



The Barbless Flyer

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



The Spokane Fly Fishers Annual Fly Auction!

NOVEMBER 9th, Club Meeting

By: Craig Johnston

PREVIEW at 6:00 PM, AUCTION STARTS AT 7:00 PM

The annual SFF Fly Auction will be held Wednesday, November 9th

LeeAnn Freshour will be this year's auctioneer.

The fly auction is a major fundraiser for the club and its success depends on the participation of club members as donors and bidders. It also serves as a showcase for the many talented tyers in our club.

If you did not have a chance to hand in donated flies to the auction committee before the auction please bring donated flies to the meeting along with your checkbook, debit/credit card, or cash. Also invite friends and neighbors to attend and bid on the many unique flies that will be up for auction.

Come early to get your bidder number and allow time for your donated flies to be checked in properly (**between 5:30 PM and 6:45 PM**). There will also be time before the auction to preview flies. Plan on being seated for the auction at 7PM. There will be tables and volunteers at the entrance for you to check-in your donated flies, sign up, and get your bidder number. Winning bidders should track of the item's number that they have won. After the auction is completed, will be several lines for payment based on your bidder number. After payment, a runner will bring the items to you. We have improved the pay and pick-up items process.



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We still need donated flies, so get tying or even consider purchasing some flies to donate. If you wish to donate flies but can't make it to the auction, please call Craig and he will arrange for your flies to be dropped off or picked up.

If you have questions, please call Craig Johnston at 509-995-1231 or E-mail Craig_johnston@comcast.net .

Please support your fun/education/family-oriented Fly Fishing Club.

It will be a fun night with free coffee and cookies!

Meeting is at 1104 W. Heroy at 7 PM on September 14. Doors open at 6 PM for Social Time.

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Prez Sez

by Chet Allison

The November fly fishing season is upon us, soon the good weather will be gone and our rods will be put away for the winter. It will be time to tie up flies for next season. That reminds me, the Spokane Fly Fishers is having their November Fly Auction, the first since 2019. Come and get the flies that you don't have time to tie or a pattern you have forgotten. Our former auctioneer has unfortunately passed away. LeeAnn Freshour will be doing the auctioneering job this year.

The Fly Auction is just days away. Remember to attend the club meeting with check book, credit card or cash in hand to buy the flies that you need and want. Several new club members have asked what to tie for the auction, so I know some new tiers will be donating flies for your bidding. So come early to view what is going to be available for you to acquire for your fly boxes.

At the October SFF meeting I was able to see 10 to 12 dozen flies on the table for sorting for the November Fly Auction which supports SFF activities. I am asking you to bring your flies to the November meeting by 5:30 so Craig and his crew can get them categorized and in containers. Please step up and attend this event. Covid thankfully, is not what it was 2 years ago, and we can have this event. Come and get your flies for the 2023 season.

I would like to thank Paul Olsen, Claude Kistler and Doug Keene for the New Members Welcome event that was held on Oct 8, 2022. Thank you new members for attending this event to help start your fly fishing journey with the SFF.

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Lunch was a question & answer period. Another New Members event is being planned for the future. If you are new or missed the first the first event, stay tuned.

I have been fishing at Amber Lake since the beginning of October with some very good success. The fish mostly have been down deep. Because of the depth they are at I have not done much casting, so dragging a fly has been my method of catching these big fish. Did I say big fish? Yes I did. The smallest fishes that I have been catching are running 16 to 18 inches long. They are heavy, solid and feisty. Many are as big as 21 inches long.

The fly that has been the most successful for me has been a Yellow Knudson Spider. During October and November this is the fly that I have used at Amber for the last 25 years. Are there other flies that work, probably, I have just chosen this fly and have had very good success. So tie some up and go fishing. Amber lake closes November 30th.

The club is starting to come back. It is not what it was 3 years ago but if you start attending meetings, in time we will be back to what we were. The regrowth process will take time but only if you start attending meetings again. The Zoom meetings will soon be gone and in-person will be the only way to participate in the Spokane Fly Fishers. All of America is coming back so why not the SFF.

See you at the November Fly Auction !

Chet Allison
President SFF

Annual Fly Auction

by Chet Allison

NOVEMBER 9TH - FLY AUCTION

The Fly Auction, with your donations and winning bids, supports the clubs activities for the year.

Typically flies are auctioned off in one dozen lots with a minimum bid of \$15.00. But sometimes the bid for a given fly box will go for over \$100. Yup, some are that good.

Please bring your flies to the October meeting. Last minute at the November meeting is very hard on the auction volunteers.

There will be tables and volunteers at the entrance for you (if you forget the request for the early drop off) to check-in your donated flies, sign up, and get your bidder number.

START TYING NOW AND GET YOUR DONATION READY!!

Flies can also be purchased for donation if you do not tie your own. If your flies are ready please bring them to the October meeting.

2023 Outings Planning Meeting



**November 17th, 5 pm to 7 pm
Shadle Park Library**

2023 SFF Outings planning meeting is going to be held on Thursday November 17 at 5 pm to 7 pm at one of the meeting rooms at the **Shadle Park Library 2111 West Wellesley Ave, Spokane, WA.**

This meeting will give SFF members an opportunity to provide input and voice opinions about where the club holds its outings next year. Your opinion really matters at this meeting. If you have any suggestions about the outings planning and are not able to attend, please feel free to contact me by email at pkolebear@gmail.com or call me at 509-991-5140 before the 17th.

If you have any favorite place or a place you are interested in going to try for an outing, we want to hear from you. The clubs' outings schedule is determined at this meeting.

We will also discuss what it takes to be outings host as if we don't have a host of each outing, we cannot hold an outing. We need to decide how many outings are local and how many are distant. How many are on lakes, streams, and rivers?

This is all decided at this meeting. **Come join us on the 17th of November.**

Paul Olsen
Outings Chairman

Spokane Fly Fishers Holiday Party

It's coming Wednesday, December 14th, 2022 maybe!

Before this Christmas event can happen I need 3 or 4 club members to call me to say that you are willing to work together and put this event in the books as a great success. If five or six call that is even better. As I have said in the past this is your fly fishing club, you run it and make it a success.

Please email me at jochetallison@msn.com or talk to me at the November club meeting to offer your services to the club for the Christmas Dinner.

This event will be cancelled if no one offers to put it together and plan it.

The club needs a head count before we buy the meat so RSVP me at jochetallison@msn.com with the number of guests attending.



Education Committee

Trout Vision (part 1 of 2)

Ken Moore

Education Committee

As a fisherman, I see a fish as a highly adapted animal whose extraordinary ability to detect me is second to none. Therefore, I need to understand how it detects me and how to minimize that ability. If you are a frequent reader of these articles, I often refer to the four critical components of a fish's behavior. They are:

- 1) self-preservation/survival
- 2) Diet (with a bias for energy conservation)
- 3) Oxygen/water temperature
- 4) Procreation.

In the following four articles, we will examine how the two primary senses used by trout influence these behaviors. With a bias towards you being an effective predator, the angler can begin to formulate modifications to your fishing behaviors and place more trout in the net.

Trout, in particular, use two primary senses -sight and sound to detect predators and prey. The other senses, touch, taste, and smell, are used but rarely compared to sight and sound. Knowing this information, let us dive deeper into understanding the first of these two primary senses to mitigate a trout's superpowers and become a better angler.

Similarities-

The trout's eye is somewhat similar to the human eye. There is a clear cornea in the front of the eye through which light enters. The pupil allows the light into the interior of the eye. A lens immediately behind the pupil focuses the incoming light on the back lining of the eye, the retina. The retina converts the light into nerve impulses that travel to the brain, where the image is interpreted and evaluated.

Several features make the fish's eye different from the human eye. The lens of the human eye is lenticular-shaped. Focusing is achieved by changing the shape of the lens from rounded to flattened and vice versa. The lens of the fish's eye is spherical. Focusing in the fish's eye is done by moving the entire lens back and forth.

How the focusing lens of a trout moves begs a critical question, if the trout is at rest; is the eye focused on near objects or distant objects? There are indications that at rest, the eye is focused on close items to the front and, simultaneously, on remote things to the side and back. The fish is alert for predators to the rear and sides while watching for food to the front. (Fish behaviors number 1 and 2- Self Preservation and Diet with a bias for energy conservation.).

If one tosses a nymph a couple of feet out to the side of a trout, it will immediately turn and look at it straight on. There is good evidence a fish wants to use its close-up binocular vision for foraging for a meal. It makes more sense for the fish to adapt its eyes to watching nearby objects rather than looking far off for potential food. Even if the fish saw distant food objects, the prey might have escaped when they swam over to them. In moving water situations, the fish must watch for food in a relatively small area ahead of itself. The trout's zone of binocular vision, by which it can determine distance and clearly examine an object, is narrow, approximately 30 degrees wide, and pointing forward.

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Fish and bright light -The Pupil

The pupil of the fish's eye is fixed in diameter, whereas the pupil of the human eye dilates or contracts with light intensity. There is a misconception that bright light must therefore hurt the fish's eyes (because they cannot constrict their pupil in bright light). Certainly not the case; otherwise, all fish would avoid the shallow water during the day and feed at the surface only in twilight hours, on heavily overcast days, or at night. Trout would not feed actively on floating insects on a bright, sunny day, but we know that they do.

Some anglers have noted that fish prefer shaded areas over sunlit areas, showing that the fish's eyes are sensitive to bright light. But fish are in the shade because they can hide better there than in the sunlight. From a predator's standpoint, the angler needs to spend more time watching shaded areas for potential feeding fish. It also means that if there are shaded and unshaded areas, and fish are in the well-lit spots, they are there to feed, not to hide. They will be spooky but ready to eat aquatic insects or other fish.

There are other differences that we need to examine, too. First is the shape of the pupil. Ours is perfectly round, so it can dilate open and close with the light level. The fish's pupil is not. In trout, it is triangular shaped. The slight triangular shape of the trout's pupil enhances forward vision – precisely where the fish needs to be looking when eating. The apex of this rounded triangle is pointing toward the front, forming a “notch” in the pupil, allowing more light to enter from that direction. And because the fish's lens is spherical, it can focus light coming from any direction at any time or all simultaneously. So, a fish can be focused on a nearby food item to the front and, simultaneously, on the movement of distant predators to the back and sides.

Do fish see color? – Rods and Cones

The retina of the eye may contain two types of cells. Rods are elongated, cylindrical cells that detect black and white. That is, they determine the grayscale of an object. Cones detect hue (the specific color) and chroma (color intensity). Animals which lack cones are “color blind” and see only in shades of gray. Those with both rods and cones have “color vision.” Fish have rods and cones and therefore see color vision (in varying degrees).

Color vision in animals serves two purposes: (1) prey detection and (2) predator detection. Color vision in fish helps them detect prey organisms against the background light, and their color vision is also a powerful way to detect predators. Indeed, without having color vision, the fish could see the movements of predators. But with color vision, movement is easier to detect. Any variations in the color of the predator versus the color of the background are quickly noted.

The retina of the fish's eyes has fewer rod and cone cells than the human eye; the exact number varies with the fish species, but suffice it to say that the human eye is an “eagle eye” relative to the trout. That is, we see like eagles compared to how a fish sees. The image formed by the fish's eye would look pixilated to us. And thank goodness. Otherwise, the fish would never take our flies if the images were as sharp and clear as those formed by our eyes.

Next month we continue this discussion on how fish utilize their sight to be the master of their domain, simultaneously avoiding predators and identifying food.

Conservation Corner

Nason Ridge Protected at Last!

By Ken Moore, Chairman

After four years of hard work, Western Rivers Conservancy, Chelan County, and Chelan Douglas Land Trust successfully created Nason Ridge Community Forest.

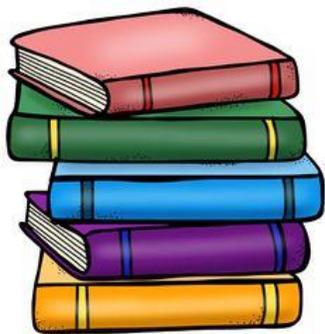
Washington's newest community forest now spans 3,714 acres above Lake Wenatchee. It permanently protects two miles of Nason Creek and all of Kahler Creek, two outstanding salmon-bearing streams and critical sources of cold water for the Wenatchee River.

This landmark project has its roots in and owes its success to the people of Lake Wenatchee, who have tried to protect Nason Ridge for over two decades. The property is highly visible from around the lake and is home to a network of trails that connect to the neighboring Lake Wenatchee State Park. With some 60,000 people visiting Nason Ridge every year to hike, mountain bike, and cross-country ski, the property has long been part of the fabric of the community. But Nason Ridge was owned by the Seattle-based timber company Weyerhaeuser, and its future was uncertain for years.

In 2018 Western Rivers conservancy negotiated a deal to purchase Nason Ridge from Weyerhaeuser. They then held the property and joined forces with Chelan Douglas Land Trust, Chelan County, and the local community to raise funds to convey it to a steward that could keep the property intact and in public hands forever. That steward turned out to be Chelan County.

Following Western River Conservancy's purchase of Nason Ridge, the partners raised over \$6 million in public and private funding to convey the property to Chelan County and to underwrite its stewardship as a community forest and public recreation area, all while helping to protect and restore habitat.

Western River Conservancy conveyed the property to the county in April, beginning an exciting new chapter for Nason Ridge.



Larry Ray's Book of the Month

Some Information for Our New Members. I have been told that we have over forty new enrollees in the Spokane Fly Fishers this year! It is wonderful to see so many taking up our art and practice. Accordingly, this month's book review will deal with those books that could be of special interest to newcomers. Our library has a marvelous collection that will serve the new membership very well if they take the opportunity to explore it. What follows is a categorical list of works that should be of particular value.

Casting. While books containing casting instruction are relatively rare, we have several classics. Anything by Lefty Kreh is particularly useful. Lefty left us recently and when he did, we lost a wonderful caster and casting instructor who was at home on the salt as well as in fresh water. ***Fly Casting with Lefty Kreh*** was written in 1974 and is still a classic. Relying as much on photography as on prose, this is a wonderful guide that was pioneering in its day and is still as good as any. Of more recent vintage (1991), ***Lefty Kreh's Modern Fly Casting Method*** teaches some of what Kreh himself learned after 1974, but still employs the Master's straight-forward style and multiple illustrations. Meanwhile, Mel Krieger's ***The Essence of Fly Casting*** is thought to be the equal of Kreh's works and also relies heavily on black and white photos to demonstrate casting methods. Krieger's writing style is at least as easy and concise as Kreh's.

Comprehensive Instruction. ***The Curtis Creek Manifesto*** should, in my opinion, be required reading for anyone wanting to immerse themselves in the sport. The author, the renowned Sheridan A. M. Anderson, was seen by his contemporaries as something approaching a mystic. Like John Gierach, he came of age as a fisherman and writer during the counter-culture sixties. Anderson immersed himself in that era and his introduction says it all - "...eternal foe of the work ethic!" Employing a unique cartoon style, reminiscent of the ***Freak Brother's Comics***, he conveys his lessons in an almost diabolical, yet humorous manner. Though Sheridan Anderson has been dead for many years, the angler can still feel Anderson's stern gaze over his shoulder should that angler ever allow his shadow to fall upon the water! ***Fishing with Ray Bergman*** has been an acknowledged classic since its issuance in 1970. Bergman was *Outdoor Life's* Angling Editor during last mid-century and writes in an easy, no-nonsense style typical of that time. The last chapter on angling ethics is especially instructive and applies as much today as it did then. ***How to fly Fish for Trout***, by Tom McCoy, employs simple prose and black and white photography, as well as pencil drawings that will also appeal to the beginner. ***The Orvis Fly Fishing Guide***, by Tom Rosenbauer, is of such overall excellence that our club has used it as an instructional text for the fly fishing school. Finally, Joe Brooks's ***Trout Fishing*** is as fine an introductory work as one can find. This complete textbook covers topics from fish species to gear and flies. The apprentice will find its gentle, almost grandfatherly style to be most reassuring and instructive.

The fish. Anyone interested in a study of our quarry should read Robert Smith's ***Native Trout of North America***. It describes the author's ongoing pursuit of every subspecies of trout and char in North America. The illustrations are first class and convey the fragile beauty of individual specimens. There are also informative descriptions of how the subspecies' isolation and resulting evolution occurred due to shifting land and water masses over time. The artwork of James Prosek in his ***Trout - An Illustrated History*** is simply fantastic. Prosek's medium is watercolor and he is an absolute master. The individual paintings are impressionistic in style, yet capture the distinctive, sometimes subtle color variations and physical traits of each species in fine detail.

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Geographic Guides. *Washington Fishing*, by Terry Rudnick, is most inclusive and lists some remote fishing sites one might not expect from such a guide. Meanwhile, Nathan Caproni's *Washington's Best Lake Fishing*, while limited to fly fishing lakes, follows an easy-to-use formula regarding accessibility, available species, and individual lake characteristics. It is thus an easy-to-use tool for exploring the lakes it discusses. *Montana's Best Fly Fishing*, by Ben Romans, guides the reader to much of the best that fabled fly-fishing state has to offer.

Knots. I have somehow managed a lifetime of fishing, mostly fly fishing, while utilizing three knots – the blood knot, the clinch knot, and the improved(?) clinch knot. My own knot-tying “expertise”, not to mention dexterity, is such that venturing beyond those three seems threatening. However, if knot-tying is something you want to explore, check out *Tom McNally's Complete Book of Fisherman's Knots*. I wouldn't know for sure, but I expect the read would be satisfying to someone so inclined.

Fly Tying. Our Club is especially well-endowed with fly tying manuals, from the simplest manuals to those which can challenge even the most strident entomologist-angler. My own tastes tend toward keeping things simple. Thus, I can recommend, with confidence, the beginner explore any of the following. First, anything by Charlie Craven is outstanding and we offer *Charlie Craven's Basic Fly Tying* as well as *Tying Nymphs* and *Tying Streamers*. All are commendable in their exquisite photography and simple approach. Dave Hughes is another wonderful instructor on all things fly-fishing and his manuals are as fine as any, utilizing excellent photography to illustrate tying steps and patterns. We hold his *American Fly Tying Manual*, a simple, classic standby since 1986, as well as his *Essential Trout Flies*. Similar to these, Randall Kauffman's *Fly Tying for Beginners*, issued in 2002, and *American Nymph Fly Tying Manual*, an earlier work from 1975, follow a simple instructive style. *American Nymph...* takes a particularly abbreviated and concise approach, both to the fly patterns and to its discussion of materials and equipment. Two aged manuals from our parents' (or grandparents') era make use of an elementary written style that uses only pen-and-ink sketches to illustrate both patterns and tying steps. While the sketched illustrations might appear primitive or even humorous, I prefer them for their easy-to-follow simplicity. If I could learn on them, you will have no problem doing so! Roy Patrick authored two of the best of these, *Pacific Northwest Fly patterns* and *Tie Your Own Flies*. You won't have to ponder any photographs because there aren't any! Finally, *Tying Trout Flies – 12 of the Best*, by Deke Meyer, may be the best of all for the beginner. Fine photos of each tying step and the flies themselves, coupled with Meyer's selection of twelve of the most useful patterns (including the Adams, Elk Hair Caddis, Hare's Ear, Royal Wulff, Soft Hackle, and Woolley Bugger) make this one especially friendly to the novice. Speaking of soft hackle flies, Sylvester Niemes authored two books discussing these easy to tie (and fish) patterns, *The Soft-Hackled Fly* and *The Soft-Hackled Fly Addict*, both of which are held in your SFF library.

In summary, all the books listed are included because they should be particular use to the apprentice. Meanwhile, your SFF Library holds over 300 volumes, dealing with such topics as the history of our sport, its reflective side, and compilations of wonderful fishing stories. We also hold a large video collection. I hope to meet you all as you peruse our shelves!

Membership News

Membership News – November '22



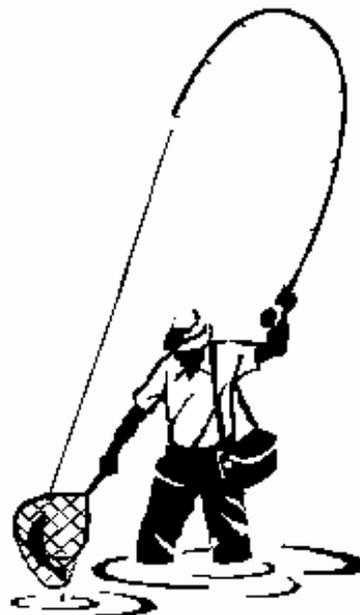
Looking at the data below, you will see that we have once again continued to increase our membership, with another 4 new members this month. We also had several very late dues payers that we reinstated after cancellation, making the total number of increased members equal to 7. We have had 46 new members since this time last year, so we are doing great.

These are the statistics as of 10/15/22

Current Paying members	123
Accounts on Lifetime Billing	25
Accounts on free membership	33
Accounts Past Due	0
All Members as of 9/15/22	181

4 New Members during October

Garrett Riddle
 Joyce Walsh
 Kelly Moore
 Mary Wetzel



We hope that all of you will try to welcome these folks at the next club meeting and offer to assist them as necessary as they get used to our great organization. Hope you new members join us at the next in person Member meeting on **November 9**.

As reported Last month, we have had a pretty big reduction in membership due to the pandemic, it is important that we all work together to rebuild our membership to the 275+ members we had 3 years ago. The club provides a lot of free activities, food, and other resources, as well as high cost of meeting rooms and supplies, and membership dues are our primary source of funds to provide all these club features that we all enjoy. Let us all work together to build our membership, and make sure that our current members continue to feel that they are getting their money's worth in support from the club. Its going to be a great year ahead. I look forward to experiencing it with all of you!

Doug Keene
 (Acting) Membership Committee Chairman

Beginner's Fly Pattern



Tequila Blob, by Phil Rowley

Hook: Mustad C49S size 8 – 10,

Mustad R70 size 8-10

Thread: UTC Ultra thread 70 Denier
– Hot Orange

Tail: Krinkle mirror flash, Pearl

Butt: 15mm Gel Core Fritz,
Fluorescent Yellow

Body: 15mm Gel Core Fritz,
Fluorescent Orange

www.youtube.com/watch?v=-nRd6VMQzJ4

1. Place a #8 nymph hook in the vise, start thread eye length back from the eye wrapping to the hook point then forward to the tie in point.
2. Wrap about 10 fibers of the Krinkle mirror flash around the thread and tie in at the front tie in point, pull the fibers tight to the top of the hook shank and wrap to back to the hook point, wraps can be spaced apart a little. Trim off the flash about half the length of the hook shank.
3. Strip off some fiber to tie in the Yellow Fritz at the back over the hook point wrap forward about 4 wraps stroking the fibers back as you make the next wrap. Tie off the Fritz and trim off the extra. Continue to stroke the fibers back as you apply more wraps to secure the butt in place.
4. Strip off some fiber to tie in the Orange Fritz at the tie off point of the butt material, wrap forward stroking the fibers back as you make the next wrap. Tie off the Fritz, trim off the extra fibers at the head to keep it neat and clean. Wrap the head securing the body apply head cement.

Note: Always watch the video when it is provided to make the tying process much easier and understandable.

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



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.,

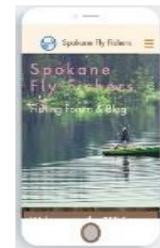
1. Log into the website with your password at: <http://spokaneflyfishers.com>
2. After you log in, go up to the top of the page and click on the RESOURCES heading and then select MEMBER DIRECTORY.  Note: If you are using a smartphone you click on the 3-Bar icon and select Resources, then Member Directory.
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.

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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.
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.



New and Old Members Note: **Get Busy again 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 we 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 **118 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 **181 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.

Cooler months are coming, and fishing will likely not be high on our priority list, so contact other members on the forum and **talk fishing with them**, and **plan outings for next Spring, share some fly recipes** and learn some things by getting on the forum and contributing. The club is open again, so let's see you on the Forum folks!

Comments on the Forum or Blog are encouraged. If you have a story or article that you would like to post on the Blog section, send that to the Admin. 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.

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 SFF Web Pages and YOU! SEP

(This is a reprint for all new members SEP and those who missed the 1st 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.

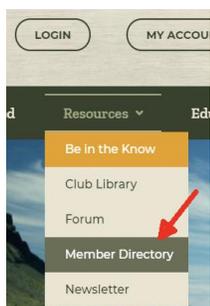


If you didn't log in yet, please do it immediately, as it is important that you verify the information on this site that we have recorded for your name, address, email, phone numbers, etc. Logging in also assures that you have a personal password for getting into the members only part of the site going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



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.



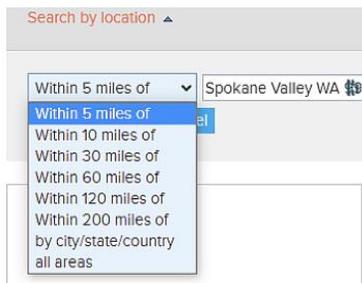
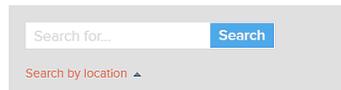
This month we'd also like to focus a little on the new Member Directory that is on the site under the "Resources" menu. Truly a valuable resource for all members, as it replaces the bound paper club directory that we used to publish each year. That was a difficult task, and the cost was high, with printing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

Using the Member Directory

Member Directory

You may search for first or last name here

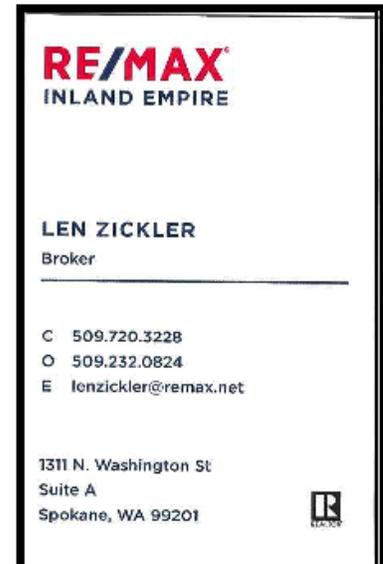
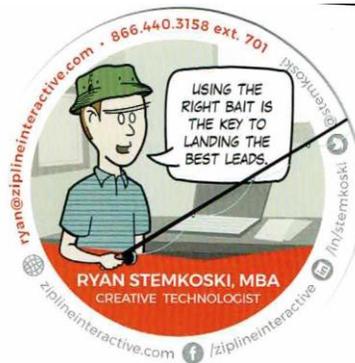
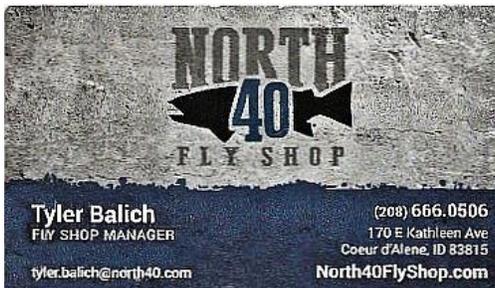


To find someone in the Directory, you have several options. The member names are each in boxes that are organized by member first names, alphabetically. You will see that “Al” is the first one. We don’t particularly like this arrangement, but it is the way the software works. common usage. You can also 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.

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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.

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Time and Location of Monthly Meetings

Club meetings are held monthly, the second Wednesday of each month, at 1104 West Heroy St., in the basement of the St. Francis of Assisi Church in Spokane.

Meetings start at 7:00 PM, with a social hour starting at 6:00 PM for those interested. We meet in the education building of the church, in the basement (door on left of corner building). Coffee and snacks will be available. Parking is available across the street.

SFF Contact Info

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