

COFFEE POT OUTING REPORT

By: Fred Howe

The weather really cooperated for this outing. This is the first time in several years that we have not been deterred by ice on the lake.

Our first outing of the year proved to be a beautiful day. The outing was well attended by about 30 members. As far as I know, everyone caught fish. Most of the fish caught were rainbows ranging in size from 14" to 20". A few bass were caught and even one small perch was caught by one of our experienced fly fishermen who is also on the SFF board.

CONSERVATION RAFFLE REPORT

By: Mike Keegan

A successful raffle was held with 114 items which included a Klaus Rissman cabinet, a pontoon boat, 14 fishing trips, several fly rods and reels, and many other items.



Many thanks to the 120 folks who bought tickets. We had a number of members who donated much time particularly Betty Smith-Lambert, Linda Howe, Kurt Tempel, Judy Kaufman, Mike Berube, Bob Mielbrecht, Pat Mielbrecht, and a couple dozen others who helped with everything from staging material, publicity, logistics for selling tickets, and setup/cleanup.

The raffle netted over \$3,000 for our Conservation efforts.

WASHINGTON FLY FISHING FAIR

Washington State Council Federation of Fly Fishers

Ellensburg, WA April 30- May 1, 2010

Friday: 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Our highlighted personalities this year are Brian O'Keefe and Skip Morris

Activities Include:

Fly Tying Demonstrations (More tables than last year), Fly Tying Classes, Fly Casting Classes, Free Fly Casting Clinics, Free Federation Fly Fishing 9 Hole Course, Free Youth Fly Tying Tables, Free Seminars, Raffle and Auction, Banquet, RV and Tent Camping

Education and Fun For All!

The winner of the 5 Rivers Raffle in Washington is Bill Papesh from Spokane. He is a member of the Inland Empire Club.

GREAT WESTERN SPORTFISHING SHOW REPORT

By Mike Berube

I want to thank everyone who volunteered and turned out to help with the show this year. It was a long weekend, but definitely worth it. A special thanks goes out to several people though, Fred and Linda Howe for helping me remember things I forgot about, Dan Ferguson for doing a great job scheduling top notch tyers for the Fly Tying Theater, and to Dan Wight who ran the Kid's Fly Tying Workshop and practically lived at the tying table helping with the kids tying.

Our goals at the show were to sign up folks for the Fly Fishing School, sign people as members, and sell raffle tickets for a hand made fly rod made by Dan Ferguson. The rod materials were donated by Gary Todd. We succeeded on all levels. Twelve signed up for the school, six signed up as members and we made \$296.00 on the fly rod raffle. Club member Alan Marsh won the rod, very fitting since he sold at least 60 percent of the raffle tickets.

Once again thanks to all who worked the show and to all who stopped by to say hello. I hope to see you all at next years show.



PREVENT POACHING

By: Judy Kaufman

There is a decline in the Red Band Trout population in the Spokane River. One of the main reasons is poaching. To stop the poaching is a way of giving the trout a chance at survival and population growth.

Saturday, March 27th members of the Spokane Fly Fishers, Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club and Trout Unlimited joined together to help enforcement officers of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife prevent poaching on the Spokane River. The areas patrolled were: From the upstream boundary of the Plese Flats Day Use Area (Riverside State Park) to Monroe Street Dam and from Upriver Dam to the Idaho State boundary. These areas are closed to all fishing from: in the Lower reach, March 15 until June1, Upper reach, March 15 until the first Saturday in June. The reason for the closure is to give the Trout a better chance to spawn and emerge.

The effort to prevent poaching is continuing with the combined participation of the three clubs, the addition of canoe and kayakers and others that wish to help. The bringing together of the organizations was brought about by the Spokane River Forum with their interest in bringing issues of the River to the community.

If you are interested in being a part of poaching prevention please sign up at the April meeting or give Judy a call at 924-9462.

Thanks to everyone from all the groups that helped on the 27th. It's just the beginning.