



# The Barbless Flyer

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



## January Speaker of the Month

### Jeff Mironuck



Jeff Mironuck offers guided fly fishing trips on the Elk River in Fernie, B.C., as well as other destinations such as the Crowsnest and Old Man Rivers of Alberta.

“There is a lifetime of water to check out in this world class fly fishing destination and our guides are passionate about sharing their knowledge of these aquatic gems.

As the season winds down on these rivers in late September, we switch our focus to running the jet sled in pursuit of the trophy bull trout of the Kootenay region. These are our home waters and we'd love to share them with you on your next fly fishing trip.”

In the Elk River Drainage the target is native cutthroat trout, however; the region also supports a large population of bull trout. On the East slope of the Rockies in Southwestern Alberta there is the added luxury of fishing for wild rainbows, browns and “cuttbows”.

Dry fly fishing is the rule most of the day and it is what the area has become famous for. Nymphs, emergers and streamers are used during low surface feeding periods as well as on the more technical waters. All of his flyfishing guides are well equipped with large selections of contemporary patterns and techniques that will keep you into fish throughout your trip.

Some of the bugs that they fish over are: Green Drakes, Goddard Caddis, Spotted Caddis, Golden Stoneflies, Salmonflies, Pale Morning Duns, Rusty Spinners, Caddis, BWO's, terrestrials, and Hoppers. Depending on the season he strives to make your fishing trip very enjoyable.

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## **Important Covid-19 Notice**

### **All Members Please Note:**

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**All in person meetings, classes, and events** require that all attendees be masked and have their vaccination cards that show they have had at least one of their COVID-19 vaccinations. **This is not negotiable.** If you do not have your vaccinations or do not wish to wear a mask you will be asked to leave. We will be attempting to also provide a Zoom Meeting link for **some** meetings so you folks without vaccinations or willingness to wear masks can participate online. We will send out an email notice before each meeting with Zoom to give you the link for logging in.

## Prez Sez

by **Chet Allison**



The Spokane Fly Fishers are finally turning a corner! We are starting live meetings as of January 12th. The SFF will abide by the state mandate of masks and proof of vaccine required. The board has decided **"NO MASK, NO PROOF OF VACCINE, NO ENTRANCE"**. If anyone gets violent with the club members over being asked to leave for no vaccine card or phone photo of vaccine you will be subject to meeting expulsion. Please respect the club and the board members by not making us send you home. Put on your mask, bring proof of vaccinations and let's get things back to near normal. Otherwise just stay home until things change at the federal level.

The January program will have Jeff Mironuck from Fernie B.C. as the speaker. I am looking forward to this live presentation. The Zoom connection will be provided.

Now that the SFF is doing in person meetings again there is a lot of work to do to rebuild this club after a nearly 2 year shutdown. Please step forward and offer to help the SFF. We have been an active, viable club since 1977. Please don't let COVID be its demise. Please consider helping out so we can get things rolling again once live club meetings start on January 8. The Board positions that need your help right away are: VP/Programs Committee Chairman and Sgt at Arms.

A dozen different things need to be rebuilt; the board needs some positions filled, the Speaker committee needs rebuilding, a committee to find new officers is needed, and new budgets planned out. We are going to be very busy over the next three or four months. The Spokane Fly Fishers are working very hard to get things back to normal. Tying classes are scheduled; the Fly Fishing School is being prepared by Paul Olsen and Claude Kistler. Intermediate Fly Tying is being prepared by Dan Ferguson and the Beginning Tying Class is being prepared by Chet Allison. We just need Covid-19 to stay away.

As I look out my tying room window at the white lawn I am reminded of how many good things happened to me over the last year. My wife went through another cancer scare and treatment. I had hand surgery and survived. I had a wonderful vacation to Lake Chelan with my daughter and son in law, ate way too much fantastic food and bought too much wine. But it was so good.

Not much fishing for me in December. Some lakes closed so I couldn't go attack the little critters. Some opened for winter season but I was busy so again I didn't go out. Then there was the ice capped lakes, I had time to go to but I couldn't get my fly and line through the ice. So again I didn't get out. Maybe I will go to Rockyford Creek and try my luck. Yes that will work.

The weather may not be the best over the next month or so but I have found Rockyford to be good for a short fishing and casting outing. The fish are moving slow, the weeds are gone and the Pelicans are gone also. Small flies like scuds are productive. I have tried pink or red egg patterns with some success. Give it a try on a day when the temperature is above 32 and not a lot of wind. You may be surprised.

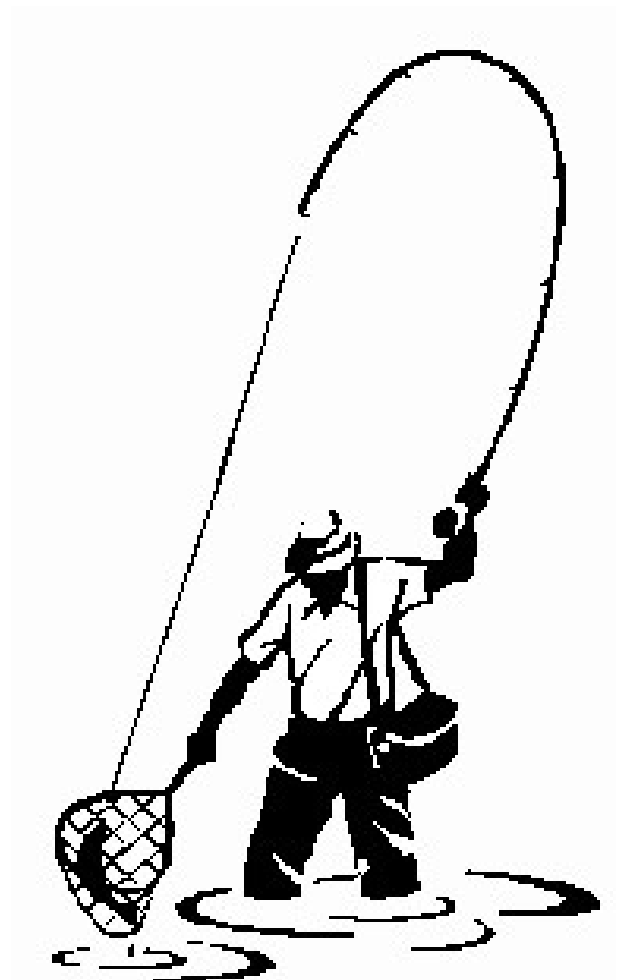
I do hope that everyone had a good holiday season with family and friends and are now ready to proceed with a new beginning, a New Year. One of looking forward and moving to a new normal for the SFF and everyone.

## Membership News



Looking at the data below, you will see that we have once again continued to increase our membership as the pandemic has begun to settle down. New Fly School members who receive a free membership through 2023 with their Fly School membership have contributed to this increase. We had 5 new regular members this month also which is an increase from last month. There are also 3 additional new fly school members that have not completed entry information, so are not yet counted..

These are the statistics as of 11/15/21



Individual Membership	85
Family Membership	45
Lifetime Members	28
Founder Membership (free)	14
Honorary Membership	13
Paused Fly School Members	19
<b>All Members 11/15 - 12/15</b>	<b>216</b>
New Fly School Members	11

**16 New Members this month:**

William White	Ind. Membership
Matt Mason	Ind Membership
Mike Maloney	Family Membership
Brad Collins	Ind. Membership
Tim Gardner	Family Membership
Mike Mihalovich	Fly School
Robert Bauerle	Fly School
John R James	Fly School
Tom Benzel	Fly School
Cliff Garrison	Fly School
Bill Millspaugh	Fly School
Timothy Anderson	Fly School
Thomas J Elston	Fly School
James McCue	Fly School
Erik Loney	Fly School
Jan Tokumoto	Fly School
Tim Downing	Fly School

We hope that all of you will try to welcome these folks at the next in-person club meeting and offer to assist them as necessary as they get used to our great organization.

**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 Classes

By Chet Allison



Beginning fly tying classes are scheduled January 8th, thru February 12th 2022. Class is limited to **10** students. All classes will be held at **Sportsman's Warehouse at 6720 N. Division**.

Go to our club web site [spokaneflyfishers.com](http://spokaneflyfishers.com) to sign up and pay for the class.

You can also email Chet with your request at [jochetallison@msn.com](mailto:jochetallison@msn.com) or [president@spokaneflyfishers.com](mailto:president@spokaneflyfishers.com)

Sorry time is short but we are going "live meetings in January" just in time for this tying class.

Masks will be required by all, even the Instructors. Covid is still all around us; safety for all is a must.

Materials will be provided but the tools we have are not what you may have at your tying bench so bring your tools if you have them. We will provide tools if you don't have tools.

## SFF 2022 Fly Fishing School

By: Claude Kistler and Paul Olsen

There are just a few slots left for our 2022 Fly Fishing School which begins on Thursday, February 17, 2022. Per Board policy, we will follow COVID regulations and require vaccinations and the wearing of masks during the classes.



All indoor classes will be held on seven consecutive Thursday evenings beginning at 6:00pm at the Inland Northwest Wildlife Center at N. 6116 Market St.

Members and their spouse/families receive a great discount on enrollment at \$80.00 per person. The non-member cost is \$130.00\*. The non-member fee includes a club membership through May 2023 which allows participation in club outings where you can enhance your knowledge and grow your fly fishing skills.



Spokane Fly Fishers LLC [www.spokaneflyfishers.com](http://www.spokaneflyfishers.com) January, 2022

In addition to the indoor classes, three outdoor casting sessions will be provided in March (13, 20 and 27) at Franklin Park, 9:00am to 11:00am. The final class is held on Saturday, April 2nd at Waterfront Park, Medical Lake.

The class will provide some basic field instruction as well as a casting on the water session. The class concludes with pizza and soft drinks.

Please act quickly to grab the few final slots by registering on the club website at "spokaneflyfishers.com."

\* additional fee of \$24.00 for class textbook (Orvis Fly Fishing Guide)



## Intermediate Fly-Tying Classes

By Dan Ferguson



### **Urgent Reminder! Starts on January 6!**

### **Intermediate Fly-Tying Class is here!**

By Dan Ferguson

#### **Greetings!**

Our Intermediate Fly-tying Class will be held in early January, this next year, **FINALLY!** This is a class that many members repeat year after year

because there are always new patterns to learn.

We'll have our traditional six sessions, all on Thursday evenings starting **Jan 6 through February 10**, 6:30-8:30 ish. That is only a month away, so sign up soon!

The class will again be held at the **Wildlife Council** building at 6116 N Market St., just South of Francis.

**Dan Ferguson, Mike Berube and Wayne Jordan** will each be doing two nights of teaching.

All materials will be provided except for thread. You need to provide your own vices and other tools. Once we get a participant list and patterns figured out, I'll let you know what specific thread and tools you might need. If you want to use a light, be sure and include an extension cord in your kit.

We're limiting the class to 20 participants this year, to maintain social distancing.

**You MUST wear a mask and show Vaccination Card (even if vaccinated).**

The cost is \$35.00 at or before first class. You must be a member to sign up. You should. pay online at our website " <http://spokaneflyfishers.com>". Just **log in** and go to the **Education** menu, go down to the **Intermediate Fly Tying School**, and at the bottom of the page is the payment section where you can pay with your credit card. You will receive a record of your payment by email.

Sign up soon as positions are limited and some have already signed up.. If any questions, please contact Dan Ferguson - [nwflyguy@gmail.com](mailto:nwflyguy@gmail.com)





## Beginning Fly Tying



### **White Woolly Bugger (for Omak Lake)**

**Hook:** #4-10 Mustad 9672

**Bead:** gold cone head or bead

**Weight:** .020 or .025 lead free wire

**Thread:** UTC 140 or 210 white

**Weight:** lead free wire

**Tail:** Marabou white with pearl Krystal Flash

**Rib:** UTC Brassie Wire silver or red wire

**Body:** White chenille

**Hackle:** white saddle hackle

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=UdxjGktWYj0&t=21s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UdxjGktWYj0&t=21s)

1. Place bead or conehead (small hole on first) on the hook and add lead free wire, pushing it into the bead or conehead weight.
2. Start the thread behind the lead, wrapping forward and back building it up a little to keep the lead from sliding back. Leave the thread hanging over the barb of the hook as tie in point.
3. Tie crystal flash on as tail flash; try to put some on each side of the hook/tail. Tie in the marabou tail over the hook barb. Pull of the wispy fibers from marabou, pull with thumb nail to keep the natural look, and do not cut.
4. Tie in the chenille behind bead or cone wrapping thread to back over the chenille, now wrap thread forward and the chenille tying off behind bead or cone.
5. Tie in the saddle hackle by the stem end behind bead, (open spiral wrap thread to back now) wrap hackle to the back. Holding hackle tip in the air, spiral wrap thread through hackle to behind the cone applying several wraps and whip finish and glue thread. Trim flash to ends of the marabou tail material.

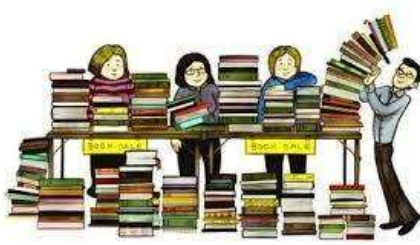
**Tying Notes:** This is a great fly for Omak Lake when the season opens in April. But some changes on the fly make it even better. Use Red Crystal flash in the tail not as the tail. Tie in a Red wire before you tie in the chenille so you can counter wrap the hackle with the Red wire. If you decide not to use the bead or cone for added weight you can use Red tying thread instead of white so you can build a head out of Red thread. If you use Red thread you can tie the fly as in the video and just add Red Crystal flash. The Red just adds some sparkle. How you add just a little Red is up to you.

Be sure to watch video, it will make tying this pattern much easier.

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## Book of the Month

By Larry Ray



**A bit of California Dreamin'.** Several additions to our SFF Library have me dreaming of old days in California, fishing on such streams as the Little Truckee and Little Shasta, as well as Beaver Creek, a tributary of the Klamath, and even the Klamath itself. I spent part of the summer of 1962, as a kid, fishing those last two. Of course, times have certainly changed – the great flood of Christmas 1964 destroyed the cabin on Beaver Creek, completely altering the lay of the land. Moreover, if one is not careful now on

most tributaries to the Klamath and other area rivers, one may blunder into a marijuana grow – a potentially dangerous circumstance! The Klamath itself is highly regulated, with much more limited seasons, to protect its endangered fish runs. But that doesn't stop me from reminiscing and dreaming as I look outside at the white snowscape.

All the over-population considerations aside, California is still a marvelous fishing destination, with much history and beauty (and fish!) to offer. *Shasta's Headwaters*, by Craig Graham Ballenger, is a wonderful guide to the upper McCloud and Sacramento drainages. While published primarily as a guide it is, I think, equally important as a historical record of the area.

Ballenger was raised nearby and has explored and fished it for most of his life. His pride in the place is reflected in his documentation, as well as the manner and tone he brings to his narrative. Replete with historical content, it contains stories dating back to the gold rush era in Northern California. Ballenger provides considerable discussion of the indigenous peoples of the area, with fascinating and insightful descriptions of their demise, yet with some engaging anecdotes regarding their work and assimilation into the changing culture. He relates episodes of inter-tribal conflict, brought on by the pressures created by the clash of cultures. There is an informative story regarding aid rendered by the local tribal members who assisted with the repair of a fish rack which had been damaged by the numbers of salmon trying to breach it, at the base of one of the dams. The manner in which they dived to the bottom of the rack and, while completely submerged, braced themselves against the rack while using the current to remain steady, is nothing short of heroic. Afterward, their use of a fire to warm themselves, even as the summer weather was well over 100 degrees, reveals their ingenuity in dealing with the chill created by their immersion in the icy waters.

There is fine photography, some in color, to enhance the discussion. Quaint old photos of settlers, railroads, lodges, and communities pique historic interest. Shots of pioneering anglers from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century add to the charm, while the photographs of Wintu tribal individuals, indigenous to the area, are especially haunting.

Interesting historical data regarding fish species native to the area is also present. The discussion of the original presence of Dolly Varden and Bull Trout in the drainage, and their eventual demise, is particularly fascinating (along with a photo from 1975 that purports to be of the "last bull trout on the McCloud"). It is claimed that the McCloud held the southern-most population of these char. It is also asserted that the Dolly Varden was so christened when the daughter of an innkeeper on

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the McCloud, wearing an olive dress with various pink and orange dots, was with a party who had caught some trout of similar coloration. The dress style was called a Dolly Varden, and the onlookers, noting the similarities, christened the trout with the same name. There is documented data regarding the introduction of brown and brook trout into the area. The McCloud's famed native red-band stock is discussed in some detail, with the tenuously isolated populations of Sheepheaven Creek and other small tributaries represented by a wonderful color photo.

It should also be noted that the McCloud River Rainbow, found in the lower stretches, has been widely propagated and distributed since the early 1900s. Descendants of this gorgeous strain of rainbow, related more closely to the coastal steelhead than the inland red-band, can be found throughout North America as well as Japan and other parts of the world, as a result. A pure McCloud rainbow is as gorgeous as any leopard rainbow in Alaska's Bristol Bay drainage; check the photo in the central color plates! Discussion of the tremendous salmon runs up both rivers, and their ultimate demise due to waste, damming, and habitat destruction, makes for engrossing, if melancholy, reading.

The larger historical value of this work should not overlay the fact that this is also a fine fishing guide. Published in 1998, it is probably dated regarding some of the references to campgrounds, guides, and other fishing-related local business. But it is still geographically accurate. Discussion of access to much of both drainages, with accompanying photos, is comprehensive and accompanied by some fine pen-and-ink sketched maps. Some nice color plates show some of the flora and fauna, including two especially beautiful pictures of reptiles one might encounter. Fishing methods are described in some detail, with advice provided on fishing various locations. There are some fly recipes, as well as anecdotal information regarding their use. The author's apparent dislike of woolly buggers, hinted at more than once, is conveyed by a story in which he catches a large brown trout and finds a huge tinsel 'bugger lodged in its lip. He is only too glad to remove the large tinsel fly and liberate the fish.

This volume, despite its limited size (143 pages), is bursting with both fascinating historical data and fishing information. Those with an interest in the history of Northern California, especially the interactions between native peoples and Europeans, will find a wealth of captivating reading. So, too, will the reader who is interested in pursuing the multiple fly angling opportunities the area provides. Borrow it from the SFF Library as soon as we have the opportunity to meet again – you will find yourself engrossed in its pages.

## Education

### Shake It Up

Ken Moore  
Education Committee

New Zealand, Argentina, and Alaska- I'd love to fish that circuit someday- But meanwhile, I'll settle for less exotic and more affordable destinations that I can fish regularly. It's spending regular time on interesting water that keeps you advancing as an angler and incorporates fishing into the fabric of your life. Too many of us fall into the rut of fishing the same waters with the same gear and tactics. The surest way to increase your angling success is to expand the number and variety of waters that you fish. To develop a large inventory of waters, you have to get into the exploring mode, which can be a lot of fun in itself. For me, it's exploring new areas and new waters that keeps me excited about the outdoors and fly fishing.

If you're relatively new to fly fishing, you'll find that nothing accelerates your learning curve like fishing various water types. Lakes, tailwaters, spring creeks, and freestone rivers are different habitats that require different flies and various presentations styles. Every time you tackle a new water type, you learn by leaps and bounds, out of necessity. The best part is discovering how one water type transfers to a specific situation on other water types.

#### Small Streams-

Rivers and significant streams with good trout fishing are usually well-publicized and crowded, but small streams are mysterious places that you won't read about in flyfishing magazines. You have to discover them on your own. Generally, that means packing a lunch and hiking up that little stream you've always wondered about or scouting a neglected brown trout bottom that's overgrown with willows, poison ivy, and stinging nettles. If a local stream is classified as trout water, and sometimes if it isn't, it merits a few hours of exploring. Even if it turns out that its trout are widely scattered, a small stream might still fish well at the right time with the right fly at the right pace, or you may locate a few nice trout that nobody is disturbing. If you are not into hard-core hiking, there are many great and neglected roadside lakes where nice trout and solitude are there for the taking. Even if moving water enthalls you, it pays to remember that lakes are more stable environments that often remain fishable when our streams are running warm or dirty.

I try to devote a third of my fishing time to exploring new streams or to streams I haven't visited for a few years. I often explore during marginal fishing times- frosty spring mornings, hot summer afternoons, or even during the closed season when I just feel like walking. As a general rule, what I learn on my first visit to any stream is more important than what I catch. And seeing 2 or 3 miles of water, rather than just a few hundred yards, can drastically change my impression, so I move right along, walking more than I fish. I don't worry about spooking a few trout- in fact, many times; I intentionally spook the fish on new water just to see what scatters. Whether you're scouting streams, rivers, or lakes, use the sun and high vantages to increase your ability to see deep and spot fish. That allows you to explore a lot of water quickly and efficiently.

This year consider shaking up your fishing habits a bit. Try fishing new waters, try fishing lakes, try fishing small streams that have piqued your interest. Take someone with you. I recommend someone younger than you or a loved one. Your trip of exploration can become someone else's path to discovery. The world never seems smaller than when you travel and fish.

## 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, that were taken from us by the pandemic..

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 a few weeks 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. Comfort with computers and the internet desired.

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. 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. **EVERY CLUB MEMBER SHOULD MAKE A COMMITMENT TO STEP UP AND OFFER YOUR ASSISTANCE TODAY!**

Send an email to [President@spokaneflyfishers.com](mailto:President@spokaneflyfishers.com) and let us know how you are going to help.

## Outings

By Robin Gavelin

### Outings for 2022 Season:

The Club is moving forward with plans for Outings in 2022. At the Boards direction, we are looking towards using the SFF website for outing descriptions and details, sign ups and withdrawals. You will recall that in years past we signed up on sheets left on a table at meetings. This has proved to be problematic for hosts.

We hope to be taking full advantage of our fine website Event page in early 2022 . Although we hope to be back to in person meetings; Our plan is to move outing operations to the website. This means no more sign up sheets.

#### Got Any Ideas for an Outing?

This is the time of year when we create the coming years Outing Schedule. The first thing we need are suggestions for places to go. We pick 10 places of interest (usually less than a full days drive), Set dates, then publish. It's important that each outing have a host. Occasionally an outing has to be cancelled because no one stepped up to host. More on hosting later

In the short time I've been with the club I have enjoyed several outings. Coffee Pot, Amber, and Opaka Lakes. Clark Fork, North Fork Coeur d'Alene, and the Selway rivers. I am happy to put these spots into the hat.

We were shut out on our two attempts ( smoke and snow) to get to the Kootenay. I still want to go there. We will need a host.

I want to do a float trip on the Yakima River at Ellensburg.

Now is the time for you to make suggestions for outings. Lake, river, wading, floating daytrip, camping whatever.

Please send me your ideas or Call me at number listed below.

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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.

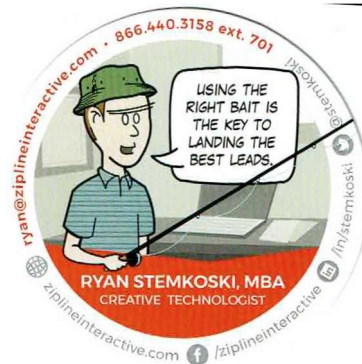
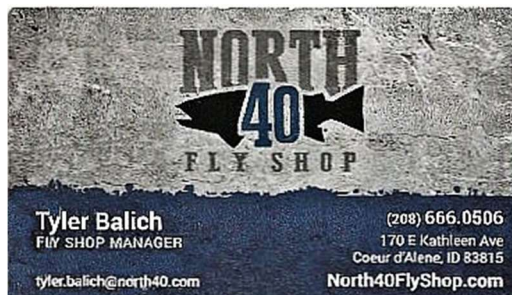
9. If you like what you see, just click on the SEND button, or if you want to do some editing, click on the EDIT button.

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](mailto:Spokaneflyfishersclub@gmail.com) if you have questions.

## SFF Business Members

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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.



## **New Members Note: 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. The club is opening up again, so lets see you on 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://spokaneflyfishersc.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.



## 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.



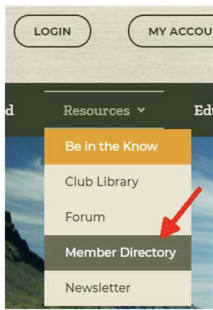
If you didn't log in yet, please do it immediately, as it is important that you verify the information on this site that we have recorded for your name, address, email, phone numbers, etc. Logging in also assures that you have a personal password for getting into the members only part of the site going 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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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.

## SFF Information

### **OFFICERS**

President:	Chet Allison
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Sgt. At Arms:	OPEN

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FFI Liaison:	Len Ziegler
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A/V Coordinator:	David Marshall

### Time and Location of Monthly Meetings

Starting in January 2022, in-person meetings will be held at the St. Francis School, at 1104 West Heroy St., in Spokane. Meetings start at 7:00 PM, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, September through May. Doors open for Social time starting at 6:00 PM. Masks and Vaccine Certification are required.

For those who cannot attend, or are not vaccinated, we will attempt to provide online video of the meetings 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.

### SFF Contact Info

Change of eMail Address: Log into our web page [spokaneflyfishers.com](http://spokaneflyfishers.com) and change the information on your profile form that is visible after you log in.

### Club Mailing Address

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