



# The Barbless Flyer

*Our mission is to provide a family friendly organization for promoting the sport of fly fishing through education, application and conservation.*



## November Speaker of the Month

### Fly Fishing the Bitterroot Valley, MT With Chuck Stranahan

**Chuck Stranahan** is known among his professional peers as one of the most talented fly tyers of this era – a recognition the angling public is now coming to share with the Club.

He will share some of the techniques used in the tying of the fly as well as telling the SFF where to fish the pattern in and around the Hamilton area rivers, One of the rivers that we may learn about is the Bitterroot River near Hamilton, Mt. He will talk about different fly patterns for the area and will tell us how to and when to use the various patterns. There are always things to learn that will have relevance in our own area rivers and lakes also.

A long-time professional fly tyer and guide, he is also a writer, instructor, and speaker at fly-fishing clubs and sportsmen's shows.

He began fly tying at eight and was tying flies commercially at age twelve. He fly-tied his way through college as an Orvis commercial fly tyer and through a ten-year career in education, before opening a full-time fly shop in 1979.

He learned the fly tying craft from masters such as Cal Bird, Polly Rosborough, Darwin Atkins, and Andre Puyans. His style blends their techniques with his own innovations. His fly patterns are becoming standards throughout the West, and are featured in books by Jack Dennis, Gary LaFontaine, Greg Thomas, John Holt, and Randall Kaufmann.

He learned fly casting and fly rod design and manufacture from some of the masters who shaped the sport, beginning as a college student in San Francisco on the Golden Gate Angling and Casting Club ponds. Over the years he fished with many of these same mentors, honing his own skills as an angler.

His flies, noted for their aesthetic qualities and durability, have gained a loyal following because they out-produce more widely known patterns. Until recently, most of them were available only to the "underground army" that Chuck tied for personally.

He lives with his wife Jan in the Bitterroot Valley of Montana, where he runs Chuck Stranahan's Flies & Guides.



*Bitterroot River, MT*

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Prez Sez

Chet Allison



On October 15, 2021, my wife JoAnn and I drove down to the Grande Ronde River for the Frank Faha Public Access dedication. Project Coordinator, Jim Athearn from the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club, Chris Donley, WDFW and Josh Mills, Steelhead Coalition did a fantastic job putting the entire project together resulting in the beautiful setting that it is today. The big rock that you see in this photo has a thank you on top to all of those that put this project together and bringing it to its completion.



There is a list of Major Contributors on the left, Organizations second and on the right a list of all Individual contributors. If you are a steelhead fisher person or just enjoy a nice drive, go down and take a look at what all of the hub bub has been about.

Thank you Spokane Fly Fishers for your donation and support for the project. It is absolutely fantastic to see in this beautiful setting, assuring continued free public access to the Grande Ronde River.

The SFF Program Chair has had some very good programs this year and from what I hear there are more great Zoom programs to come. Skip Morris presented a very good program in October. Devon is working hard to find programs that you will enjoy. And so far they have been very good, thank you Devon.

As the SFF President, my big concern is Covid 19 that is still going crazy. On one hand I want to start live meetings again, on the other hand I don't want to do anything that will make things worse for the health of the club members. The Board and I are looking at January for a startup but that is still a long ways off. Many clubs have started live meetings but are getting poor turn out of the members. Nine of the seventeen fly clubs are in Zoom meeting status in the state of Washington. Three are totally canceled.

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Three clubs are meeting live but with very small attendance. The others are Facebook clubs or the info is not available.

With that said, the SFF board is hoping maybe in January we can start up again. If we do meet in person the board will require proof of vaccination at the door. Your health and safety is our main concern. Keep praying this Covid 19 just goes away.

Fishing has been very good from the reports that I have been getting. Reports from Amber are lots of fish and big fish being caught. I know most of the reporters, so I know they are valid. One report said they released 14 fish some in the 20 in range. Blobs and orange sparkle Carey fly have been working for many fishers. I have not heard anything on Medical. We have until the end of November for both lakes so go fishing. Around Thanksgiving a yellow Knudson Spider is a good fly along the edges at Amber. No I have not been out yet.

The weeds and Pelicans at Rocky Ford Creek should be gone by now or at least close to gone. I find late fall a good time to go to this fishing site because there are fewer fly fishers at this very popular fishery. Scuds work quite well this time of the year. I have cast out a red egg pattern and released some nice fish using this fly. Some places you can use a sink-tip line but mostly a floating line is used for a good day of fishing. Go fishing and enjoy the fall weather.

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## Did You Forget to Renew Your Membership?

Well, it is likely that you are no longer in our membership since, as we have warned for the last 4 months, If you don't pay by the end of September, you will be deleted from our membership.. Last day was Sept. 30!

(By the way, for those of you who paid by mail, if your check arrives late, you are ok. Your membership will be preserved.)

You are getting this newsletter, because you were a member at the time this newsletter went to print. However, next month you won't be receiving the Barbless Flyer anymore, and most other activities, which are open to Members Only, will not be there for you. As the Pandemic settles down eventually, all the great outings, in-person meetings and activities we all have enjoyed before will be back. Unfortunately, we will be enjoying those things without you.



If you got your membership cancelled due to non-renewal, you can always come back to re-join the club, and you will be welcomed with open arms. If it is one month, or 6 months, or a year or more, we hope to see you again.

When you are ready, just go to our website at <https://spokaneflyfishers.com> and sign up again as a new member.

**Hope to see you soon!**

## Membership News

By Doug Keene

Looking at the data below, you will see that the net membership in the club has dropped quite a bit. **Those who did not pay before September 30 were removed from our rolls bringing our membership down from 278 to 201.**

**These are the statistics as of 10/15/21**

Individual Membership	83
Family Membership	42
Lifetime Members	31
Founder Membership (free)	14
Honorary Membership	12
Paused Fly School Members	19
<b>Total Memberships</b>	<b>201</b>
<b>New Members 9/15 - 10/15</b>	<b>4</b>

### Meet our New Members!

Oct 14, **William Mayes** (individual)

Oct 14, **Thomas Herron** (family)

Oct 11, **John Wells** (family)

Sep 27, **Bill Gillis** (family)

## The Club Needs You to Volunteer!



We'd like to let you know that we are in need of someone to take over the **Chairmanship of the Membership Committee**. The chairman and his or her committee members are responsible for tracking our membership, like above, which involves collecting this information from our web site. Quite easy, not requiring a lot of technical knowledge.

The committee is also responsible for creating creative methods and programs for encouraging new members to join, and for acquiring and selling club labeled clothing, logo patches, and other activities designed to promote our club at our meetings, and make sure the public knows about us by working with the other groups in the club responsible for publicizing club activities, etc.

The committee Chairman, or a committee member is expected to attend our monthly in-house meetings (when we start having them, that is) and manning a Membership Table to answer questions from members prior to the meeting.

[If you are interested, contact Chet Allison to let him know of your interest. You can contact him at \[President@spokaneflyfishers.com\]\(mailto:President@spokaneflyfishers.com\).](#)

## Beginning Fly Tying

By Chet Allison

### **Soft Hackle Emerger (Sulfur Mayfly) by Tim Flagler**

**Hook:** Mustad 94840 or Tiemco 100 size 10-18

**Thread:** 6/0 Olive Danville

**Rib:** x-small copper wire

**Tail:** pheasant tail fibers, dyed brown

**Body:** dyed brown pheasant tail fibers

**Thorax:** yellow rabbit fur dubbing (3 parts bright yellow 1 part bright orange)

**Hackle:** speckled hen hackle back dyed golden olive



[www.youtube.com/watch?v= RaJOtsKwo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RaJOtsKwo)

### **Tying Steps:**

1. Place a TMC 100 size 14 in the hook; wrap a smooth thread base to the hook point.
2. Tie in the copper wire at the hook point and wrap back to the bend (over the barb). Now wrap forward forming the underbody and securing the wire in place.
3. Pull 5 or 6 fibers from the dyed brown pheasant tail. The tail should be just a little longer than the hook gap is wide. Tie the fibers in at the front of your thread wraps. Wrap thread to the hook barb then forward lift up the fibers with one wrap under then wrap the fibers back forming the pheasant tail body. When you get to the wire hold your fibers up to begin winding the wire forward over the body. Secure the wire with your thread and helicopter your wire off. You should be about 2 hook eyes back from the eye itself. Trim the ends of the pheasant tail off now.
4. Prepare your thorax material to dub. The video shows an easy way to dub the rabbit. If you prefer spin the dubbing on the thread wrap your thorax then use brush to pick out the dubbing.
5. Tie the hackle in buy the tip then make 2 wraps of hackle.
6. Whip finish your fly put on some head cement and go fishing.

**Note:** to make this a BWO use non dyed pheasant tail or dye green and olive dubbing for the thorax and olive dyed Partridge feather for the hackle. Partridge is my choice but you can use any dye olive hackle that you have on hand.

SFF has permission to use these videos from Tim Flagler. Please click on the Youtube app under his name to see more videos.



## Christmas Book Shopping Guide

Ken Moore  
Education Committee

As far as fly fishing goes, cooler temps mean changes in tactics and approaches, changes in expectations, and ultimately the realization that the fish are hunkered down. With the calm acceptance that that's okay, and things are as they should be, it begs the question, what do I do now? If you have decided that you will not be fishing this winter, and you have put up your fly rod and cleaned your fly line. (You did remember to clean your fly line, didn't you?). May I propose that you devote this winter to increasing your flyfishing knowledge and skills? If your loved ones pine and ponder what gift to wrap for your Christmas present, please consider one of these.

(A few comments before we get to our selections. I am not attempting to replace Larry Ray's beautifully written book reviews. The prices listed are from Amazon; I enthusiastically encourage you to support your local bookstores.)

### Lake Fishing:

The Orvis Guide to Stillwater Trout Fishing- Phil Rowley (\$25.50)

Yes! Finally, a new and comprehensive book on Stillwater (lake) fly fishing. Phil was hand-selected to write this book by Orvis, and he is one of two people in North America that has the breadth and knowledge to complete the task. The book is exhaustive and outstanding, with a perfect 5-star rating on Amazon reviews. If you struggle to shift from rivers and streams to lakes or predominantly fish lakes, this book is for you.



### Entomology:

The Bug Book – A Fly Fisher's Guide to Trout Stream Insects- Paul Weamer (\$19.95)

The complete guide to aquatic entomology for fly fishers covers all of the important trout insects and their imitations for the entire United States. This book contains hatch charts, fly pattern recommendations, and fishing strategies. Paul is a Montana fly fishing guide, and this book is rated as Amazon's third-highest customer-rated flyfishing book.



### Rivers and Streams:

The Orvis Guide to Hatch Strategies- Tom Rosenbauer (\$27.45)

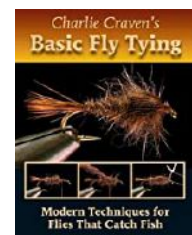
While one would expect you to learn how to identify insect hatches, which this book delivers, this book excels in finding where trout are feeding, approaching trout, and presenting your fly to feeding and non-feeding trout. I consider this book the 201-sophomore addition to Tom's introductory guide to fly fishing. (We use The Orvis Fly-Fishing Guide with our beginning fly fishing students in the club.)



### Fly Tying:

Charlie Craven's Basic Fly Tying: Modern Techniques for Flies That Catch Fish- Charlie Craven (\$28.96)

Mastering the fundamentals of fly tying is the focus of this book, plus you will learn to tie 17 popular nymphs, dry flies, and streamers. If you are new to fly tying, this book will establish the knowledge and hand-eye coordination that will allow you to shift to more difficult fly patterns.



## Book of the Month

By Larry Ray

### What's in a Number?

When I was new to fly fishing, by a stroke of luck in junior high school I had a shop teacher who was a fly fisher. One day, in a break from wood working and other mundane (to me) chores, he decided to devote a class session to fly tying. I don't remember much about the pattern he tied, except that it had bright orange, beautifully divided quill sections for wings. Boy, was I smitten! As I grew and became more fascinated with fly fishing and flies, and began to tie in earnest, I became aware of the sheer volume of flies out there. Articles in the outdoor periodicals of the day would mention and discuss various patterns and their sizes, as a part of their stories. Some of the volumes of the period also did this. And, of course, any sporting goods store clerk who was questioned about patterns would regale the questioner with various patterns and sizes that were certainly necessary if one was to have a chance at success. It began to feel as though, to become a successful fly fisher, one would need to know the multitude of fly variations, pattern by pattern, what they imitated, and to have such a supply in all the appropriate sizes while on the water!

During my Navy stint I would tie flies while off-duty. My tying interests centered on the sea-run cutthroat patterns of Northwest Washington, which made liberal use of red, yellow, and white in various combinations. As I tied various regional patterns, I began to question the multiplicity of it all. Was the red and yellow of the Skykomish Sunrise that much different from the same combination in an Umpqua Special? Or even the Conway Special used on the same streams in the Skykomish/Stillaguamish area? Was the Alaska Mary Ann, a white pattern, really different to the fish than the Knutson's Spider of the same color? Then, as my reading expanded courtesy of the ship's library (which actually held a decent amount of fly-fishing literature of the time), I noticed that some east coast brook trout patterns like the Yellow Hammer and the Parmachene Bell utilized yellow, red, and white in very similar fashion to our northwest patterns. Why, then, was all this seeming duplicity necessary? *What's in a number...?* Over time I learned that it is NOT necessary to overburden one's self with numbers of various flies. Today, when I venture onto a coastal cutthroat river or beach, I carry four patterns, each in sizes 6 - 10. A predominantly yellow pattern like a Conway, a red Conway pattern, a dark pattern like a skunk (for darker days), and a reverse spider pattern in black and yellow. That's it! And, I've never come up short regarding patterns.

I think we go through stages in our tying and fly-fishing development. Certainly, the volume of fly patterns, with their histories and linkage to their regions, is fascinating as it piques our curiosity. But it can also be daunting, especially when we are new to the sport. When reading of the development of patterns, their success, and their supposed necessity, do so with a historical and scholarly interest and with the knowledge that you don't need to possess all for success on lake and stream. Those of you who have such curiosity can certainly satisfy it with materials from our Library. We hold, for example, The *Federation of Fly Fishers FLY PATTERN ENCYCLOPEDIA*, which describes 1600 fly patterns! *FLIES*, by J. Edson Leonard, contains a huge index of patterns from across the country, with wonderful drawings typical of the time (1958).

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The ***INDEX OF ORVIS FLY PATTERNS***, from 1978, contains drawings and recipes for over 600 patterns. Of more recent vintage is ***FLIES, THE BEST 1000*** (that's right, one-thousand!), by Randal Stetzer, a relatively recent work from 1992. Finally, even more recently, in 2005, Terry Hellickson gave us ***FISH FLIES, The Encyclopedia of the Fly Tier's Art***, with 710 pages of patterns and descriptions! Just remember that you don't need to retain *even a fraction* of the knowledge, patterns, and sizes within those patterns, to ensure success on your home or regional waters. Especially when in the early stages of your fly-fishing tenure, read for interest and fascination, but compile your actual fly stock with an eye toward simplicity and compactness.

In that vein, I want to discuss two tying manuals that are limited to a very small number of patterns that, if held in a few appropriate sizes and colors, will more than suffice for the greater amount of fly-fishing opportunity to be encountered in our area. ***40 BEST TROUT FLIES***, by Robert H. Alley, is a quaint little volume that deals with patterns that are familiar to most of us who fish northwest waters. It holds the reader's interest with its story-telling style and some beautiful drawings by Durten Kampmann. The patterns are divided into four categories (Nymphs, Streamers, Wets, and Dries) with ten familiar patterns discussed under each. As much, or more, attention is paid to fishing the patterns as in tying them, and the author's story-telling style is a bit folksy. More than that, may I say that it is even a bit absent-minded? Some of the listings of materials needed for each pattern omit necessary materials! For example, the listing for the Spruce, a common coastal pattern for steelhead and cutts, completely omits the peacock hurl thorax and badger hackle wing and hackle! Likewise, the recipe for the Pheasant Tail Nymph omits the peacock hurl for the thorax and the pheasant tail tips for wing case and legs. Fortunately, the ample photo plates illustrate these patterns so the tyer doesn't have to wonder but, geez, how did these omissions get by the usually thorough editors at Frank Amato Publications?

***TYING TROUT FLIES 12 of the Best***, by Deke Meyer, is the ultimate in a minimalist tying guide for our region. Proving the point, most of the twelve patterns dealt with by Meyer are also included in Alley's work. Nine of the patterns deal with familiar dry flies because, says the author, most of us enjoy dry fly fishing the most. Adams, Comparadun, Elk Hair Caddis, Sparkle Pupa, Griffith Gnat – all are familiar and useful to us in our home area. The three wets include, of course, the Woolley Bugger, as well as the Soft Hackle and Hare's Ear. The tying steps are illustrated by large color photos, showing the simplicity of the tying steps. The tying materials utilized are easy to locate in fly shops or other outlets. Indeed, if I were to start a rank novice in the art of tying, this would be the manual I'd choose. One could venture afield around our area, armed with these twelve patterns, and reasonably expect to be successful at whatever fishing situation was encountered. After all, *what's in a number?* Frank Amato publications lived up to its excellent standards with this one.

Every volume mentioned can be borrowed from our SFF Library. Hopefully, soon we will be able to meet again and share our fishing, as well as reading experiences. Until then, keep the faith and READ...



## Rebuilding Our Club

### **It can't be done without YOU!**



We have just gone through almost 2 years of grief in dealing with the complicated issues related to the COVID-19 Pandemic, The Delta Variant, Masks, vaccines, and all the rest of the things that none of us wanted but had to deal with. The SFF Club was not left out of the processes and had to cut back on in-person meetings, cancelled events we all love, and eliminated sponsored outings that were some of the best times for most members.

The leaders in the Club did their best to hold the group together by offering ZOOM meetings as a substitute for in-person meetings, and they kept the Barbless Flyer on schedule for club news and information each month, and continued to develop and fine tune the new web pages, and lots more. However, we are rapidly getting to that magical day when we can go back to normal operating procedures, in-person meetings and events and sponsored Outings. Our best guesses are that January may be the month that we turn the corner. That is only 2 months away, which is a truly short time for getting this sleepy organization awake and back in working orders.

For that reopening, we need lots of help. We need YOU! We currently have need of folks to help with the planning of our meetings and Speaker engagements, with logistical support for the meetings at the church like setting up chairs and tables, making coffee, opening and closing. We need some folks to join the Outings Committee to help plan the Outings Schedule for 2022 that goes from March to September. We need some folks to lead and join the Membership Committee, helping to count and report on our membership, to help sell some of the SFF Bling that we provide to members, and to help promote membership in the club to potential new members. We lost over 70 members due to the pandemic and need to rebuild our membership.

The club has always had a strong emphasis on Conservation, and that committee needs a leader and some folks to join him/her in planning and carrying out Conservation related projects and events during the year. We are also heavily focused on top Quality Education for Fly Fishers, both in articles published in the newsletter, and in our Fly-Tying classes and our "Best in the West" Fly School, that always needs helpers and teachers. We even have an open Board position for Sargeant-at-Arms, a person who can support the President, the Board, and the Membership with assistance as needed, and they get to vote with the Board also. That is not an elected position but assigned by the President.

We need all these helpers and volunteers NOW! Planning on how we reopen is going on NOW! If you want to see the club get back into its normal routines and providing all the services and events that you are used to, then we need you NOW! We cannot have too many volunteers. **Every club member should make a commitment to step up and offer your assistance TODAY!**

It will be fun, you will feel great about contributing to the best Fly-Fishing club in the Northwest, and the result will be a club that hits the road running come January.

Send an email to: [President@spokaneflyfishers.com](mailto:President@spokaneflyfishers.com)

and let us know how you are going to help!

## [How To Find and Email Fellow Club Members on the Club Website](#)

Most of you may remember when the Club had a paper directory of members that could be used to find and communicate with other members in the club. That came to an end a while back due to increasing costs, and the plan to bring on the new website that would include a directory. Also, with a paper directory it only listed a “flash picture” of names, addresses and emails on the day the directory went to the printshop. No new members or address changes were seen. Now that our website is up and working, we have a directory that is inclusive of all members as of the day you search. It is always up to date.

The web directory is, however, a new experience for many, and knowing how to navigate it and use it is important to get the best experience. We thought we would help with one area that has come up in questions from the members. The question is, “Why are there no email addresses, and how do I contact a member without the email address?”

First, the reason there are no email addresses shown, except for your own. The Congress passed a new privacy law a couple of years ago called the CAN-SPAM Act. That law makes it illegal for any business or public entity to establish a list of email addresses on their websites. SFF is considered a business, though a non-profit one. This is to assure that such a list cannot be stolen and used to harass the folks on the list. However, your email address is in our database under very tight security and is only available to Administrators on an as needed basis. The system also uses it to verify your identity when you log in.

So, how do you send an email to a member when you can't see his email address? Well, it's quite easy. Here is the process, step-by-step.,

1. Log into the website with your password at: <http://spokaneflyfishers.com>
2. After you log in, go up to the top of the page and click on the RESOURCES heading and then select MEMBER DIRECTORY. Note: If you are using a smartphone you click on the 3-Bar icon and select Resources, then Member Directory.
3. Enter either the first or last name of the person you want to contact into the SEARCH box and hit your Enter Key. Do the same on a smartphone, but just click on the Search button.
4. On a desktop or laptop, you will see a box with the person's name (and maybe others also). Click on the box for the correct person and you will see the person's profile. Smartphone users will have already seen the profile.
5. Near the bottom, click on the blue “Send a Message” and you will get sent to an email form.
6. At the top of the form, you should fill in the subject of the email.

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7. In the main box on the form, you can type in your message to the person. At the top of this box there are controls for Adding Bold, Italic, or underline, or adjusting the position of the type on the page, if you need them.

8. When done, click on the "Preview & Send" button and you will see what the final email will look like.

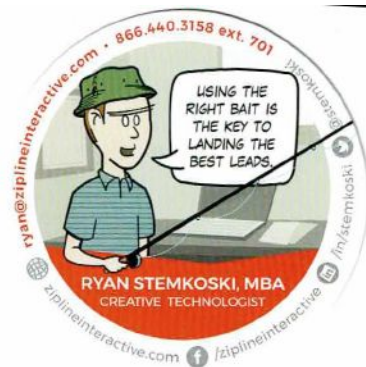
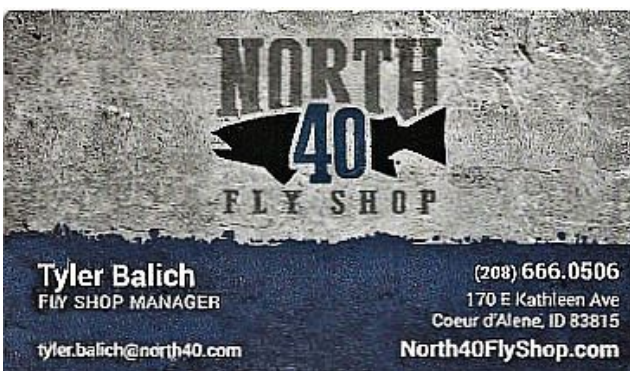
9. If you like what you see, just click on the SEND button, or if you want to do some editing, click on the EDIT button.

Your message has now been sent, and as you can see, you never had to see the email address. It was privately addressed for you by the system.

Hope this helps. Contact us at Spokaneflyfishersclub@gmail.com if you have questions.

## SFF Business Members

Please support these business'



Business Memberships are available for \$50/year or payment in kind, and include an Honorary Membership if not already a member.

Contact: SFF, PO Box 4141, Spokane, WA 99220.



## [Get Going on the SFF Blog/Forum!](#)

Since we have a number of new members in the club now, probably a good idea to remind them, and the rest of you, that I have put together the **SFF Blog/Forum** website for sharing information related to fly fishing, and the sport in general. We offer a place to just share stories, ask questions of other members, sell or buy your used fly fishing equipment, pontoons, etc., and share and view some great fly tying recipes. All of that is on our **FORUM**.

Our **BLOG**, at the same website, presents articles either submitted by members for sharing, articles of common interest to educate or just send out there for discussion.

We now have a total of **105 members** who have registered to use the Blog/Forum **FOR FREE**, if you are a member. . We still need to recruit many more of our **201 club members**. **Encourage others to join!** If you haven't signed up, now is the time. If you haven't posted, don't be left out while the others have all the fun. Remember its free for all members.

Lastly, the members have really gotten a bit lazy about contributing to the Blog/Forum in the last couple months, and we understand, but forums like this do not last without activity, so its time to get back on board and communicating with your friends and fellow members. No mask required, you don't have to be vaxxed, and its FREE. No excuses left. Lets see you at the Forum folks!

Comments on the Forum or Blog are encouraged. Send to Admin (see below). If you have a story or article that you would like to post on the Blog section send that to the Admin also. Anything but Politics. If you have questions, or need assistance send your questions to the same email. Believe me, you won't be the first.

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**Sign up or Log in to the SFF Blog Forum at:**

<https://spokaneflyfishersclub.wixsite.com/forum>

If you are online reading this, click on the link above. You can access the site on your smart phone, your laptop, your tablet or iPad, or your desktop computer. If you are not yet a Blog/Forum member, **be sure and click on the "sign up" icon at the top of the form, not the "log in" icon bottom**. Remember to save your password because you are the only person who will know what it is. If you forget your password, click on "**Forgot Password**".

**Doug Keene**, Blog/Forum Admin  
**Email:** [spokaneflyfishersclub@gmail.com](mailto:spokaneflyfishersclub@gmail.com).



## [The New SFF Web Pages and YOU!](#)

(This is a reprint for all new members and those who missed the 1<sup>st</sup> printing)

As most of you have undoubtedly learned by now, the club has migrated to a brand-new web site, specifically on May 13. You all got notices, and hopefully you logged in and checked it out to see what was up. We hope you liked what you saw. But you might have asked, “what does this have to do with me?”

Well, it has a lot to do with every member of the club going forward. The website is a lot more than a pretty way to present our club to the public, but it also will act as the central place where your membership records will exist, a place where you can see the schedule of upcoming meetings, outings, special events, and classes, that is, when we can again have such things again. It is the engine that helps the club communicate with the members with its mass email processor. It is also the place where you will pay for various events, classes, or membership renewals. We will only do in-person payments at our special events indoors, like the Fly Auction and Raffle. We actually would prefer that most people use this method of payment rather than mailing in payments. And there is a lot more that you may find as you look around on the website.



If you didn't log in yet, please do it immediately, as it is important that you verify the information on this site that we have recorded for your name, address, email, phone numbers, etc. Logging in also assures that you have a personal password for getting into the members only part of the site going forward. If you haven't logged in please do it now. The website will provide you a password. DO NOT try to use your own password until you have at least logged in once.

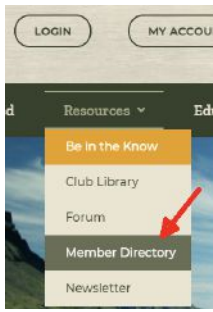
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[Change](#)

Once you are inside, while on your account page, you can change the password, if you want, to anything you prefer by clicking the password “change” button. You can also keep using the password the site gives you, with a full assurance that you are the only person who knows what it is, so it is very secure and safe. Just write it down somewhere because we can't help you to remember it. We don't know it. If you lose it you can request a new one when you log in.

We use this member information that you provide for our mailing list for the Barbless Flyer newsletter and club notices, and for keeping our Member Directory up to date. It is also used to help evaluate our membership, count our members, and manage our billing for renewals and to assure that you get receipts for your payments. Needless to say, it is a critical part of your membership to have logged into the site at least once.

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This month we'd also like to focus a little on the new Member Directory that is on the site under the "Resources" menu. Truly a valuable resource for all members, as it replaces the bound paper club directory that we used to publish each year. That was a difficult task, and the cost was high, with printing and postage for 265 members at that time.

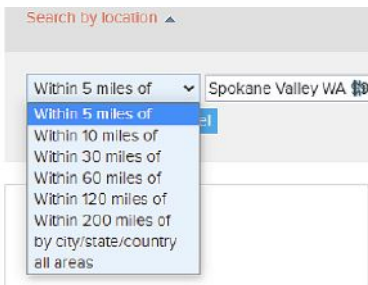
The directory that is now available to all members on the website has the same information and is now available on your computer, your laptop, your pad, or your cell phone for instant access anywhere you are. Also, every member can now change his or her information whenever they want. So, if you move, change a phone number, or even a name, you can do that any time and the directory will then be up to date. You change your information by clicking on the "My Account" button which takes you to the same screen that you see when you log in. Just change your information and click on the Save and Continue button.

## Member Directory

You may search for first or last name here



To find someone in the Directory, you have several options. The member names are each in boxes that are organized by member first names, alphabetically. You will see that "Al" is the first one. We don't particularly like this arrangement, but it is the way the software works. There are other options that are much better. The Search box in the graphic to the left lets you put in the last name of the person you are looking for and it will come up, which we suspect will be the most common usage. You can also enter a first name, if you like. You can click on the "search by location" menu and it will drop down to show you a list of distances from your location.



Let's say that you would like to fish with someone who lives within 5 miles of your home. The example to the left shows such a search for a person living in Spokane Valley. The directory knows where you live, so it will put in the correct city. The search will then bring up all the folks who live within 5 miles of your house. As you can see in the menu, you can also search for people in a particular city.

So, you are now an expert on use of the Directory. More next month.



## [Instructions For Logging Into Our Zoom Meetings](#)



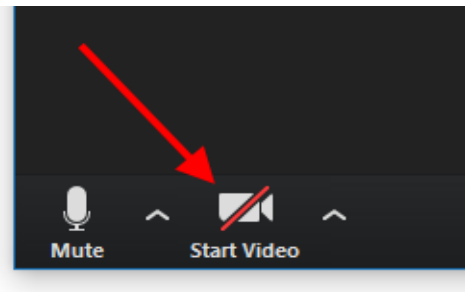
We have received many messages asking how to log into our Zoom Club Meetings, and it is apparent that we may not have given enough information for some of our members to be successful with this process. We have noticed many have logged in, but then logged out without ever completing the login process. So, hopefully the information below will be helpful for those folks, and we will see many more folks logging into our meetings and listening and viewing the great speakers we have invited to talk to you.

Our regular meetings are always on the **2nd Wednesday** of months **Sept through April**, starting at 6 pm for just general discussion, with speaker at 7 pm. While you are invited at 6 pm, you do not need to log in till about 6:45 in order to tune into the speaker. The meeting starts promptly at 7 pm.

Zoom meetings appear to be in our future, for quite a while, and have been our norm since Sept. The Zoom meeting connection info is sent out by email the day before the meeting. Each notice contains a web link (usually colored blue) that you click on to connect your device to the meeting. If you use a laptop, pad, smart phone or desktop with a camera you should be ok. A desktop without a camera is ok too, but others won't be able to see you.

When you hook up, be sure and click the audio button on the lower left of the screen to "on", and if you have a camera click the video button on. ----->

**No passwords required.** Clicking the link in the email that is under "Join Zoom Meeting" and your browser will bring up the Zoom app and you are ready to go. The meeting coordinator will control what goes on in the meeting, so just sit back and relax.



If you receive the Barbless, you will receive the Zoom meeting invite. See you at the meeting. We'd love to see more people joining us than in previous meetings.

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Time and Location of Monthly Meetings

Meetings will temporarily be held using the internet application ZOOM for online video 2-way discussion or presentations. This is a free application, and instructions for each meeting will be sent out as an email each month, a few days prior to the meeting. The Zoom meeting can be held on a desktop computer, a tablet, or a smart phone, either Android or Apple brand.

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