



The Barbless Flyer



Spokane Fly Fishers

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September, 2014

SEPTEMBER 10TH MEETING

JEFF VOIGT "FLY FISHING DESTINATIONS IN EASTERN WASHINGTON"



The speaker for the September meeting will be Jeff Voigt. He is a thirty one year's resident of Spokane and a thirty one year member of the Spokane Fly Fishers. He has been fly fishing, 70 years and counting. He grew up on the banks of the Ventura River in Southern California, at a time when steelhead ascended the river every winter. Jeff has been fortunate to have fly fished Mexico, Canada, Alaska, the Gulf Coast States as well as all of the Western States. Living in Spokane has provided unlimited opportunity to fly fish the superb waters of Eastern Washington, Northern Idaho and Western Montana. Between March and December, three plus days a week are normally spent fly fishing.

The program will be "Fly Fishing Destinations in Eastern Washington". There will be a follow up session on tips for successful lake fly fishing.

We are very fortunate to have Jeff share his knowledge on our home waters for our first meeting this year.

Mike Fortney and his crew will have food available prior to the meeting (from 6 to 7).

We want to thank Mary Kovatch who has, once again, prepared our directory. Please pick up your copy at the meeting.

NOVEMBER 12TH 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!!**

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AROUND THE BEND

Sept.6, Pontoon Safety Class

Sept. 10, SFF Meeting 7PM

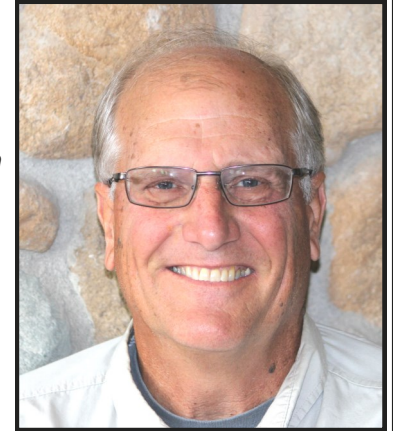
Sept. 13/14, Clark Fork River Outing

Sept. 17, SFF Board Meeting 6:30 PM

Sept. 16/17, Missouri River Outing

PREZ SEZ

By: Gale Allen



He lived in such a way, and he was forever commenting to me on how few people actually lived "now". Most people, he said, exist in an emptiness between memory and anticipation, but never live in "the moment". Louis L'Alour

We've had some great outings so far this year. With September here, the Club still has a couple of exceptional outings scheduled, Clark Fork and particularly the Missouri River, so place them on your calendar. As our weather cools all the local waters heat up with active fish waiting to take your fly. Speaking of cooling waters, steelheading is just around the corner with salmon and steelhead runs predicted to exceed levels unheard of in recent times. I don't know about you, but I'm not getting any younger. It is now time to live in "the moment".

O' sir, doubt not that Angling is an art; is it not an art to deceive a trout with an artificial fly?
Isaak Walton

It is now time to start thinking about the fly auction that occurs during our November meeting. Brad Thompson has again agreed to take on the auction. He and I will be out at the September and October meetings soliciting members to tie flies for the auction and we will also have signup sheets on a table as you enter the meeting room. Next to our annual dues, this is the largest income producer for general Club functions. Please use your artistic talents (or purchasing power) to donate flies that will deceive wary trout, steelhead, bass, carp or other fish families that you enjoy taking on a fly.

There he stands, draped in more equipment than a telephone lineman, trying to outwit an organism with a brain no bigger than a breadcrumb, and getting licked in the process. Paul O'Neil

Because we are a "fly fishing club", the SFF Board has committed to emphasizing our education program to meet the needs of our members to expand their knowledge of fly fishing. This program begins with our own Jeff Voight who has given presentations to clubs throughout the west coast and mountain state regions on a variety of fishing related topics. You will also see an expanded educational casting program headed by Len Zickler as well as several specialized programs focusing on single-topic issues. All should help us in our endeavors, no matter what your knowledge level, to increase your ability to "outwit and organism with a brain not bigger than a breadcrumb".

NEW SARGENT-AT-ARMS

By: Gale Allen

Great news! Jodi Fits, our new Membership Chair, has agreed to take on the position of Sargent-at-Arms. In this role, Jodi will be responsible for maintaining order at the board meetings and general meetings of the membership. She will also keep us informed of the by-laws and standing rules as the Board makes decisions. Whew! Thank you Jodi for being willing to take on this additional role. I was afraid I was going to have to ask my wife to do it...

CONSERVATION CORNER

BY: Mike Berube, Conservation Chairman

TREE WATERING

One effort we've been helping out with is the watering of trees and bushes at the state line boat ramp area. For several months the club has been putting a 4-5 person team together to assist the Spokane County Conservation District in the replanting effort. For the most recent outing, we had three people from the club; yours truly, Dan Ferguson, and Fred Howe. Thanks gents! In an effort to get some young folks energized about conservation I reached out to the Communications Squadron on Fairchild AFB for assistance. Thanks Andrew Jackson and Rodney Hadley for helping out.



SPOKANE RIVER CLEAN-UP - CANCELLED

I know that every year our members eagerly await the volunteer opportunity of cleaning up our beautiful river. I'm sorry to report that the program has been cancelled this year due to loss of funding.

JOIN THE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

On Sept 17th, 5:30 PM the conservation committee will be meeting at the Clubhouse prior to the club board meeting. I'd like to have all member's interested in being on this committee show up to discuss upcoming events and to hopefully get a schedule of events on paper.

Show up if you're interested.



By: Norm Scott, PHWFF Program Lead

Greetings all from Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Program,

I certainly hope that all of you have had a great summer, and especially a great summer of fishing. I think we did, I know it has been busy for us. As I write this we have had one multi-trip outing (I'll explain more on this), 2-3 outings on Lake Couer d'Alene with the Couer d'Alene Anglers Association, 3 local drift boat outings, 1 professional guide outing and 1 walleye outing.

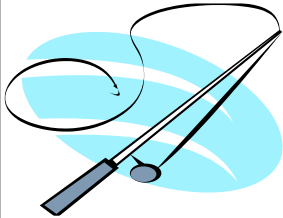
So, let me explain all of these outings. Lynn Keener volunteered on 2-3 occasions to get a couple of our PHWFF vets out on the lake; each with some success. Thanks Lynn for your efforts with our program. Also, a new volunteer (a non SFF member) also took two of our veterans for a half-day outing on the Spokane in early July as did Brad Thompson, but unfortunately Brad's got overtaken by storm events, so he will follow up with that outing in September. We also were able to send two of our women veterans on a guided trip to the north Columbia River out of Northport with Far North Charters, so my thanks goes out to Justin Hotchkiss (guide) who contributed a half-price trip for us and to Art and Nina Grobbens, owners of the Lazy-Daze Resort out of Northport. They contributed two nights of lodging for the women.

In mid-July I took 3 of our veterans on a National PHWFF outing to Montana. They fished the Bitterroot, the Blackfoot, the Little Blackfoot and the Clark Fork, all with great success. It was a week long adventure with several different guides, including the group from the TU chapter in Ovando, MT, and I'm positive it is an adventure that will stay with them for a long, long time. Oh, and yours truly had a fantastic day on the Clark Fork (but not so great on the Bitterroot and the little Blackfoot).

We have two new sets of volunteers this summer that are outside of our SFF. The Coeur d'Alene Anglers Association has volunteered to take our vets on outings on Lake Couer d'Alene for a day of fishing. They have made 3-4 trips thus far with our vets and are currently taking more on these outings. Also, the Survival School instructors at Fairchild Air Force Base have volunteered to take our vets out on walleye trips, 1 so far, and in September we will do an overnight trip with multiple vets so they can learn about wilderness survival camping as well as doing some fly fishing.

In addition to the outings, we have also been rather busy with our fly tying efforts with 4 different classes ongoing at the VAMC and 2 separate classes ongoing at the VAOC in the Valley. Harold Watters and Chris Mastel have also signed up for the PHWFF National Fly Tying competition which will complete in September.

So, that pretty much brings us up to date with our busy summer. We look forward to a new fly fishing 101 class this fall, followed by more rod building and continuation of our fly tying classes. My personal thanks to all of our volunteers who have made this program for our veterans successful.



SPEY ROD RAFFLE

By: Dan Ferguson

Drum Roll Please!!! The winner of the Loomis Spey Rod, Reel and Line is.....Conner Carr!

A big Thanks to our anonymous donor for the rod and reel. You know who you are.

Conner, you can get in touch with me through the club email at sffishers@comcast.net
Congratulations!

MEMBERSHIP

By: Jodi Fitts, Chair

Thanks to all for renewing your memberships.

For those of you still needing to renew your memberships, you can send your dues to:

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PO Box 4141
Spokane WA 99220.

You can also renew at the meeting on the 10th.

Over the summer, we received 6 new members. Welcome to Lee and Nancy Davison, Jerry and Marlene Williams, Ta-Tao Chuang and Sam Breeze.

We hope to see you all at the September meeting.

SPOKANE FLY FISHERS LIBRARY

The Library will be available at the September meeting so stop by, peruse the selections, visit with our Librarian, Larry Ray and check out some of the must reads.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

OCTOBER 8, 2013

Leroy Hyatt will be our guest speaker for October and will be discussing steelhead fishing the rivers around Lewiston/Clarkston.

NORTH FORK OF THE COUER D'ALENE OUTING REPORT - JUNE 28/29

By: John Hudson

We had a good turn out this year at Devils Elbow Campground.

Fishing was a little slow but everyone was catching some fish.

The water levels were a little on the high side but not as bad as years past I thought. It rained...and rained and then rained.

Sunday was a little better weather but Saturday's weather bumped the river on Sunday.

There was not a lot of peace and quiet as there was a mountain lion in the camp area for the past few weeks and he could be heard just across the river "meowing". They called in a hunter with hounds so we listened to them most of the day Saturday and Sunday morning. It was a little different experience listening to the lion's calls in the middle of the day.

My dinner left a little to be desired as I left my larger grill at home but there wasn't a mutiny so we all survived.

Thanks to all who came up.

KELLY CREEK OUTING REPORT - JULY 18/20

By: Lisa and John Hudson

Another great trip to my favorite spot. I didn't get up as early as I had hoped due to work but made it up...in the nick of time. We got in at midnight on Friday and then got up at 6:30 to start breakfast. We had a hearty Dutch oven meal and everyone headed out to fish.

According to the early arrivals the campground had been crowded all week but by Saturday noon it was thinning and by Sunday it was nearly empty.

Saturday fishing was good for most everyone and Sunday turned out to be a little better but on Monday afternoon after everyone was gone, the fish really started on the bite. I caught some very nice fish on the NFCW.

I didn't venture up Kelly Creek too far as everyone said the road was horrible and it was just in the short distance I travelled. The Black Canyon road was closed due to a rock slide just east of Hidden Creek Camp so everyone who came from Montana side had to come over Deception Pass and down Kelly Creek road.

Water levels were about the highest I've seen it in the last 6 years but the last time levels were around this the fishing was great and the fish were big. Fishing wasn't as hot this year but we caught some big fish.

We only had one brave soul from the coastal fishing club show up but he had a good day on Friday and seemed to be happy he made the trek from Clark Fork where he was fishing prior.

Thanks to all who came out and making this my favorite trip of the year.

Fishing with friends was great.



DAVID PAUL WILLIAMS
“FLY FISHING FOR WESTERN SMALLMOUTH”
BOOK SIGNING
 By Gale Allen

Many of you will recognize David Paul Williams as a speaker to the Club for each of the two past years. You may have read one of his many books or articles found in fly fishing magazines and newspapers. He is holding a book signing of his newest book, “Fly Fishing for Western Smallmouth Bass” on September 19 at the North Division Costco located at 7619 N. Division from twelve noon until 2:00 pm. The book is full of information about smallmouth bass fishing in each of the eleven western states. This is a good read even for those who know plenty about fishing for smallmouth bass. In addition, he’ll be giving away a fly for each book you purchase and if you should buy two books...three flies.

2014 SCHEDULED OUTINGS

DATE	OUTING	HOST	RATING
Sep 6	Pontoon Safety Mvg Water Class Corbin Park Post Falls	Don Tietz and Crew	1 See Summer Barbless
Sep 13-14	Clark Fork River	Don Tietz	2 See Summer Barbless
Sep 19-21	Missouri River	Carolyn Sells	2 See Summer Barbless

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NEXT MEETING

SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

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