



# The Barbless Flyer

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



## Conservation and Education Raffle

By: Ken Moore and Claude Kistler Co-Chairs



There are now just a few days remaining before our March 8<sup>th</sup> Conservation and Education Raffle. The raffle is a crucial fund raiser in support of our conservation and educational activities.

**RAFFLE** items to date include several fly rods (ECHO, Orvis, TFO, Lamiglass, G Loomis, Redington and a wonderful hand built Redington 9' 6wt. rod by Dan Ferguson. There is also a new Orvis Clearwater 9' 5wt rod, reel and line outfit. If you want a reel, check out our Diawa, Okuma, Cabelas and Scientific Anglers reels. To get you on and in the water, there will be men's and women's boots waders, vests, shoulder packs, Simms Waterproof Packs (2), float tube fins, rod cases and tubes, at least two float tube, and much, much more. Trips this year include a cabin near the North Fork of the Coeur d' Alene River, a walk and wade day trip on the North Fork, a walk and wade day trip on the upper St. Joe, a day trip to either Diamond or Waitts Lake and a "let's go fishing" day trip in Montana or a local mountain lake. Club member Thatcher Beaty and FFI Certified Casting Instructor is offering a single package of two casting sessions for a total of four hours of instruction for either a private or small group up to 4 casters.

**DONATIONS** will be accepted at the door so please consider donating items or hosting a trip. Trips always draw considerable interest and generate lots of ticket sales. Even better, the trip winner is treated to a great experience at an area lake, river, or stream. Please consider donating in support of the March Raffle.

For those who are new to the raffle (bring family and friends), this is a great event and opportunity to acquire equipment or trips that will start or enhance your enjoyment of fly fishing. The evening is full of anticipation as ticket buyers eagerly await their chance to take home many great items.

**TICKETS** will be sold at the door for \$1.00 each. Cash, Checks, Visa and Mastercard will be accepted. Once you have your tickets in hand, put your sign-in number on the back of each ticket which you will deposit in a sack of the item you desire. Please understand that BENT tickets will be rejected if selected.

We are looking forward to another great raffle and encourage you to join us at 6:00pm to view the items. If you have items to drop off, please do so beginning at 5:30pm so we have time to log and process your donation and get it in front of our participants.

## Procedure for purchasing Raffle Tickets Online

(For anyone who missed the email message)



1. Go to the website: [spokaneflyfishers.com](http://spokaneflyfishers.com)
2. Log In using the **LOGIN** button. Enter your **User Name** (your email address) and the password that you used when you signed up. If you have none, or forgot yours, then click on the **REQUEST PASSWORD** button at the bottom of the page and the system will send you an email with a new password.
3. Click on the **“EVENTS”** heading on the right side of the web page..
4. When the page comes up, scroll down to the **UPCOMING EVENTS** section, and click on **2023 Raffle Event Tickets Purchasing**
5. When the page comes up, scroll down the page to the **REGISTER** section. NOTE: You may get a notice that you have already purchased tickets if this is a re-order, but just click on OK, and move on.
6. Enter the Quantity of tickets you want to purchase, by clicking on the **V** symbol under **QTY**.
7. For orders over 10 tickets, click on the 10+ quantity and you will get a series of quantity choices, which determine the Quantity you are ordering and the amount of your discount. Enter the quantity you are purchasing.
8. If the computer has not already filled out your Name, Phone, and Email, go ahead and fill out this information.
9. Don't forget to click on **“Waiver and Release (Required)”** box in the **Waiver and Release** section, and click on the Blue **Waiver and Release** words. After reading the Release, click on **OK**. *The system will not proceed with purchase unless this is done.*
10. You will now see the payment section. You can pay by **Credit Card** (preferred) or by mailed in **check**, however if you pay by check it can take a week or more for us to receive it by mail, which could hold up your ticket purchase till received, so order and mail check at least a week and a half before the Raffle.. **Card is best**, and our credit card processor is one of the same processors used by most stores, so it is secure and reliable.
11. You are now done, and you should almost immediately receive a receipt for your purchase, and a ticket will be received and should be printed as proof of your purchase when you get to the Raffle. If you have no printer or can't print this for any reason, the club has copies of these document to use in their place. Just come to the Raffle and give them your name.
12. If you have difficulties, please notify us at “ [spokaneflyfishersclub@gmail.com](mailto:spokaneflyfishersclub@gmail.com) “.

**NOTE: Last online sales are on March 13 @ 11 pm. Cash sales available at Raffle.**



## Prez Sez

by Chet Allison, President, Spokane Fly Fishers, LLC

As I am writing this Prez Sez for the March Barbless, it is still too cold for most of us to go out fishing. The prospects of falling in cold water, eating an ice-cold lunch and catching a death of pneumonia is more than I can handle.

Now that March has finally gotten here, I am making plans to go fishing with friends at some nice fishing spots around the Spokane area. On my list of places to go are Coffee Pot, Fourth of July, and a Skwala Stonefly trip on the Yakima. Over the years I have done very well at these three fishing spots. Not always the most but the biggest, not always the biggest but the most, you just never know what the fish will do at this time of the year but the weather temperatures are generally a little warmer, it is a little less muddy and it is time to get the casting arm in shape after the long winter season.

On Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> of March I will be heading to Albany Oregon to attend the Northwest Fly Tye & Fly Fishing Expo. As you know the Ellensburg Fly Tying Show is no longer being held so the Albany show is the next best fly tying show without driving or flying hundreds of miles away from Spokane. I hope to show the attendees my tying abilities and answer the question that the attendees ask. On Saturday the younger people and the kids attend the tying show that is when it becomes the most fun for me. Showing the kids how to tie the flies I am demonstrating and helping them tie the fly themselves. Kids are always full of questions, that is when it gets to be enjoyable at the tying tables.

The SFF club has a lot going on right now. We have new board members being sought out, new Officers, and awards being planned. Our committees are very busy, if you are asked to take a position for the SFF, would you please consider the opportunity and say "sure will".

You have the opportunity to take home some fantastic items from the Conservation and Education Raffle on March 8<sup>th</sup>. I have seen some of the items and saying the raffle is filled with great raffle items is an understatement. At the February meeting we were donated a Pike fly fishing trip from CD Fishing from Montana. This should be a really nice raffle for the club members. Be sure to buy your raffle tickets, you don't want to miss out at this raffle. Ken Moore and Claud Kistler have done a fantastic job.

As you are reading this Prez Sez, I hope it is warm enough for you to start planning those fishing trips that you missed out on last season. You've seen the places that I am going to start with at the top of this Barbless. Maybe those fishing destinations will be yours also. It is time to get started on the planning of your favorite fishing holes.

I will see you somewhere along the fishing trail.

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## Fly Fishing Camp

Submitted by Chet Allison

### **Cheney Parks Dept. – fly fishing camp for youth summer program**

Lee Funkhouser of the IEFFC has asked the SFF club members to help them put the program on for the youth.

The final details will be presented by Lee to the SFF members at the April meeting.

I have been told that the camp will take place from 9 to 12 Monday through Friday June 26 to 30 with casting each day.

If you have time available on those days, will you be willing to assist the IEFFC club members with this program.

The final details will come out later at the April club meeting when Lee will talk to us about the summer camp program and what is needed.

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## We Have a New Tool to Help Remove an Old Hassle



Those of you who have gone on one of our many outings and some of our classes probably remember that at every one of these you had to fill out a Liability Waiver. These waivers were to let you know that any liability for personal accidents would not be the fault of SFF as long as it was signed. Liability Waivers have always been mandatory at SFF, and most other sports-related clubs.

What was a hassle was that the outing host had to run around and chase members to get them to sign the waiver, and this had to be done for every outing and some folks could get missed.. For members it was just a hassle because it interfered with them getting out to the river or lake and starting fishing. There was also the deal of storing all those paper waivers.

Well, we have found a way for the club to get their waivers, and to do it without any significant time needed from the members or for the hosts.

**Effective immediately**, every new member will automatically be asked to sign the waiver to complete their transaction. Every time you log into the Web Page you will see a red note at the bottom of your profile (first page that comes up after signing in). It will either tell you that you need to sign the waiver or will show the date that you signed the waiver already.

Since many do not go out on our outings, but still need the waiver for events and other club sponsored functions, the computer will require you to sign the waiver (if not already signed) before it will let you complete your reservation for a class, an event, or an outing, or purchasing of tickets for the Raffle. It only takes a minute.

The good news is most of this is automatic, with only the need to click a button when you log in or process a transaction. Of course this means that most folks will need to get used to using the SFF Web Pages to do all their transactions for reserving a class, buying tickets, or signing up for an Outing. Manual signups at the last minute have got to become a memory of times past. **Today we do our transactions online at the Web Site.**

What about family members or non-members at allowed events or outings. Family members are covered by the waiver signed by the Primary member on a Family membership. Children will need a signed paper waiver to be signed by parents at the event. Non-members, or those members who have not signed the waiver at an event or outing will also need to sign a paper waiver to attend.

Lastly, all members who were here prior to online signing of a waiver will need to log onto the website just once and go to the bottom of the profile and sign the waiver. **IMPORTANT: we need 100% participation in this.**



## Volunteers Needed

by Claude Kistler

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the Raffle and Fly School.**

Please consider volunteering on the night of the Raffle, (arrive at 4:30 pm for set-up). We will need assistance with donation check-in, ticket sales, table runners, etc. We need 10 folks to help make the raffle run smoothly. If you are interested in assisting with the Raffle, please call **Ken Moore** at 509-953-8669 or email at [kenmoore509@gamil.com](mailto:kenmoore509@gamil.com)

**Fly Casting Helpers** (10 to 12) are needed on Saturdays, March 11, 18, 25 and April 1<sup>st</sup>. Our first three casting classes will be held at Franklin Park, North Spokane (Division and Queen Ave) at 9:00am. Our final class and picnic will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at Waterfront Park, Medical Lake, WA. Our helpers will assist students with basic rod set-up and beginning casting techniques.

If you can help please let me know in person at the March Raffle Meeting, or by email at [clkistler@comcast.net](mailto:clkistler@comcast.net) or by phone at 509.747.2268.



## Education Committee

By Ken Moore

Some of our most formative experiences come from time on the water. I believe it is part of the gravitational pull that every fly fisherman consciously or unconsciously understands. So why do we hang up our waders at the end of the fall season? Winter fly fishing has all the same goals as summer fishing does, with only a few additional challenges that are manageable. If your goal is to expand your experiences and time on the water, winter fly fishing may be the best time to hone your craft. This article will focus on tips and observations that I have acquired over my years fishing in the winter season. Here are some advantages to fishing this quarter of the year. You can sleep in; since fish are metabolically temperature sensitive, you do not need to wake up early. You do not need to be on the water till 10:00 am; you are usually off by 3:00 pm. Typically the water is lower and slower, allowing you to see the river in new ways and will enable you to work on new strategies that you read about in articles like this one. You rarely see another fisherman, so if you like solitude, the winter months may be your best season. Let us look at some tips and strategies to improve your winter fishing game.

### It is Cold!

Yes, it is, so dress warmly. Besides the obvious advice of dressing in layers, I prefer darker colors to absorb as much sunlight as possible to keep myself warm. Mom was right when she told us to wear a winter hat and gloves. I have never found a pair of winter fishing gloves that I genuinely like. Fingerless gloves just mean that half of my hand is warm. Neoprene gloves are bulky, cumbersome, and after a season, stinky. I fish without gloves but carry a small towel inside the top of my waders; after I release a fish or if my hands become wet, I pull out the towel and dry them off. When the towel gets wet, I hang it outside my waders and off my suspender strap to dry. I have been experimenting with black nitrile gloves. They help cut the wind if it blows, and I can still tie most knots while wearing them. I also carry hand warmers in my jacket or wader pockets. I prefer my winter hat to have Gore wind stopper embedded in the wool; it keeps my head out of the wind and warm.

### Gear Selection:

The same gear that works in the summer also works in the winter. I must admit that after waiting for my shoelaces to thaw out for 45 minutes in my car while fishing the Missouri River in Montana, I splurged and bought a pair of Simms boot foot waders, thus eliminating shoelaces. While I am on boots, forget about wearing felt soles in the snow, the water freezes in the felt when you exit the stream.

Plan on the eyelets freezing on your fly rod. Two strategies that work for thawing the ice in your guides are simply placing the frozen eyelets in the water to thaw. The other is using a paste-like product from Loon called Ice Off to coat your eyelets; this works pretty well, but you will probably have to reapply the paste every 15-20 minutes if the temperature is below freezing.

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Where the fish reside:

The fish will be in soft water or deeper pools. You can eliminate the riffles, heads of pools, and faster water. Strategically the fish will be on the bottom of the water column, so plan on using split shot, heavier flies, or intermediate sinking lines. The difference between catching and not catching fish can be a split shot. You should feel your bottom fly periodically ticking on the bottom of the stream bed.

Nymphing will be your primary fishing strategy, but there are times when you can swing streamers. Just recognize a couple of things. Yes, fish eat in the winter, they just move slower, and the analogy that you need to put that tempting morsel in front of their nose is a good one to keep in mind. Maybe it is just me, but you should slow down and stalk your fish; they seem to be a bit warier during the colder months.

Flies to use:

Fly selection is pretty easy, and you will not need many. Chironomids or midges in sizes 18-22 color choice- red, black, burgundy, or purple. If you want the flies to be ribbed or have flash go for it.

Black stoneflies or mop flies in sizes 14-16

Zebra Midge or Ju Je Baetis in size 14-18 - same color selection as the midges listed above.

My favorite winter nymphing fly is an eggstacy egg pattern size 14 in orange, salmon, or pink. I find that the fly sinks faster than McFly foam-style egg patterns.

Streamers: Woolly Bugger: size 4-8 color choices all black, all white, white, and red or chartreuse.

Handling Fish:

Pinch your barbs. It makes removing the fish from your hook so much easier. I try to keep the gills of the fish in the water. I think gills are a critical piece of a fish's breathing apparatus, and why would I want to induce flash freezing to their prime breathing mechanism? If you have to pull the fish out of the water, turn the fish upside down; this disorients the fish and makes them calmer and significantly easier to handle.

Winter fishing is every bit as fun as the summertime. It will require some adjustment on your part. Expect to catch fewer fish; they will not be as aggressive as when the water temperature is 50 degrees. Expect to have the guides on your fly rod to freeze up if the temperature is below freezing. Adjust for the colder ambient temperature, but I promise you the smile that creeps across your face when you catch that first fish will be as big as the one you have when the temperatures are warmer.





# Spokane Fly Fishers

## Outings Committee Report - 2023

1/25/2023 Meeting

Paul Olsen, Outing Committee Chairman

The outings committee met to discuss the outing planning for this year. Most of them had been discussed at our earlier meetings. Those attending the last meeting were Claude Kistler, Doug Keene, Bill White, Chris Bryant, and Paul Olsen. The nearly final schedule is the following:

April 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Twin Lakes</b> Upper and Lower (just north of coffee pot)
May 13	<b>Clear Lake</b> in conjunction with SFF awards picnic
May 27	<b>Badger Lake</b>
June 23-25	<b>North Fork of Coeur D'Alene river</b> (Idaho)
July 14-15	<b>St Joe River</b> (Idaho)
August 11-13	<b>Kelley Creek</b>
Sept 6	<b>Amber Lake</b>
Sept 15-17	<b>Long Lake</b> (Ferry County)
Oct 13-15	<b>Dry Falls and Lenore lakes</b>

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We have designed the schedule to recognize the varied types of fly fishing available in our area. We have attempted to be sensitive to the large number of newer club members who we feel are more likely to come on a local outing rather than attend a more distant one. We have been trying to meet what we perceive what outings that would be attractive to our new members. There are a few outings that come later that will be some distance from Spokane area. Some locations are lakes, rivers, and creeks. Most will be in Washington and Idaho.

Any time you are fishing you need to have a license for each state where you are planning to fish. Most states offer a less expensive short-term license that is for a limited number of days. These usually cost much less than an annual license. So, if the fishing trip you're going on is the only one you're going on for this year in that different state just by the short term one. However, if it is not your only fishing trip to that state it makes more sense to buy an annual license. Crunch the numbers to compare the cost of these options.

Also, before you fish in an area you should take the time to read the current state regulations and understand them. These regulations can vary from year to year. Don't assume all the rules are always the same as the year before. They can change yearly. Getting a ticket from a game warden for breaking a small rule can be expensive. I had a friend get a ticket for not realizing that the area we were fishing in required people who had pontoon boats and had oars to pay a small extra fee for using a pontoon boat and an additional fee for using oars. He thought he was covered by buying the pontoon boat fee. Wrong assumption resulting in a \$75.00 ticket.

All outings will require you to sign the club wavier form. It can be signed by signing it on the club webpage. This is an easy process after some recent updates to the webpage. Another change will

be each outing will have two hosts. One host will be a longer-term club member and a newer club member being a co-host. This will help newer club members learn from an experienced member to demonstrate how to host an outing. Hopefully it won't be so intimidating to be a newer member co-hosting an outing. Finding outing hosts at times has been difficult. Hopefully this will help members not be intimidated about being a outing host in the future. If we don't have a host for an outing, we will have to cancel that outing. So, this is an important issue for the club outings committee.

Our local outings are usually one day and do not involve needing any camping gear, just pack a lunch, bring some water or other beverage, and your fishing gear. If you are fishing at lake, you will generally need to bring a flotation device such as a pontoon boat, float tube, kayak, or boat to fish from. Many of our local lakes don't offer much shore access so fly fishing from one of these flotation devices is usually the most effective choice. If you only want to fish in rivers, that doesn't require flotation device to fish safely.

Our overnight outings are usually some distance from Spokane and do require overnight accommodation, a tent, a trailer, or camper. These overnight outings usually involve a potluck meal hosted by the outing host. It can be either dinner or breakfast.

The club usually supplies the main dish such as burgers, hot dogs, or other main dishes. The rest of the food is potluck. You may be assigned a type of dish by a letter designation. Such as names beginning with a-d bring a side dish.

You can sign up for an outing on the SPFF website. If you have a conflict where you are unable to attend, please let the host know as they will be buying food the correct amount of food for the outing, and it helps them to have an accurate head count before they go shopping for the trip.

The club has a great deal of outing equipment available to aid a host in their duties such as ice chests, small grills, tables, a big flat top grill with propane tank, paper plates, cups, napkins, utensils, and cups. All are available for any host to use for their outing. They are all kept in the club storage unit. Just ask the outings chairperson about them and they can be made available to you by just asking for them. They are there to help give you the tools you need to provide you with what you need to put on a successful outing without having to buy any of these kinds of equipment yourself.

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#### **Editor's Note on Outings:**

Full Details on each of the above Outings will be in the April Barbless Flyer. In addition to these outings that are sponsored by the SFF Club, many of our members arrange to go on non-sponsored outings with others at our SFF Forum Website at: <https://spokaneflyfishersc.wixsite.com/forum> . So if your favorite place is not on the list this year, to the Forum and let others know you'd like to go on an outing and would like some folks to join you.

## Membership News

# Membership News – March ‘23

Looking at the data below, you will see that we have once again continued to increase our membership, with another **37 new members** this month (as of Feb.. 15). We have had **94 new members since May last year**, so we are doing great.



### Statistics as of 2/15/23

Current Paying members (inc. Fly School)	175
Accounts on Lifetime Billing	25
Accounts on free membership	33
Accounts Past Due	0
<b>All Members as of 2/18/23</b>	<b>233</b>

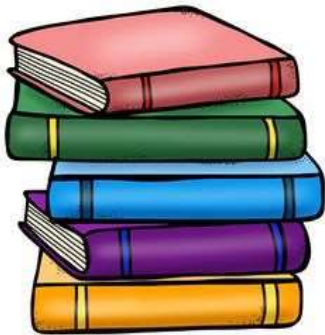


### New Members as of 2/18/23 (including new Fly School Members)

Paul Okerland	Wayne Daniel Kuntz	Ray Eller
Jeff Logan	Johnna Winters Woodruff	David Sorg
Robin T Waggoner	Matthew Hohenwalter	James Ware
Kathy Woodfield, Martin Woodfield	Lois Bollenback	Mike Ricketts
Ryan Nichols	dward Yunwoo Kim	George Ngo
Brad Bronsch	John D Page	Jeff Milligan
Thomas Herron	Rob Cook	Dave Weddle
Brian Desautels	Leighton Cook	Michael Lindsly
Michael Aubrey	Caleb Kuntz	Jeffrey Kruger
Michelle Alexander	Roy Richardson	David Erbland
Ryder Sandaine	Gavin Duffy	Tobias diehl
Peter Taborsky	Finn Duffy	Gary GibsonBrad Pierce
Carolyn Taborsky	Jonathan Brodhagen	Connie Olson
david e Stephenson	Marvin Seal	
Kelly Hunt	Chrystal Ortega	
Karen Fritz	Richard Ortega	
	Brian Gosline	

Over 60% of our members are now new since the Pandemic hit us last 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. Members, come to the Raffle in March!

**Doug Keene, Acting Membership Committee Director**



## Larry Ray's Book of the Month

### **A Classroom Presentation.**

Remember that high school or college class that just grabbed you from day one and you couldn't wait for the next session? How the assignments were demanding and required a lot of time but you didn't care because the instructor made the class so interesting with his manner and delivery and you, at times, even hoped he would call on you with a question?

It has been many decades I was in college, let alone high school, but as I began reading Rene' Harrop's *Learning from the Water* I was actually overcome with just such a sense of *déjà vu*. Harrop reads like a favorite college professor, with a lecture style that is neither gentle nor intimidating. There is firmness born of confidence, built over fifty years on the water, most of it with the long rod. And, with that confidence, he has written a book of textbook quality that enables the reader to come away with assurance the he or she, too, can approach that most technical and difficult of all fly fishing challenges – fishing for large, sophisticated trout on smooth, gin-clear spring creeks in the Rocky Mountain west – and find success.

As one would expect from a work of textbook quality, *Learning from the Water* is organized in such a way as to lead the reader first through the basics, then move progressively into the topic's more technical elements. Instead of trying to cram a lot of information into a few over-burdened chapters, Harrop uses numerous chapters that are brief and straightforward, without making the technical elements seem needlessly complex. Indeed, there are 23 such chapters, each like the lectures by that teacher you enjoyed so much and to whose class you could hardly wait to return. For example, the second chapter deals entirely with the proper way to organize one's fly boxes so as to avoid frantic searches and fumbling by numbed fingers, or even the loss of expensive flies to a sudden wind gust while actually on the water. Harrop is nothing if not a dedicated instructor...

Harrop coaxes the reader's interest by discussing historic fly dressings, such as those of the classic Catskill school (Quill Gordons and such) and contrasting them with the more realistic, imitative patterns of today, and why today's patterns are a must on such waters as the Henry's Fork. He lectures on the differences between today's trout quarry and those of yesteryear, and why today's can be so much more difficult. Today's large trout in accessible drainages like the Henry's Fork and the streams around Yellowstone have been dodging predators, including man, constantly. Many have been hooked and landed repeatedly (some of the book's photos show trophy trout with disfigured or missing maxillaries, evidence of prior hookups). Anglers in the earlier eras were not prone to catch and release. Neither were anglers nearly so numerous as they are today. So, those trout that made their way into the net never got the chance to apply what they may have learned while that big old squaretail downstream from the mill race likely never had been hooked.

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The author quickly builds a case for his preferred style of fishing – what he calls “trout hunting” – by contrasting the stealthy approach required to take large fish in the spring creek environment with the more casual, simple methods such as nymphing under an indicator. While not condemning, he is rather kindly dismissive of the more simplified, less intense fly-fishing forms. Most of what he teaches involves surface flies. He will use subsurface patterns, though, when the dry fly action stills.

If Rene' Harrop is the Professor, then the Henry's Fork is his classroom and lab. Except for a chapter on fly patterns and tactics for Yellowstone waters and a side-trip of sorts to Hebgen Lake, along with a wonderful chapter on various guides serving the area's rivers, the entire book is set on the Henry's Fork. There are references to some of the historic runs on the Henry's, such as Bonefish Flat, the Harriman Ranch, and The Millionaire's Pool, but all in the larger context of fishing tactics.

There are a few fly patterns described in each chapter dealing with a certain type of bug. Baetis, beetles, caddis, emergers, midges, as well as hoppers and wasps, all have a brief chapter dedicated to their use with accompanying patterns and recipes. The student will soon note that Harrop makes maximum use of CDC (cul-de-canard) feathers, using it to wing most dry patterns, or for posts for parachute ties, and even so far as to wrap them as hackle on a few. He also makes an argument for realistic, detailed imitation, and thus carries LOTS of flies (as many as 18 boxes!), depending on time of year and what is likely to be encountered. Wouldn't it be fun to sit at a round table with Harrop, Lyle Morgan (*Simple Flies*) and Sylvester Nemes (*The Soft Hackled Fly Addict*) and let them go at it about simple, impressionistic versus exact imitation? (Better be able to duck...)

Like any good instructor, Harrop is not afraid to admonish over safety. There are repeated references to the need for careful, patient wading, for stealth as well as health. Hypothermia is noted as a major risk during fall and winter months. His admonitions regarding stealth parallel and rival those of Sherman Anderson in *The Curtis Creek Manifesto* - take your time, stay low, don't be heavy-footed, know where the sun is but *don't let your shadow fall...* You get the picture.

Wonderful photography serves to illustrate the author's points, as well as build the reader's confidence - you will find yourself saying "hey, I've seen that rise form" or "I've heard that gulping sound that follows some rises". Then you learn that the "gulp" occurs when a large trout takes an emerger just under the surface and expels the water taken with it. Like any good instructor, Harrop allows his readers to bring something of themselves to relate to the lecture

For all this and more, borrow *Learning from the Water* from the SFF Library. You will come away feeling schooled, thoroughly entertained, and confident and ready to tackle the most demanding fly fishing out there - hunting huge trout on western spring creeks.





## Beginning Fly Tying Pattern

Submitted by Chet Allison

[youtube.com/user/tightlinevideo](https://youtube.com/user/tightlinevideo)



### **Woolly Worm, by Tim Flagler**

**Hook:** Mustad 79580 size 8-14

**Weight:** .015 lead free wire (optional)

**Thread:** UTC 70 black or 140 denier

**Rib:** copper or silver wire (optional)

**Tail:** red yarn

**Body:** Chenille micro or small black

**Hackle:** Grizzle hackle, webby is good

**Tying Note:** Brown/brown hackle, black/black hackle, and olive/grizzly hackle are the most used color combinations.

### **Tying Steps:**

1. Place the hook in the vise, add your weight (optional). Tie in thread 2 eye lengths back from eye.
2. Tie in red yarn at the thread tie in point, wrapping thread over yarn to the bend of the hook, trim yarn a little longer, then the hook
3. Tie in chenille butting up to the back of your lead wire if you used it, if you didn't use lead wire tie the chenille to go up to the tie in point of your thread. Wrap chenille forward in touching spiral wraps around hook. Tie off chenille at the thread tie in point. Don't crowd the eye.
4. Tie in the hackle; spin thread clock wise before you wrap back to the hook bend to make it a tight thread not flat, go behind the hackle wrapping thread over the chenille in large spiral wraps to the back of the chenille. Make a couple of wraps over the tail at the chenille. Let the thread hang here, you will use it in just a minute.
5. Make two wraps of hackle in front of chenille, one behind the other, continue wrapping hackle to the back of the chenille in open spiral wraps. Now make two wraps of thread over the hackle tip at the back end of the chenille to secure it in place, continue with the third wrap going forward in open spiral wraps over the hackle stem, this will bind the hackle down, holding it in place.
6. When you get to the front of the fly pull the hackle fibers back making a thread head behind the eye of the hook. Snip off the thread and glue up the head. Now snip off the extra hackle just a little past the thread wraps you make to hold the tip down.

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**Tying Note:** As you get comfortable with this method of tying the Woolly Worm, you can tie in some copper or silver wire (to contrast with chenille color) (Youtube below) at the rear of the hook.

Though nearly forgotten as a fly to use in today's world it is a very good fly. Change the chenille to olive, red, and black, yellow. You can change the hackle colors as well.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z\\_21oI\\_LT0Q&t=2s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z_21oI_LT0Q&t=2s) this Youtube is for another tying technique using a copper wire rib to hold the grizzly hackle in place. Enjoy

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## Intermediate/Advanced Fly Tying Pattern

Submitted by Barbless Editor

### Light Cahill

Materials: (to Order Material, click the link)



- Hook: [TMC 5262 #12-16](#)
- Thread: [Veevus 10/0 Light Cahill](#)
- Hackle: [Light Ginger Hen Hackle](#)
- Tail: [Dyed Mallard Flank fibers, Woodduck Gold](#)
- Body: [Hareline #1 Light Cahill Dubbing](#)
- Wing: [Dyed Mallard Flank, Woodduck Gold](#)



Link to [Tying Instructions](#)

**Notes:** Dan Cahill of Port Jervis, N.Y. was a brakeman on the Erie and Lackawana Railroad in 1884. He was working in the Catskills on a hot and humid day. On board was a can of brood Rainbows destined for the Caledonia fish hatchery in upstate New York. A work train derailed in front of his train and Cahill knew that the Brood Trout would perish in the mid-summer heat. Dan convinced his fellow crew members to help him take the heavy can of trout back to Calicoon Creek so that they might survive. The distance was a good mile but the trout not only survived but flourished with

that little Catskill stream. As nature has a way, the offspring of that planting eventually spread throughout the Hudson River watershed. To this day, the ancestors of Cahill's efforts provide some of the finest rainbow trout fishing in the east. Edward Hewitt was a fishing companion of Cahill and often told this story to his friends so that Cahill's name remained within the lore of fly fishing history.

However, Cahill's name is known to us from the fly pattern he designed. Ray Bergman wrote in *Trout* (1938), about the Cahill fly, "If it was necessary to confine my assortment of flies to only two or three, this would be one of them." To many it is an Eastern fly but it has also found success in the Midwest, the Mountain states, and the Sierra of California. On Eastern waters the pattern is often tied with a 1X wet/nymph fly hook but on our Western waters the 2X wet fly hook, such as a TMC 5262, is more often used. The Dark Cahill is the pattern that was most often tied by Dan. He used it with great success on Brook trout. The Brown trout was still several years from being introduced to the United States. Theodore Gordon is often credited with creating the lighter version and altering the pattern as a wet fly. The light Cahill has gone through many transitions from a Ginger, to Cream, to Yellow, to White, and is thought to imitate the family of mayflies, *Stenonema*. The wet version actually became more popular than the dry and Dan Cahill would often credit another tier, such as Gordon, with the variation. However, the name, Cahill, stuck and Dan Cahill's name had a place in fly fishing history.

The Light Cahill wet fly can look underwater like an egg-laying stage of a caddis or a drowned mayfly. During a mayfly hatch bigger fish would often wait below the surface along the edges of a pool's main current, where these washed-under flies would concentrate. They'd generally do this early or late in the hatch. Or, they'd lie under a foam patch after the hatch was over, and pick up the stragglers. They didn't have to expose themselves on the surface or waste too much energy rising to the top. They'd just lie there, and wait for another easy mouthful to drift along... Whether or not they still do that I don't know. Maybe you'll have to go to your favorite river, look for the right conditions, and put a Light Cahill wet fly in front of them to find out.

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## How To Find and Email Fellow Club Members on the SFF Web Page



The web directory is 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. [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.
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.

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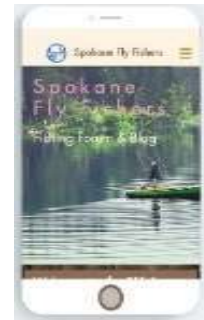
8. When done, click on the "Preview & Send" button and you will see what the final email will look like.
9. If you like what you see, just click on the SEND button, or if you want to do some editing, click on the EDIT button.

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.

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## Get Busy again on the SFF Blog/Forum!



### **New and Old Members Note:**

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.

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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](mailto:spokaneflyfishersclub@gmail.com).**

## Using the Member Directory on the Club Website

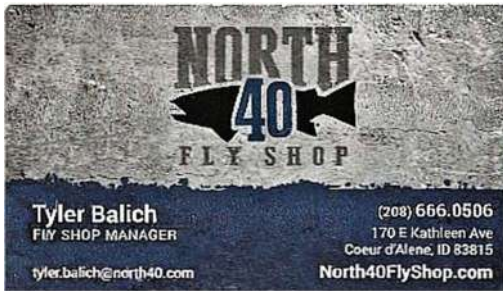
### Member Directory

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.

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.

SFF Business Members



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.

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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).

We are expecting to have all of you join us for the February club meeting on Wednesday, February 8, in our normal meeting place at 1104 West Heroy St, in Spokane. We meet in the basement of the corner building. The session opens at 6 pm for social time, and the speaker starts at 7:00 pm. There will be coffee and snacks . Parking is available across the street..

### SFF Contact Info

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