



# The Barbless Flyer



Spokane Fly Fishers

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## PREZ SEZ By: Mike Berube

Hello Spokane Fly Fishers! I'd like to thank the Nominating Committee for nominating me for the position of President of our club and thank the members for their vote of confidence in me. I'll do my best to keep us on a drag free drift. I'd also like to thank the committee for nominating and club members for approving the great board we have in place for 2010-2011.

Our board will consist of Kurt Tempel – VP, Bob Kowal - Secretary , Gale Allen – Treasurer, Gail Bailey, Klaus Rissmann, Dave Sorg – Board Positions 1-3 respectively. After looking through the 100+ applications for Sgt At Arms, I did some arm twisting and got Dan Wight to take on those duties for next year. Mike Melmoth will also be active on our board by serving as the current Past President. Thanks to last year's board members, we wouldn't have had such a successful 09-10 season without you. Feel free to contact any of us if you have any ideas, suggestions, or complaints which would improve our club.

This year has started off with a fast and furious pace already. May had five fishing outings and one conservation outing. Although the weather wasn't the best at most of the outings we still had great participation. The 15 people who showed up at the Growden Dam/ Sherman Creek restoration/tree planting project were hit with everything but snow! I'm looking forward to returning to this site later in the year to look at the progress the trees have made and to wet a line on the creek.

The Outing Committee did an awesome job putting together a very diverse and aggressive outings schedule this year. So whether you are casting small dries for Cutts on the St Joe, Steelheading or Smallie fishing on the Grand Ronde , going after the huge rainbows at Georgetown Lake, or taking a nice leisurely float down the Spokane River in search of big rainbows, have a safe and enjoyable season. It's not too late to sign up for an outing, give me or any board member a call and we'll put you in touch with the outing host. Hopefully we'll see you out at some of the outings. Give us a call drop us an email if you want to get involved or help with any of our activities. Tight lines!

## MEMBERSHIP Mary Kovatch. Chair

Please welcome the newest member of the club, Tom Hannon.

## SFF Officers and Board Members

President	Mike Berube
Vice President	Kurt Tempel
Treasurer	Gale Allen
Secretary	Bob Kowal
Board Position 1	Gail Bailey
Board Position 2	Klaus Rissmann
Board Position 3	Dave Sorg
Past President	Mike Melmoth
Sgt. At Arms	Dan Wight

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## AROUND THE BEND

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

June 26-27, Grande Ronde Outing

July 3-4, Clark Fork River Outing

July 9-11, Georgetown Lake Outing

July 17th, Spokane River Outing, 8:30 AM

July 24-25, Kelly Creek Outing

August 7-8, St. Joe Outing

August 21/22 Lochsa River Outing

August 25, Amber Lake Outing, 4 PM

## KIDS' FISH-IN - 2010 REPORT

By: Judy Kaufman



The weather this year was chilly, windy and a little rainy. That didn't dampen the spirits of the 950 kids, along with their parents, relatives and friends that showed up to fish. The kids left happy, with fish, enthusiastic and knowing more about fishing. Hopefully, they will talk their folks into taking them on many more fishing trips.

I think the volunteers have just about as much fun as the kids. We must because I see many of the same members helping each year. Maybe it's just the opportunity to have breakfast together at 6:00 AM. I thank everyone for volunteering and especially want to thank and acknowledge Bonnie and Dennis DeMattia for fund raising. Their efforts helped ensure that Kids' Fish-in took place as usual.

Thirty-one members and members' friends volunteered:

Mike Bush, James Carini and Friend, Bonnie and Dennis DeMattia, Sean and Sheridan Frost, Jack Fruit, Ken Helmer, Judy Kaufman, Paul Luppert, Diane and Louie Martin, Jim McCall, Vincent Morelli, Paul Pimental, Judy Rish, Klaus Rissman, Claude and Marilyn Shook, John Simbler, Randy Smith, Richard Smith, Clarence Trout, Bill, Leona and Christina Strate, Mark Potter, Jack and Art Ross, Hal Moffit. If I didn't list you, let me know. Judy Kaufman 924-9462

## ONE FLY CONTEST REPORT

By: Kurt Tempel



On May 8<sup>th</sup>, 18 brave fishermen and fisherwomen departed a cold-soaked and rainy Spokane and headed for the drier and warmer climate of Williams Lake for the SFF's annual One-Fly fishing tournament. After brief instructions about the rules and protocol for the contest, the fishers made their way to the water.

Knowing there were prizes to be had at every opportunity, Fred Howe secured the first prize of being the last person on the water. This was followed shortly after with Fred's mishap with a stubborn oar and the periodic hang-ups with the bottom. Not to be outdone, Mark Potter, by unanimous decision, secured the "Best Dressed" fishermen with his state of the art fins and really cool (and expensive) kick boat. No one however could stop the fish-catching prowess of Gator Kayser who won the contest with 17 fish brought to hand during the short three hour fishing contest. In second place was Bob Kowal also with 17 fish but due to the tie-breaker rules (as Judy Kaufman proclaimed) the fisherman with the "biggest fish" if there was a tie, was the winner. (Gator's biggest fish was 16 inches and Bob's was 14 7/8ths) Coming in third in this competitive fly fishing challenge was Bill Strap with 16 fish caught. The "best" fly of the contest was Gator's "Olive Willy" followed by Bob Kowal's "still water nymph". Bill Sharp's "six-pack" took third. All-in-all great fishing contest fun was had by everyone.

Wrapping up the event was a lake-side BBQ where Judy Kaufman and Gale Allen ensured all were feed well and did not leave hungry. Until next year—tight lines!—Kurt Tempel

## SPOKANE INDIANS OUTDOOR SPORTS NIGHT - JULY 6TH

By: Mike Berube

The Spokane Indians baseball team is having an Outdoor Sports Night on July 6<sup>th</sup>. We've been invited to participate by having a table/booth set up to promote fly fishing and our club. We'll set up our display at 5PM and will provide a casting demonstration on the field between innings. Tickets to the game will be provided to all SFF participants. Give me a call if you'd like to participate or take this one on as a project for the club. Call me at 999-8235.



## 2010 FLY FISHING SCHOOL REPORT

By: Fred Howe

The Spokane Community now has 45 better educated fly fishers thanks to the wonderful instructors our school had this year.

I wish to thank Len Zickler who, once again, taught the casting classes (and the many members who volunteered to assist), our class instructors: Tim Reed, Bob Kowal, Judy Kaufman, Dan Ferguson, Bob Harwood, Brad Thompson, and Walt Balek. I can't forget Mike Berube who assisted at every class, Kurt Tempel who assisted at many and all of the tutors for the knot tying class. Thank you to all for a job well done.

One of our newer members, Karl Boldt, said that the cost of the Beginning Fly Tying Class and the Fly Fishing School was the best money he ever spent.

### UPCOMING OUTINGS

#### Lochsa River Outing, August 21 & 22

Host: Don Tietz

The Lochsa River is a special fly fishing location, with crystal-clear water and lots of west slope cutthroat trout. Cuts in the Lochsa average 12 to 14 inches, with larger fish often being hooked. Trout over 20 inches are rare. Rainbows, bull trout, and mountain whitefish might also be caught.

We will be camping at the Wilderness Gateway Campground. The trip is about 230 miles from Spokane. To get there travel south from Spokane on Hwy 195 to Lewiston, then East on 12 up the Clearwater River to Lowell, Id. Wilderness Gateway Campground is found upstream from Lowell on Hwy 12 25.3 miles on the right side. The sign is easy to miss so watch for it! This is a large campground with 89 sites but I would recommend reservations as you never know if all of Idaho wants to camp this particular weekend. You can get reservations at 1-877-444-6777 or online at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov).

Upstream from the campground is catch-and-release, providing outstanding fishing for more than 30 miles. Two trout over 14 inches can be taken downstream to the streams merger with the Selway River. Because this section is not catch-and-release, the fish tend to be smaller than those found in the upper, protected stretches. Barbless hooks are called for everywhere on the river.

A 5-weight floating line on a 5-weight fly rod are perfect tools for the Lochsa. Dry flies in sizes 12 to 16 (I like 16's except for Hoppers!) presented on a 5X tippet will work well, with the Elk Hair Caddis, Black Ant, Parachute Adams and Hopper patterns being popular. Don't forget to try your hand at nymphing in the pocket water too using pheasant tails and prince nymphs.

We will have a breakfast to start things off on Saturday morning so bring a little something to throw in with the typical breakfast fare being cooked by your host and anyone else that that I can rope in to toss a pancake or flip an egg!

Call Don Tietz at 509-869-8848 or e-mail at [don@troutfisher.org](mailto:don@troutfisher.org) with any questions.





## YELLOWSTONE OUTING

**Monday September 13 'til you want to go home**

**Hosts: Judy Kaufman and Karen Reed**

This year we are headed back to the North Entrance of Yellowstone Park. That doesn't mean we'll be staying right at the entrance. Actually we're going to be where we were in 2008, at the **LIVINGSTON KOA KAMPGROUND**. This lovely campground is in Paradise Valley 43 miles from the park entrance at Gardiner and only about 10 miles from Livingston. **Directions to the LIVINGSTON KOA KAMPGROUND:** East on I-90 to Livingston, at Livingston take exit number 333 to US 89 south toward Yellowstone Park go 10 miles, between mile marker 43 and 44 turn left on Pine Creek Road. There is a fire station on your left and just past the fire station there is a KOA sign. Turn left at the sign and go about a mile and a quarter, cross the river bridge and there is a KOA sign on the left. That's it!

To make your camping reservations contact the Livingston KOA Kampground by phone at 1-800-562-2805 or (406) 222-0992, or on line at [livingstonKOA@imt.net](mailto:livingstonKOA@imt.net). This KOA has all types of camping and hook ups. There are other types of accommodations in Livingston.

There are fishing opportunities galore. You may float or wade the Yellowstone River outside the park or go inside the park and hike and wade. Rivers to explore inside the park are the Lamar, Slough Creek, and Soda Butte. Don't forget the Spring Creeks (reservations and fee) if you're interested in the challenge of sight fishing for very educated, large trout with really small flies. These creeks are about 10 miles south of Livingston and are: Armstrong (405) 222-2979, Nelson's (406) 222-6560 and Depuy's (406) 222-0221

Fly selection depends on the weather. In 2008 it was very warm and the *really* big foam stuff was working (of course with a dropper). There could be Blue Wing Olives, small Green Drakes, Ants, Crickets, Attractors, some Caddis and the usual nymphs. Best to check close to outing time.

There will be a get together Monday evening (finger food) for planning.

If you signed up for the outing you will be called. If you didn't sign up call Judy Kaufman 924-9462 or Karen Reed 796-2344 (your gracious hosts)

## SPOKANE RIVER OUTING – SEPTEMBER 18TH - 8:30 AM

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

This will be the second Spokane River Outing, hopefully you are/were able to join us on July 17<sup>th</sup>. The September outing will see the river with lower water flows. Fishing nymphs will probably be the order of the day. We plan to meet at Water Street underneath the Maple Street Bridge at 8:30 A.M. If you plan to float the river, we will set up the boats and shuttle the vehicles to the T.J. Meenach Bridge take out. If you are going to walk and wade the river also meet at Water Street. Walk, waders that need suggestions as to where to fish, we will help you with that information. We need to know before the outing if you plan to walk and wade. We will call you, if you have signed up, just before the outing with current information. If you didn't sign up and plan to go please call Tim or Judy.

## KOOTENAI RIVER OUTING - SEPTEMBER 25th - 26th

Host: Dan Wight

**Directions:** Take either Route 2 or 190 to Sandpoint. Head north through Bonners Ferry over the Kootenai and up the hill. At the lights, go right on 2 heading east to Troy, MT. A little over 6 miles from the Montana state line (about 24 miles from Bonners Ferry) and at the bottom of a steep hill you will find the Yak River Campground. There are two sides of the camp so look for our sign. We'll be on the East Side. We can fish the upper area that is just below the Libby Dam, as an option. It has 3 campgrounds that are just feet from the river level and are free of charge. They are run by the Corp of Engineers and are nice and sunny with boat launches at 3 places. We can discuss the options the meeting before the outing as it is in the fall after they start up again.

**Food:** We will have a potluck dinner on Saturday night.

**Float Trip:** You will need a drift boat or a pontoon boat. Float tubes will not work here. There are several places to wade or fish from the bank. Bring your life jackets.

**Flies:** Elk Hair Caddis, Prince Nymphs, Black Chernobyl Ants, Pale Morning Dun, Stimulators, Pheasant Tail Nymph, Parachute Adams, emergers, rusty spinners, all forms of caddis, Bead Head Pheasant Tail, stoneflies and prince, San Juan worms, wooly buggers, ants, hoppers and tarantulas. Jan recommends that you use Royal Ruffs, PMDs and Hoppers, stating that these usually work well on this river.

## AWARDS BANQUET REPORT

The Awards Banquet was held this year in the Northern Quest Casino and Resort new Hotel Kalispell ballroom. The food was excellent, the service great and the desserts fantastic.

Kurt Tempel (with the help of his wife, Wendi) did a fantastic job arranging the event. Over 50 people attended the function and all seemed to enjoy the evening. Carolyn Sells was the speaker and now a small town in Oregon where she grew up and the Owyhee River area will probably have a lot more visitors from the Spokane Fly Fishers. Carolyn did a great job and showed slides of the wonderful scenic area.

The evening featured the installation of your new officers for 2010-11. They are: 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 2009-2010 awards were also presented. The surprised recipients were: Mover and Shaker: Dan Wight, Fly Fisher of the Year: Mike Berube, Conservation Award: Judy Kaufman, and the Founders Award was presented to Fred and Linda Howe.

This is such a special evening that we hope more members will be able to attend next year.



## REMAINING SFF OUTING SCHEDULE FOR 2010

CHAIRMAN: DON TIETZ

DATE	OUTING	HOST	RATING
<b>See April Barbless for:</b>			
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	Tim Reed/Judy Kaufman	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**

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2010**

**7:00 PM**

**ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL**

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