



The Barbless Flyer



Spokane Fly Fishers

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**OCTOBER MEETING: OCTOBER 14TH
EXCEPTIONAL PROGRAM
STEELHEAD, STEELHEAD
LEROY HYATT - CLEARWATER,
SEAN VISINTAINER - GRANDE RONDE
TWO GREAT RIVERS, TWO GREAT SPEAKERS**

**(LEROY HYATT & CAROLYN SELLS
TYING BEFORE THE PROGRAM)**



What you want to know about steelheading and particularly about steelheading on the Grande Ronde and the Clearwater. If you know nothing about steelhead fishing or are an experienced angler, this promises to be an exciting program. Our two speakers are among the most qualified steelheaders

in the area. Both are well known to Spokane Fly Fishers. Leroy Hyatt hails from Lewiston is an author, columnist, professional fly tier and appears on KSPS's "Fly Tying the Anglers Art (along with our own member Carolyn Sells) and fishes a lot. Sean Visintainer is the owner of the Silver Bow Fly Shop; he fishes at every opportunity in Washington, Idaho, Montana, Canada and salt water. He guides and works very long hours in the Silver Bow, ah youth!

Sean will concentrate on information about the Grande Ronde, presenting basics of what, how, when and where (no great secrets given away). Leroy will do the same for the Clearwater River. This promises to be an outstanding year for steelheading. If you don't already go after these magnificent fish, the information given by these two experts will probably entice you to do so. We live in a region that offers great opportunities.



Maybe we should take advantage! Speaking of opportunities, Leroy and Carolyn will be tying before the meeting (don't miss this) and the Silver Bow is offering a class on steelhead fishing on the Grande Rhonde October 8 (contact the Silver Bow).

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AROUND THE BEND

October 3, Spokane River Outing 8 AM

October 10-11 Clark Fork Outing

October 14, SFF Meeting 7 PM

October 17, Amber Lake Outing 10 AM

October 21, SFF Board Meeting 6 PM

November 11, SFF Meeting 7 PM
FLY AUCTION

November 18, SFF Board Meeting 6 PM

December 9, SFF Meeting Christmas Party 7 PM

PREZ SEZ

By Mike Melmoth



Another month slips into the past. Hopefully, it provided all the fishing opportunities you wanted. It appears everyone made it back from the Missouri and Yellowstone outings with fish tales to tell. Even my son made it back from La Paz with pictures of big fish and great times had. This month we can look forward to float and wade outings on the Spokane, Clark Fork, Amber Lake and, if we get a host, a one day trip to the North Fork of the Coeur D'Alene.

Those of you that weren't here missed a great afternoon and evening with Skip Morris and his tying expertise as well as his wit and presentation skills. Many thanks, to everyone who helped with set up, clean up, and everything in between, for making it such a successful meeting.



This month we have local expertise giving us a low down on steel heading on a fly. I am extremely anxious to hear Leroy Hyatt and Sean Visintainer wax eloquent on the where and how to fish for the king of the rainbows.

The board met last night, and it was brought up that you might all be interested in knowing what transpired. So, this part of the "Flyer" is going to become a bit hefty. Without being too long winded, we were briefed on conservation projects, membership issues, and status of our involvement with Project Healing Waters, status of the Spokane River access project, committee chair positions filled and still to be filled. Several other issues were discussed and when resolved or brought to a vote they will be put in here. Those issues voted on will be a month behind since I need the minutes to get them straight as presented and don't want to make any errors. Also due to discussion held at last night's meeting you will notice several other changes in the future Barbless Fliers, like inclusion of a list of the committees and their chairs. Telephone numbers are in the blue books if you need to get a hold of committee chairmen. The same goes for officers and board members, their numbers are also available in the blue books and we are all available to you when you have news or a problem related to the club or fishing that you feel should be brought to either the board or general membership's attention.

FLY TYERS please remember to get your flies to Mike Berube for the fly auction in November. Flies submitted before the night of the auction will get you a surprise as well as the thanks of the committee as they have longer to get them processed into the auction.

OOPS: In the article on the AMBER LAKE OUTING, in the September Barbless, the date of the outing was listed on October 11th. It should have read OCTOBER 17TH.

MEMBERSHIP

Please extend a warm welcome to the newest members of the club.

Shirley Roraback and Mike and Linda Graham

**NOVEMBER MEETING: NOVEMBER 11th, 2009 7:00PM
ANNUAL FLY AUCTION
By Mike Berube**

It's time to start tying flies NOW that you wish to donate for our November 2009 fly auction.

As you know, this function is a major fundraiser for SFF with proceeds financing much of our functions, printing, postage and speakers for the year. Our club heavily depends on your generosity and donations.



This is always a fun meeting and a chance to pick up incredible flies tied by some of the Inland Northwest's best fly tiers. Please call Mike Berube at 999-8235 or Kurt Tempel at 922-7564 for questions or to arrange for a drop-off. You may also bring your tied flies to our October 14th meeting. If you plan on bringing them the night of the auction, check in time will be from 6:00 to 6:45 PM.

Please call Mike or Kurt if you'd like to be on the Fly Auction Committee and help with this event.

MISSOURI RIVER OUTING REPORT

By: Carolyn Sells



We had a great turnout this year, 20 members made the long trip. We had several members who were first timers for the Missouri, so that was great too.

Fishing was a little tough for most; the fish were not feeding in pods as usual, so dry fly fishing was slow. Members, who are good nymph fishermen, did well.

The potluck on Friday night was awesome! Thanks everyone for the great dishes!

On Saturday night, after everyone got off the river, we all met for dinner at the Missouri River Inn. The place was under new management, so we were quite a test for them.

A special thanks to Jo Gooley for shuttling everyone and for getting reservations for us for dinner.

ONE IMPORTANT NOTE - a reminder to everyone: **Be Sure You Drink Enough Water** on those warm days out on the water. We had a member find out the hard way with a serious case of dehydration.



25,000 TROUT CLIPPED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF SPOKANE FLY FISHERS



September 1st found seven members of Spokane Fly Fishers working with seven Washington State Fishery employees clipping fins on 25,000 trout. At about 9:30 AM, after receiving instructions, we were each supplied with a small scissors.

The first pond (in the sun) held 10,000 fish about 3 to 4 inches in length. These fish were anesthetized (just a little) and then the left dorsal fin was clipped. The fish were then returned to the pond and recovered nicely.



After the employees fed us all lunch, we proceeded to the second pond (again in the sun) containing 15,000 trout approximately 6 inches long. We clipped the right cervical fin on these larger fish and they too recovered well once returned to their pond.



We were relieved to see that our little surgical procedures did not result in any of the 25,000 swimming in a circle. The staff assured us that in about a year to a year and a half, the fins will grow back.

SPOKANE RIVER CLEAN-UP REPORT

Bright and early on Saturday, September 26th, six Spokane Fly Fisher members joined forces to do their part in caring for the beauty of our river. Mike Berube, Dan Ferguson, Fred Howe, Judy Kaufman, Kurt Tempel, along with our Conservation Chairman, Mike Keegan, worked for about four hours ridding the river-side of paper, bottles, the ever present Styrofoam and other garbage carelessly left by others. The areas worked were in Riverside State Park near the Bowl and Pitcher. This was the second year that our club has participated in the event.



CONSERVATION CORNER

WEST MEDICAL LAKE COMPRESSOR NEEDED

By: Mike Keegan

The West Medical Lake aerator project needs a compressor estimated at \$4100. The club plans to contribute to that project for WDFW pending resolving some concerns on installation to maximize reliability.

Klaus Rissman has worked with a local company on defining the compressor.

REMEMBER EGG SUCKING

By: Mike Keegan



Spokane Fly Fishers are planning on again working on 'egg sucking' late this fall at the Spokane hatchery. For those of you not familiar with term, bad fish eggs (who will spoil the others) are meticulously extracted from trays of about 2,000 good fish eggs with the aid of turkey basters.

A date has not yet been set but is usually in early December. A sign-up sheet will be at the October meeting.

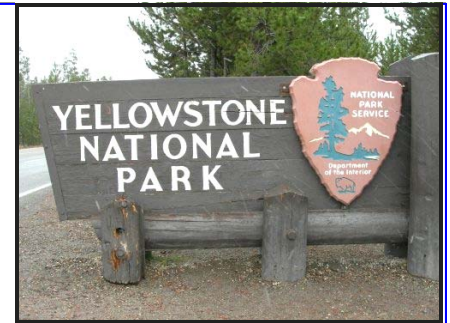
INVASIVE SPECIES

Harmful species are often so small that they are not visible to the naked eye. The following precautions are recommended:

- * Eliminate all water from every conceivable item before leaving an area.
- * Remove water from boots, waders, floating craft, motors, live wells, and fishing tackle.
- * Once water is eliminated the following cleaning instructions are advised:
 - Use hot (up to 104 F) or salt water to clean equipment.
 - Wash your dog with warm water.
- * The following recipes are recommended:for cleaning hard-to-treat equipment:
 - Dip equipment into 100% vinegar for 20 minutes.
 - A 1% table salt solution for 24 hours can replace the vinegar dip.
For example, 5 gallons of water with 2/3 cup of salt.
 - High pressure spray if hot water is not available and dipping into a solution is not possible.
- * Dry equipment. If possible, allow for 5 days of drying time before entering new waters.

YELLOWSTONE OUTING REPORT

By: Judy Kaufman



Spokane Fly Fishers fished the Madison, Gallatin, Firehole and Henry's Fork Rivers, Nez Perce and Sentinel Creeks, Hebgen and Henry's Lake. We fished inside and outside Yellowstone Park. There were novice and experienced anglers.

The fishing was great; the *catching was not so great!* This area offers a tremendous amount of fishing opportunities in a couple of states and a national park. The scenery is breathtaking and wildlife abounds. The weather was great (occasional thunder storms and breezes in the PM), too great! If the weather had been cooler those monster fish would have been hungrier!

Streamers, nymphs, soft hackles, hoppers, ants and the occasional dry fly were the most productive fish nabbers. Here's a tip, try a Zug Bug the next time you fish a river.

All in all there were 24 folks at the outing. Most fished and there were family members that came because it is an interesting and beautiful location. Part of Chris and Ellen Kassa's family came from Arizona to join us. We enjoyed a spaghetti dinner Sunday evening, the 13th. As usual everyone brought great food. Jo Gooley provided the main course. Unfortunately, Jo and Jim were unable to attend the outing because Jim became ill Sunday morning before we left the Missouri and they returned home. Thank goodness Jim's ok. It was a dehydration problem.

In my opinion, the Yellowstone outing is one of the best of the season. For those of us that fished we all suffered together for lack of catching, a real bonding experience. It's great to meet new people, renew acquaintances and to fish in an area that is beautiful and surrounded by so many fishing waters. P.S. Tim Reed won't be fishing the Firehole again. EVER!

WILD WOMEN'S WEEKEND REPORT



Betty Smith-Lambert, again this year, organized the participation of Spokane Fly Fishers at the annual Wild Women's Weekend. Betty conducted classes in fly tying. Betty's classes were very popular. Each student left with at least one fly that they were very proud of.

Mary Kovatch, once again, did an excellent job in explaining and demonstrating the art of fly casting. A few of the participants in the classes expressed interest in joining the club and possibly taking the fly fishing lessons in 2010.



Mary was assisted by Carla Ferguson, Pat Mielbrecht and Linda Howe. Betty had the aid of her able assistant, Susan.



UPCOMING SFF 2009 OUTINGS

See September Barbless for:

Spokane River (Rescheduled)	October 3	Host: Tim Reed and Judy Kaufman
Clark Fork	October 10-11	Hosts: Jim & Jo Gooley
Amber Lake	October 17	Host: Geno Baril

See October Barbless for:

North Fork CD'A River	October 24	HOST NEEDED (May be Cancelled)
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Our deepest condolences go to the family and friends of Suzi Smith (Bill Smith's wife) and Don Chinn. Both of these members passed away during the month of September.


ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY

You may recall that last April the FFF was selling Raffle Tickets for a trip to Five Rivers Lodge in Dillon Mt. <http://www.fiveriverslodge.com/> These tickets are still available through December. Each FFF Council will be awarded a trip with something in the neighborhood 500 tickets sold in Washington.

This is a 5 night / 4 day trip for two valued at \$6300! It includes a \$1000 in travel dollars. From Spokane this could put up to \$800 in your pocket. Pure profit! This alone would make buying a ticket for \$20 worthwhile.

WAIT! There's more! Each council winner will be entered into a drawing for a Cinco Rios Lodge Fishing trip in Chile! (See above link)

I will have tickets available for sale at our next meeting or give me a call to purchase. Dan Ferguson at 325-8885.



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NEXT MEETING

OCTOBER 14TH, 7 PM

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“STEELHEAD/STEELHEAD”

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