



The Barbless Flyer



Spokane Fly Fishers

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SFF AWARDS PICNIC CLEAR LAKE MAY 12, 2012, 11 AM COVERED PAVILION AREA FAMILY EVENT

Come to the final club event to celebrate various things such as

FOOD! There are other things such as showing your appreciation to all the board members who worked so hard to ensure club success this year, and to see the installation of the newly elected board members for the coming year. And don't forget about the **FOOD!**. There will be games and prizes.

Come early and fish all the left-overs from the Kid's Fishing day that takes place the weekend before. Gates open for fishing at 7am but be sure to be back in around 12 for the **FOOD!** This is a family event so come show-off your spouse and or other family members.

The event is a potluck so to ensure a variety of goods please bring food according to your last name:

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

The club will provide burgers, brats and soft drinks. Members and guests can bring beverages of their choice.

The cost of the event is a mere \$5 per family and is payable the day of the picnic.

Please call me with questions; especially if it is in regards to **FOOD!**

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AROUND THE BEND

May 5 Kid's Fishing Day
Clear Lake - 7 AM

May 9 Williams Lake Outing
3 PM

May 12 Clear Lake Outing
8 AM

May 12 SFF Meeting
Annual Awards Picnic
Clear Lake - 11 AM



PREZ SEZ

By: Mike Berube

Hello everyone! This will be my last Prez Sez. Your next Barbless will have a new name and picture in the Prez Sez section. Kurt Tempel, your newly elected President, will have his smiling face and words of wisdom in the Barbless for the next year. My second term as president will expire with the Awards Picnic on May 12th. I want to welcome Kurt and his new board. I'm sure they will do a wonderful job in managing and directing the club's affairs.

I want to publicly thank ALL of the people who helped make these last two years successful for the club. A special thanks goes to my board (some of them will be continuing on for next year) and to those who served on, or chaired, the conservation, outings and speaker committees. Fred Howe did me a favor and performed a great service to the club by agreeing to take on the Past President position this year. Thanks Fred! Dan Ferguson, if you look really close you'll see his finger prints on virtually every program the club has. He was my number one mentor over the last couple of years. Thanks Dan! I'll probably miss someone but here goes. Thanks to the long time club members for sharing words of wisdom and providing guidance when called upon: Judy Kaufman, Tim Reed, and Ray Baker. Thank you, Mary Kovatch for the great job as Membership Chair. Thank you Linda Howe for publishing the Barbless every month, and Fred for delivering it. Thanks to Larry Ray for re-invigorating the club library, a lot of work went into that effort. Mike Keegan did a great job the last three years as Conservation Chair, Dan Ferguson has some big shoes to fill. Thanks to Don Tietz for putting together a great outings schedule for the club over the last two seasons. Carla Ferguson, thank you for providing us with tasty culinary creations at every meeting. She got a lot of help in the kitchen from Klaus Rissman, Thanks Klaus. Thanks to Betty Smith-Lambert and Bob Mielbrecht for putting on another great beginner's tying class. Len Zickler and Jesse Clark, thanks for donating your time to our casting classes at the fishing school. Last but not least. Thanks to my wife Karen who put up with a lot over the last couple of years. I love you! There are so many to thank, I apologize for those that I missed.

I want to wish our new president and his board the best of luck for the coming year. Hopefully we'll see each other on the water or at one of the up-coming club events.

MEMBERSHIP

Mary Kovatch, Membership Chair

We are pleased to have six people join the club in April. They are:

Ken Johnson, Norm Smith, Jon Bowne, Joseph Ford, Ray Arquette, and Lee Dubay.

We hope they will come to the annual picnic, so that we can give them a warm welcome.

DUES DUES DUES

Don't forget that for those who have not yet paid dues they are payable by May 31, 2011. This will pay your dues for the 2011-2012 year. If you haven't paid do so as soon as you can. You may send by mail to: Spokane Fly Fishers , P.O. Box 4141 Spokane, WA. 99220. Or you may pay at the club picnic.

CONSERVATION CORNER

By: Mike Keegan

COLVILLE NATIONAL FOREST CONSERVATION PROJECT CALISPELL CREEK WORKDAY - SATURDAY, JUNE 23

On Saturday, June 23, we will have a workday and barbecue at Calispell Creek in Colville National Forest. The location information will be sent to those who signup. This is about a one-hour drive from Spokane and is located north of Highway 2 and State Highway 211. We have worked in this area before and there are opportunities for fishing. Several members caught fish at the last outing. The work will start at about 9 AM under the direction of Karen Honeycutt, the Colville National Forest fisheries manager.

Please contact Mike Keegan at 990-4782 for signup. There will also be a signup at the May Picnic.

SPOKANE RIVER CLEANUP



At the last Conservation Committee meeting, it was decided that we would participate in this event again this year. It is held in early October.

Please contact Mike Keegan at 990-4782 for signup. We will also have a signup sheet, and a confirmed date, at the September general meeting.

DON'T FORGET KIDS FISHING DAY - MAY 5th DIRECTIONS TO BREAKFAST AND TO CLEAR LAKE

BREAKFAST AT 6:00 AM AT THE IRON SKILLET (part of the Petro Truck Stop) **DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Drive west on I-90, take the Medical Lake exit #272, at stop sign turn Left go over the overpass, keep going straight and there is the truck stop, the Iron Skillet is on the north end.

If you can't make the festive 6:00 AM breakfast, be at **CLEAR LAKE** (the Fairchild Air Force Base Recreational Area) by 7:00 AM. **DIRECTIONS:** Drive West on I-90 past the Cheney four Lakes exit #270, continue about 6.5 miles west to the Cheney/Medical Lake Exit #264, exit and at the stop sign turn right, continue on this road until you come to the recreation area.

If you have signed up, you will receive a call from Judy Kaufman.

If you haven't signed up to work, there's still time. Call Judy at 924-9462.



ONE FLY CONTEST - MAY 19TH

Hosts: Mike Berube, Linda Howe and Carla Ferguson

The ONE FLY CONTEST is a great way to put your secret fly to good use. If you have one for Badger Lake, bring it down to the contest and test your skills. Or you can talk to other club members and learn what flies will catch the most fish this time of year in Badger Lake. If you have your fly and know where the fish are you should be in the running for a prize. If you catch the most fish you will win 1st place and a \$30 gift certificate to your favorite fly-fishing store (located in the Spokane area). If you catch the second most fish you win a \$20 certificate; third place, a \$10 certificate.

Here are the rules: Choose one barbless fly, catch and release as many fish as possible between 10 AM and 1:00 PM, count the number of fish caught and record the length of the longest (for tie breaking purposes), if you lose the fly you originally tied on, count only the fish caught up to that point. You may continue to fish with another fly; those caught don't count for the contest.

Be prepared for any kind of weather. You can never tell this time of year. Foul weather!

Registration begins at 9:00 AM with a donation of \$5 per member and \$10 per family or non-member. Donations will benefit SFF Club programs. There will be coffee and morning snacks available. THE REAL HIGH POINT OF THE ONE FLY CONTEST IS THE BBQ FOLLOWING THE FISHING! Burgers, beans, and all the extras will be served! The hosts will need some help with this event. Contact Mike Berube if you want to get involved.

Sign up for the ONE FLY CONTEST at the Awards Picnic or call Mike at 999-8235. We really want a head count to avoid running out of food.

CHAPAKA LAKE OUTING - JUNE 2 AND JUNE 3

Host: ????????

THIS OUTING IS IN DANGER OF CANCELLATION DUE TO THE LACK OF A HOST. IF YOU CAN ASSIST, PLEASE CONTACT DON TIETZ AT 509 850-5076.

AMBER LAKE OUTING - JUNE 6 - 4 PM

Host: Fred Howe

Take I-90 West from Spokane to the Cheney exit. South on 904 through Cheney to Mullinix Road. Turn left and go about 10 miles. At the sign on the right for the lake, turn right. About 1.5 miles there is another sign. Turn left on gravel road to lake. The launch is to the left of the parking lot. Use this area to put your equipment in the water. Parking is above in the lot.

You will need a float tube, pontoon boat or small boat. There is very limited access for shore fishing.

Flies: Olive Willies, Six Packs, Wooley Buggers and chironomids do well.

If you are in need of a mentor for this outing, please call Fred at 448-4707.

COFFEEPOT LAKE OUTING - JUNE 9**Host: Mike Melmoth II**

We have another outing out at Coffeepot in June. For those that have not been there, It's a nice place to spend the weekend and fish. They have very limited (like 2) spots for a small trailer and a few spots for tents.

Head out of Spokane on Hwy 2 towards Davenport, Take the left onto 28. Head south towards Harrington. As you come into town, on the right, is Coffee Pot Road. Follow this out to the lake on the left. It is about an hour, give or take. from Spokane.

I will be there on the banks until about 9 and then it's off to hook some lips. If you have any questions feel free to call 262-4114

NORTH FORK OF THE COUER D'ALENE OUTING - JUNE 16 & 17**Host: Mike Melmoth II and his Aunt Sue**

It's time to fish the BIG HANK area or North Fork CDA River. Last year we canceled the trip due to very high water. Hopefully we won't have that issue this year. There is camping at the Big Hank campground, but you should call and reserve a spot, because this camp ground fills up fast (Reserve America on line). They don't have hooks ups, but they do have drinking water and dumpsters. On the other side of the main road is more camping but it may need a 4x4 to get back into that area to camp.

My Aunt Sue and I will be hosting the outing and putting on a small feast on Saturday starting about 5 or 6 pm. We will have the main course. If others can bring a side dish or desert that would be great. Please let me know if you are going so I can bring enough meat for everyone.

Directions: Head East on I-90 to the Kingston exit. Turn North on FR9 to Pritchard (ice cream shop and fishing license for Idaho) Stay Left at the "Y" on FR208 for 28 miles to Big Hank campground on the left.

Flies: 8-12 humpies, emergers 16-20, Bright stimulators, royal wolfs, and caddis 12-16. Contact Mike Melmoth II 262-4114 if you have questions. You can float parts of this but most is wading so bring your walking sticks and wader belts!!!!

BLACKFOOT RIVER OUTING - JUNE 23 & 24**Host: Brad Thompson**

This trip is subject to cancellation due to the high probability of excessive runoff in late June this year. The snowpack in Northwest Montana is deep and just started to come out in late April.

If water conditions are fishable and more importantly safe for floating, we will be camping at Monture Creek FAS just off Hwy 200 past the junction of Hwy 93 before the turnoff to River Junction.

Fishing will be on Saturday, June 23rd and Sunday, June 24th. The river will be high and fast this time of year. Most sections of this river require advanced rowing skills.

This is salmon fly time, so big dries will be the program.

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

GEORGETOWN LAKE OUTING—JULY 20, 21, & 22

By Gale Allen

The Georgetown outing has been moved back a week because of the FFF Fair. Don't fret, it should help with the weather and the sedge hatch.

Those who wish to go please note that there are 69 sites in the campground however, they only take reservations for Loop C which has 22 sites. Reservations need to be made through ReserveUSA. The website (www.ReserveUSA.com) offers "convenient", round-the-clock access to the Online Reservation System. The sites begin at \$14.00 per day. If you're not into computers, you can call the NRRS reservation center by dialing 1-877-444-6777 (toll free), to speak with one of the agents. The NRRS can also be contacted through TDD 1-877-833-6777.

When making a reservation, you will be asked to provide the following information:

Campground name (or state) Philipsburg Bay Campground,
Montana

Arrival and departure dates

Type of site required (tent, RV, cabin, lookout, etc.)

The number of people in your party.

Method of payment (certified check, credit card)



Weather can be an issue as Georgetown is just above 6000 feet in elevation. Nights can be cool and an occasional thunderstorm and sometimes a wind. Just be prepared for a variety of weather.

This trip has been in the past, and still is, a loosely organized event. There are no group meals planned at this time because many will fish well into the dark, but thoughts could change. A little late night get-together is envisioned.



2012 FLY FISHING SCHOOL ATTENDEES

By: Dan Ferguson

The club wants to welcome the 2012 Fly Fishing School participants. We had a great class this year and I am exited with the level of enthusiasm. I hope this isn't the last time we see your names in the Barbless as it would be great to have many of you on committee's and as outings hosts. Maybe even on the Board one day?


Welcome to the new members- Mike Aho, Todd Anderson, Phil Arendt, Phil Barto, Keith Becker, Allen Boehler, Kevin, Boucher, Sandy Clavell, Paul Cota, Cliff Duggar, David Gard, Devon Greyerbiehl, Peter Lorge, Hank Lorge, Mike McCammon, Kurt Miller, Alana Mitchell, Dave Mirabell, Joan Morse, Nada Morse, Joe Papenleur, Bill Pierce, Peck Ritter, Dave Sanders, Dan Wallat, Tim Downing, Charles Wood, Chris Tupling, Craig Bader, Kirsten Langford, Harold Bates, Martin O'Leary, Stu Harper, Rob Nebergall, Gary Hawkins, Cody Hurst, Tom Anderson.

SPOKANE FLY FISHERS — 2012 OUTINGS

DATE	OUTING	HOST	RATING/EXPLANATION
May 5	Kids Fishing Day	Judy Kaufman	Fun
May 9	Williams Lake	Bill Lundin	See April Barbless
May 12	Clear Lake	Mike Berube	See April Barbless
May 19	One Fly Contest (Badger Lake) Mike Berube		
June 2/3	<u>Chopaka Lake</u>	NEED HOST	1-Access by Large Motorhomes and Trailers may be limited. Check access road.
June 6	Amber Lake	NEED HOST	1
June 9	Coffeepot Lake	Mike Melmoth II	1-Could be windy.
June 16/17	North Fork CDA	Mike M. II & Aunt Sue	2-Wading
June 23/24	Blackfoot River	Brad Thompson	3-Float: Obstacles, sweepers
July 20/22	Georgetown Lake	Gale Allen	1
July 25	Spokane River	Mike Berube	3-Wade, slick (Wade only-Wednesday evening)
July 27/29	Kelly Creek	John Hudson	3-Wade: Access, slick
August 3/5	St. Joe River	Carla Ferguson	1-3-Wade: Depending on where.
August 18/19	<u>Middle Fork Flathead</u>	NEED HOST	3-Float: Rapids, obstacles, sweepers.
Sept. 8/9	North Fork CDA	NEED HOST	2-Wading
Sept. 15/16	Clark Fork River	NEED HOST	2-Float: Bridge abutments, small rapids, obstacles
Sept.28/Oct.1	Missouri River-Craig, Mt.	Carolyn Sells	2-Float: Bridge abutments, obstacles
Oct. 7	Spokane River	NEED HOST	3-Float: Rapids, obstacles, sweepers 3-Wade: Slick (Sunday Float)
Oct. 15/16	Sprague Lake	NEED HOST	1:Could be cold/windy.

HOSTS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR MANY OF THE OUTINGS.....THEY WILL BE CANCELLED IF NO HOST IS FOUND. If you wish to volunteer or have any questions contact Don Tietz. E-mail don@troutfisher.org or phone his cell: 509 850-5076.

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NEXT MEETING

MAY 12, 2012

AWARDS PICNIC

11 AM - FOOD AT NOON

CLEAR LAKE PAVILLION

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