



The Barbless Flyer



Spokane Fly Fishers

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NOVEMBER MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 2011 ANNUAL FLY AUCTION AUCTION STARTS AT 7:00 PM



Our Annual Fly Auction will be held Wednesday, November 9th.

The fly auction is a major fund raiser for the club and its success depends on the

participation of club members as donors and bidders. It also serves as a showcase for the many talented tiers in our club.

Please bring donated flies to the meeting along with your checkbook, debit/credit card, or cash. Also invite friends and neighbors to attend and bid on the many unique flies that will be up for auction.

Come early to get your bidder number and to allow time for your donated flies to be checked in properly (between 5:30 and 6:45). There will also be time before the auction to preview flies.

We still need donated flies, so get tying or even consider purchasing some flies to donate.

Sloppy Joes, hot dogs and Polish sausages will be available, along with chips and soda, from 5:30 to 6:45.

Questions?- please call Brad Thompson (406) 370-7773



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AROUND THE BEND

Nov. 9th, SFF Meeting
FLY AUCTION 7 PM
Registration 6 PM

Nov. 16th, SFF Board Meeting 6:30 PM

Dec. 14th, SFF Meeting
HOLIDAY PARTY
7:00 PM



PREZ SEZ

By: Mike Berube

Hi everyone. I hope you had a chance to attend the October meeting, our speaker Brian O'Keefe did a great job getting everyone excited about steelheading. The photography seminar he put on was awesome also. We had about thirty members and club guests attend the seminar. I know I'll be putting some of his shared techniques to use on my future outings. I've heard a lot of good feedback on the meeting so far, again I hope you enjoyed it. The meeting started out with Jeff Voigt sharing a fishing story, it got everything moving and set the tone for a great meeting. Thanks Jeff!

Our next meeting on November 9th will be our Annual Fly Auction. Brad Thomson and Dan Wight are the auction chairs and are still in need of flies. See their article in this flyer for more information on the auction. 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, donating flies, and bidding on some. Don't forget your checkbook!

We just had our final outing for the season, it put an exclamation point on a great spring and summer early fall season. I want to thank all those who hosted and attended our outings this past year. I was not able to attend them all but had a lot of fun at the ones I did attend.

The Outings Committee for 2012 fishing season is being formed now. Don Tietz, with a little arm twisting, has agreed to chair the committee again this year. He is looking for members who want to have an input on the next years outings. Look for a sign-up sheet to be on the committee at the next couple of meetings. Please let him know if you have an idea about an outing or if you like to be a host for an outing next year. Contact him at 509-928-7650 or email him at don@troutfisher.org.

Right around the corner will be our Annual Holiday Party at the December meeting. Stand-by for more info on that event.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR LIFE

By: Dan Ferguson

Would you like to give someone a Christmas gift that grows every year, improves with age and use and costs less than anything close in comparability? The Spokane Fly Fishers are starting their annual fly fishing school on 8 March, 2011. The school lasts 8 weeks on Thursday evenings from 7:00P.M. to 9:00P.M. at St. Francis school, 1104 W. Heroy. In addition to these classroom sessions there are three casting classes on Saturdays at Mirabeau Park and two safety classes, one on a lake and one on a river, both on Saturdays.

Cost for all this is only \$125.00 for 18 and up, and \$60.00 for 12-17 years old. Cost includes club membership until May 31, 2013. Already a member? The cost for you or your spouse is only \$75.00. Send check for reservation to Dan Ferguson, 6024 N G st Spokane WA. 99205. Call 868-9545 or email nwflyguy@comcast.net.

CONSERVATION CORNER

By: Mike Keegan

ZEBRA AND QUAGGA MUSSELS

Washington, Oregon, and Idaho are taking steps to reduce the probability of mussels being transported by watercraft into these states. The mussels usually come from the Southwest or areas in the vicinity of the Great Lakes. They have been found on watercraft including those hauled by large boat transporters.

Idaho has several inspection stations open from March to September. Last year, there were over 40,000 inspections. In 2010 there were 8 boats decontaminated. A boat was found on a transporter near Cle Elum WA with mussels. The decontamination is done by pressure washing with 140-degree F water. The mussels range from microscopic to fingernail size. They are prolific and consume much vegetation which threatens many species. The small ones have the feeling of sandpaper on either a soft or hard surface.

Even for pontoon boats and float tubes, it is important to clean our watercraft, boots, waders, etc. In the Great Lakes area, up to \$ 500 million annually is spent dealing with this problem.



SPOKANE RIVER CLEANUP REPORT

On October 1, nineteen volunteers from the club and 'recruits' from Fairchild Air Force Base participated in the cleanup efforts.

A utility trailer of trash was collected from three areas: (1) Frisbee Golf Course. (2) Water treatment plant, and the (3) The pump house downstream from the Bowl and Pitcher. This is the fourth annual cleanup by the club. All three areas are accessible and fishable stretches of the river.

Dan and Carla Ferguson were team leaders for other sites.

Thanks to all who participated



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!



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BEGINNING FLY TYING—2012

By Betty Smith-Lambert

SFF will again offer a Beginning Fly Tying course for members of the Spokane Fly Fishers. You must be a member to attend this class. Youth over the age of 10 are invited to attend with an adult. A twenty five (\$25) charge will be collected at the first meeting.



For 5 Saturdays, starting with January 7th, there will be a early class starting at 9am and, if there are enough people who sign up, an afternoon class starting at 1pm. This schedule will make the first class on January 7th followed by Jan.14th, Jan.21st, Jan. 28th and Feb. 4th. If you wear reading glasses, be sure to bring them with you to class.

The class meets at "the Club House" 1812 West 10th Ave.

SFF supplies all the materials and tools needed to complete the course as well as a notebook of information. This and other education programs are supported by materials and tools donated to the club by members.

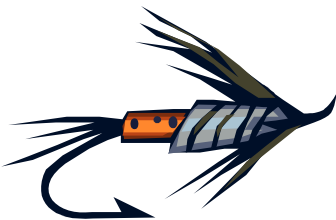
Although this class is not meant to complete your education on how to tie flies, it will supply the answer to the question each of us ask early on - "Do I want to tie my own flies or do I want to buy them?"

I am also looking for people willing to help with the class. You do not have to be a master tier to do this. We are teaching people how much fun tying can be rather than attempting to teach them to become Masters. I will need one person to help with each of the classes. In other words, one for the morning class and one for the afternoon class if we have one.

Sign up at the meetings or call me @ 838-5914. I will need to talk to you so if I am outside working on my house and yard please leave a phone number so I may call you back.

INTERMEDIATE FLY TYING 2012

By: Dan Ferguson



Intermediate (a little below and a few beyond) skill level classes will begin Thursday, January 5th and will continue for a total of 6 Thursdays. We'll be charging \$35 and will include everything but thread!

If you would like to be part of a group to make decisions about this fantastic activity or have any suggestions of fly patterns to be learned or teachers to tie please contact Dan at 325-8885 or email nwflyguy@comcast.net

Join us this year so your donation to next year's Fly Auction will be even better.

MEMBERSHIP

Mary Kovatch, Membership Chair

Two people joined the club at the October meeting. They are: Gordon McCammond and Stan Miller

Please welcome them.

MISSOURI RIVER OUTING 2011 REPORT

By: Carolyn Sells

WOW, was it windy, luckily it was blowing downstream! It must have been blowing about 30 miles an hour.

Again we had a great turnout, about 15 people on the outing. We spent 3 days on the river again this year. The river was at 5100 cfs, which is higher than usual so we had a lot of back channels to fish. The fishing was great!

On Friday, we fished Wolf Creek to Stickney; the fish were hitting Parachute hoppers, PT's, Lightening bug (purple, silver or green) and Silvey's Caddis pupa (tan). I think everyone got a fish or two. After getting off the river, we had a group dinner at the Izaak's. It was a good time, food was excellent!



On Saturday, we fished Stickney to Mountain Palace; the fish were hitting more dries. Deer and Elk hair Caddis, Goddard Caddis, Lightening bug (purple) Orange Ant; Brooks sprout BWO and Silvey's Caddis pupa (tan). Judy and Don had a contest to see who could fish in the dark the best. I think Judy won! After getting off the river, we met at Stickney for Snack Night. There were a lot of fishing stories, some questionable!

On Sunday, we fished Wolf Creek to Stickney again, the wind was worse. But the fish didn't care!

I think the biggest fish for the trip was about 22 inches and the smallest fish was 2 inches (way to go Gale).

Thanks everyone, for another great outing!

Thanks, Jo, for helping with shuttles and getting a dinner reservation.

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.

GRANDE RONDE RIVER OUTING 2011 REPORT

By: Carolyn Sells

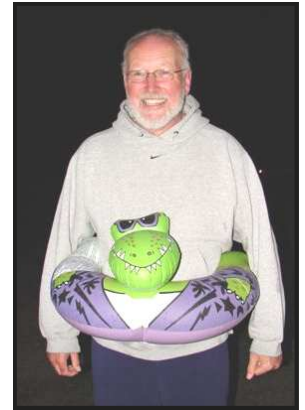


Well, the Grand Ronde river outing was quite an adventure again! We had 7 guys show up for the outing. The weather forecast was for rain every night and for once they were right! The river was high, about 1100 to 950 cfs, and the steelhead fishing was very slow.

We did have a few steelhead on, but couldn't land them. The fish we did get to hit were mostly hitting nymphs or egg patterns below a strike indicator.

Some of the guys were new to steelhead fishing and river rowing so they had their hands full! We still had some rocks showing at 1100 cfs.

Now about the adventure part, one of the guys hit a rock and rolled his boat. Luckily, he was able to hold on to his boat, but he lost one of his fly rods. Needless to say, it was cold for him rowing out the rest of the way. Another, ended up with some bent oar locks, but they held together to get him off the river.



Does it sound like we had fun? Yes, we did!

The best part of the trip was one 23 inch steelhead that was caught by Tom, his first steelhead on a fly rod! So that was great. Most of us got to sit around and watch the action. Way to go, Tom!

If you're going to go fishing and not catch anything you couldn't pick a better place than the Grand Ronde, the scenery was awesome.

Thanks fellows you were great!

I ended up with a wading staff and a nice red and white rope from the Grand Ronde outing. If these are yours, give me a call so I can get them back to you. Carolyn

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.



DECEMBER MEETING
December 14th, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.
 By Carla Ferguson

Our annual Holiday party will be December 14th. A sign up sheet will be at the November meeting for those who wish to help me with this popular Pot Luck.

The club will provide the Roast Turkey. Ham and Salmon. The rolls, mashed potatoes, gravy, punch and condiments will also be provided. We ask that you bring the rest. If your last name starts with the letters:

- A—H Please bring a Hot Side Dish
- I---P Please bring a Salad
- Q—Z Please bring a Dessert

We expect a visit from Santa and we will have our gift exchange. Those who would like to take part in the exchange, please bring a wrapped gift (\$10 limit) to the dinner.

We can use more help in the kitchen and volunteers for decorating, setting up and clean up. If you can assist, please sign up or call Carla at 868-9842.

**SAVINGS FOR SPOKANE FLY FISHERS
 FROM SWEDE'S FLY SHOP**

To help you get started with your Christmas shopping or just to pick up something for yourself, Swede's Fly Shop at 1611 North Ash is offering Spokane Fly Fisher members a 10% discount during the month of November.

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NEXT MEETING

NOVEMBER 9, 2011

**ANNUAL FLY AUCTION
REGISTRATION AFTER 6 PM
AUCTION 7 PM**

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