saturday, March 8, 2008, we will head to Coffee Pot Lake for our first outing of 2008. Bring warm clothes and maybe a thermos of coffee to chase away the chill. At this time of year this is a wooly bugger and leech lake. Some do fish chironomids with success, but these early fish are stocking up on the big stuff. Black, Brown, Olive and Halloween buggers. A full sinking line and 3X tippets will bring these bruisers in. Good fishing is available within 200 yards of the launch. Outhouse and covered picnic tables are available.

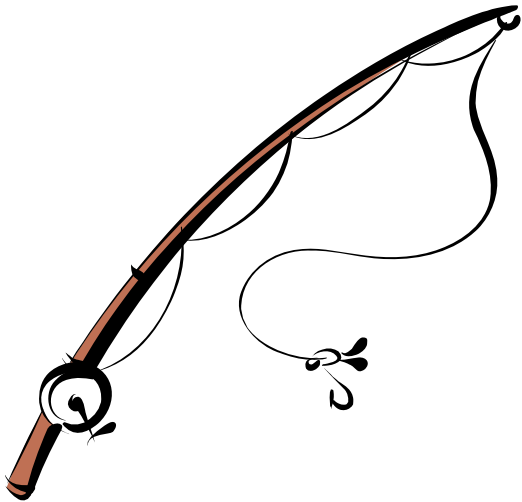


**Directions:** Go West on US-2 to Davenport, Right on Route 28 to Harrington. At Harrington, make a right on Coffee Pot Lake Road (there is a good sign). Go approximately 15 miles, turn left into the fishing access site. Someone should/will be at the Lake by 8 A.M.

**Host:** Tim Reed. Please email Tim at [timtrout@aol.com](mailto:timtrout@aol.com) or call him at 796-2344 before heading out for this trip. The lake could be frozen. If so, we will have to cancel or have an alternate trip planned.

## CLARK FORK OUTING - MARCH 22-23 - CANCELLED

### FLY FISHING ITEMS FOR SALE



Forrest Looney, a former member of SFF, has, unfortunately, retired from fly fishing. Forrest has fly rods, reels and fly tying materials that he wishes to sell. He really has an impressive collection.

Forrest can be reached at 509 467-3548 or emailed at [loonsa2@aol.com](mailto:loonsa2@aol.com), if you are interested.



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## RED BAND TROUT CLIPPING By Fred Howe

On Friday, January 18th, eleven members of SFF met at various location on the North side of Spokane to carpool to the fish hatchery in Colville. We were greeted by the manager of the hatchery, given hot coffee, doughnuts, and brief instructions on cutting the adipose fins off of some Phalon rainbows.



For the next five hours, armed with little scissors, we managed to clip the fins of 17,000 red band trout which were about three to five inches in length. This number equates to each volunteer clipping a little more than 1500 fish.

We really enjoyed ourselves and Judy Kaufman deserves a special thank you for arranging this worthwhile project.



We expect to hear from the Colville Hatchery in the near future so more members can have this opportunity.



## 25th ANNUAL FLY FISHING SCHOOL By Dan Ferguson

The Fly Fishing School starts March 20<sup>th</sup> and runs through May 1<sup>st</sup> All seven of the evening class's will be held at St. Francis school, 1104 W. Heroy on Thursdays from 7-9 P.M.

We'll have three Saturday casting class's at Cannon Hill Park on Saturday April 12, 19, 26, from 9-11 A.M.

The cost for the school this year is \$100 or \$60 for youth 16 and under. If you sign up at the Game Fish Show, you'll get a 10% discount. Tell all your friends, neighbors, relatives, co-workers, etc. about this great opportunity to get involved in fly-fishing.

Remember, you get a one-year membership in the club with the class.

## 2008 Washington State Fly Fishing Conclave Sent by Mike Clancy of FFF

The Washington State Council FFF is sponsoring their annual fly fishing conclave on May 3, 2008 at the Kittitas County Event Center (fairgrounds) in Ellensburg, Wa. The exhibition hours are 8:30 am to 6 pm, at which time the banquet and live auction will begin. It will be an opportunity for all those interested in fly tying to share with the experts, exchange ideas, advance their knowledge, and have some fun. The Council and volunteers from Washington's many fly clubs and fly shops are providing the staffing for the fly tying, casting demonstrations, seminars, casting lessons and competitions. A silent auction will be conducted throughout the day with a variety of items.

The Conclave will continue with the fly tying demonstrations and exhibits that were very popular last year. Over 100 fly tyers will be demonstrating their special skills and flies. Classes will be available for those interested in starting or advancing their tying.

For 2008, the program has been expanded to include private and semi-private casting lessons from certified instructors with casting clinics for individual help. Some of the best casters in our state will attend and many pointers can be picked up just by their demonstration. There will be team distance and accuracy casting competitions, including the challenging Danish casting games.

Classes will be available for those new to the sport, to learn the basic skills of fly fishing. The introductory fly fishing classes will touch on equipment selection, fly selection, the correct way to rig a fly rod, basic casting, on the water fishing and wading skills. One class will be taught by women for women only. Fourteen fly fishing seminars will be conducted by various experts.

The evening will conclude with a western BBQ buffet banquet. A live auction presenting lots of fishing gear, an "Authors of the Northwest" fly plate and a WSCFFF "Affiliated Club" fly plate with flies tied by a member of each club, plus a fly rod built especially for the event by Fetha-Styx. The evening program will feature, Bob Jacklin, founder of Jacklin's Fly Shop in West Yellowstone, Montana. Bob is a member of the FFF Casting Board of Governors, he will share his insight and humor with attendees.

Additional information and registration forms for the event can be found at our website [www.washingtoncouncilfff.org](http://www.washingtoncouncilfff.org).



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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### 2008 PROPOSED OUTINGS

By Geno Baril

Dale Esau, Jim Gooley, Carolyn Sells, Don Tietz, Judy Kaufman, Jan Sadlo, Tim Reed, and Geno Baril, the Outing Committee, have planned for a fun, fishing filled, season. We hope to have another good year.

Here are the dates for OUR outings.

Coffee Pot	March 8th	Tim Reed
Clark Fork	CANCELLED (Due to Easter Sunday)	
Bitterroot	April 5, 6th	Hosts Jan Sadlo & Dale Esau
McGinnis Lake	April 19-20th	Host Kassa's
Amber Lake	April 30th	Host Geno
Eloika Lake	May 7th	Host Jan Sadlo
One Fly Contest	May 10th	
West Medical Lake	May 16th	
Jump Off Joe	May 21st	Host Jan Sadlo
Williams Lake	June 4th	
Browns Lake (conservation weekend)	June 7-8th	Host Roger Bertsch
Big Hole	June 13-15	
Coeur d'Alene North Fork	June 20-22nd	
Clark Canyon	July 11-13th	
Kelly Creek	July 26,27	
St Joe	August 8-10	
Elk River & Wigwam	August 22-26th	Host Roger Bertsch
Kootenai River	September 6-7	
Missouri River	September 12-13	Host Carolyn Sells
Yellowstone	September 14-21	Host Jan Sadlo
Clark Fork	October 4-5th	Hosts Jim & Jo Gooley
Amber Lake	October 11th	Host Geno Baril
Dry Falls	October 18-19th	

As you can see, we need more hosts; please contact Geno at 468-0589 if you are interested in hosting an outing. There will also be sign up sheets at the February Meeting.

**We would all hate to see the outings cancelled.**

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**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR NAME TAGS TO THE MEETING**

## **NEXT MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 13, 2008**

**DENNY RICKARDS  
“FISHING LAKES”**

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

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