



The Barbless Flyer



Spokane Fly Fishers

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SFF AWARDS PICNIC MAY 14TH, 2011, STARTING AT 10 AM By: Kurt Tempel



Who can believe our last official club meeting of the fishing season is just around the corner? (Seems like just yesterday we met in September and planned our 2011 meetings and fishing locations) In any event, in case you haven't heard, our last club event this season is our SFF Annual Awards Picnic on Saturday, May 14th, 2011. This year we've changed things up a bit and decided to have a pot-luck picnic at Clear Lake. We've reserved the covered pavilion at the Fairchild AFB Recreation Area and have lots of fun and games planned for all. The cost is \$5.00 per family (or single person) and is payable the day of the picnic. Our club is providing burgers, brats and soft drinks. Members and guests can bring other beverages of their choice.

For potluck side dishes, salads and desserts we request that families bring food according to the following plan:

Last Name: A-G Side Dish
H-O Desserts
P-Z Salads

We'll get the BBQs ready at 11:00 and have hot food ready to serve at 12:00.

As a reminder, this event is a family and children friendly event so bring your spouse and the kids and enjoy. For those who want to launch a boat at the Fairchild marina and fish a couple of hours before the picnic, The gates open at 0700. Remember, Kid's Fishing Day is the week prior at this location and there will probably still be hungry trout hanging around.

Contact me at 270-6016, or Mike Berube at 999-8235, for more information.

As with any event, it's success depends on volunteers, so if you'd like to help cook, set up or clean up give us a call.

Hope to see you all there!

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President	Mike Berube
Vice President	Kurt Tempel
Treasurer	Gale Allen
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Board Position 1	Gail Bailey
Board Position 2	Klaus Rissmann
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AROUND THE BEND

May 7, Kid's Fishing Day, Clear Lake

May 14, Awards Picnic Clear Lake

May 18, Badger Lake Outing

May 21, One Fly Contest West Medical Lake



PREZ SEZ
By: Mike Berube

Hello Club Members. I'd like to start off by thanking everyone who helped me and the board out this past year. Without assistance from volunteers the year wouldn't have been so successful. Mentioning everyone by name would be impossible so, THANK YOU ALL! I do have to give a special thanks to the Club's past leadership for providing me with the knowledge, advice and guidance to get things done.

We really did grow and improve as a club this year. Membership is up, our speakers were top notch, and our Fly Fishing School now includes a water safety class. Phenomenal work by everyone involved! Oh yeah, we even stepped outside of our comfort zone and had delicious enchiladas at a monthly meeting. Our conservation efforts were off the chart also. Fish In The Classroom, Spokane River Conservation Signage, tree planting on the Sherman Creek rehab project/Growden Dam removal, just to name a few.

It was a busy year and next year promises to be the same. So let's stay focused and improve even more next year. I'm looking forward to being your President for the next year, we'll have a very dynamic board and it promises to be a great year. As I stated above, the board and I can't do it alone so please get involved and volunteer. Give me or our volunteer Chair, Judy Kaufman (924-9462) a call if you want to volunteer.

We have a pretty busy spring in front of us, and yes some of these events includes fishing! Please keep these events in mind and participate if you can: Kid's Fishing Day/May 7, SFF Annual Awards Picnic/May 14, Badger Lake Outing/18 May, One Fly Contest/West Medical Lake/21 May (Bob Kowal told me he can't make it this year so someone else will be able to win.)

I'm looking forward to seeing you on the water. Take care and have a safe and enjoyable spring.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2011/2012

During the May Spokane Fly Fishers Meeting (the Awards Picnic at Clear Lake on May 14th), the following officers will be installed as the board for the 2011/2012 club year. They were elected during the April meeting.

President	Mike Berube	
Vice-President	Kurt Tempel	
Secretary	Sheri Patano	
Treasurer	Gale Allen	
Board Position 1	Brad Thompson	3 year term
Board Position 2	Dan Wight	2 years remaining term
Board Position 3	Klaus Rissmann	1 year remaining term

Fred Howe will serve in the Past President position and the Sergeant At Arms will be appointed by Mike Berube, who will be serving his second term as President.

CONSERVATION CORNER

By: Mike Keegan

CONSERVATION DAY AT THE COLVILLE NATIONAL FOREST



The Conservation Project Day will be Saturday, June 25 at Sherman Creek. This is the same location at Growden Dam which we had in 2010.

The event will include a barbecue with Carla Ferguson and helpers doing their usually great job. Karen Honeycutt, the Ranger in charge, wants us to fish Sherman Creek for an assessment of the fishery. The old Growden Dam area is about 1/4 mile long. In addition, there is considerable access downstream and upstream. Bring your light-weight fly rod and your appropriate flies.

Last year, the planting of willows and other trees was very successful, helped by a wet spring and our 'expert' help. A good percentage of the trees survived. The stream restoration is helped by erosion control and shade for the fish. We had about 12 to 15 people participate for the trailer-load of trees.

Since our tree-planting, the remains of Growden Dam has been removed.

SPOKANE RIVER SIGNAGE

Thanks to Dean Knudsen taking the lead, Bill Abrahamse and Dean have installed about 30 signs along the Spokane River. These provide information for closures of the river at this time of year. Many 'poachers' who are caught are not aware of the March 15 through June 1st closure.

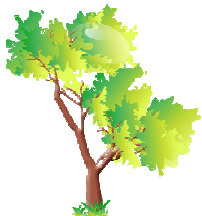
POACHING PATROL

Roger Bertsch, Art Ross, and I attended an excellent presentation given by Lenny Hahn of DFDW on access and poaching sites on the Spokane River. Lenny has provided a map on these sites and if you want one, email me for the request. The map is 15 pages long.

The information for reporting on poaching including either out-of-season or bait fishing is as follows:

Phone 509-227-6560 for activity in progress. Do not confront, just report information including the location, description of violators, and a license plate if possible. For after-the-fact activity call 509-892-1001, Monday thru Friday, 8 Am to 5 PM.

HANGMAN CREEK TREE PLANTING



Spokane Fly Fishers is donating \$300 for purchasing willow trees to plant on Hangman Creek between Latah and Waverly. This is part of an effort for fishery restoration. When we know a date for the planting, club members will be informed.

AMBER LAKE OUTING REPORT

By: Mike Melmoth

We had about 15 members, including a good number from this year's fly fishing school, show up to face a tough fish in beautiful weather. A few fish were caught on chironomids under a wooley bugger, but most were on pure chironomids. Bill Lundin caught the most from what I saw. He tucked into the Southwest corner and casting into the edge seemed to take one after the other. After breaking off four, I managed to get a 20" football into the boat. What a beautiful dark green with bright red band and cheeks. Needless to say I hadn't thought to bring a camera. Brian Durheim and Gary West both got nice fish also. Several others said they got into the mid to high teens on one or two fish. Not the hottest day as far as fish landed, but what we got were more than enough to make the outing a success.



ONE FLY CONTEST - MAY 21ST - 9 AM

BY: Dan Wight



We'll need a firm head count by May 14th of those attending this year's One Fly Contest at West Medical Lake on May 21st.

If you plan to attend, and have not already signed up, please contact Dan Wight at 447-2881

COFFEE POT OUTING - JUNE 11TH

Host: Brian Durheim

This lake usually produces big fat rainbows. The fish have an appetite for almost anything but find woolly buggers and leeches in dark colors (brown, olive, black, Halloween) to be the hardest to resist. You might also want to bring along a blood worm and a chironomid or two. String your rod with a full sink line for the leeches and buggers and bring along a floating line if you want to try the chironomids. Whatever the line, use 3x tippet at least. These fish are **strong**.

Boats, (with motors), pontoon boats, float tubes will work, sorry no appreciable walk, wade opportunity. The wind *will* blow and it will probably be at the very least chilly, dress accordingly and make sure you can get back to the launch if the wind comes up. There are a few campsites if you are so inclined. Parking is adequate and the outdoor restroom is decent.

Here are the directions to the lake. Travel West on US-2 to Davenport; turn Right on Route 28 to Harrington. At Harrington, turn Right on Coffee Pot Lake Road. Go approximately 15 miles, Turn Left at the Public Fishing Access Sign, (it isn't a real big sign).



GRANDE RONDE OUTING - JUNE 18TH AND 19TH

Host: 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 8:00am on 6/18. It's 3 to 3 1/2 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 with no access for 5miles after leaving Boggan's. 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. I will be fishing the upper river on 6/17 if anyone is interested.



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.

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, these saved our bacon last year as we had people over shoot the take out), 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.

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

Emergency Numbers: Tri State Hospital, Clarkston, 509-758-5511
St. Joe Hospital, Lewiston, 208-743-5211

Hopefully we will see you on the river.

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NORTHFORK OF THE COUER D'ALENE RIVER OUTING JUNE 18TH AND 19TH

Host: Mike Melmoth II, and Aunt Sue
By: Mike Melmoth



This year Mike II and Sue are hosting this outing. I know, I'm listed as the host and I'll probably do the calling and fire building, but they are the ones that volunteered, and Sue will definitely be the one cooking the brats and burgers. You want steak? You bring it and Sue will probably cook it for you. Not only that, but this year we promise no trouble with the stove, turned out to be a bad gas valve last year.



Now the important stuff, for those of you who haven't been on this outing before, CDA stands for Coeur D' Alene, The camp ground is called Big Hank, and reservations for the few that can be reserved are made through Reserve America on line. Most of the sites are first come first served and fill fast on Thursday and early Friday. If you can't get a spot there are several other camping areas up and down the road that are close to this one, so don't chicken out just because you can't get there until late Saturday.

We do the meat and you bring a salad, a desert, a desert, a desert, oh yeah, chips, dips, and your favorite drink, whatever turns your crank. We normally get together Friday evening for the ladies to swap wine tasting (ya'll bring it); while the men swap lies and drink beer (ya'll bring your own on that too). Then Saturday morning there will be a class for those interested, at about 8:00 AM on how to safely catch the elusive Westslope Cutthroat. Saturday evening is the pot luck, and everything else is "FISH ON".

How do you get there??? From Spokane take I-90 East to the Kingston exit (last chance to get an Idaho license) turn North on FR 9 to Pritchard (ice cream stop) where you bear left at the "Y" on FR208 for about 28 miles to Big Hank campground on the left. We are in site 19 if you need to make contact before selecting a spot. I suggest you get an envelope on the way in, fill it out while looking for a spot, tear off the tag and put it on the post before taking the envelope with cash back to pay for the site. That way, no one slips in behind you and grabs your site. Idaho fishing licenses are obtainable on line, at Wal-Mart in Idaho, at the local fly shop in Kingston, at Cabela's and (as I recall) Wholesale Sports at the Spokane Mall.

Flies: Bright colored Stimulators, Royal Wulff's, and Humpies size 8-12, emergers in 16-20 or caddis in 12-16.

Contact for questions: Mike, Mike II or Allison Melmoth 468-4894

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BLACKFOOT RIVER OUTING HAS BEEN CANCELLED

SPOKANE RIVER OUTING

JULY 16TH

Host: Judy Kaufman 924-9462



Our summer Spokane River outing last year was held on July 17th. The river was running at 3100 cfs (cubic feet per second), which is high for that time of year. I have no idea what the river conditions will be this year. Last year the fishing was outstanding. We caught nice size Rainbow Trout on large Prince Nymphs and large caddis larva patterns (green). If conditions are similar this year stone fly nymphs and other large nymph patterns should be the ticket.

We will meet at Water Street underneath the Maple Street Bridge at 8:30 AM. We will set up our boats and shuttle vehicles to the T. J. Meenach take out. This is primarily an outing where we float (no drift boats), however if you wish to walk, wade the river I'll try to get you information on places to fish. This is a great outing right in the heart of Spokane. Save on gas and I'll see you there. Please check the water rating on the outing page. If you are inexperienced at using a pontoon boat this float may not be for you. I'll contact all that have signed up with up to date information just prior to the 16th

MEMBERSHIP

Mary Kovatch, Chair

There are a number of people who have just joined the club. Please welcome them. They are:

Walt and Sandi Ricker, Steve Dal Porto, Gary Nicolai, Don Sweeney, Scott Ferrel, Dale Larsen, Paul Murray, Don Morrison, and Joe Papenleur

We apologize for omitting the name of Vincent Pyskaty to the list of participants in the Fly Fishing School. He was inadvertently omitted from the list last month.

DUES FOR 2011-2012

Remember club dues are payable by May 31, 2011. You may pay at the club picnic in May or mail to:

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There was a renewal form in the March newsletter.

SFF MEMBER SELLING BRAND NEW LAUNCHING GEAR

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You can learn more about it at: www.launchinggear.com/LaunchingGear.htm.

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Mention that you are an SFF club member for a 10% discount!

SILVER BOW FLY FISHING GEAR SWAP

Silver Bow is having their 4th Annual Fly Fishing Gear Swap in May.

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.

Contact Silver Bow at 509-924-9998 or visit their website at silverbowflyshop.com for more information.



2011 OUTINGS SCHEDULE

Chairman: Don Tietz

DATE	OUTING	HOST	RATING/EXPLANATION
See March Barbless For:			
3/19	Coffeepot Lake	Judy Kaufman	1: Could be cold and windy
3/26	Amber Lake	Mike Melmoth	1
4/9-4/10	Clarkfork	Don Tietz	2: Float: Bridge abutments Small rapids, obstacles
See April Barbless For:			
4/30	Pontoon Safety Still Water Class at Medical Lake		1
5/7	Kid's Fishing Day		
5/18	Badger Lake	Mike Berube	1
5/21	One Fly Contest West Medical Lake	Dan Wight	1
6/2-6/5	Kamloops Area Lakes	J. Kaufman, Mike Berube	1
6/8	Williams Lake	Fred Howe	1
See May Barbless For:			
6/11	Coffeepot Lake	Brian Durheim	1
6/18-6/19	Grande Ronde	Carolyn Sells	4: Wade: slick rocks, boulders, visibility. 4: Float: Low fast water, Obstacles
6/18-6/19	N. Fork of CDA	Mike Melmoth	2; Wading
6/25-6/26	Blackfoot River	CANCELLED	
6/25	Conservation Outing	Mike Keegan	
7/8-7/10	Georgetown Lake	Gale Allen	1
7/16	Spokane River	Judy Kaufman	3: Float: rapids, obstacles, Sweepers 3: Wade: slick
See Summer Barbless For:			
7/22-7/24	Kelly Creek	John and Lisa Hudson	3: Wade: access, slick
8/5-8/7	St. Joe River	Dan & Carla Ferguson	1-3 Wade: some locations
8/20-8/21	Kootenai River	Dan Wight	2-3 Float: rapids
9/10-9/11	Clark Fork River	Jim and Jo Gooley	2: Float: bridge abutments,
9/16-9/18	Missouri River	Carolyn Sells	2: Float: obstacles Small rapids, obstacles
See September Barbless For:			
10/1	Spokane River	J. Kaufman/T. Reed	3: Float: rapids, obstacles, Sweepers 3: Wade: slick
10/15-10/16	Grande Ronde	Carolyn Sells	4: Wade: slick rocks, Boulders, visibility 4: Float: Low fast water, Obstacles.

For Outing Ratings, please see the February Barbless or check the website.

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10 AM TO ?
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