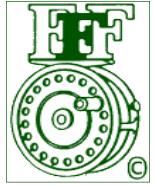




# The Barbless Flyer



Spokane Fly Fishers

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May, 2010

## MAY MEETING - MAY 12, 2010 ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET & MEETING



May 12<sup>th</sup> will be the clubs Annual Awards Banquet and the final meeting of the 2009-2010 club year.

The event will be at the Northern Quest Casino Hotel. Cocktail hour is at 6 PM (no host), with dinner ( Prime Rib and Chicken Buffet) served at 7 PM, followed by the speakers, awards, door prizes, and the installation of officers for the 2009-2010 year.

Time is running out to get your ticket. We need a firm head count by May 7th. Tickets are available by mail. Cost is \$30.00 per person.

Our guest speaker is Carolyn Sells. She'll be talking about the Owyhee River and Reservoir in Eastern Oregon. You won't want to miss her fly fishing stories!

To make sure you don't miss this affair, please contact Kurt Tempel (922-7564), as soon as possible — Or, mail your check (payable to SFF) to:

Kurt Tempel  
2215 S Sonora Street  
Spokane Valley, WA 99037

With wonderful food, a great program, beautiful surroundings, the camaraderie of fellow fly fishers, a no-host bar, door prizes and the awards presentation, this is always an enjoyable event. Send or call in your reservation today.

The newly elected 2010-2011 board includes:

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:	Dave Sorg

The new officers will be installed during the 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
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## AROUND THE BEND

May 1, Kid's Fish-In  
Clear Lake

May 5, Badger Lake Outing  
5:00 PM

May 8, One Fly Contest  
Williams Lake 9 AM

May 12, SFF Meeting  
AWARDS BANQUET

May 15, Fan Lake Outing,  
2 PM

May 22, McDowell Lake  
Outing, 9 AM

May 22, Conservation Out-  
ing 9 AM, Colville National  
Forest

June 19-20, North Fork of  
the Couer d'Alene River



## PREZ SEZ

By: Mike Melmoth, President 2009-2110

This is my last chance to thank all the good members that have supported me during this past year. Naming them all would take the whole column, so **THANK YOU ALL**. This has been a busy and challenging year both from the fishing and the club functional aspects. We have seen a large number of members turn over with folk moving on and many new members coming in. Quite a few new members are stepping up and taking active part in outings, program functions and chairing events. In the thirteen plus years I have been a member, this past year has shown more new member involvement than I have ever seen. Congratulations and thank you. New member involvement is the only way the club can see change and new ideas. I don't know about the rest of the longer term members, but I for one was ready to see changes slip in. Variety is the spice of life.

Gale Allen and Dean Knudsen, thank you for doing a great job with this year's Extravaganza, Carla and Klaus did a fantastic job as usual with the food, and the vendors and tiers and rod builders were all wonderful, keeping the information flowing. I hated to stop them by starting the business meeting. The new officers and board were elected and will be installed at the May awards banquet. Mary and Linda had the new club directories ready and passed them out, bright red, you won't lose this one. There was even a large photo album of the pictures taken on our outings, what a trip down memory lane. All in all, a great evening, I only made one mistake. I didn't get Carl up to announce the April 30 – May 1 Washington State Council Federation of Fly Fishers Fly Fishing Fair in Ellensburg before Chris Donnelly did his fishing forecast. The result was that Carl couldn't be heard as members charged the plates of cookies brought by Clara Ross, and such cookies they were.

Next year Mike Berube gets the honor of writing this column each month. Have fun with it Mike, as you will see, some of the members actually read it. Others even look forward to it, even when you can't think of a witty way to say what you have to say.

## **DUES, DUES, DUES, DUES,**

Remember that dues for *ALL members are payable by May 31, 2010.*

You may use the renewal form in the March newsletter.

Mail your dues to Spokane Fly Fishers, P.O. Box 4141, Spokane, WA 99220.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

By: Mary Kovatch, Membership Chair

The following are the newest members of the club. Please give them a warm welcome.

Nedra Bayne, Don Frogner, Darcy Hildebrand, Brian Singer, Curt Erickson, Gary West, Wayne Jordan, Tom Hannon, George & Sabre Dahl, Robert Brandt, Cecil Duncan, Brian Durheim, Bret & Melanie Whitesides, Tim & Doreen Nicholas, and Sean & JoAnn Kiewert.

## AMBER LAKE REPORT

By: Mike Melmoth

Saturday April 10, 2010 was a below freezing windy morning on Amber Lake, but six or seven brave souls from the Spokane Fly Fishers immersed their bodies in the water in pursuit of the elusive Rainbow or Cut Throat Trout. Only the best or the luckiest fisher was successful on this blustery day and bag limits were smaller than usual but size was not as 19 and 20 inch fish were reported. Fish were taken at both ends of the lake.



If you let the wind dictate where you fished you were in the shallow weed beds where you normally were being blown out of, but the fish were there amidst the lily pads if you used the right fly and could keep your kick boat from blowing over your fly. For those strong enough, or stubborn enough to make the long pull to the opposite end, there were fish there also waiting to give you a ride before the wind sent you home. All but one or two were off the lake early that day, looking for coffee or a warm fire and dreaming of the one that got away.

## CLARK FORK OUTING REPORT

By: Carolyn Sells

Well Gals, I got to spend the weekend fishing with a lot of great guys! We had a lot of fun but had to work really hard to get the fish.

Chris and I fished in gale on Friday, you know a little snow, hail, rain and 30 mile an hour wind. BOY, were we tried, but we managed to catch a few fish, 4 nice bull trout among them, Chris caught 3 of them.

The skwala showed up on Saturday, but the fish were not really keying in on them, we also saw blue wing olives, march browns, midges and a small olive stone. I don't know what was wrong with the fish, too much food in the water I guess! Saw a few pods of fish keying on the blue wings and the march browns, an extended body BWO (16) and a Brooks Spout (18) worked really well for me. We met for dinner at the OK Café to chow down and swap a few stories.

Sunday, we saw almost no hatches, so everyone went deep, a brown griddle bug and a 2 bead stonefly nymph caught a few fish. The fly that worked the best for me was a Prince Nymph (16); I terrorized the white fish population with it and caught one beautiful 20 inch Cutthroat.

Thanks for fishing with me: Sean, John, Jim, Chris, Bill, Dan, Dick, Sam, Mike, Mike and Ron! Jo, thanks for keeping us company.



## CONSERVATION OUTING - MAY 22ND - 9 AM

Please call Mike Keegan at 455-4433 to volunteer to assist with our conservation project this year of planting trees by Sherman Creek in the Colville National Forest. Your help is needed as very few have signed up so far.

Enjoy the company of the other volunteers, plant a few trees (very easy), dine at the barbecue and bring your fishing rod to test the waters in Sherman Creek.

## UPCOMING OUTINGS

### ONE FLY CONTEST - May 8th, 9 AM

BY: Kurt Tempel



We'll need a firm head count by April 28th of those attending this year's One Fly Contest at Williams Lake on May 8th.

If you plan to attend, and have not already signed up, please contact Kurt Tempel at 922-7564.

### GEORGETOWN LAKE OUTING—JULY 9TH, 10TH AND 11TH

By Don Tietz

I know it may seem a bit early since the trip to Georgetown Lake is July 9, 10, 11 but reservations for a campsite need to be made soon as this campground will fill up! Reservations need to be made through ReserveUSA. If you are a computer geek you can make reservations online beginning at this link <http://www.reserveusa.com/jsp/commonpage.jsp?goto=/nrrs/mt/pbcg/newindex.html> and just following directions. The fee is \$13.00 per day plus the reservation fee. Here is some reservation info:

The website ([www.ReserveUSA.com](http://www.ReserveUSA.com)) offers convenient, round-the-clock access to the Online Reservation System. You will be able to search by state or facility name and also check availability as one of the many functions available. Or, if you prefer, you can call the NRRS reservation center by dialing [1-877-444-6777](tel:1-877-444-6777) (toll free), to speak with one of the knowledgeable agents. The NRRS can also be contacted through TDD [1-877-833-6777](tel:1-877-833-6777) and International (518) 885-3639.

**Hours of Operation:** April 1 through Labor Day: 8:00 a.m. until midnight EST Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. EST Sat-Sun. Day after Labor Day through March 31: 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. EST Mon-Fri 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. EST Sat-Sun

**Making a Reservation:** When calling to make a reservation, you will be asked to provide the following information:

Campground name (or state) Philipsburg Bay Campground, Montana

Arrival and departure dates

Type of site required (tent, RV, cabin, lookout, etc.)

The number of people in your party

Method of payment (certified check, credit card -Visa, MasterCard, Amex, Discover card)

This trip has been in the past, and is still, planned to be loosely organized. There are no meals etc. planned, just a good time and maybe good fishing!

Damsel Fly adults and nymphs are the “fly of the day” with a Goddard Caddis sometimes successful as a traveling sedge imitation. Heavy leader and tippet should be in your supplies as there are a lot of weeds and sometimes a good sized fish!



**SPOKANE RIVER OUTING - JULY 17TH**

Hosts: Judy Kaufman 924-9462 Tim Reed 796-2344

If you have not floated and fished the Spokane River, come see a scenic part of Spokane you did not know existed. For those of you who have, you know why you don't want to miss this outing.

We will meet at Water street underneath the Maple street bridge at 8:30 A.M.. We will set up our boats and the shuttle vehicles to the T. j. Meenach take out. If you want to walk and wade but don't know the hot spots, call and we will fine someone to put you in the know. We will call every one on the sign up list prior to the outing to update information for fishing on the river.

**KELLY CREEK OUTING - JULY 24-25**

Hosts: Mark Potter and Paul Pimentel

The 2010 Kelly Creek fishing outing promises to be one to remember. Kelly Forks CC is located at the confluence of the North Fork of the Clearwater and Kelly Creek (as in Blue Ribbon Idaho Cutthroats). This is about as far from civilization as you can get in the lower 48, but far from primitive. Kelly Forks CC has many water front campsites and plenty of nice toilets and running water. The fishing can be fantastic right out your front door on either Kelly Creek or the North Fork. Last year we had more luck and larger fish on the NF but Kelly was also very productive. Water flows in the later summer make wading easy and the Cuts are looking up for big ugly patterns like a Turks or Grasshopper. Your hosts Mark Potter and Paul Pimentel will provide a mountain man Dutch oven breakfast on Saturday morning and possibly some whiskey infused music that night.

We come through Superior MT, up and over Hoo Doo Pass (ID and MT) and follow the NF or the signs to Kelly Creek then meet at the confluence of both rivers. You can also get there via Pierce, ID. Check your local map or fishing shop for more specific directions and fill up with gas before you leave civilization.

If you love to fish for huge, easy to catch Cutt's and Bow's, in one of the most beautiful western rivers, this is your trip.

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## ST. JOE OUTING - AUGUST 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

Hosts: Art and Clara Ross



We look forward to seeing all of you at our Outing on the "Joe". We will be camping at Fly Flat Camp Ground, 3 miles up the Upper River Road. There is a chance the campground will be full. In that case, we will camp at the Big Meadow, milepost 1.5. Look for the SFF Banner. Both camping areas have "damn fine outhouses". And Fly Flat has an old fashion water pump. The water is safe but tends to be rusty and cloudy. There are tent spaces and nice back-ins for medium sized trailers.

For those not familiar with the area, there are two routes to choose from. From St. Maries, ID, travel 80 miles further up the River to the campsite. Turn off of the main highway just past mile marker 76, then 3 more miles to the campground. The other route is over I-90 to St. Regis, MT. Turn left at the 4-way stop and drive 1 mile to Little Joe Road, turning left, go up and over the mountain 28 miles to the river, then left for 3 miles. The Montana side of this pass is gravel and can be very wash-boardy, and has been responsible for damaged mirrors and thrashed trailer interiors. It is highly recommended that you get gas in either St. Maries or St. Regis. Idaho Fishing Licenses are available in both towns. St. Regis is about 1 hour from the campground for those who might like a shower, some groceries, or an opportunity to hit one of the antique stores.



The "Joe" is a very fine cutthroat fishery, with fish ranging from 8 - 18 inches. You'll always have great luck with Caddis patterns and also do very well as Comparaduns, Tan and Olive working well. Fish a Stimulator or Turks Tarantula with a small Nymph dropper and swing Soft Hackles towards during the evening. Don't overlook Hoppers, Ants, and Bees! This is a great chance for the novice fisher, as cuts are always hungry and we will have plenty of "experts" available. It is a relatively easy river for wading and it should be warm enough for those who do not have fancy breathables yet.

Dinner Saturday evening is a Dutch oven dinner but we would like A-F to bring salads , G-N desserts and O-Z side dishes. We realize with this being a bit more remote outing that this might not work for all. Give Art or Clara Ross a call if you have any questions at 226-9924.

## SILVER BOW FLY FISHING GEAR SWAP

Silver Bow is having their 3rd Annual Fly Fishing Gear Swap on May 15th & 16th (Sat/Sun). The gear swap is an event where you can drop off your gear (one week in advance) to sell or find great deals on new toys.

Show up Saturday or Sunday morning for great deals. The swap will be open each day from 9am-5pm. The best gear goes the first day, but better bargains can be found the 2nd...if it's still there! Check it out! It's a really fun event and a great way to get some new/used gear for great deals. Free hot dogs and drinks.

CONTACT SILVER BOW AT 509-924-9998 FOR MORE INFO

**SFF OUTING SCHEDULE FOR 2010**

CHAIRMAN: DON TIETZ

DATE	OUTING	HOST	RATING
<b>See February Barbless for:</b>			
April 10	Amber Lake	Mike Melmoth	1
April 17/18	McGinnis Lake	Chris & Ellen Kassa	1
<b>See March Barbless for:</b>			
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
<b>See April Barbless for:</b>			
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
<b>See May Barbless for:</b>			
July 9/11	Georgetown Lake	Host Undecided	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
<b>See Summer Barbless for:</b>			
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
<b>September Barbless will include:</b>			
Oct. 9/10	Grande Ronde Steelhead Fishing	Carolyn Sells	4: Wade: slick rocks, boulders, visibility 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

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**NEXT MEETING**

**MAY 12, 2010**

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