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Spokane Fly Fishers

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MARCH MEETING MARCH 12, 2008 CONSERVATION RAFFLE

Our own Bob Mielbrecht will lead the raffle drawings again this year. We know you'll enjoy his banter and the wonderful array of items available.

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 pontoon boats, flies, fly rods, guided fishing trips, chances to fish with a club mentor, and numerous other items, including a lot of fly tying equipment and materials.

Please bring your friends, neighbors and families. Don't forget your checkbooks and/or cash. This year we will also be able to take credit cards.

This is a really fun, worthwhile event. Sausages, hot dogs, chips and soft drinks will be available from Klaus Rissman.

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

KLAUS RISSMAN TYING DESK

Once again, Klaus Rissman has constructed a beautiful fly tying desk to be raffled off, with the proceeds to go to conservation.



This year, to maximize the monies it produces, we will not include it in the general raffle but instead sell tickets for it separately at \$5 per ticket.

ONLY 300 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD. They will also be sold at the Great Western Fishing Show, our Extravaganza in April and the FFF Ellensburg show in May. The drawing for this item will be held at the Awards Banquet, on May 13th.

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AROUND THE BEND

March 6th, 7th, 8th Great West Fly Fishing Show

March 11th, SFF Meeting
7 PM CONSERVATION RAFFLE (6 PM Ticket Sales and Placement)

March 14th, Coffee Pot Outing

March 18th, SFF Board Meeting 7 PM

March 19th, Fly Fishing School begins.

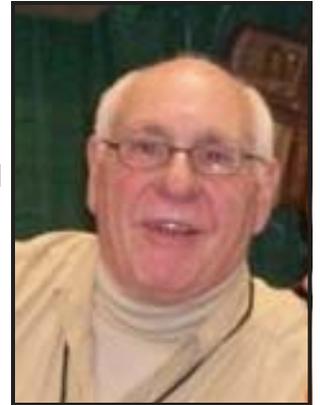
March 28th & 29th, Clark Fork Outing

April 8th, SFF Meeting 7PM

April 11th, Amber Lake Outing

PREZ SEZ

Once again, we had outstanding attendance at our February meeting. Over 120 members and guests learned from our fantastic speaker, Rick Hafele, who spoke about emergers. It was great to see the crowded room. About 50 members attended the workshop with Rick earlier in the day.



We are entering the busy season of the SFF calendar. As you all know, the March meeting is our Conservation Raffle. Each year, this event has raised about \$3,000 to support a conservation project. There is still time to get your donation of a new or gently used item in for entrance into the "early" raffle (the deadline is March 6th). Be sure you mark you calendar for the MARCH 11TH meeting. This is our main fundraiser for our conservation projects.

The Great Western Sportfishing Show is also in March and we are supporting the fly tying theater. We really push at this show for our Fly Fishing School. Not only are fly tyers needed but also greeters and people to explain about our school. At this event, we will also be selling tickets for the beautiful fly tying desk which Klaus Rissman has built and donated.

During March we completed both the Beginning and Intermediate Fly Tying Classes. I want to give special thanks to Betty Smith-Lambert and her able assistants, Mary Kovach and Bob Mielbrecht, for their time and efforts in teaching our members the beginning fly tying. Once again, Judy Kaufman put together the intermediate fly tying instructions classes. Thanks to Judy and all the club member instructors.

Our Fly Tying School begins on March 19th. The school will be advertised in the Spokesman Review. There is still time for our members to sign up. If you sign up at the Great Western Sportfishing Show, or are already a club member, you will receive a 10% discount. The cost for the school this year is \$100 or \$60 for youth (12 to 16). We could still use more volunteers for the school for casting and knot tying. If you can help, please call Dan Ferguson at 325-8885.

Linda and I will see you at the raffle.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We wish to welcome our newest members:

Gerald and Nora Havens

Jonathan Nobles

Rodney Wells

We all hope you enjoy belonging to Spokane Fly Fishers.

ANNUAL DUES REMINDER

Mary Kovatch, our membership chairperson, wants to remind all members that their dues for the 2009 - 2010 year will be due on May 31st. You can pay now and avoid the rush. The dues are \$20 for an individual or \$25 for a family. Payment can be made at the meetings or mailed to Spokane Fly Fishers, PO Box 4141, Spokane, WA 99220.

**GREAT WESTERN SPORTFISHING SHOW
MARCH 6TH, 7TH AND 8TH
SPOKANE CONVENTION CENTER**

This is the second year that the SFF has participated in this show. Dan Ferguson has been the coordinator for our club. He has arranged that we are in charge of the Fly Tying Theater.

HOURS

Friday	1 pm to 8 pm
Saturday	10 am to 7 pm
Sunday	10 am to 5 pm

**Seminars All Day
Special Guest Speakers
Daily Door Prizes
Fly Tying Theater
Fly Casting Clinic**

ONE TIME ADMISSION

Adults	\$9.00
Children 6-12	\$4.00
Children under 6	Free

The show features Skip Morrison and Denny Rickards.

The club members working in our tying booth, greeting visitors, selling tickets for Klaus's tying desk and promoting Fly Fishing School registration, get free admission.

Attend the show, help out and view some of our best tyers in action.

If you need more information or wish to volunteer contact Dan at 325-8885.

**BEGINNING FLY TYING CLASS REPORT
By Betty Smith-Lambert**

I want to declare the 2009 beginning fly tying class a success. Seven people of the 16 registered showed up for the class. I think that the snow that we got mid December put some of our members on hold. The people who attended the class successfully tied ten different flies each selected to build on the techniques of the flies tied before. By the end of the class they could handle many kinds of materials and were shown and used several methods of doing each technique. They even learned to dub, which is often considered one of the most difficult techniques of fly tying.



They have put beads on hooks, and the floor; packed hair and spread it all over the room; broken and recovered from broken thread; and found that forgetting to put a material on the hook at the instructed position or moving the thread as instructed, can usually be repaired.

The graduation fly was the Stimulator which I am proud to say everyone completed.

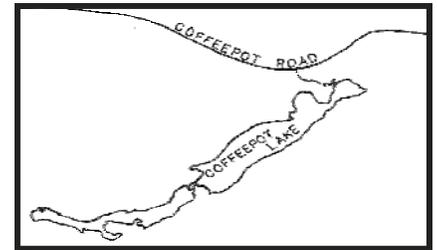
I hope that they continue to have a much fun with their fly tying as we had in the class.

Remember that the Conservation Raffle will be a great place to pick up tying materials.

COFFEE POT LAKE OUTING - MARCH 14, 2009

On Saturday, March 14, 2009, we will head to Coffee Pot Lake for our first outing of 2009. 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 tippetts 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 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 28TH - 29TH****Host: Carolyn Sells**

Saturday morning, at 8 AM Mountain Time, we will all meet at Clark Fork Trout and Tackle (Brooks) in St. Regis, Montana. On Sunday morning we will meet at Joe Cantrell's. Plans for the best float for the day - based on weather conditions will be formulated over coffee. Non fishers are welcome to join us for coffee - we may even put you to work shuttling vehicles. It is recommended that you wear your long johns this early in the season.

If you have any questions, need directions, or wish to sign up for this outing, call Carolyn at 489-3726. This trip will be a go unless the river is blown out.

AMBER LAKE OUTING**APRIL 11th — 2:00 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.

MCGINNIS LAKE OUTING - APRIL 18TH AND 19TH**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 Hwy 155 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.

**WEST MEDICAL LAKE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH - 5:00 PM
Host: David Sowinski**

West Medical Lake is one of Eastern Washington's most productive lakes. The narrow 1.75 mile long 235 acre lake stretches North and South providing plenty of shoreline on its East and West Banks. The lake is heavily stocked with rainbows each year and produces good size trout with some holdovers growing over 20 inches. If you choose not to use a float tube or pontoon boat the long Western shoreline provides plenty of public access and room for casting and even has some pretty good bays. Directions: take I-90 to Exit 272 (Route 902); continue on 902 well into the town of Medical Lake and make a left turn onto Lefevere Street (across from Denny's Harvest Foods). Go South on Lefevere approximately 1.6 miles until you get past the South end of Medical Lake, then look for a sign to Eastern State Hospital and West Medical Lake. Turn right at the sign (on Fancher Connection) and then take your first left (Fancher). This will take you straight to the West Medical Lake Marina. Public access is just past the marina.

Flies might include the Stillwater Nymph, Woolly Buggers, Olive Six Pack, Lady McConnell, and Chironomid patterns to name a few. If you want to come early and need help I will be there no later than 3:00 PM.

If you need a mentor please contact me at 509-244-8840.

ALAGNAK RIVER GUIDED FLOAT TRIP

By Clint Rogel

Two spaces are still open. The trip is from June 17 to the 27. We're fishing, primarily, for large rainbow. The cost is \$2,600 from King Salmon. For more information call Clint at 535-5738 or 220-9486.

TIPS FROM MEMBERS

To thread fly onto tippet quickly: Get dental loop (for threading floss under bridge) at any drugstore. Place several inches terminal end of tippet through dental loop. Thread fly onto dental loop and then, pull loop/tippet through fly eye. Easy, eh? Put loop away for future use. Tie fly onto tippet; start casting. Gets fly in the water quicker because it's hard for fish to "take" when you're fumbling around tying fly onto the tippet with the aid of the dental loop. Then, tight line! (Submitted by Jim Coolman)

1. The Conservation Raffle is in March. Take advantage of the trips that are offered. It is a waste of knowledge that a fellow member is willing to share when the recipient doesn't take the trip after winning it.
2. If tying a black leech, tie in two strips of dark blue flashabou. If you don't like it, cut it off. It does improve the catching, though.
3. Include scissors and toothpicks in your fishing equipment. That means having access to them....not at home or in the car. I have found that the cocktail-type of toothpicks have a coating that doesn't allow deterioration like a plain toothpick. Scissors are used for trimming flies and toothpicks are for taking out knots in leaders.
4. Don't discard the well-used flies. Sometimes they catch more than the "perfect" fly so I use my close-at-hand scissors for a manicure job and enjoy the fun.
5. Fish are not necessarily scared of a pontoon boat in shallow water. Last fall my fishing companion was using a floating line with a leech pattern and 20 feet of line and moving slow. The sky was overcast.
6. Try a Turcks Tarantula with little movement. I have found that it works on all the local lakes.
7. The lakes will soon start thawing. A streamer is a good pattern to use when the ice is partly off the lake. Fish next to the ice and preferably is shallow water.

More "Tips" are needed. Please share your expertise with the rest of us. Email your tips to frednlindah@comcast.net.



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SFF 2009 OUTINGS

Our Outings Committee chaired by Geno Baril has planned 23 outings for the club this coming fishing season. These outings are as follows:

Coffee Pot	March 14	Host: Tim Reed
Clark Fork	March 28-29	Host: Carolyn Sells
Amber Lake	April 11	Host: Geno Baril
McGinnis	April 18-19	Host: Chris Kassa
West Medical	May 6	Host: Dave Sowinski
One Fly at Badger	May 9	Host: Judy Kaufman
Jump off Joe	May 22 @ 3:00	Host: Bill Lundin
McDowell	May 30-31	Host: Dale Isenberg
Eloika Lake	June 3 @ 5:30	
Conservation Trip	June 13	
North Fork CD'A River	June 20-21	Host: Art Ross
Grand Ronde	June 27-28	Host: Carolyn Sells
Big Hole	July 11-12	Host: Brad Thompson
Kelly Creek	July 25-26	
St Joe	August 8-9	Host: Art Ross
Locksa	August 22-23	Host: Don Tietz
Amber Lake	August 26	
Spokane River	August 29	
Missouri River	September 11-12	Host: Carolyn Sells
Yellowstone	September 14-20	Hosts: Judy Kaufman & Karen Reed
Clark Fork	October 10-11	Hosts: Jim & Jo Gooley
Amber Lake	October 17	Host: Geno Baril
North Fork CD'A River	October 24	

As you can see, hosts are needed for many of the outings. If you wish to volunteer, contact Geno at 468-0589. If there are no volunteer hosts, the outings will have to be cancelled.

The responsibility of a host includes coordinating times and meeting locations, securing mentors if needed, purchasing and preparing food (paid for by SFF) for the main course (if served, during an outing), writing an early article for the newsletter (Editors note: AS SOON AS POSSIBLE) and following up with a recap article for the Barbless after the event has occurred. Pictures are also appreciated. Twenty of the outings have to be described in the next five issues of the Barbless.....so, time is of the essence (GET THOSE ARTICLES IN).

This is a great chance to meet fellow members and share your love of fishing and camping.



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NEXT MEETING

MARCH 11, 2009

CONSERVATION RAFFLE

Tickets and Viewing at 6 PM

Raffle begins at 7 PM

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