



The Barbless Flyer



Spokane Fly Fishers

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December, 2010

DECEMBER MEETING December 8, 2010 - 7:00 P.M. COME TO THE PARTY!



December 8th is the date of our Christmas Party. Carla and her helpers are decorating the hall, and preparing a wonderful main course of turkey, ham, salmon, mashed potatoes, gravy and rolls. The other members get to show off their culinary skills by bringing all the side dishes and desserts.

If your last name starts with the letters:

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| A – H | Please bring a Salad |
| I – P | Please bring a Desert |
| Q – Z | Please bring a Hot Side Dish |

This is always a fun meeting. You get to talk with fellow members, enjoy good food, and get a chance to win a Christmas tree ornament created by Klaus Rissman and the gingerbread house (from Carla) with the reinmice (by Dan). You may also participate in the gift exchange by bringing a \$10 gift to be placed under the tree. A special treat this year is that Cheryl Allen and her choral group "Pepper" will sing for us.

If you have any questions, call Bob Kowal at 467-2017

We hope to see you and your families on December 8th.

JANUARY MEETING AND CLASS - JANUARY 12TH



Pat Dorsey is our scheduled speaker for the January meeting. Pat is a guide, an author of three books and his writings have appeared in numerous magazines. He will speak to us on Fly Fishing Flatwaters which, coincidentally, is the title of one of his books. Pat started tying flies at the age of ten and ties commercially.

Pat will hold a tying class at the Wildlife Council Building at 6116 Market at 2:00 on the day of the meeting. All materials will be provided. Attendees should bring their own tying vice, tools, etc. The cost of the class is \$20. There will be a sign up sheet at the December meeting. Since space is limited you may want to contact Tim Reed at 796-2344 to insure your inclusion in the class. Learn from a Master Tyer.

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Volunteer Coordinator:	Judy Kaufman

AROUND THE BEND

Dec. 8th, SFF Meeting 7 PM HOLIDAY PARTY

Dec. 15th, SFF Board Meeting 6:30 PM

Jan. 6th, Intermediate Fly Tying Begins

Jan. 8th, Beginning Fly Tying Begins

Jan. 12th, SFF Meeting 7 PM



PREZ SEZ

By: Mike Berube

Happy Holidays Everyone! I hope to see you all at the club's Holiday Party on 8 Dec. It's always a treat to enjoy Carla Ferguson's culinary creations and all of the side dishes and desserts prepared by club members. Santa will make an appearance and we'll have some entertainment. Come on out and celebrate.

If you have any pictures from outings or club events please forward them to Dan Ferguson, he is preparing a slide show we'll play at the meeting. His email is dbfgn@comcast.net or send them to the club's email address.

Last month's Fly Auction, despite the economy, was a great success, thanks to the generosity of the fly donators and bidders. A special thank you to Judy Kaufmann, Tim Reed and their crew for putting it all together.

Even though the fishing season is slowing for most of us, the holiday season and the club activities can keep you busy during the slow winter months. If you want to improve your fly tying skills and/or learn how to tie, sign up sheets for the Beginners Class and Intermediate Class will be available at our next meeting.

The Conservation Committee has been busy, they're getting us involved in a project called Fish In The Classroom. Please see Mike Keegan's article in this flyer for more information.

I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season and get a chance to spend some quality time with family and friends.

BOARD POSITION CHANGE

Please note that Dave Sorg is no longer filling Board Position #3, he resigned due to personal reasons. He will however remain an active member of our club. Thanks Dave for your contributions. Dan Wight will move from Sgt At Arms position to Board position #3. The Sgt. At Arms Position will remain vacant for the time being.

SHOPPING AT OFFICE DEPOT

Spokane Fly Fishers has its printing done at Office Depot. With our Worklife Rewards Card, the club gets a credit of a percentage (amount varies) of ALL purchases made.

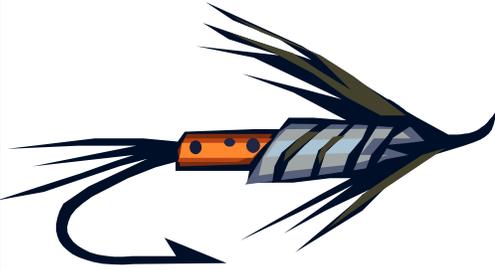
So, if you are shopping at Office Depot and make any purchase and give them the telephone number **448-4707**, the club will get the benefit.

This program greatly reduces the club's cost of printing the newsletter, the show flyers, the roster and the Fly Fishing School book.

Thanks.

BEGINNING FLY TYING—2011

By Betty Smith-Lambert



Are you beginning to have fishing withdrawal? Ice in your guides is not your kind of fishing? Are you feeling yourself sliding into Winter Depression? You need something that is fishing oriented until "ice out". How about taking a fly tying class? SFF presents several levels of fly tying.

There is a Beginning Fly Tying Class that happens every Saturday for five weeks beginning on the 6th of January. It starts at 9 AM and goes until noon at 1812 West 10th Avenue. The cost of \$25 is for the entire class (all 5 weeks). Materials and tools used during the class are included from the supplies that were donated to the club. Below, you will find information about the Intermediate Fly Tying Classes. I hope that this tip helps clear your winter blues. Sign up sheets will be at the December meeting, or you can call Betty at 838-5914.

INTERMEDIATE FLY TYING 2011

(Skill level – can tie without wrapping your material hand forefinger to the hook)

By: Dan Ferguson

I'm happy to report that intermediate fly tying is taking shape. I know those that have already signed up are particularly glad to hear this. We will be spinning, trimming, shaping, learning cripples, doing bullet heads, tackling soft hackles, doing some salt water, steelhead and a couple very interesting surprise patterns!

This year there will be more discussion on how and when to fish these critters we tie. The tying sessions will be Thursday evenings 7 – 9, January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3 and 10. We will meet at the Wildlife Council Building at 6116 Market (2 blocks South of Francis).

The cost for the six evenings of fun and learning will be between \$25 and \$30, that's if we have a minimum of 20 sign up and PAY. We will collectively purchase many of the tying materials, bundle the materials needed for each pattern and have a packet of each pattern materials for the tiers. The tiers would need to bring the basic materials that anyone taking this class should have, a vise, tying tools and thread. The fee increase will allow us to purchase the exotic materials. The change is also contingent on enough volunteers to do the packaging work. Hey, we can have a put it all together party!

We need a minimum of 20 to have the sessions. There are 13 signed up and I know of another 3 that will probably join. That leaves us 4 short. If you plan to tie please contact me as soon as possible. You don't want these six evenings of fun, learning, bragging (some lying) to be cancelled because you procrastinated.

You can sign up at the December Pot Luck but for planning purposes we need to know NOW!

Call Dan at 509-868-9545



CONSERVATION CORNER

EGG SUCKING - DECEMBER 18th - CANCELLED

By: Mike Keegan



The Egg Sucking event scheduled for December is cancelled. The hatchery has automated equipment to process the eggs and was willing to save some eggs only for our convenience.

At a Conservation Committee meeting, it was decided to focus on other activities that are value-added such as fin-clipping.

We want to thank all of you who did volunteer for this activity. Please sign up for our other conservation projects.

CONSERVATION FUNDING REQUESTS

By: Mike Keegan

A request was made to the board for \$ 500 to implement the Spokane River Trail map on our website. Judy Kaufman initiated this request and will follow up.

Another request was made for \$2000 to help fund the Fish in the Classroom program. The Spokane County Conservation district has lined up four grade schools for this program; Valley, Liberty Lake, Davenport, and Tekoa.

This will consist of providing equipment for a tank, filtering, and other gear. Eggs from the hatchery will be provided in January. The students will receive education on fish biology, conservation, ecology, etc. They will raise the fish in preparation for stocking in May at a local lake. SFF and TU will cooperate with this project. Bill Abrahamse is coordinating our involvement.

CONSERVATION RAFFLE - MARCH, 2011

We want you to keep March's event in your minds. If you have good fishing gear, or equipment that you don't want or don't need, keep the raffle in mind. After Christmas sales? Pick up something you can donate to help our conservation efforts.

FISHING CAMP

By: Mike Keegan

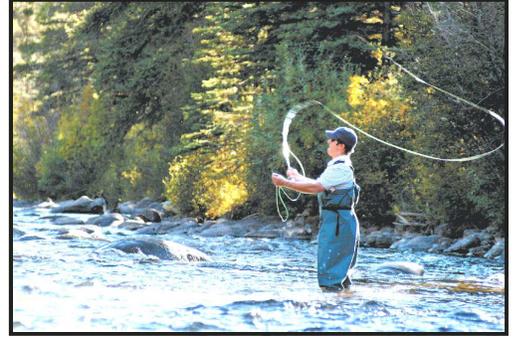
Last year the SFF provided a full scholarship for a local 14 year old to attend the Fly Fishing Academy at Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA (near Olympia). He reported that he had a fantastic time and now is a FLY FISHERMAN. This is for youths from 12 thru 16 years of age. Any of you who have a child, or grandchild, who would like to apply, please sign up at the meeting and we will provide an application. Our club will underwrite the cost for one or more children. An essay and a recommendation from a science teacher or counselor are part of the application. The camp lasts for a week in late June. Parents must arrange transportation. Contact Mike Keegan at 455-4433.

FLY FISHING SCHOOL - 2011

By: Mike Melmoth

Holy Cow !! We've been bumped. The school has been moved out a week due to the room being rented by someone else for March 3, 2011.

Our fly fishing school now starts on March 10, 2011, and runs for eight consecutive Thursday evenings, plus three Saturday casting classes and two Saturday pontoon safety classes.



Not signed up yet??? Don't worry, just send a check to Mike Melmoth, 417 E. Shore Road, Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026. Members and spouses of members holding family membership before Jan 1, 2011, \$60.00. Youngsters 12 to 18, \$60.00. All others are just \$100.00. Prices are set to go up next year due to rising costs so jump on it now!

The gift of this class would be a wonderful Christmas present.....so, shop now.

Sign up sheets and applications will be available at the December meeting.

FLY AUCTION 2010

By: Judy Kaufman



Lots of flies buzzin' around the auction this year! 59 donors had fly patterns for Sea Run Cutthroats to Carp, including chironomids, streamers, dries, little bitty flies, even flies tied with polar bear hair. There were many original patterns, among them the R & the Rt, foam patterns, Sqawlas, flies for the North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene, 6 Packs the way they were first tied using tail material soaked in Petri acid just to mention a few. The selection was **OUTSTANDING!** We have talented, innovative tiers in the SFF.

THE AUCTION WAS A SUCCESS.

Let's get started on the 2011 auction. Each time you are tying flies, please tie an extra one or two for next years auction. Flies that produce fish on the outings should also be up for bid in 2011. We should be talking year round about flies, the tiers and when, where and how the patterns are fished. There is much to be learned!

Thanks to all the donors, workers and all of you that were so generous with your bids. Special recognition to Art Ross our auctioneer and Kurt Tempel our emcee, you were great!

Judy Kaufman, Tim Reed co-chairman

(Editor's note: Tim and Judy did a fantastic job in chairing this event. It takes a lot of time and a lot of work. Thanks.)

PROJECT HEALING WATERS

By: Tim Reed



The last update for Project Healing Waters was about Al Barrett providing three rods he had made for PHW. Two of those rods were forwarded on to the regional coordinator, Chuck Tye. He presented them to wounded soldiers from Ft. Lewis while PHW was taking them out fishing on the Yakima this summer.

The third rod was presented to Chris Carver, a Spokane medically retired veteran who was wounded in Iraq. Judy Kaufman is pictured giving casting lessons to Chris with his new fly rod.

On November 10th, Al came through again. He works in the U.S. Probation office and many of his coworkers also donated to his efforts. This donation included enough gear to outfit four veterans. Included were four rods, reels, lines, nets and fly boxes. Our club president, Mike Berube is pictured with Al receiving this generous donation.

If you know any disabled veterans who are interested in learning how to fly fish or if you have any questions about this program, please call Tim Reed at 509-796-2344.



FLY OF THE MONTH

PURPLE RAT



Materials & Equipment:

Hook: Daiichi 2421 Low Water

Thread: Orange, black or any color you like

Tag: Mylar tinsel, medium, gold/silver and fuchsia Uni-Stretch

Tail: Fox squirrel, reddish/brownish hair from the bottom of the tail

Rib and counter wrap: Small oval tinsel, silver or gold

Body: Peacock herl

Wing: Fox squirrel

This Fly pattern is the Fly of the month (October 2010) from the Federation of Fly Fishers. To see the detailed tying instructions, with pictures, please visit their website at fedflyfishers.org.

MEMBERSHIP

Mary Kovatch, Membership Chair

Six new people applied for membership to the Spokane Fly Fishers. Please welcome them. They are:

Norm Scott, Kim Bailey, Andrew and Angela Morgan, Brett and Mary Maruszak.

We hope they will come to the December party.

CHRISTMAS CARD REQUEST

When you are making out your Christmas cards this year, please include the following:

A Recovering American Soldier
 c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center
 6900 Georgia Avenue NW
 Washington, D.C. 20307-5001

WE WISH ALL OF OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR WITH LOTS OF FISH CAUGHT AND OUTINGS ENJOYED.



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PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR NAME TAGS TO THE MEETING

NEXT MEETING

DECEMBER 8TH, 2010

HOLIDAY PARTY

7:00 PM

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL

1104 W. HEROY

“THE MISSION OF THE SPOKANE FLY FISHERS IS TO PROVIDE A FAMILY FRIENDLY ORGANIZATION FOR PROMOTING THE SPORT OF FLY FISHING THROUGH EDUCATION, APPLICATION, AND CONSERVATION.”