



The Barbless Flyer

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



Speaker of the Month

Jack Mitchell, from the Evening Hatch



Jack Mitchell, began guiding on the Yakima in 1988, and went on to develop the Evening Hatch fly shop and guiding service. He will give a presentation on smallmouth bass on the lower Yakima river.

He will also cover fishing opportunities on the Washington Peninsula and Alaska. He will also touch on the upper Columbia fishery. The focus of the presentation will be on smallmouth bass on the lower Yakima river.

Jack's fishing trails have led him to Alaska, Canada, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Washington, Oregon and South America. In Chile, he explored many watersheds that until a few years ago had hardly ever been fished. Jack guided in South America for a total of 7 winters. The Evening Hatch started as a small dream in 1988 and since the company has grown from a small red pick-up, an Achilles raft and doing a seasonal 30 trips a year, to a year-round operation facilitating over 900 guided river days a year. Our services range from day trips to all-inclusive programs featuring our very own post and beam lodges in two locations and our 'Heart and Soul' waters include the Yakima, Klickitat, Methow, Upper Columbia and Olympic Peninsula. He has guided from Southern Chile to Washington and fortunately fished more watersheds than most. His favorite fishing is a greased line for steelhead with a two hander. He started the credited fly-fishing class at CWU in 1994. The class is still ongoing and very popular. He has spoken on the topic of fly fishing at sport shows, clubs and seminars.

His company goal is and always has been to have fun on the water and provide you with the most enjoyable fishing experience possible. We thank you for your continued support.

Licensed Washington State Freshwater Guide- License #32047
US Coast Guard Captain - License #000007007



Prez Sez

by Chet Allison

The annual Christmas Party didn't happen I am sorry that party was canceled but with very little interest (very few RSVP's) there was just no way the people that were planning the party could do their jobs. How do they prepare meals not knowing how many will attend? Maybe next year will be better. If nothing else Covid will be another year behind us.

If the weather warms up a little, two lakes close to home may be fishable. Fourth of July and Hog Canyon are open but may be frozen over. I have in different years fished both of these lakes in January for short periods of time no all-day fishing and had some success casting nymphs and retrieving them slow. The fish don't move fast in the cold water but they are looking for food and need to eat. Most years February is the month that Fourth of July opens up enough to sink a fly. Some years it is only along the edges and some years you can put a boat in the water for fishing. Remember if you go out fishing in the colder weather be very careful on the wet rocks or in your boat if the ice is open. I have seen some real bad situations over the years in the colder weather.

I have been looking at the cold snow on the ground thinking "it sure would be nice to go fishing". If only I could keep warm in the process of casting, wading and splashing around on the slippery rocks. So thus far I have stayed in my home where it is warm and dry. So, I will just tie flies until I can stand the weather conditions. I hope it warms up soon.

A lot of things are happening at the SFF. Beginning Fly Tying and Intermediate Fly Tying classes have started. Elections for new officers and board positions are in progress. It is a new year so the SFF is very active in the things that make the SFF the club that it is.

The 2023 FLY FISHING SCHOOL will start February 16th, watch the Barbless or go to the SFF website to get more information on times and classes. The instructors are very knowledgeable with a willingness to give the student as much information as possible. When you finish with this school you are ready to go catch fish on a fly rod.

The Spokane Fly Fishers have about 190 club members. Sounds pretty good but only about 20 people are doing all of the work. The same 20 that have been doing the work for the last five years. Many of these people are getting worn out, many because of their age most of these people are in the 70 year old range with a desire to step down and just participate. Running the club is not rocket science, it just takes a little desire and concerns for the club to operate very well. Many positions are opening this year. You need to take a position when asked or just offer to do one of the jobs that will open this year. I have served a 2-year term as President but over all I have been on the SFF board for over 6 years. I was on the board when the club was first founded and enjoyed my jobs over the years. I am asking all of the members of SFF to step up and take charge of the club. Have fun, run it the best you can and accept the help offered when you need it.

After all is said and done my hope for all of the Spokane Fly Fishers for a better and healthier 2023. Covid is still around but not as ugly as it was in 2020. Lakes will open to fly casters and creeks will flow with lots of fish. Stay healthy, safe and eager to fish through 2023.

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Dream on.... Won't be long!

SFF 2023 Fly Fishing School

By: Claude Kistler and Paul Olsen

The SFF Fly Fishing School starts on February 16 and again includes a great lineup of program presenters who will provide both indoor and outdoor classes. The Indoor sessions will be held at the Inland Northwest Wildlife Council Building at 6116 North Market Street.



The Indoor class dates are from 6:00pm to approx. 8:30pm as follows: (order subject to change).

Class #1 - Thursday, February 16 (Equipment)

Class #2 - Thursday, February 22 (Knot Tying)

Class #3 - Thursday, March 2 (Entomology)

Class #4 - Thursday, March 9 (Still Water Lakes & Ponds)

Class #5 - Thursday, March 16 (Moving Water - Rivers & Streams)

Class #6 - Thursday, March 23 (Water Safety)

Class #7 - Thursday, March 30 (Fish ID & Conservation)

Outdoor Casting Classes are held on the three Saturdays at Franklin Park in North Spokane (9:00am – 11:00am)

Casting Class #1 – Saturday, March 11^t

Casting Class #2 – Saturday, March 18^t

Casting Class #3 – Saturday, March 25

The final class (#8) is Saturday, April 1st at Waterfront Park – Medical Lake. (9:00am – 1:00pm)

This class includes additional basic field instruction as well as casting on the water. If there is enough interest, we might be able to do pontoon boat instruction prior to the 9:00am class start. The day closes with pizza and soft drinks.

The school is a great opportunity to learn a lifetime skill at a great price. Current SFF members pay only \$130. Spouse will pay the same. The non-member fee is \$150.00 for ages 18 and over and \$80.00 for ages 12 thru 17. (The non-member fee includes club membership through May 2024.

The membership also allows new members the opportunity to participate in club meetings, the Raffle and club outings. Begin now to grow your knowledge and skills and join other SFF fly fishing enthusiasts on area rivers, streams and lakes.

If interested connect on the Fly School link on the website. spokaneflyfishers.com or contact Claude Kistler at fs@spokaneflyfishers.com or by phone at 509.747.2268.

CONSERVATION and EDUCATION RAFFLE by: Ken Moore and Claude Kistler Co-Chairs

The annual Raffle to support SFF Conservation and Education activities will be held at our March 8th meeting. To support this highly anticipated raffle, we contact local fly shops and sporting goods stores to seek donations in support of our activities. More importantly, we also ask our members to donate new or gently used clean items and or services in support of the raffle. Previous raffles have included member donated fishing trips, fly fishing equipment, clothing, books, flies and tying material. The raffle is near the completion of the annual fly fishing school, so this is a great opportunity for class members to get a jump start on acquiring equipment as they continue to pursue this great sport. The raffle begins with the purchase of raffle tickets and dropping tickets in bags representing the items. The evening is full of anticipation as ticket buyers eagerly await their chance to take home great items. Note that unlike other events, non-members are welcome.

PLEASE consider donating an item or two in order to support this important club fund raiser.

EARLY DONATIONS

Those who donate items by February 24th will be eligible for a drawing to receive a \$50 gift certificate. If you need items picked up, please contact Claude (509-747-2268) We hope to have at least one pontoon boat to offer. If you might be able to donate a pontoon boat, fly rod, float tube or other high end items, please let us know immediately as this will help us plan to acquire a few major items to help round out this great raffle.

All pre-sales of tickets must be purchased through our website at <https://spokaneflyfishers.com> in the Events section under the Raffle Icon. If you want to buy your tickets at the meeting, we will accept Mastercard, Visa, and Amex credit cards or cash.

Tickets are \$1.00 each, but if you purchase 7 – 14 you will get a 25% discount or if you buy 15 or more you will get a 30% discount.

Outings Committee Report

Nov 17, 2022



Attendees: Paul Olsen, Jim Marshall, Doug Keene, Robin Galvin, and Chris Bryant. Guest Steven Dazey Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Volunteer Coordinator.

The committee discussed several options for next year's outings. Some were close to Spokane, and some were much further away from Spokane. It was agreed that we should have most of our outings closer to Spokane. It was felt that we needed to do some exploration as to which lakes and rivers would be the best options and what times would be best for each option. Our outings cannot conflict with other club events such as the fly-fishing school classes, Kids

Fishing day, and the club awards picnic.

We considered Medical Lake, Spokane River, Crab Creek, Browns Lake, Dry Falls, Long Lake, Fish Creek, Chopaka Lake, Yakima River, Kettle River, Coeur D'Alene river, Rocky Ford Creek, Omak Lake, Long Lake (ferry county) and Potters Pond.

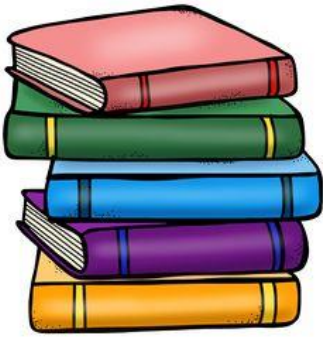
In our next meeting we will discuss dates, and information such as best times and fishing reports on each of these multiple choices. We will narrow our choices to a manageable number of outings. We are trying to pick out outings that we think the club members are willing to support. Plus finding a club member who is willing to be the host. If you want to advocate for a particular favorite fishing stream, river, or lake to be an outing location, please come to the next meeting and you can provide your viewpoint so we can make an informed decision about your favorite fishing spot being an outing location.

The meeting will be held at **EVCO Integrated Solutions, 3511 E. Trent Ave, Spokane, WA 99202 at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, January 4th.** They have a great meeting room that we have been granted access to, thanks to club member Chris Bryant.

See you there!

Paul Olsen, Outings Committee Chair





Larry Ray's Book of the Month

Another One for Our Bassin' Gals and Guys.

Our Library has again been blessed with the generosity of club members. Among recent donations by Ken Moore is *Fly Fishing for Western Smallmouth*, by David Paul Williams.

At times I have felt a bit guilty at not offering more reviews of fly fishing books targeting species other than salmon and trout. A few of our members are not shy about their love of bass. Mike Keegan has chased bass in the local area for years. Alicia and Ken Moore make an annual trek to the John Day, to drift fish that river's burgeoning smallmouth population. Those of us targeting trout on local lakes will occasionally hookup with a bass – on a trip to Coffee Pot Lake several years ago, Roger Bertsch landed a fine largemouth that had to weigh several pounds. Yet it seems many of us pay scant attention to bass and other warm-water species.

I have previously reviewed books in our library collection that treat with bass and warm-water fishing. In particular, *Bass Fishing* by Grits Gresham and *Smallmouth Bass Fishing* by James Root were reviewed in the January '21 issue of the Barbless Flyer. However, Williams is the first one to target bass fishing in our general locale. *Fly Fishing for Western Smallmouth* will, I'm sure, encourage exploration of such opportunities by more of us.

The book is divided into 11 chapters, along with a float trip appendix. It opens with a chapter on the lure of smallmouth and does a great selling job of this remarkable gamefish. It was a real eye opener for me, as I expect it will be for a lot of you. Even more so is the second chapter, which discusses major destinations for smallmouth fishing in every western state (Washington's Columbia River side gets a lot of attention, as do the Yakima River and the Potholes Reservoir). What is really surprising to me is the amount of fine smallmouth fishing to be found in some of Montana's famed trout fishing streams, like the Flathead and Yellowstone. Williams provides detailed accounts about how these fish arrived in some of their current locales, some accidentally and some by purpose. The author's placement of fishing destinations near the front of the book was wise, as the surprising availability of this fish really serves to whet the appetite for what might follow.

The photography throughout is striking, with lots of instructional photos of habitat, watercraft, some gear and, of course, plenty of fish. The variety in coloration exhibited by smallmouth, due primarily to habitat characteristics, is well-illustrated throughout.

The chapter on gear makes some surprising recommendations. In it the author advises to use brightly colored, easy to see lines, making the point that these fish are not shy and will not be spooked by bright lines. He also states his preference for warm-water wading in sandals, with several photographs showing him doing just that on cobbled river banks. I've seen enough snakes in my fishing life to cast a bit of a jaundiced eye at that one!

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Chapter Six includes thirteen tips, such as “Intend to Catch Fish” and “Fish where the big fish live”. In that vein, the author recommends overloading rods with heavier line for distance and accuracy in casting. Note, again, that delicate presentation to avoid spooking these fish isn’t apparently much of a concern.

The chapter entitled “Thoughts on Western Flies” is well illustrated with fly photos accompanied by simple recipes. I expected to see some light-weight poppers but no poppers are included (although there are a few flies shown that employ some clipped, spun deer hair). I was a bit disappointed at this – I thought perhaps I would finally find some instruction about what to do with a small box of corks that I have collected and carried around most of my life to use for poppers “when I got around to it...” Seriously, though, the flies Williams recommends and employs are not much different from some of the larger trout and steelhead patterns one sees out west. There are even some large mayfly and nymph patterns included! The author does show a fondness for Clouser Minnow variations.

There is an extensive chapter on boating for smallmouth, again with lots of instructional photography and ample cautionary advice, such as be sure to haul the raft out sufficiently on rivers like the John Day, on which flows and water levels can vary greatly (and I thought such concerns were limited to tidewater in places like Puget Sound and Alaska!).

Anyone with even a passing interest or curiosity regarding smallmouth fishing must take a look at this fascinating and encouraging book, which is, of course, available for lending in our Library. Plan on spending some time with it as the amount of detailed information provided is considerable.



Beginning Fly Pattern

Clouser Minnow By Chet Allison
Tightlinevideos by Tim Flagler



Hook: Mustad 34007, sizes 1/0 through 8.
Mustad 3366 is another good hook
Thread: White Danville Flat-Waxed, 6/0.
Eyes: Dumbbell eyes (size to match hook).
Belly: White bucktail.
Flash: Gold Krystal Flash.
Back: Olive bucktail.
Head: Tying thread.
Head coating: Cement or epoxy

www.youtube.com/watch?v=yMjLTEW8YEQ

The tying instruction is for the marabou version, giving this fly more action than bucktail and is easier to tie. Both patterns are great flies.

Step: 1

Begin by forming a smooth thread base over the front third of the shank. Place a pair of lead eyes about three eye lengths back from the eye and tie them in with several X wraps going from the back to the front. Post the thread around the base of the eyes by wrapping between the underside of the eyes and the hook shank.. These wraps will further secure the eyes to the shank. Add a drop of head cement to the thread wraps. Straighten the eyes out on the shank so they are perpendicular to the shank.

Step: 2

Select a clump of white marabou (the amount is up to you, **sparser on small flies** and a little heavier on larger patterns) and measure it so it is equal to about one hook length beyond the hook. Tie this clump of marabou down by the butt ends in front the eyes. Take 5 good wraps over the marabou; lift the butt ends of the marabou up trimming them at a tapered angle. Make a nice smooth taper from the hook eye to the barbell eyes. Now move the thread behind the barbell eyes and secure the marabou behind the eyes. Make several open thread spirals toward the back of the hook. Wrap thread back to the back of the eyes. Turn the hook upside down now. Any stay fibers trim them out now. Keep the thread in front of the eyes.

Step: 3

Select 3 strands of Krystal flash doubling the flash around the thread and pull thread down and the flash up. Wrap back over the flash so it lies over the top of the white marabou secured just in front of the eyes.

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Step: 4

Select a clump of olive marabou about the same size as the white belly clump and measure it so it is the same length as the white. Tie in the olive marabou in front the lead eyes with several tight turns of thread. Clip the butt ends off at an angle, building a smooth tapered thread head to cover the stubs. Whip finish. Glue it down. Do not wrap any thread over the eyes on the olive marabou.

The fly rides hook point up which makes it nearly snag free.

Note: Remember with these instructions you are just changing the bucktail to marabou. The bucktail version is great if you choose to tie it as the video runs. Two flies for the price of one.

Enjoy and go fishing.

2023 Intermediate Fly-Tying Workshop

By Chet Allison

The SFF Intermediate Fly-Tying Workshop is going to be held at the Inland Northwest Wildlife Council at 6116 N Market, beginning **Thursday January 5th, 2023**.

Brad Collins is the Chair of the workshop this year.

Please sign up before it is too late! The **class fee is \$35** and can be paid on the Spokane Fly Fishers website, spokaneflyfishers.com , under Events.

Each of the 6 nights you will learn to tie two intermediate fly patterns. There will be a different instructor each evening, all of whom are advanced tyers. I know many of the instructors and I am certain you will be learning some great patterns and techniques.



2023 INTERMEDIATE FLY WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

The class is 6 weeks on the following evenings from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Thursday, January 5th

Thursday, January 12th

Thursday, January 19th

Thursday, January 26th

Thursday, February 2nd

Thursday, February 9th.

So, if you've been thinking about improving your fly tying, this is your opportunity!

Education

by Ken Moore

Here's the thing about fly fishing, if you keep casting into good "fishy" water long enough, you will eventually catch a fish. Trout are predators; they exist to eat and survive. They live their whole life in a specific set of environmental conditions. They are highly tuned and adapted to their particular environment. And yet a trout can be duped with a piece of fur and feather tied to a hook. Or even a bit of corn and cheese. Here are some of my observations with a New Year's Resolution challenge at the end of this article.

Early success in fly fishing causes some anglers to jump to assumptions, believing they have somehow skipped the decades-long process of learning our beloved sport. Every great angler I know is in perpetual search of better information and more knowledge to hunt a fish. While trout fishing can be easy, it can often be frustrating, requiring deeper introspection and contemplation. A better understanding of the river that runs past your waders. A better experience of the "bugs" that a trout eats. A better comprehension of the equipment that you use to make that "perfect" cast.

Yes, an angler catches fish; your self-assurance grows with every bite. We assume we know by reading and watching rather than doing and catching. Arrogance is the folly of many fishermen, my friend, and even worse, we are compelled to offer this newfound expertise as unsolicited advice. An angler will gain proficiency with one method, and because it has produced well for the last few seasons, we are convinced that history will repeat itself. But fishing doesn't work that way- not for that long, anyway. The joy of this sport is that nothing remains the same. Your tactics must evolve if you are to meet your quarry in their environment and have success. A new angler hasn't been through the plateaus that inevitably age all of us. Don't get me wrong; I love the new angler's ambition. It's good to see a friend or angler succeed and gain the confidence that drives them over the first few hurdles that most anglers never overcome. Eventually, failure catches up with every angler who wets a line. Humility is either accepted with a broader perspective gained, and a fresh look into the future, or that angler ends up on the pile of anglers who've come and gone, learning that the mountain of the unknown is a lifelong climb.

So here is my new year's resolution challenge for you. This year focus on decreasing your hassle factors. What is a hassle factor? If it causes you to pause and ponder, then that, my friend, is a hassle factor, and your progression in this sport will not advance until you overcome that event that gives you pause. You know what you need to work on. Suppose it takes you 14 minutes to tie on a fly. Practice till it takes you less than 2 minutes. Work on your knot-tying! Now, give yourself some grace if your old eyes can't see that size 18 hook eye anymore. That is an excellent habit to adopt. Giving yourselves and those you fish with GRACE. Hire a casting instructor if you need to work on a new casting technique. If you don't know where to go fishing, ASK. Ask a fellow club member, or better yet, join one of the club's outings. There is no better place in the Inland Northwest to learn this sport than the club you joined. You have to do the work, but you also get the self-recognition for your successes.

There are few absolutes in fly fishing, but one of them is you have to get outdoors, in the wild, to catch a wild trout. While the winter snow is blowing, sit down, relax, have a warm beverage, and plan how many times you will fish this year. Will it be once every month? Could it be two times every month in the summer? Can I afford to hire a guide or make the journey to a dream destination? How about taking a child fishing? The river knows where it is going and only flows in one direction. The question is, do you know where you are heading in 2023? What adventures do you want from this sport? Now is the time to set your intentions and expectations for your best year.

Membership News

Membership News – December '22



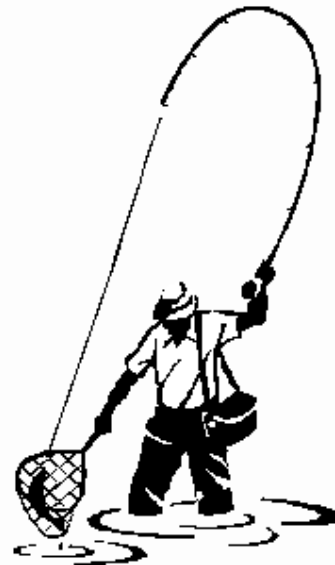
Looking at the data below, you will see that we have once again continued to increase our membership, with another **4 new members** this month (as of Dec. 15). We have had **57 new members since May last year**, so we are doing great.

These are the statistics as of 12/15/22

Current Paying members	130
Accounts on Lifetime Billing	25
Accounts on free membership	33
Accounts Past Due	0
All Members as of 12/15/22	189

4 New Members during December

Brad Bronch
Michael Aubrey
Jphn Hudson
Karrie Stewart



Brad

John

**Over
last**

37% of our members are now new since the Pandemic hit us year. 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.

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

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. [L]
[SEP] 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.

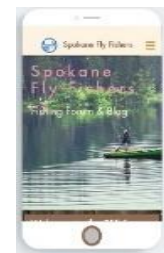
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5. Near the bottom, click on the blue “Send a Message” and you will get sent to an email form.

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!

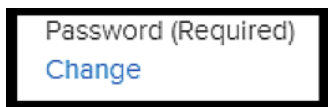
(This is a reprint for all new members and those who missed the 1st printing)

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 out 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.

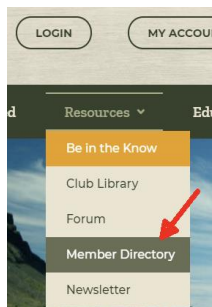


If you didn't log in yet, please do it immediately, as it is important that you verify the information on this site that we have recorded for your name, address, email, phone numbers, etc. Logging in also assures that you have a personal password for getting into the members only part of the site going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

Search by location ▲

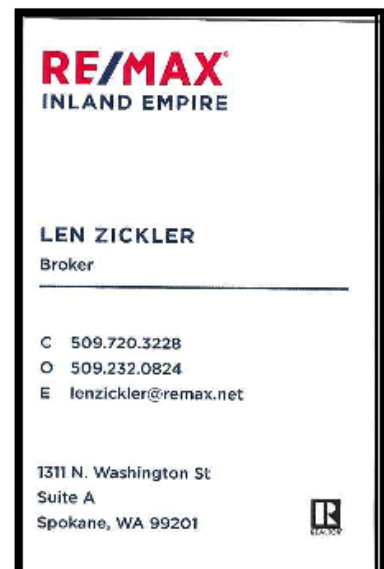
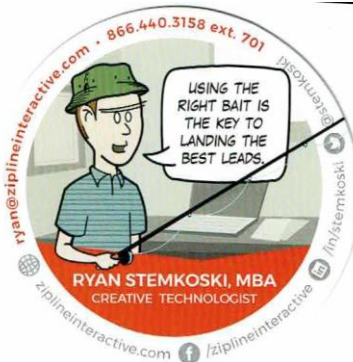
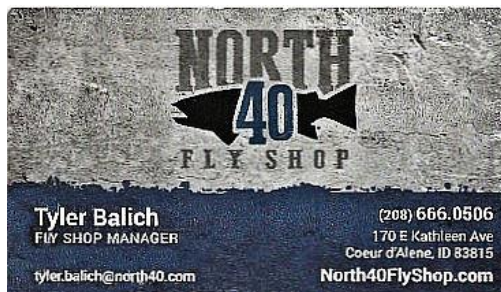
Within 5 miles of ▼ Spokane Valley WA

Within 5 miles of
Within 10 miles of
Within 30 miles of
Within 60 miles of
Within 120 miles of
Within 200 miles of
by city/state/country
all areas

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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Time and Location of Monthly Meetings

Club meetings are held monthly, the second Wednesday of each month (next meeting is January 11th, 2023), 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

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

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