



# The Barbless Flyer



Spokane Fly Fishers

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## OCTOBER MEETING - OCTOBER 12, 2011 STEELHEAD FISHING IN THE NORTHWEST SPEAKER: BRIAN O'KEEFE

By: Kurt Tempel



Fly fishers and outdoor enthusiasts. You don't want to miss our October 12<sup>th</sup>, SFF meeting. Our guest speaker is Brian O'Keefe, a fly fisherman with an eye for beauty and the ability to capture it with a camera, who will not only talk about

Northwest steelhead fishing but also provide a photography "how to" session starting at 4:00 PM before his presentation.

During the past 20 years, cameras have played a significant part in his outdoor lifestyle. Having traveled throughout the world on his fishing adventures, Brian, armed with his camera, has had cover shots in Field and Stream, Outdoor Life, Fly Fisherman, and a score of other magazines.

His articles and photographs have appeared in numerous periodicals and fishing journals and magazines. Brian has traveled to some of the wildest and most remote angling destinations in the world. We're extremely fortunate to have him speak to our club. His photography session will last two hours and cost \$5.00 per person. Both events take place at our normal meeting spot at the St. Francis School cafeteria.

Polish Sausage, Chili with corn bread, or chili dogs will be available from 6 to 6:45.

If you plan on attending the photo workshop please email Mike Berube or Kurt Tempel. See you there!

**PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS  
OCTOBER 12TH AT 4:00 PM  
COST: \$5.00**

**TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT IN THE CLASS, CONTACT:**

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| Volunteer Coordinator:  | Judy Kaufman                |

## AROUND THE BEND

Oct. 1: Spokane River Cleanup

Oct. 2: Spokane River Outing

Oct. 12: SFF Meeting 7 PM  
Photography Class: 4 PM

Oct. 15/16: Grande Ronde  
Outing

Oct. 19: SFF Board Meeting  
6:30 PM

## PREZ SEZ

By: Mike Berube



Hi everyone! What a great presentation we were treated to at the September monthly meeting. Walt Balek shared tons of information on fishing for Salmon on the west side and fly fishing for various species in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Attendance was very good considering the Missouri River trip was that week-end. If you did attend I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

It appears that the weather will hold off on turning bad for a while, so get out there and take advantage of some great fall fishing. The lakes should be turning on soon, the Spokane River is always an option, and the St Joe and North Fork of the CDA are short trips. Last year Fred Howe, Dan Ferguson and I had a great trip to the North Fork of The Clearwater/ Kelly Creek in early October. Lots of fish and there was nobody there!

As I look back at the varied outings we had this year I can't thank the Outings Committee enough for putting the schedule together for us. If there is an outing you'd like to see on the schedule for next year send us an email, or better yet sign up to be on the committee. Look for the sign-up sheet at the next meeting. Don Tietz, Outings Chairman, is always looking for new ideas and new people to get involved.

If you've already put the rods and reels away for the season that gives you plenty of time to tie some flies for the annual fly auction which will take place at our November meeting. Brad Thomson and Dan Wight will be this year's co-chairmen, don't be surprised if you get a call from one of them asking for donations or for you to help with the event. This is a great opportunity to add to your box or win something to add to your presentation collection. As you know, this is one of the club's major fund raising events so please plan on attending. If you have your flies ready please bring them to the October meeting.

Right around the corner will be our Annual Holiday Party at the December meeting. Stand-by for more info on that event. If you have any pictures you've taken at outings and would like to share them with the rest of us email them to our club email address. We will be putting together a slide show of all of our outings to show at the Holiday Party.

## GOODIES AT MEETINGS

By: Carla Ferguson

Carla, our chef for our meetings, wants to encourage anyone to bring home baked goodies to go with our coffee during the meetings. Please call Carla (868-9842) or e-mail her at [cuisine57@comcast.net](mailto:cuisine57@comcast.net) one week prior to the meetings so we can schedule you in.

## NAME TAGS AND THE BLUE BOX

By: Mike Berube

We are going to make a change in the way we handle the name tags and the blue box where we've been keeping them. Whether you're an old timer or a new member I'm sure you've noticed the blue box by our membership chair, Mary, when you enter the meeting place. The box is going away! It will not be used to store the name tags any longer. It has become an administrative nightmare to manage and to say the least, a bear to cart around. You'll be responsible to maintain your name tag at your house and take it with you to the meetings. We'll be reminding members at the next several meetings and our goal is to not be using it by the January meeting. The club will still have the stick-on name tags at the meetings in case your forget to bring your name tag.

## SFF BYLAW CHANGE PROPOSAL

At the September 21, 2011, SFF Board meeting the Board agreed to change the name of the Conservation Committee to the "Conservation and Education Committee". The Board also approved changing the duties of the Conservation Committee as spelled out in Article VIII of the SFF Bylaws to read: "Conservation and Education Committee: This committee shall be responsible for keeping the Board and membership current on those acts and activities affecting fishing, environmental and educational issues in the local area and/or the region." In accordance with Article XII of the Bylaws, proposals of this nature shall be published in the club newsletter prior to the date where the club's general membership will vote on the proposal. This proposal will be presented to the general membership during the October SFF meeting and voted upon by the general membership at that time.

## CONSERVATION CORNER

By: Mike Keegan

### NORTHWEST NATURAL RESOURCES INSTITUTE WATER FESTIVAL

On September 22nd and 23rd, members of the club participated in a fly casting clinic for 5th graders from several area schools. A total of over 450 students were the two-day total in attendance. The event was at Liberty Lake County Park. The Water Festival consisted of sessions on water quality, ground-water, fly casting (by our club), and several other related topics. The attached photo is of students in one of the sessions. We had seven volunteers for each day with 20-minute sessions. Each student had hands-on experience with fly casting. Many thanks to those who volunteered.



### AERATOR FOR Z LAKE

The club has a proposal being investigated for an upgrade of the aerator at Z-Lake. The windmill system on the existing aerator is faulty and the upgrade is needed. The cost estimate is for \$1347.

The aerator project at West Medical Lake is inactive now per information from WDFW. If it is resurrected as an active request, the SFF Board approval will be needed.

### MEMBERSHIP

Mary Kovatch, Chair

There are four new members who have joined the club recently.

They are: Gregg Edelen, Larry Lambeth, Randy Smith, and Bill Wagstaff.

When you see them at the meeting, please give them a warm welcome.



**NOVEMBER MEETING  
NOVEMBER 9th, 2011 7:00PM  
ANNUAL FLY AUCTION**

It's time to start tying flies NOW that you wish to donate for our November 2011 fly auction. As you know, this function is a major fundraiser for SFF with proceeds financing much of our functions, printing, postage and speakers for the year. Our club heavily depends on your generosity and donations.

This is always a fun meeting and a chance to pick up incredible flies tied by some of the club's and Inland Northwest's best fly tiers. Please call this year's co-chairmen, Brad Thomson or Dan Wight for questions or to arrange for a drop-off. You may also bring your tied flies to our October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you plan on bringing them the night of the auction, check in time will be from 5:45 to 6:45 PM. Please call Brad or Dan if you'd like to be on the Fly Auction Committee and help with this event.

**NOVEMBER 9TH MEETING SFF ANNUAL FLY AUCTION**

**THE FLY AUCTION, WITH YOUR DONATIONS AND WINNING BIDS, SUPPORTS THE CLUB'S ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR.**

**START TYING NOW AND GET YOUR DONATION READY.**

**KOOTENAI OUTING REPORT**

**By: Dan Wight**

The weather was a bit warm but after this spring, no biggie. It seems that this was the year for many folks to have "higher priorities" so Lori and I planned to have a nice time with Jerry Searfoss and his wife. Mike Roach rearranged his schedule and popped in Saturday morning as well!

The Ospreys and the Eagles put on quite a show of how to catch fish and then how to have them stolen from you! The river was as high as I have ever seen it at this time of year, but was just as clear as always. It was a new challenge to the kickboat anglers I talked with that had come up to fish it like they always do at the end of August.

Jerry had a busy day in the front of the drift boat on Saturday before having to leave in the evening. The girls went to the towns up the reservoir for the day on Saturday. A Royal Wolf with a Deer Hair Cadis trailer was the hot ticket for Saturday and a bushy Cadis was the fly for Sunday when they finally decided to start taking. Few hoppers were seen with the lack of wind and the 8 ft. high grass keeping them off the water.

I suggested that Mike take the front seat of the drift boat on Sunday so he could get in some fishing (instead of rowing and kicking) he readily accepted. His four legged partner Zoey came along too! We had a great day and Lori took up the back seat and had a great time watching the action with the Ospreys showing how the pros do it. I had a nice chat with one of the guides on the river. Mister Linehan, and he thinks the river will fish better at the end of September or in October if it ever drops into the late summer, fall normal pattern. Maybe so, But a day on the Kootenai is an experience every time, and the camping is free, courtesy of the Corp. of Engineers!

I hope you guys have had a nice, although rather short, summer this year. Maybe the fall will be a long and friendly one.



**DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS**  
By: Mary Kovach, Membership Chair

Please make the following corrections in your new Directory.

Page four, Committee Chairpersons: Linda Howe, Barbless Flyer, the phone number should be: 448-4707.

Page 11, Mary Kovatch: The correct e-mail address is: [kovamare@q.com](mailto:kovamare@q.com).

If there are any errors in the Directory please contact me with the correct information. You may phone, e-mail or fill out a corrections form at a general meeting. It is very important that we keep your demographic information up to date.

**ST. JOE OUTING REPORT**  
By: Dan Ferguson

Thirty intrepid club members braved 80 degree days, starry nights, ample campsites, good fishing and going home with totally dry gear at this years St Joe outing. In addition to the old standbys, Carla and I were pleased with the number of first timers that attended. (Pictured here are Larry and Anne Ray, two of the SFF newcomers to the St. Joe Outing.)



The Friday evening "Bring your own Beef" cookout was fun with Fred and Mike staying out of trouble for a change. Not that I would ever let myself get sucked into their antics! As usual, the Saturday dinner turned out great with everyone bringing their favorite sides and Carla, with the help of Linda, Jo, Jim and Karen, put out a HUGE pile of Baby Back Ribs!

I want to make a very special "Thank You" to Jim Gooley who continues to bring a great supply of dry and split firewood. What a treat to not have to search for and handle wood for the entire week we spent on the river.

For the first time in my memory, someone had a major mechanical breakdown! Praises for AAA + as this saved Mike B from a many 100 \$ tow bill!

Next year, IF Carla and I host, we'll plan a really nice early afternoon luncheon. This will free us up to do what we came to the St Joe to do in the first place -- FISH!



**THE NATIONAL FLY FISHING FAIR & CONCLAVE 2011**

By: Dan Ferguson



The event was held August 30 – September 3, 2011 in West Yellowstone, MT. The Fair was well attended with folks from all over the world. One of the highlights during the week was the President's Banquet with Philip Greenlee, Chairman/President of the Board, announcing the awards for 2011.

Federator of the Year: Carl Johnson, President – WSCFFF  
McKenzie Cup: Olympic Peninsula Fly Fishing Club, Port Angeles, WA.  
2011 Council Award of Excellence: Mike Clancy, WSCFFF  
President's Pin Awards: Carl Zarelli, FFF Board of Directors  
Larry Gibbs, WSCFFF, FFF Board of Directors

Please note that all of these are from Washington State!

It was also announced at the conclusion of the President's Banquet:

**The 2012 National Fly Fishing Fair & Conclave will be held in  
Spokane, WA. July 10 – 14, 2012.**

**RAFFLE BOARD**

By: Dan Ferguson

The club acquired a Sage 9' 5wt VT2 Fly Rod that we'll be raffling off during the coming meeting season. This will be an outfit with a reel and line. We'll have a 144 space raffle board at \$5 a square with the proceeds going to the years door prizes. A Win Win situation for everyone! A great chance to win a nice rod/reel combo for a good cause.

**“CASTING FOR RECOVERY”**

By: Dave Londeree, President, North Idaho Fly Casters

The North Idaho Fly Casters are hosting a benefit dinner to be at the Red Lion Inn in Post Falls, Saturday October 15, 2011 and with the others from the Lewiston area the retreat for Breast Cancer Survivors from Eastern Washington and North Idaho, to held be at the Shoshone Base Camp on the Coeur d'Alene river June 29-July 1, 2012. The group has been working hard to secure auction items and drawing prizes. So for we have a lot to offer including a Steve Moran custom made fly rod, an all expense paid fly fishing trip to Three Rivers Ranch in Ashton, Idaho. to mention a few.

We could use your help in this effort. If you would like help out with donations, please call me at (208) 946-6631. Hotel reservations may be made by calling the Red Lion; special rates are available (208) 773-1611. Dinner tickets are available from me by phone (208) 946-6631, or from Northwest Outfitters, Coeur d'Alene, Id. (Orvis) or Northwest Classic Tackle, Hayden, Id. at the price of \$30.00 each, 2 for \$50.00 or a table (8) for \$180.00.

You may sponsor a participant \$1000.00 and for your sponsorship you will receive a reserved table of 8 dinner tickets.

**FFF COOKBOOK**  
By: Carla Ferguson

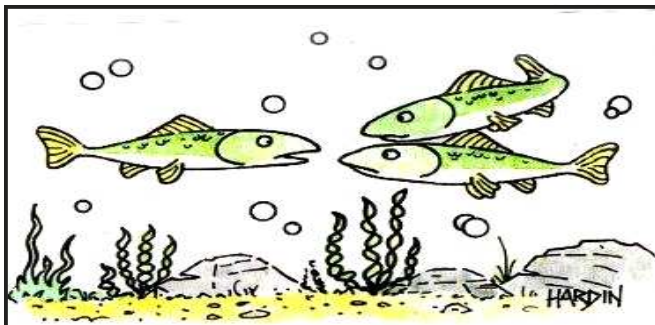


We are still taking recipes for the FFF Cook Book . Please send Carla your recipes to [cuisine57@comcast.net](mailto:cuisine57@comcast.net) and all the work will be done for you. All categories including **CAMPING** and **DUTCH OVEN** will be used. So hurry and send your recipes in. The deadline is April 15, 2012.

**UPCOMING 2011 OUTINGS SCHEDULE**  
Chairman: Don Tietz

| DATE                                | OUTING        | HOST               | RATING/EXPLANATION   |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|--|
| See September Barbless For:<br>10/2 | Spokane River | J. Kaufman/T. Reed | 3: Float: rapids, obstacles, Sweepers<br>3: Wade: slick                            |
| 10/15-10/16                         | Grande Ronde  | Carolyn Sells      | 4: Wade: slick rocks, Boulders, visibility<br>4: Float: Low fast water, Obstacles. |

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



I swear, it was 6 feet tall and at least 200 pounds — I fought it for an hour and almost had it in the water when the line snapped.

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## **NEXT MEETING**

**OCTOBER 12, 2011**

**BRIAN O'KEEFE**

**STEELHEAD FISHING IN THE NORTHWEST  
CLASS AT 4:00 - MEETING AT 7 PM**

**ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL  
1104 W. HEROY**

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