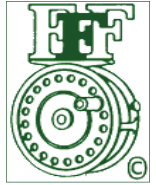




The Barbless Flyer



Spokane Fly Fishers

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April, 2010

APRIL 14th MEETING: 5 PM to 9PM (or Until the Questions End or We Get Tired) FLY FISHING EXTRAVAGANZA By Gale Allen and Dean Knudsen

Our April Meeting will feature representatives from Washington and Idaho Fish and Game, Federation of Fly Fishers, Trout Unlimited, the Forest Service, local guides and outfitters, fly shops, rod builders, fly tiers and authors, as well as other displays.

You'll be able to chat with representatives from both Washington and Idaho about local fishing opportunities, pick a guide's brain on fishing area lakes and rivers for trout and steelhead. Don't forget to take time to check out the latest tying materials and equipment from the local shops or pick up a pointer or two on rod building or tying your favorite fly. The evening will end with Chris Donley giving the stocking and fishing report for all of our local lakes.

You can enjoy it all with a break while eating a hot dog, sausage or Sloppy Joe meal served with chips and a soft drink.

This will be a busy and informative time. Because of the variety of information available to you at the different booths, the meeting room will be open and ready to enjoy at 5 PM rather than our normal 7 PM starting time.

See you there.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2010/2011

The April meeting also includes the election of the board for the upcoming year. The nominating committee suggests that we elect:

President:	Mike Berube
Vice President:	Kurt Tempel
Secretary:	Bob Kowal
Treasurer:	Gale Allen
Board Position 1:	Gail Bailey
Board Position 2:	Klaus Rissmann
Board Position 3:	Dale Sorg

Installation of officers will be at the May Awards Banquet.

SFF Officers and Board Members

President	Mike Melmoth
Vice President	Bob Hudson
Treasurer	Ray Baker
Secretary	Gail Bailey
Board Position 1	Mike Berube
Board Position 2	Kurt Tempel
Board Position 3	Tim Reed
Past President	Fred Howe
Sgt. At Arms	Klaus Rissmann

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AROUND THE BEND

April 10, Amber Lake Outing
9 AM

April 14, SFF Meeting 5 PM
EXTRAVAGANZA

April 17/18, McGinnis Lake
Outing

April 21, SFF Board Meeting
6:00 PM

May 1, Kid's Fish-In
Clear Lake

May 5, Badger Lake Outing
5:00 PM

May 8, One Fly Contest
Williams Lake

May 12, SFF Meeting
AWARDS BANQUET



PREZ SEZ

By: Mike Melmoth

April means fishing not showers. Well, maybe those too since we are going to need all the water we can get this year. Fish early and fish often because July and August may mean very low warm water and the closure of rivers. We can always hope this is not the case, but El Nino years past kind of show this to be the truth. Even Canada didn't get its normal snow. I guess that means we will have to go farther East to fish those two months. I guess the California Mountains are even a possibility for those with time to travel. I'm sure we will all find somewhere to fish.

April also means the club's EXTRAVAGANZA, so be sure to bring a note pad as you're sure to find something you want to jot down and take home information on. We have twelve or so people so far ready to do a booth for you. Rich Landers is even doing one and it will surprise you for sure. Glad to have you with us Rich. We will have to make sure our fly fishing school class all get copies of the Flyer so they know they are welcome to come, and should as this event is as much or more for new folk than the old timers, age not implied, just duration in the club.

April also means election of new officers and board members, and this year it is a total new set of director positions as the 2009/2010 board members all move up or on. See nominee list elsewhere in this month's Flyer. It also means we are down to one meeting to get your awards banquet tickets. If you miss the meeting and want tickets let anyone on the board know and we will hold tickets for you at the door. Looks like we will be going back to Northern Quest Casino as by the time all the pieces were put together, all the alternatives looked at to make it less expensive added up to the same or higher price for the tickets and not as good a menu. Final price has been set and it looks like \$35.00 per person with a choice of prime rib or chicken plus the usual array of sides and dessert. So if you want to hear Carolyn Sells present on Oregon waters, feast on good food and see who earned what award, come on out.

By the time you read this, two or three of the twenty seven listed outings will have happened. I hope a bunch of you made it out and had heavy enough leaders and tippet to survive the hungry horses. See you at McGuinness, Clear, Badger and Williams.

FLY FISHING SCHOOL ATTENDEES

The school got off to a great start with 45 students. Please welcome these new members to our club:

Tim Andrews	Kelly Black	Karl Boldt	Mick Buller	James Carini
Jessica Donovan	David Gard	Ira Gardner	Robin Gavelin	Albert Greco
Kent Helmer	Bill Henry	Myah Houghten	Chris Inmam	Jeffrey Johnson
Kelli Kaplan	Eleanor Key	Jeff Knjutson	Kelly Knutson	Patti Krafft
Rick Lally	Fred Landes	Rose Mahoney	Mark McEnderfer	Avdo Meric
Vincent Morelli	John Pitts	Dennis Pohle	Joe Rickerson	Rick Ridgeway
F. Michael Roach	Betty Santora	John Schoenmaker	Jeanne Schoney	Chuck Sims
Randy Smith	Russ Smoot	Mark Steenwyk	Charlene Stevens	Bryan Stutz
Connie Tedrow	Robert Truckner	Christopher Volitis	Grant Wencel	Jacob Zettler

KIDS' FISH-IN DAY

(Leaping Fish, Disappearing Bobbers, and Buddy Can You Spare Another Worm?)
CLEAR LAKE, SATURDAY, MAY 1st 7 AM Until You Want to Quit

The dock and the shore are lined with kids, parents, grandparents, & volunteers. The signal to fish is sounded. The air is filled with red and white bobbers (strike indicators to fly anglers); they hit the water and disappear. Shouts of "you got him, reel him in, way to go" are heard up and down the dock and beach! Another Kids' Fish-in Day is launched. Between the hours of 8AM and 3Pm 1,000 kids age 5 – 14 will have the opportunity to fish. They will succeed. They fish for 30 minutes or catch 3 fish (whichever comes first). Every child catches at least one fish and goes home with a rod, reel, line and T-shirt, all this for \$5.



The Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife & the Go Play Outside Alliance of Washington present the event. The program is aimed at getting more kids involved in fishing. The Spokane Fly Fishers, other fishing, youth organizations and businesses help sponsor this event monetarily and with heartfelt labor. About the labor part, we need you to volunteer. If you do, here are some of the tasks you may choose to perform: help with baiting hooks, casting, reeling, landing, unhooking fish, putting fish in plastic bags, taking & posing for pictures & CHEERING on young anglers. If you prefer to stay dry and fish scent free, there are non-fish jobs to do. If you are really into it you can help clean the caught fish. You will need to be at Clear Lake at the Air Force Camping Area by 7:00AM on Saturday, May 2nd. There is a for fee breakfast offered at the lake starting at 6:00AM (we may gather elsewhere for breakfast, the Petro Truck Stop at the Medical Lake Exit loved having us there last year). You'll have a great time at this event and probably sign up next year! Sign up at the April general meeting or call Judy at 924-9462.

DUES DUES DUES DUES

Remember that dues for ALL members are payable by May 31, 2010. Enclosed in this newsletter is a renewal form. You may mail your dues or pay at the April meeting. If you are a new student member, have already paid for the next year or are a Lifetime member, please ignore the renewal form.

MEMBERSHIP

Mary Kovatch, Membership Chair

Please give a warm welcome to the new members. They are:

Grant Wencel, Rick Nelson, Tom & Pat Volinic, Matt Brooks, Sam Wood, Ron Grove, Deborah Kohut, Dave Geisler, Neil Boekel, Lawrence Ray and Shiraz Vira.

UPCOMING OUTINGS

See the February Barbless for info on the Amber and McGinnis Outings.

See the March Barbless for info on Kid's Fishing, Badger Lake, Fan Lake Outings and the One Fly.

McDOWELL LAKE OUTING - MAY 22ND

Host: Don Wright

This is a walk in lake, so a pontoon or float tube is needed. Traveling north on US 395 near the town of Arden, look for Stimson lumber mill on the left. Turn right on Rocky Lane and one block later turn left on Old Highway. Drive 0.6 miles then turn right on Artman-Gibson Road. Go 3.9 miles and turn right on Kitt-Narcisse Road. 2.2 miles later, bear right when the road splits at the sign for Bailey Lake – McDowell Lake. This is also where the pavement ends. Continue another 2.6 miles to Narcisse Creek Road. Turn left on NCR and drive 2.9 miles (bearing right at two forks in the road) to the campground (on the right just after you cross a bridge). NOTE: (1) Forks are about 45 degree angles...don't make any 90 degree right turns onto the dirt roads leading off to the right. (2) I did not make up these street names...they are for real. The campground has plenty of room, many good campsites, fire pits and a new outhouse. If it is open past the campground, the road you drove in on will take your truck and maybe a car, to the south end of the lake, but you will have to hike down a pretty steep hill to the Lake. This is the route usually taken by people with pontoon boats since access from the campground to the north end of the lake involves a half mile walk on a newly graveled trail.

Recommended Flies: Halloween Bugger, Water Boatmen, Chironomids, Soft Hackles, Ants, Alice's Don't Ask and the Red Butt Guaranteed.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call Don at 684-4451

CONSERVATION OUTING—MAY 22ND (Changed from June 12-13)

By: Mike Keegan

This year's outing will be in the Sherman Creek area of Colville National Forest. The ranger, Karen Honeycutt, is organizing planting of trees for erosion control. Since the trees have a better chance of survival if planted before the hot weather, the outing is scheduled for Saturday May 22nd. There will be a sign up sheet at the April meeting.

A barbecue is included. Also, members are encouraged to bring their fishing gear since the Forest Service would like to get an idea of the fish situation in Sherman Creek.

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COEUR D' ALENE RIVER OUTING - JUNE 19-20**Hosts: Mike and Alli Melmoth**

June 18 thru 20th the alluring Coeur D Alene River beckons you to her swift shallows and deep holes in search of the elusive West Slope Cutthroat. Pack up the dog, the kids and your favorite partner and join us for a weekend of fun and fishing. We will be camping at Big Hank campground off FR 208 as usual this year. It is a rustic National Park Service campground , reservations available through www.recreation.gov Well water available, bottled water suggested if your sensitive. No hook-ups available. The closest hotels or motels are in Kingston, Country Lane Resort, (208)682-2698; or in Kellogg, Silverhorn Motor Inn (208)783-1151. The best darn burger in Idaho is available at the Spragpole Bar about 6 miles East of Pritchard on the Thompson Pass road. They also operate a free museum with some of the best collections I've ever seen.

From Spokane, travel East on I90 to the Kingston exit (exit 43, first exit after the old Cataldo Mission). Turn onto FR 9 north along the river to Pritchard. Stop for ice cream, then proceed north on FR 208 (left leg of a lazy "Y") for about 26 miles. Big Hank is on the left. Total distance from I-90 to Big Hank is 42 miles. If you don't get a reserved site, the majority of sites are first come first served. Even if full when you get there, there are multiple other areas where you can camp. We also have made a habit of getting tents in the back of trailer sites, so don't give up without seeing myself or Alli or Mike II.

Friday night at about 7:30 we will have a gathering for the ladies and a beer and bull session for the gents (BYOB) we will provide the snacks. Potluck Saturday evening about 7:00 PM. We provide the brats and sirloin burgers. Your Stakes cooked to order if you don't like our offerings. Sue said she wouldn't miss it so she will be cooking again this year.

Fly suggestions: Bright colored stimulators, Royal Wulff's, and Humpies size 8-12, emergers in a 16-20 or caddis patterns in 12-16. Idaho licenses are available at some Spokane sporting goods stores or the fly shop in Kingston. If you plan to do all of the Idaho and Montana outings, an annual license may be purchased for each on the internet for less than the cost of the individual 3 day licenses. Prices have gone up so unless you plan on a lot of out of state fishing annuals are steep.

Questions? Call Mike or Alli 468-4894

GRANDE RONDE OUTING - JUNE 26-27**By: Carolyn Sells**

This outing will depend on the water level; call me at 489-3726 the week before. This is a small fast river with obstacles, rapids and shallows; you must be able to adjust your boat quickly. If the water is higher, it will make you work!

We will meet at Boggan's Oasis at 8:30am on 6/26. It's 3 to 3 ½ hours from Spokane via Lewiston, Clarkston, Asotin, Anatone and Highway 129. We will be drifting from Boggan's to Shoemaker. This is a 7 mile drift.

Boggan's Oasis - Boggan's does have cabins with very reasonable summer rates (\$25 to \$50 a night) to make reservations call 509-256-3372. There is a restaurant and great milk shakes. There is no cell phone service in the canyon but there is a pay phone at Boggan's.



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GRANDE RONDE - Continued

Fish - We will be targeting smallmouth bass, but there are lots of trout steelhead smolts too. Bring your usual trout flies for stream fishing. For bass, bring streamers, Clousers, poppers and large terrestrials. We will be fishing with floating and sinking lines.

Gear - Bring a lunch and lots of water. Bring a 2 way radio (if you have one), hat, camera, suntan lotion and an anchor (this will be used in back eddies only).

Shuttle - A long, long shuttle, could cost between 50 and 100 dollars. Boggan's can cover the shuttles, but we need to group up to save money. I will bring my trailer to stack boats on.

Camping - For those who want to campout, I will be staying at the second campground upstream from Boggan's (approximately 5miles). It's strictly a parking space with a pit toilet. There is plenty of parking and several spaces to pitch a tent.

Sunday - We will fish above Boggan's on a shorter drift, if anyone has enough energy.

Hopefully we will see you on the river.



CLARK FORK RIVER OUTING - JULY 3-4

Hosts: Jim & Jo Gooley

Campground - Sloway

Motels - St Regis Superior

Restaurants - St Regis

Fly Shops - Clark Fork Trout and Tackle - St Regis

Joe Cantrell Outfitting - St Regis

(Quilt Shop - Superior)

Suggested Flies: This is hopper season so large attractor patterns would be good. Nymphs might be needed for the warmer part of the day. PMD's. Evening Caddis

We will plan for an early meeting ,about 8:00 Mountain Time, at Clark Fork Trout and Tackle on Saturday morning. At that time we will have a cup of coffee, decide what float we want to make - a longer float is being planned for that day, plan shuttles, buy a license if necessary, and of course pick up a few "must have" flies.

On Sunday we gather at Jim & Jo's camp site at Sloway at 7:30 and shuttle to Dry Falls for a float to Sloway Camp Ground where we will have a Fourth of July picnic for lunch. Hamburgers with all the fixings will be provided. Bring your favorite beverage to drink. After lunch a second float could be planned for those who want to stay for the afternoon.

Also, Jim is planning on a short float on Friday late afternoon/evening and would be glad to have anyone who is interested to join him.

For those who have signed up for this outing, you will be contacted the week before for confirmation and any further information.

If you haven't signed up and/or have any questions please contact Jim or Jo at 509 253 4590.

SFF OUTING SCHEDULE FOR 2010**CHAIRMAN: DON TIETZ**

DATE	OUTING	HOST	RATING
April 10	Amber Lake	Mike Melmoth	1
April 17/18	McGinnis Lake	Chris & Ellen Kassa	1
May 1	Kids Fishing		
May 5	Badger Lake	Mike Berube	1
May 8	One Fly/Williams	Kurt Tempel	1
May 15	Fan Lake	Dan Wight	1
May 22	McDowell Lake	Don Wright	3 Access
June 2	Silver Lake South	CANCELLED	CANCELLED
May 22	Conservation	Mike Keegan	NOTE DATE CHANGE
June 19/20	North Fork CDA	Mike Melmoth	2 Wading
June 26/27	Grande Ronde	Carolyn Sells	4 Float: Rapids, fast water
July 3/4	Clark Fork	Jim & Jo Gooley	2 Float: Bridge abutments, small rapids, obstacles
July 9/11	Georgetown Lake	Gale & Cheryl Allen	1
July 17	Spokane River	Tim Reed/Judy Kaufman	3: Float: Rapids, obstacles, sweepers 3: Wade: Slick
July 24/25	Kelly Creek	Mark Potter/Paul Pimentel	3: Wade: Access, slick
August 7/8	St. Joe	Art Ross	1-3: Wade: depending on where
August 21/22	Deschutes River	CANCELLED	CANCELLED
August 21/22	Lochsa River	Don Tietz	3-4: Wade: access, pools, fast water
August 25	Amber Lake	Fred Howe	1
Sept. 10/13	Missouri River	Carolyn Sells	2: Float: obstacles
Sept. 13/19	Yellowstone Area	Judy Kaufman/Karen Reed	(Many locations, many ratings—contact hosts)
Sept. 18	Spokane River	NEED HOST	3: Float: rapids, obstacles, sweepers
Sept. 25/26	Kootenai River	Dan Wight	2-3: Float: rapids
Oct. 9/10	Grande Ronde	Carolyn Sells	4: Wade: slick rocks, boulders, visibility
	Steelhead Fishing		4: Float: low fast waters, obstacles
Oct. 9/10	Clark Fork	NEED HOST	2: Float: Bridge abutments, small rapids, obstacles
Oct. 16	Sprague Lake	Dan Ferguson	1

**A few of our outings still need hosts.
If you wish to volunteer, please call Don at 292-8292.**



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NEXT MEETING

APRIL 14, 2010

EXTRAVAGANZA

5 PM TO 9 PM

(Extended Time Because Of So Much to See)

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