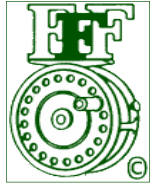




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MARCH MEETING MARCH 12, 2008 CONSERVATION RAFFLE

One of the most coveted items in this years conservation raffle will, most certainly, be the fly tying desk (similar to the one pictured) being built and donated by our own member, Klaus Rissmann.



The local fly shops and the generous members have donated a great number of items to make our Conservation Raffle a success. The items will include, flies, fly rods, float tubes, guided fishing trips, chances to fish with a club mentor, and numerous other items.

Please bring your friends, neighbors and families.
Don't forget your checkbooks and/or cash.

The purpose of our conservation raffle this year is to help pay for the completion of a survey being done by Dr. Ross Black. Dr. Black is a biology professor at Eastern Washington University. Last summer he surveyed 23 lakes in our region. He will share the results of this survey with us as he is our speaker at the September meeting. He will share with us what food is available in the different lakes and which provide the food to grow trout the fastest.

During his investigation, Dr. Black collected fish samples for analysis. This requires a stable isotope analysis on a mass spectrometer at the University of California Davis. This determines the change in nitrogen and carbon which then Dr Black can use to determine exactly what the fish eat and where they are primarily located in the lake.

This is a really fun, worthwhile event. Sausages, hot dogs, chips and soft drinks will be available from Carla and Klaus and beer and wine will be available from Jerry Voelker.

Ticket sales and viewing will begin at 6 PM and the RAFFLE will begin at 7 PM.

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AROUND THE BEND

February 29th, March 1st and 2nd, Great Western Sport Fishing Show

March 8th, Coffee Pot Outing

March 12th, SFF Meeting
CONSERVATION RAFFLE

March 19th, SFF Board Meeting 7PM

March 20th, Fly Fishing School Begins

April 5th and 6th, Bitterroot Outing

April 9th, SFF Meeting, 7 pm
EXTRAVAGANZA

April 16th, SFF Board Meeting 7 PM

PREZ SEZ

By Dan Ferguson



We're off to a good start for the New Year. Every once in a while we need to be reminded that we live in a part of the country that has winter. We missed our speaker for February due to weather issues. G.L. Britton stepped in at the last minute and gave a nice presentation on the Crab Creek area. With all the small spring streams we have in this area, much of his program will be useful.

On March 12, we'll be holding our conservation raffle. This is a fun and rewarding event for all. You'll find more on the raffle elsewhere in this issue, but I want to encourage everyone to be involved, whether it's your donation of goods or \$\$ for tickets.

Many of you can remember when the April extravaganza was something to look forward to. The board is looking to revive this meeting to include a number of participants from outside the club. We're sending invitations to the Forest Service, Idaho and Washington Fish and Game, Outfitters and guides, the shops and folks who tie and build rods. Call or drop us a line if you have any ideas. We also hope to have the fishing forecast for the region and we'll be holding our annual election.

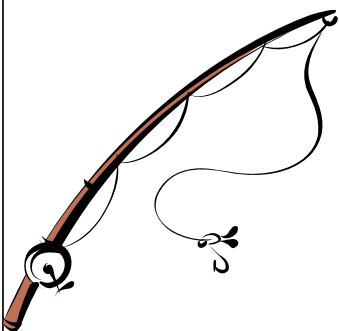
The fly fishing school will be starting soon and we hope we can count on your participation. We'll be asking for help with the knot tying class on April 24th specifically, but, if you are available, feel free to attend any of the sessions to help keep things running smoothly. Be sure to mention the school to any friends, family or co-workers.

Leroy Hyatt will be our featured speaker at our annual awards banquet. The board is looking at some alternate locations that will afford us a more comfortable seating and presentation arrangement. We'll be keeping the cost for this at under \$20. Tickets will be available at the April meeting or by mail.

We have a number of outing host positions to fill. We all want the outings, but we need your participation to schedule them. I don't know if Coffee Pot will be ice free for the March 8 outing, but I'll be there if it is. I'm itching to get a line in the water!

I look forward to seeing many of you at our next few meetings. Dan Ferguson

CONSERVATION RAFFLE DONATIONS



The deadline for submitting your donations for the raffle and qualifying for the special drawing (this year, an Echo Rod) has been extended to March 7th. Get your donations in as soon as possible to qualify for this great gift.

Remember, you can also bring donations the evening of the raffle up to 1/2 hour before the meeting begins.

BITTERROOT OUTING - APRIL 5TH AND 6TH

Hosts: Jan Sadlo and Dale Esau

Camping : Angler's Roost
815 Highway 93
Hamilton, MT 59840
Reservation Telephone: 406 363-1268
Full RV Hookup \$26.00, Partial Hookup \$19.50, Tent \$16.00

Most popular hotels are in Hamilton, MT.

How to get there? East I-90 to Missoula. Take Reserve exit and make a right turn. Follow Reserve to Highway 93 South. Once you reach Hamilton (a one hour drive) go another few miles to the Angler's Roost Resort.

We will be primarily doing float trips. There are many places available for wading on the West and East fork. You can purchase a Montana fishing license at Angler's Roost. Hopefully, we will be there for the Skwala hatch.

Flies to take Bugmeister - Olive Stimulator - River Bend Olive, Size 10 & 12 - BWO 14 to 22 - March Brown 12 to 14 - Nymph Price 12 to 16 - Copper John 12 to 16 - Pheasant Tail Nymph 12 to 16.

This is a questionable outing. It could be called off at the last moment. To take advantage of the Skwala Hatch, we are fishing at the time when the Spring runoff might happen. Before going, call Jan Sadlo at 467-6101 to see if the outing is on or not.

MCGINNIS LAKE OUTING - APRIL 19TH AND 20TH

Host: Chris and Ellen Kassa

It's time to hit McGinnis Lake. McGinnis is located on the Colville Indian Reservation and opens before the general fishing season. In the past years the fishing has been great and this year looks to be the same. The pros say that Chironomids and Leech patterns are the best to use for the BIG Brook Trout. It has been a long winter and they are hungry!



Getting there is easy. Head west on US 2 to Wilbur, turn north on Hwy 21 (for a very short time) then north on Hwy 174 to Coulee Dam. Find Hwy155 and take it North toward Omak; turn right on Peter Dan Creek just past Elmer City. In approximately 3 miles, turn left on Buffalo Lake Road which turns into a dirt road that takes you to Reynold's Resort (509) 633-1092). They have accommodations for tents, RV's and also have cabins. Luxurious motels can be found in Coulee City. Saturday night potluck awaits the hungry. The Club will provide the main course and the members bring the rest. Our host for this great weekend outing is Chris Kassa 276-1174 & Ellen Kassa 276-8730. Please call and let him know you are coming so we can bring enough of the main course, and also let him know what you will bring for the dinner.

Licenses are available at the Exxon in Airway Heights, or at the resort.

Patterns: Leeches in colors black, brown and maroon sizes 8-10; Water Boatman size 16; Chironomids and Blood Worms.

AMBER LAKE OUTING
WEDNESDAY—APRIL 30th - 5:30 PM
Host: Geno Baril



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. That's a good time for a "pit stop" before you head back down to the lake.

This is one of the better chironomids lakes in the area. Contact our host Geno Baril at 468-0589 if you have any questions.

ELOIKA LAKE OUTING
WEDNESDAY - MAY 7, 2008 - 5 PM
Host: Jan Sadlo

This is a mentor outing. Welcome to new fly fishers.

From the Division "Y", take Highway 2 East to Elk Road. Turn left to the public launch.

Bring float tubes or pontoon boats or just about whatever. You can rent a boat next door to the launch.

Fly Patterns: Six Pack, Buggers, J.H. Nymph, Don Spratley, Adams, Griffith Gnat, Chironomids. You might want to also bring a few bass popping bugs.

Questions? Call Jan at 467-6101.

ONE FLY CONTEST - MAY 10TH

This wonderful outing is in danger of being cancelled due to lack of a host. Call Geno Baril at 468-0589 to volunteer to save this event.

WEST MEDICAL LAKE - MAY 16TH

This outing is also in danger of being cancelled. Volunteer hosts, call Geno.



BEGINNING FLY TYING CLASS REPORT

By Betty Smith-Lambert



Ten people signed up for the tying class which began on January 4th. As you all know, we had inclement weather and a lack of snow plowing (particularly on West 10th). Because of the snow, the last session of the Beginning Fly Class was delayed until the 23rd of February and five students tied the graduation flies, the Stimulator and the Goddard Caddis. Everyone agreed that these flies were difficult. But, all the students were able to produce them in a satisfactory manner.

Congratulations to those who were able to attend the final class.

I intend to give a class again next year for those who want a refresher and, or course, for new fly tyers.



INTERMEDIATE AND BEYOND FLY TYING CLASS REPORT

By Fred Howe

Once again, the SFF offered this class and, once again, I participated. The weather certainly played a role this year as we had to cancel one class because most people could not get out of their driveway.



Twenty-three members were taught by Bob Newman and Dale Esau. They deserve a great "thank you" from us all. Because of them, even I (not a "beyond" tyer) was able to produce some recognizable flies.



A special thank you to Judy Kaufman for organizing the class. I believe every class member took away more knowledge and had a good time getting it.

HARMON SCOTT AWARD

In January, Bill Lundin and Dan Ferguson presented an award to past member, Harmon Scott. Harmon, who recently made a large donation to the club of fishing and fly tying materials, was very pleased to have been recognized for his contribution.



GREAT WESTERN GAME FISH SHOW
February 29th, March 1st & 2nd
 By Dan Ferguson

As you're reading this on Friday, many of us will be enjoying ourselves at the first annual Great Western Game Fish Show. This is looking to be a great show with Skip Morris, Brian Chan, Jim Teeny and other notable Fly Fishers. There will be tying, casting and seminars running all day

The show will run Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Convention Center. Hope to see some of you at the show.

From the Editor of the Barbless

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. (frednlindah@comcast.net) with pictures, if available.

Email reports, pictures and information to frednlindah@comcast.net. Or, call Fred and Linda at 509 448-4707.



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, if you are interested.

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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	Host Tim Reed	See Feb. Barbless
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	(Badger Lake)	
West Medical Lake	May 16th		
Jump Off Joe	May 21st	Host Jan Sadlo	
Williams Lake	June 4th		
Browns Lake	June 7-8th	Host Roger Bertsch	
(conservation weekend)			
Big Hole	June 13-15		
Coeur d'Alene North Fork	June 20-22nd		
Clark Canyon	July 11-13th		
Kelly Creek	July 26,27	Host Rick Hodges	
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 March 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

MARCH 12, 2008

CONSERVATION RAFFLE

VIEWING AND TICKET SALES BEGIN AT 6 PM

RAFFLE BEGINS AT 7:00 PM

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