



# The Barbless Flyer

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



## COME TO THE 2023 SFF ANNUAL AWARDS PICNIC

**MAY 13TH - 11:00 AM**

**Host:** Chet Allison

Come out to the Fairchild AFB Recreation Area at Clear Lake for our year-end potluck picnic and annual awards presentation. Food, friends, and fun promise to be the theme for this year's event. We have reserved a covered pavilion next to the water's edge just in case it rains. There will be games for all, even a long-distance casting competition for those who are up to the challenge.

Cost is **\$5.00** per family (or single person) and payable the day of the picnic. Our club is providing burgers, brats, hot dogs and soft drinks. Feel free to bring other beverages of your choice. Please bring a potluck side dish, salad or dessert according to the following plan:



**Last Name begins with:** A – G: bring Salads | H – O: bring Desserts | P – Z: bring a Side Dish

This is a family friendly event so bring your spouse and the kids and enjoy. There will be a signup sheet at the April meeting. You can also sign up on the website at <http://spokaneflyfishers.com> in the Events section. RSVP at [jochetallison@msn.com](mailto:jochetallison@msn.com) by May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Directions:** East or West bound on I-90, take Exit 264 (Cheney/ Medical Lakes Exit) and go north. Turn Right (100feet) onto Clear Lake Road on the North side of I-90. The US Air Force Clear Lake Recreation Area is clearly marked at the corner of Clear Lake and Salnave Rd. The Recreation Area is then just a short distance down Clear Lake Road on the left. Drive past the open sliding access gate down to the parking lot

**All members are encouraged to attend the picnic.**

**If you have any questions, contact Chet Allison at (509) 362-5320**



## Prez Sez

**By Chet Allison, President**

A few items that the SFF was able to do during the Covid years that kept the club up and running:

- We learned how to have good Zoom presentations. Some were received better than other programs but it was the best the SFF could do.
- The SFF started in person meetings April 2022 after the long Covid shut down. The mask wearing was not very popular.
- SFF was able to have the Fly Fishing School plus Beginner and Intermediate fly tying classes in spite of the Covid difficulties both in 2022 and 2023.

Overall, it has been a very tough time for the SFF. The shut down because of Covid in March of 2020 put the brakes on for all activities for SFF members. But as they say, "you can't keep a good club down."

As I complete a two-year term as your President, I'd like to thank our officers, board members, committees, volunteers and SFF members for their work and support. We have worked to further the mission of the Spokane Fly Fishers, expanded our educational programs, had great outings, enjoyed exceptional speakers, brought new men and women into our sport. While the club has an excellent library as a resource, I've found the greatest resource to be the men and women of our club who so willingly share their expertise and knowledge with others. You all have been servants of this wonderful sport and it has been my honor to serve with you.

I want to thank Paul Olsen and his nominating committee for the tremendous job they have done in finding club members willing to step up and lead the SFF for the 2023-2024 season. All of the board positions have been filled for the upcoming season. The Membership Chairman is still open. The SFF has about 80 new club members, so this leadership is important and the position needs to be filled.

The SFF Awards picnic is May 13th at the Clear Lake Fairchild AFB Recreation Area. With the cancellations and low attendance over the last 2 years, I have asked that everyone RSVP to me or go to our website and sign up. It is hard to plan on how many products to purchase. If we plan on 35 and 50 show up without letting us know someone will not get lunch. That is easy to understand so please help us out by RSVPing by May 7<sup>th</sup> to Chet Allison at [jochetallison@msn.com](mailto:jochetallison@msn.com) or calling me at 509-362-5320 or go to the SFF website. Make it easy for all of those putting this picnic together and enjoyable for all who attend.

Judy Kaufman is the Awards chairperson this year. I am excited to see who she and her team of the Awards committee have chosen for the different awards. This should be a very good picnic. There will be casting activities at the picnic. Let's hope for good weather.

See you at the picnic!

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## Meet the New 2023-24 Club Board Members

**Craig Adams Pres** – has assisted with the Beginner fly tying class for several years, and taught classes at the Fly Fishing School. Craig has been Project Healing Waters director for 3 years. He has been on several fishing trips with Chet Allison and others showing those around him the sportsman that he is. Craig has served in several board member positions and is currently Board Position 3.

**Kevin Brannon VP** – was raised on the banks of the South Santiam River outside of Lebanon, Oregon. Earning a bachelor's degree at Stanford and his JD and MBA at Willamette University. Had a business of his own in Oregon and retired to New Mexico in 2016. He's been fishing since age 6 and fly fishing since 1980. He moved to Spokane in 2021 to be closer to family.

**Larry Ray Secretary** – He became a co-member of the Library in September 2011. He became the Librarian September 2012 writing some fantastic book reviews and is still writing those book reviews today. As club librarian he is finding dozens of books and videos for your pleasure. He has provided 119 book reviews. He is a fly tyer, fly fisherman and friend to many.

**Brian Soth Treasurer** – is a retired economist, having worked at several companies in the utility industry. He is also a classically trained singer. He has been a fly fisher for 30 years and loves being so close to all the terrific fisheries we have in and around Spokane. Favorite local waters include the St Joe, Rock Creek, the CdA and several of the lakes around Spokane. He has been an active member of the club for about 10 years and was Treasurer from 2018-2020. He and his wife, Becky, have two grown children.

**Brian Desautels board position 1** – grew up as part of a fishing family in Michigan, spin-casting and trolling the smaller lakes of Michigan's northern lower peninsula and those of Northern Ontario. He's an Eagle scout and in the summer after college, he turned salmon in canneries on Kodiak Island and learned basic fly-fishing at the mouths of tributaries to Resurrection Bay near Seward. For the next 30 years, he owned his own business as an HR consultant and raised his family. Now retired, he has renewed his love of the outdoors and for fly fishing.

**Bill Millsbaugh Position 2** – is a Spokane native and graduated from Lewis and Clark high school. He is an avid saltwater, freshwater and trophy fisherman. He returned to Spokane after being gone for 26 years. He joined the SFF in 2021, started fly fishing in 2022 and has enjoyed the camaraderie and technique development from the members. His favorite outing has been the St. Joe trip the summer of 2022. He looks forward to giving back to the SFF.

**Chris Bryant position 3** – is a 64 yr. old Spokane Native living in the Spokane Valley. Married father of 2 adult children and 2 adult step-children and 3 grandchildren. Chris works as the Electrical and Safety Administrator as well as shop supervisor for a local System Integration

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Company. Chris loves being outdoors, where he enjoys fly fishing, camping and hiking as well as fly tying. Chris is looking forward to retirement and that event currently is scheduled for noon the day of his funeral.

**Dave Marshall** Sgt at arms – has been a club member and AV Chairman for many years. He helps with the Fly Fishing School and many other tasks as needed. Dave is a fly tyer and fly designer, many of us have used his patterns. He will continue to help the SFF where needed.

**Chet Allison** Past President – 47 years of fly tying and fly fishing has kept him busy. Helped build the SFF from the ground up as membership chairman from 1977 to 1981 and other jobs as needed for the first 5 years of building the SFF club. Fishing the Spokane River with nymphs and stoneflies as well as fishing lakes with dry flies, nymphs and buggers are all enjoyable in his spare time.



# The eighth annual statewide Trout Derby is almost here!



## Have fun, catch fish, win big

### Get started

Visit the derby information page for a list of participating lakes.

[Derby information page](#)

### Fish on!

Catch a winning derby trout with a blue DFW tag attached near its fin and keep the tag to claim your prize.

**The 2023 Trout Derby will officially open April 22 at more than 100 stocked lakes and run through Oct. 31. Over 90 participating businesses are offering 872 donated prizes valued at more than \$41,500. The average prize value is up to about \$48, which is an increase of more than \$20 from when the derby started.**

### Redemption

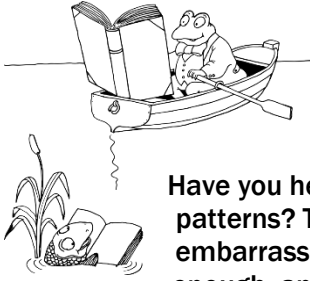
Next take your tag to the business you were provided or follow the instructions to redeem your prize.

### Prize time

You can claim your prize by filling out the form for a winning fish at [wdfwderby.com](http://wdfwderby.com). You'll need the tag number, lake, date of catch, and your contact info.



**Getting started** in the derby is easy: The derby is open to anyone with a valid 2023 fishing license, though temporary licenses are not valid for game fish species from April 22-29. There is no entrance fee or registration required. You just catch a tagged trout anytime between April 22 and Oct. 31 and you win. Plus, children age 14 and under fish free!



# Education Committee

By Ken Moore

Have you heard the term match the hatch? Suggestive, imitative, stimulator, or attractor patterns? Take a trip to a fly shop and stare at the bins of flies for a while, and to prevent embarrassment, we just walk out the same door we entered. Fly fishing is intimidating enough, and when it comes to purchasing flies, it can be -well, a bit daunting. This article is for the new fly fisher preparing to make their first purchase or looking to add patterns to their fly box. There are thousands of fly patterns to choose from, and since you have to start somewhere, I recommend you start with these seven patterns. The patterns work exceptionally well in our lakes and streams, even worldwide, as they elicit strikes.

1. **Wolly Bugger, Size 8 in black or olive with a bead head or cone.** Who knows what this fly imitates? It could be a leach, dragonfly, or stonefly nymph. The action that the fly imparts elicits strikes from trout. Fish it in a lake or stream by itself or with a trailing nymph like the Pheasant tail (see below); it makes a tasty morsel for fish, which is what this sport is about.
2. **Pats Rubber legs, Size 8/10 in darker colors back, brown, olive, or black/tan**  
This fly is a delivery system to get to the bottom of the river fast. It imitates stone flies and resides in all of my fly boxes. Fun fact, when guides and fly shops place orders with manufacturers, this fly is often the first fly sold out. The Pats Rubber legs could also be paired with a trailing nymph if you choose.
3. **Pheasant tail, size 14-18 (with flashback), with or without a bead head.**  
A common nymph that works in local waters; a substitute would be the **Prince Nymph**. I purchase these two flies in sizes 16-20
4. **Hares Ear (Bead head Flashback Gold Ribbed Hares Ear), size 14-16.** The Hares Ear has been around for decades and is as relevant today as the day it was introduced—an excellent fly to imitate Callibaetis and Mayflies in lakes or streams. The name of this fly tells you the construction pattern if you were a fly tier. The sparkle of the flashback is added for attraction, and the gold ribbing is to imitate segmentation found on a nymph. Any Hares Ear pattern with or without a bead head will work for attracting trout.

## Top water flies:

5. **Chubby Chernobyl, size 10, Golden/ yellow pattern.**  
This sizeable dry fly imitates Stone, Salmon, Skwala, Golden Stone flies, and even grasshoppers. You can tie a trailing nymph underneath to fish, a strategy called dry-dropper. It floats well and is easy to see on the water. This fly comes in many body colors, and I recommend purchasing many of these variants. Brown, olive, black, red, and purple will work any day. The Micro Chubby Chernobyl is also available as an additional choice for purchase later. Size 14 would be a good size for the Micro Chubby Chernobyl.
6. **Parachute Adams with a post (white or pink), size 14 or 16, in gray or tan.** The purpose of the post is to allow you to see the fly on the water quickly. The **Purple Haze** pattern of this fly is very effective on our local waters. You must add floatant to keep this fly and the next on top of the water.
7. **Elk Hair Caddis, size 14, in tan or olive.**  
The caddis is an excellent choice to fish in the afternoon and late evenings as the nymph emerges to its adult stage on our lakes and streams.

So, there you have it, seven fly patterns that will fit in the palm of your hand. Flies are a never-ending expense to this sport. You will lose your flies in the trees, the bottom of the river, and even the trout of a lifetime. Enjoy!



## SFF Library's Book of the Month

### DYNAMIC Nymphing

by George Daniel  
Stackpole Books, 2011

*Reviewed by Kevin Brannon*

George Daniel is probably best known as a leading US exponent of the “tight line” or “contact” nymph fishing technique commonly called Euronymphing. Before his video tutorials became ubiquitous on YouTube, he wrote this book, which laid out Czech, Polish, French and Spanish nymphing techniques for the first time to a general American fly fishing audience. But the book also provides comprehensive instruction in the traditional methods of fishing with nymphs on a tight line pioneered by George Harvey and Joe Humphreys in early and middle 1900s as well as “suspension nymphing” – fishing a nymph suspended under a buoyant dry fly or strike indicator (such as a Thingamabobber))

When I use the word “comprehensive” here, I’m not exaggerating. Daniel attempts to cover everything – from choice of rods and reels to rigging lines, leaders, tippets and indicators to casting to fly placement to presentation to fly patterns – all customized for a long list of specialized stream conditions and nymphing methods. This compacts a lot of information into the book’s 248 pages, which are illustrated with step-by-step color photographs and excellent line drawings. The result is a dense book with much to teach and no words to waste. It does not lend itself to casual skimming. Better to read this book normally once, then go back and carefully parse the well-organized chapters that cover the topics of most interest to you. For the chapters on casting, it would probably be ideal to have access to a rigged flyrod and some casting space if, like me, the printed word isn’t the best way for you to learn a kinetic skill like fly casting.

The book begins with the author explaining why we should bother nymphing at all. As one who took a while to move on from the mindset of, “if I’m gonna get skunked, I’ll get skunked on a dry fly,” this was a good reminder that the trout’s prey spends most of its time under water and fish get most of their calories there. He then discusses how streams are “dynamic” systems with confused and confusing currents and flows always in flux. Recognizing this, he makes the excellent point that fishers should learn and employ various techniques so they can adjust to differing conditions and get the fly to a place where a trout can find and eat it. He also defends competitive fly fishing which is something many of us are not positive about. Maybe the best argument Daniel makes for it is that, like auto racing teams, competitive fishers test and adopt new things (like tungsten beadhead nymphs) and introduce them to the rest of us.

After extolling the virtues of simplifying our array of gear, Daniel describes some fairly complicated formulae for the leaders, tippets and indicators (both suspension and in-line sighter types) for various streamside situations. One suggestion I was convinced to take is to tie up several different tippet/fly rigs and carry them onstream to allow faster changes.

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He does a good job explaining the value and use of tippet rings, another Euronymphing innovation that can be adapted to other styles of fishing.

The book then moves into a discussion of casting, focused on tricks for getting weighted nymphs into the water upstream of where the fish are thought to be and sinking to the desired depth in as short a time as possible. One misconception about Euronymphing is that it takes casting out of the gameplan in favor of simply lobbing weight into the water as with a spinning rod. As Daniel explains, it's quite a bit more sophisticated than that and he fairly simply describes how to adapt basic fly casting techniques to the use of monofilament line and weighted nymphs.

In the next chapter, he describes several specialized casts, such the venerable tuck cast for getting a nymph to drop straight down into the water with enough slack to get it to the bottom before the current can grab it and drag it downstream. He follows up with methods for casting nymph rigs for longer and shorter distances (where the lob cast actually is used), and more specialized situations. These sections are particularly well organized – the casting techniques are combined with the choices of fly and fishing tactics (dead drift v. lifting v. active retrieve, for example) with which they are used.

This chapter on tight line methods is followed by a very good chapter about fishing nymphs suspended under a floating indicator, which keeps the nymphs at a constant depth below the water surface. Interestingly, this method is illegal in competitive fly fishing, which is why Euronymphing developed there. The author chides some of his European and Eastern fishing friends who express disdain for such “bobber fishing,” pointing out that many large western rivers cannot be effectively fished by a wading Euronympher casting 20-40 feet into fast currents. While I would hesitate to recommend some parts of this book to a novice, this chapter on suspension nymphing is useful for fishers of any experience level who want to learn or improve on their skills with dry dropper or floating indicator methods.

Chapter 6 on nymph patterns is also very good. Daniel generally advocates for carrying a smaller variety of generalist, impressionistic patterns rather than a wide variety of flies tied to precisely imitate particular hatches. Included are photos and recipes for 72 fly patterns mostly following this preference. These flies can be tied quickly, reducing the investment lost when nymphs snagged and broken off as nymphs unavoidably are.

The final three chapters cover methods for approaching specialized situations: pocketwater, riffles, runs, pools, high water, muddy water, low water, small brushy streams, etc. One of my favorite bits from this section of the book is the clear instruction (with great photos) of two variations of the bow and arrow cast. I admit I have never actually seen this done and wondered if it was just a party trick. Still, maybe I'll try to figure it out because...well, why not?

And that, for me, sums up the best reason to read “Dynamic Nymphing.” Even if you have no intention of shelling out the cash to buy a long, 3 weight rod and the other gear you might need to begin Euronymphing, George Daniel gives us a lot of ideas to play around with in this book, many of which are applicable to any style of nymphing and some of which just seem like fun things to try.

## Membership News – May '23



Looking at the data below, you will see that we have once again continued to increase our membership, with **1 new member** this month (as of April 15). We have had **102 new members since May last year**, so we are doing great.

### Statistics as of 4/15/23

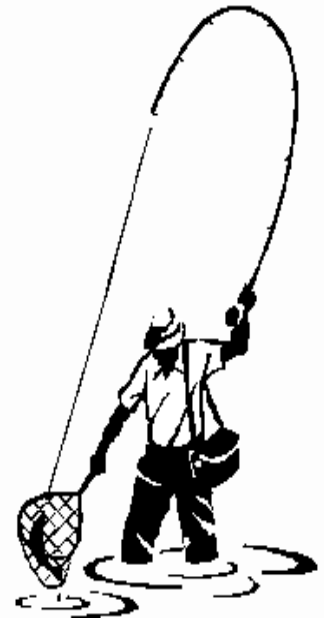
Current Paying members (inc. Fly School)	183
Accounts on Lifetime Billing	25
Accounts on free membership	32
Accounts Past Due	0
<b>All Members as of 3/15/23</b>	<b>240</b>

### New Members as of 4/15/23

**Kristopher James**

Over **60%** of our members are now new since the Pandemic hit us..

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, looking forward to seeing you at the Club Picnic on **May 13**. (there is no regular meeting this month).



One of the most important things about being a member of the SFF is your opportunity to contribute to the health and value of the club, by contributing your time and energy to the advancement of our club goals. This club has a very strong focus on Fly Fishing education, Advancement of the Fly Fishing impact on the environment, and development of the camaraderie and friendship of Spokane's Fly Fishers. You can't do that at home in your easy chair. There is always something to do for the club that will further our goals and your enjoyment. Join one of our many committees, offer to help at our meetings, our outings, or our special events. It will really be appreciated, and we think you will feel great after contributing. It is the best way to meet your fellow club members and develop friendships. Remember to attend our many Outings this Spring, Summer and Fall with your fellow club members.

I want to remind folks that the position of Chairman of the Membership Committee is still open. I am sitting in for this position temporarily, and there is a need to fill this position prior to September. You can contact me with any questions regarding this job at [spokaneflyfishersclub@gmail.com](mailto:spokaneflyfishersclub@gmail.com).

Doug Keene  
Acting Membership Committee Chairman

# Beginning Fly Tying Pattern

Euro Nymphs - CDC Red Tag

*Presented by Rolf Marsh*

**Materials:** (to Order Material, click the links below)



- Hook: [Firestick #551 #12-16](#)
- Thread: [Veevus 10/0, Black](#)
- Bead: [Slotted Silver or Gold Tungsten](#)
- Tail: [Danville Floss, Red](#)
- Rib: [Red Wire Brassie](#)
- Abdomen: [Red Fox Squirrel fur](#)
- Collar: [CDC Medium Gray Dun](#)
- Thorax: [Peacock Herl](#)

This pattern is attributed to Andy Larkin of Cobble Hill, Vancouver Island in British Columbia. Andy is an innovative fly tier and is also involved in competitive fly fishing. The pattern is also marketed by Fulling Mill using a design by Kieron Jenkins, who is a talented British fly tier and competitive angler for Great Britain. Currently, he is the manager of Digital Marketing at Fulling Mill. However, these patterns may have been adapted from Czech patterns that were used during fishing competitions prior to 2010 utilizing a red tag of craft fur, a peacock herl body, and a partridge soft hackle tied behind a gold bead. A similar pattern is the Blowtorch as tied by Devon Olsen and marketed by Umpqua Feather Merchants. Devin indicates that this pattern was instrumental in his 1st and 2nd places within the 2014 World Championships.



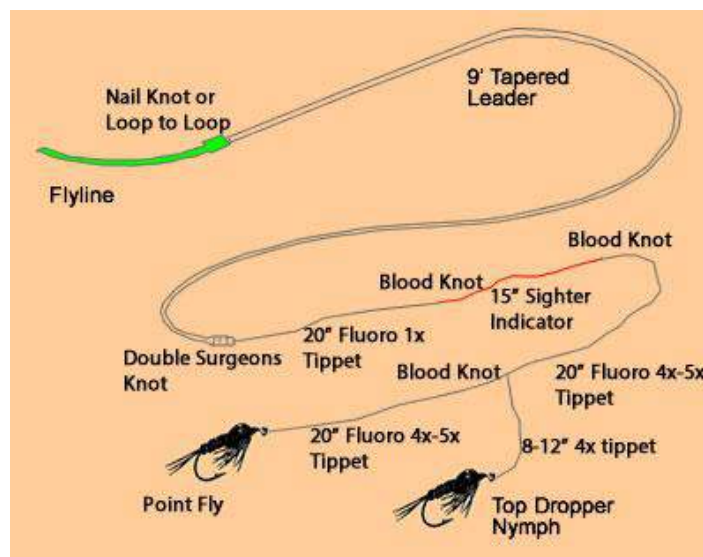
**Notes:** Euro Nymphs are generally a nymph with an oversized tungsten bead and some leadfree wire behind the bead. They are tied on wide gap competition style hooks, particularly jig hooks, utilizing a sparse amount of body materials. The focus of Euro Nymphs is to sink fast to the slower currents of the bottom and stay there throughout the drift. The patterns are tied with a broad range of bead sizes to accomodate a variety of water speeds, depths, and types of water. This chart will assist you in selecting the proper bead.

Hook Size	#10	#12	#14	#16	#18
Lighter Bead	3.3mm (1/8")	2.8mm (7/64")	2.3mm (3/32")	2.0mm (5/64")	1.5mm (1/16")
Medium Bead	3.8mm (5/32")	3.3mm (1/8")	2.8mm (7/64")	2.3mm (3/32")	2.0mm (5/64")
Heavy Bead	4.6mm (3/16")	3.8mm (5/32")	3.3mm (1/8")	2.8mm (7/64")	2.3mm (3/32")

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To keep track of the bead weight that is being used, some will color code their flies with a thread collar. Within the above chart, you could use Orange thread for the lighter beads, Red thread for the medium beads, and Dark Brown thread for the heavy beads. This will give you three weight possibilities for each hook size. Another method is to purchase a gram scale (0.01g accuracy). These scales cost only about \$20.00 and will give you an accurate weight for the nymph rig you use. I have many euro nymphs listed within the *Fly Fishing the Sierra* flybox such as **Egan's Iron Lotus**, **Rainbow Warrior**, and his **Frenchie**; **Walt's Worm**, **Olson's Blowtorch**, **Perdigon**, and **TP's Skinny Nelson**. These are streamlined and heavily weighted to reach the bottom fast. The patterns could represent mayfly or caddis nymphs or just an attractor. Other patterns such as weighted eggs, heavy stoneflies, weighted San Juan Worms or Squirmy Wormies and Mops are also used within the Euro nymph rig. The heaviest fly can be either as a point fly or a dropper depending on how you wish to present the rig within the water column. I like to keep my heaviest fly on the dropper so that both flies are bouncing off the bottom. 3 fly rigs often end up with a lot of control issues (tangles), so I try to stay with a simple 2 fly Euro rig. This is tightline nymphing. a 3 or 4 weight rod that is 10 to 11 feet long is ideal.

Below is an additional selection of Euro Nymphs to consider:



[Tying Instructions Found here](https://flyfishingthesierra.com/instredtag.htm)

<https://flyfishingthesierra.com/instredtag.htm>

# Intermediate/Advanced Fly Tying Pattern

Submitted by Rolf Marsh

## Balanced Leech

### Materials:

- Hook: [Daiichi 4660 size 6-8](#) or [Daiichi 4640 size 10-12](#)
- Thread: [Uni-thread 6/0, Black](#)
- Tail: [Black Marabou](#) with [Speck Copper Flashabou](#)
- Body: [Arizona Simi Seal, Blood Leech](#)
- Bead: [1/8" Tungsten Gold Bead](#) on [straight pin](#) lashed to hook.



Notes: The Balanced Leech came from the efforts of Jerry McBride of Spokane, Washington around 2005. Jerry looked for a way to suspend the hook in a horizontal position and was inspired by a discussion of lashing beadheads to hooks with pins in Leeson and Schollmeyer's Fly Tier's Benchside Reference (page 431). The Benchside discussion had bent the pin so that the bead was positioned above the shank and would turn the hook upside-down. Jerry kept the pin straight and extended beyond the eye of the hook so that the hook would not only ride upside down but also be balanced within a horizontal position. Pins worked great on small beadheads and hooks smaller than size 10.

Larger patterns, particularly those using coneheads, require a larger and heavier brad to suit the purpose. Jerry applied the "Balanced" concept to a number of stillwater beadhead patterns. Phil Rowley was instrumental in bringing popularity of the pattern to many anglers with his series of Balanced Leeches on You Tube.



The Mohair Leech pattern using Arizona Simi Seal became quite popular around 2005 with the many different colorations that John Rohmer developed. The materials have such a strong following that the pattern developed it's own name, the Simi Seal Leech. In addition, jig style hooks with either a 60 degree or 90 degree eye were starting to be utilized within the fly fishing community. Together, these hooks and materials work well to provide a larger Balanced Leech in sizes 4-10 for trophy lakes such as Crowley, Davis, and Pyramid. Sparkle Chenille, Angora Goat, along with some flash material such as Wing N' Flash will also provide excellent bodies for the Balanced Leech.

One popular pattern at Lake Pyramid is the Midnight Cowboy. Often you will find this tied with a Sparkle Chenille (Midnight Fire) having bits of Blue and Red mylar within the chenille. However, the pattern can also be tied with Black/Blue and Black/Red Simi Seal.

Click link for [Tying Instructions](#)

<https://flyfishingthesierra.com/instbalancedleech.htm>

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# It's almost Dues Paying /Time

(except for 2023 Fly School Students)

Well, it's getting close to that time again, the time all of us members need to get ready to pay our dues for the coming 2023/24 period. As usual, the club has managed to maintain the same dues rates, in spite of inflation, but we can only do that if everyone pays their dues on time.



You will be notified when your payment is due by email from the club. The email will likely come from our computer system, which will have an address from MembershipWorks, not SFF.

**Do not attempt to pay dues prior to receiving our payment due notice.**

Those who have pre-paid accounts (Lifetime members, Honorary Members, and those with Award paid memberships) will not receive payment notices.

In past years, the club has been kind of loose on late payments, with some of the members waiting until October to pay a dues bill that was due during the month of June. We can't do that anymore. We aren't a rich club, and we have a whole summer where our expenses continue, but there are no special events to help pay the bills. We need that income in the bank at the start of our fiscal year, the month of June, the start of Summer. If a payment is more than 30 days late, your membership will be cancelled. If payments tend to be late this coming year we will explore adding late payment fees in coming years. Its up to you folks.

So, when you receive our billing notice, please log into our web site at <https://spokaneflyfishers.com> and log in. **Make sure that you check the bottom of your profile and make sure that you have agreed to our new club liability waiver.** Then go to the button at the top right named **PAYMENT PORTAL**. Click it and go down to the bottom and click on the button titled **RENEW MEMBERSHIP**. and follow the directions to pay your dues. Remember that you can pay by credit card (preferred), or by check. You can make this choice on the payment form. If you pay by check, your payment will not be registered for you till we receive the check. It can take 1-2 weeks for checks to reach our Treasurer.

Checks are to be mailed to the main Spokane Fly Fishers address at:

Spokane Fly Fishers/ Dues  
PO Box 4141, Spokane, WA  
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## 023 Outings Schedule

## 2023 OUTINGS SCHEDULE

Date	Location	Host	Rating / Explanation
15-Apr	Twin Lakes (Upper and Lowr)	Steve Goodman	1 - Usually cold and windy
13-May	Clear Lake (in conjunction with Awards Picnic)	Craig Adams	1 - Can be Cool and Windy
13-May	SFF Awards Picnic	Chet Allison	1 - Can be Cool and Windy
27-May	Badger Lake 1-Fly Contest	Claude Kistler	1 - Float
23-25 - June	North Fork of Coeur D'Alene River Idaho	not open yet	2 - Wading
14 - 15 July	St. Joe Rive, Idaho	not open yet	1 - 3 Depending on Location
11-13 August	Kelly Creek / NF Clearwater, Idaho	not open yet	3 - Wade Access, Slick
6-Sep	Amber Lake	not open yet	1 - Float
15-17 - Sept	Long Lake (Ferry County)	not open yet	1 - Float
13-15 - Octobe	Dry Falls / Lenore Lakes	not open yet	1 - Float

See next page for Outings Rating Definitions  
See Detailed Outing Sheets Below.

# Outings Ratings

LEVEL	TYPE	RATINGS DESCRIPTION
1	Water:	Still water, easy access, may have windy conditions
	Operator:	Rookie to expert, First time pontoon/drift boat owners should start here. Float Tubes okay here only.
2	Water:	Still water: Limited access/River. Comfortable current, some obstacles and small rapids, easy wade.
	Operator:	Level 1 accomplished, First river outing with experienced mentor.
3	Water:	Still Water: Difficult access. River: Float, faster water, obstacles, rapids, sweepers. Wade: Difficult access, fast, slick rocks.
	Operator:	Level 2 accomplished and mastered. Good boat handling skills, can read water and react.
4	Water:	River: Faster water, changing conditions, heavy rapids, obstacles, braids, strong hydraulics, sweepers.
	Operator:	Level 3 accomplished and mastered. Excellent boat handling skills, can read river quickly and respond.
5	Water:	River: Complex water, changing hydraulics and river path. Complex rapids, falls, scouting recommended.
	Operator:	Expert boat handler with a lot of experience in complex hydraulic situations. Must be able to read and react immediately and correctly.

## IMPORTANT NOTE

Each time a boat operator enters a new level for the first time it is recommended they go with an experienced mentor at that level.

## MENTORS.....

When signing up for outings note the rating assigned to the waters. If you have any questions about the waters and the rating, contact the host of the outing or the Outings Committee Chairman (John Hudson at [jhcutbow@comcast.net](mailto:jhcutbow@comcast.net) or call him at (509 413-7482).

A mentor can be provided to aid in negotiating new waters and help to make your outing experience enjoyable.

# CLEAR LAKE, OUTING

## May 13, before the Picnic

**Dates:** May 14, 2022

**Start:** 8:00 AM (Fishing)

**Outings Host:** Craig Adams

**Directions:** East or West bound on I-90, take Exit 264 (Cheney/ Medical Lakes Exit) and go north. Turn Right (100feet) onto Clear Lake Road on the North side of I-90. The US Air Force Clear Lake Recreation Area is clearly marked at the corner of Clear Lake and Salnave Rd. The Recreation Area is then just a short distance down Clear Lake Road on the left. Drive past the open sliding access gate down to the parking lot and boat ramp. Please launch boats expeditiously and clear the ramp area. Pontoon boats/float tubes can be unloaded to the left of the ramp.



**Parking:** A Discover Pass or Vehicle Access Pass is NOT required.

**Sign-In:** Please sign in so we know who has attended this event

**Special Note:** This is a great opportunity to get out and fish a local lake and enjoy the camaraderie of club members. You can fish for a couple of hours prior to the club picnic. There is a boat launch if you have a boat or you can launch your pontoon boat/float tube right at the beach area at the main office pavilion. The WDFW Spokane Kids Fishing Day will be held here the week prior so the likelihood of lots of fish in this area will be great. It has in the past! This outing is conducted in conjunction with the Annual Awards Picnic which begins at 11AM.

**Flies:** Some popular flies for this lake are the: Any Stillwater pattern will work here. Try some of our favorites: Rickards Stillwater Nymph. Beadhead Wooly Bugger Olive, Sz 14 -10 Olive/Black/Brown/Wine, Sz 12 - 8. Carey Special (traditional) Six Pack (traditional) Sz 12 - 8 Sz 12 - 8. Olive Willy's (traditional) Sz 12- 8

**ADVANCED SIGN UP REQUIRED: Sign up is online. Go to <https://spokaneflyfishers.com>. Log in. Go to "Events". Go down the page to Clear Lake Outing and click the image. Select the blue type Waiver and Liability link, read waiver and click "OK" and Go down to sign up form and sign up. You are done.**

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# SFF ANNUAL AWARDS PICNIC

**MAY 13TH - 11:00 AM**

Host: Chet Allison



Come out to the Fairchild AFB Recreation Area at Clear Lake for our year-end potluck picnic and annual awards presentation. Food, friends, and fun promise to be the theme for this year's event. We have reserved a covered pavilion next to the water's edge just in case it rains. There will be games for all, even a long distance casting competition for those who are up to the challenge.

Cost is **\$5.00** per family (or single person) and payable the day of the picnic. Our club is providing burgers, brats, hot dogs and soft drinks. Feel free to bring other beverages of your choice. Please bring a potluck side dish, salad or dessert according to the following plan:

Last Name:

A - G Salads

H - O Desserts

P - Z Side Dish

This is a family friendly event so bring your spouse and the kids and enjoy the beautiful lake.

There will be a signup sheet at the April meeting. Or sign up online on our web page.

**Directions:** East or West bound on I-90, take Exit 264 (Cheney/ Medical Lakes Exit) and go north. Turn Right (100feet) onto Clear Lake Road on the North side of I-90. The US Air Force Clear Lake Recreation Area is clearly marked at the corner of Clear Lake and Salnave Rd. The Recreation Area is then just a short distance down Clear Lake Road on the left. Drive past the open sliding access gate down to the parking lot and boat ramp. Please launch boats expeditiously and clear the ramp area. Pontoon boats/float tubes can be unloaded to the left of the ramp.

All members are encouraged to attend the picnic. There will be a sign-up sheet at the April meeting for those not registered online..

If you have any questions, contact Chet Allison at (509) 362-5320

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# BADGER LAKE OUTING – ONE FLY CONTEST

**Date:** May 27, 2023

**Host:** Bill White

**Check In:** 9:00am

**Directions:** Badger Lake is located south of Cheney. From Spokane take I-90 West to Cheney Exit #270. Go through Cheney and look for South Cheney Plaza Road and turn left. Follow the road about 10 miles until you reach Williams Lake Road. Turn right. Follow the road until you see Badger Lake Road. Turn right again and you will see the lake on your right. Follow the road until you see the public access/boat ramp sign on your right. Turn right down the dirt road and you will see the access area. Restrooms will be on your right when you get to the upper parking area.



**Parking:** **Discover Pass or Vehicle Access Pass required.**

**Sign In:** Register on the club's website – [spokaneflyfishers.com](http://spokaneflyfishers.com) (Events)

**Entry Fee:** \$10.00

**One Fly Rules:** Register the fly you plan on using (don't lose it). You can re-tie, alter and even fish it on a different rig. Keep track of the number of fish landed between 10:00am and 1:00pm. Make note of the largest fish for a tie breaker. We'll be on the honor system and will be awarding prizes to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners.

**Flies:** Olive Willy (size 12–14), Damsel Dragon Fly, 6 Pack, Doc Spratley (size 10-12), Balanced Leech (size 12-14), Olive and Black Wooly Buggers (size 6-8), Chironomids – Snow Cone or any other type (size 16-20) Red and Black.

**Lake Updates:** Silver Bow (509) 924-9998, Sportsman's Warehouse have weekly updates.

**Food:** Food and Beverages will be provided.

**One Fly Reporting:** Reporting will take place between 1:00pm and 1:30pm. **ALSO**...you will be required to sign an Aquatic Insect Species" statement at this outing (Yes/No) if boat/trailer used outside of Washington State in the last 30 days.

**ADVANCED SIGN UP REQUIRED:** Sign up is online. Go to <https://spokaneflyfishers.com>. Log in. Go to "Events". Go down the page to Badger Lake Outing and click the image. Go down to sign up form and sign up. You are done.

# NF Couer D'Alene River Outing 2023

**Date :** June 23 - 25

**Host:** Ken Babin [KBabin9@gmail.com](mailto:KBabin9@gmail.com) Home telephone 208-263-2296 and cell phone 208-946-1743. Contact Ken for any questions you might have about this outing.

**Check in Date and Check In and Out Time:** On Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> check in no earlier than noon and check out on Sunday the 25 no later than 3 pm.



This is an outing with very limited space for attendees. This is not like our previous CD river outings. No band, and no big barbecue. This is a more traditional club fishing outing. There is no charge for this outing. On this outing only we are limiting attendees. We are imposing a limit of 10 tents and five large RV's. It is suggested that the RV should not be longer than 25 ft and be self-contained. RV's longer than 25 feet may have trouble maneuvering. All RV's must be self-contained. This is a first come first serve space outing. This is because of the limits of the free space that we have use for this outing, If you register and the number is over the limits you could try and camp at the National Forest camp ground. Camp spots nearby for overflow camping. We will put you on a waiting list.

Porta potties will be available for use by all campers. There is potable water where you can fill small containers.

**Recommended Flies:** Blue winged olives, pale morning duns, brown drakes, green drakes' size 12 to 14. Golden stones size 10-12, yellow sallies 12-14. Tan caddis 12-14. Pheasant tail and copper johns 12-14. Flashback nymphs in green and purple size 16.

**Directions :** I-90 east to Idaho exit 43 (Kingston exit). At the exit stop sign take a left crossing the I-90 overpass heading north. Continue on the Coeur d'Alene River Road (stay on the main road) ...some GPS have you turn off the main road) for 20.5 miles to the property on your left with the SFF sign. The address is 20505 Coeur d'Alene River Road. There will be a white club banner next to the gate where you turn in. There is also an additional site for camping just beyond the first camping area.

**Food:** The club will provide meat for Saturday night dinner. Dinner is potluck. Last names A-H Starches, I-O bring salads, and P-Z bring desserts. Paper plates, napkins, and plastic utensils will be provided. Drinks will be BYOB of your own choosing.

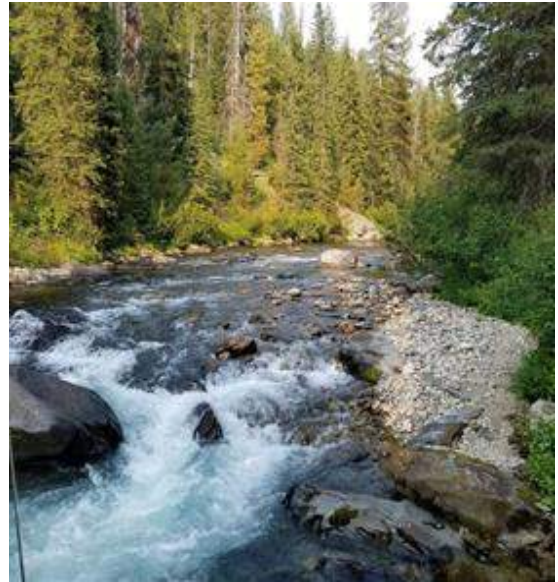
**ADVANCED SIGN UP REQUIRED:** Sign up is online. Go to <https://spokaneflyfishers.com>. Log in. Go to "Events". Go down the page to Coeur d'Alene river outing and click the image. Go down to sign up form, click on the Waiver-Release link read and OK the release, and sign up. You are done. If you find you're unable to come, please take your sign up off the list so some else can come to replace you.

# St. Joe River Outing 2023

Dates: July 14-16, 2023

**Host:** Alicia & Ken Moore

**Directions #1:** There are two main ways to reach St. Joe & Fly Flat Campground. Easiest & longest is via St. Maries, ID. Take Dishman-Mica Road south to the intersection of WA-27. Turn right takes you to the sign to “Rockford” where you take a left (Emma St) into Rockford. Go a short distance; take a right onto to WA-278 S. which takes you into Idaho, & the road now becomes ID-58E. You will later merge onto US-95 S to Plummer, ID. Entering Plummer you will see “St. Maries/I-5E” sign, turn left onto Cedar St & remain on I-5E.



You enter St. Maries on I-5E [It is highly recommend you fill up your car with gas in St. Maries.] which becomes Main St. Turn right on 4<sup>th</sup>, go one block turn left onto College St. & look for the sign to “Harrison,” & turn left onto 3<sup>rd</sup> St which becomes ID-3. Cross over the St. Joe River, go until you see the sign to “Avery,” turn right & stay on St. Joe River Road to Avery. Allow time to stop at “The Idaho Fly Fishing Company” in Avery for a sandwich or ice cream and pick up a few flies. Licenses are available across the road at Sheffey’s Store as is soda, beer, ice and pricey gas! The Fly Flat Campground is about 30 miles from Avery on St. Joe River Rd. Turn right across the bridge on Red Ives Rd. 218 and go 3.4 miles to campground.

**Directions #2:** Take I-90 to St. Regis, MT, & head over the mountain. Get gas & a fishing license at Cantrell’s Fly Shop, just north of town. Exit freeway & take a left to the four-way. Left again & go about a mile to Little Joe RD. Left again for 28 miles, left just past mile marker #77. The 14 mile Montana side is gravel that can get a bit rough and dusty.

**Campsite:** Fly Flat CG has 14 sites suitable for tents & small-medium trailers. Some have CAREFULLY maneuvered larger RV’s & 5th wheelers. Two well maintained outhouses & a pump with sometimes cloudy, but potable water. Please be prepared to share camp sites as we can get cozy with all the folks on this outing. Look for the club banner.

Mosquitoes are always a possibility, be prepared with repellents if they bother you.

There is a chance that we won’t be able to find room at Fly Flat as there are no reservations available. In this case we’ll be spreading out to one of the nearby campsites in the neighborhood.

**Sign-In:** Please make sure you sign the club’s waiver form when you arrive.

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**Flies:** The "Joe" is a fine cutthroat fishery with fish ranging from 8-18 inches. Primarily a dry fly fishery, nymphs can also be very successful. Size can be an important factor with insects smaller in size at this time of year.

Many patterns will work on the St. Joe. Presentation is often more important than the specific fly chosen. Drag free drift will provide the greatest number of opportunities.

Flies in the size range of: 14's, 16's, 18's are good choices unless otherwise noted.

**Choices:** Elk Hair Caddis in tan; Adams; Parachute Adams; Purple Haze Parachutes; Yellow Sallies; Comparadun's Tan, Olive; Stimulators 10, 12, 14; yellow, orange; Humpies in tan, red, orange; Turk's Tarantula's 10,12,14 tan, olive, grey with a small nymph dropper; Swing soft hackles during evening, there are many choices. Don't overlook Hoppers, yellow, tan, Joe's Hoppers, Ants in black, Bees, size 12,14, Rusty Spinners, Beatles, Foam flies; Chubby Chernobyl's, Royal Trudes, Royal Wulffs and more.

**Lake/River Report Updates:** Silverbow (924-9998) website has weekly updates on the Joe, along with recommended flies.

**Special Note:** This is a great chance for the novice fisher, as cuts are always hungry & we will have plenty of "experts" available. It is a relatively easy river for wading & it should be warm enough, but always bring a variety of clothing. The river is cool in the early morning and waders are often worn. However during the day "wet" wading is very popular as it can be hot out.

**Meals:** To be announced. Host will update.

**ADVANCED SIGN UP REQUIRED:** Sign up is online. Go to <https://spokaneflyfishers.com>. Log in. Go to "Events". Go down the page to St Joe Outing and click the image. Go down to sign up form and sign up. You are done. Make sure you have signed the online Waiver-Release Form.



# 2023 Kelly Creek Outing

**Date** August 11-13

**Host:: John Hudson** [JHCutbow@comcast.net](mailto:JHCutbow@comcast.net) ( preferred method of contact). Cell #509-413-7482.

Check in upon arrival, and leave at your leisure.

**Directions:** There are two ways to get there one via I-90 to Superior, Mt then over Hoodoo Pass on forest service roads. The other way is through Orofino, ID. To Pierce then on the forest road. This is the longer way but the road is usually better. It's a washboard road either way you come to the campsite. It will take 4 to 6 hours to get there depending on what type of rig you're in. I tow a 25.5 foot fifth wheel and have no problems with access.



**Special Note:** If you are unfamiliar with an outing location, be sure to have a paper map with you, along with these instructions. Smartphone apps like Waze and Google maps are great, but don't rely on them 100% as there is no service anywhere near your destination.

**Campsite:** We will be camping at Kelly Forks Campground which is the confluence of Kelly Creek and the North Fork of the Clearwater River. Good water and clean restrooms with shady campsites. Tents and light or smaller trailers are the norm. Reservations have not been required for the last couple of years but it might not be a good idea since post covid activity may be higher.

**Flies:** Parachute Adams size 16-18, Purple Haze size 16-18, Elk hair Caddis size 12-14. Red ants, and Hoppers Deer or Elk hair preferred. Bring an assortment-every year varies.

**Meals:** Meat provided by the club. Potluck on Saturday night potluck A-F bring desserts, G-N bring side dishes, and O-Z bring salads.

**ADVANCED SIGN UP REQUIRED:** Sign up is online. Go to <https://spokaneflyfishers.com>. Log in. Go to "Events". Go down to the page to Kelly Creek Outing and click the image. Go down to sign up form, click on the Waiver-Release link read and OK the release, and sign up. You are done.

# 2023 Amber Lake Afternoon Float

**Date:** September 6, 2023

**Host:** Claude Kistler

**Check In:** 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

**Directions:** Take I-90W and take exit #270 to Cheney. Go through Cheney & at the end of town look for MULLINIX RD (sign on your left) and take MULLINIX Road. Continue on Mullinix for about 10 miles to Pine Springs Road. TURN RIGHT and drive along until you find a small AMBER LAKE sign. Turn left here & follow the dirt road to the parking lot. Drive down the hill to unload your boat. But you must park in the parking lot



**Parking:** A WA DISCOVER PASS is required.

**Food:** Food or Drinks are the responsibility of the angler.

**Sign In:** Each member is required to sign the club's online waiver form. . The Host will be at the launch with releases and a pen for non-members attending with a member.

**Lake Updates:** Contact Silver Bow (924 9998) or visit their website to view weekly updates on area lakes along with recommended flies.

**Recommended Set Up:** Rod (5wt or 6wt). Floating line. RIO In-Touch Deep 3 or Deep 6 sinking lines. Leader 3x. Tippet Mono or Fluorocarbon (3x, 4x). 5 or 6 wt. floating line may be used also for dry fly or shallow nymph fishing.

**Recommended Flies:** Chironomids, Woolly or Conehead Buggers. Damsel fly or Dragon Fly nymphs may work too.

**NOTE:** Amber Lake is surrounded by private land, there is very little opportunity to shore fish. Float Tubes, Pontoons, or light boats are best. Also, NO GAS MOTORS

**ADVANCED SIGN UP REQUIRED:** Sign up is online. Go to <https://spokaneflyfishers.com>. Log in. Go to "Events". Go down the page to Amber Outing and click the image. Go down to sign up form, click on the Waiver-Release link read and OK the release, and sign up. You are done.

# Long Lake, Ferry County Outing 2023

**Date:** September 15 – 17, 2023

**Host:** Larry Ray

**Directions:** Access: 7.5 miles south of Republic on Hwy. 21; turn west on paved Road 53/Scatter Creek Road and continue on until you see the Fish Lake/Long Lake sign. Turn left onto unpaved Road 400 for ½ mile. Signs mark the trail head. Trail ends at Road 400. Fishing opportunities exist along the trail. Note: DO NOT stop at the first lake on road 400 - it is Fish Lake and it is fishless!



Continue on for several hundred more yards until you see the Long Lake campground entrance on your right.

**Boating and Fishing Information:** Long Lake has a boat launch. Fly fishing only. Motorized boats are permitted. This is a small, deep lake that is ideal for novice fly fishers. The lake has a healthy population of west slope cutthroat. The fishing locations are varied, with weeded shallows, small flats with gravel/mud bottoms, and sheer drop-offs along scree slides. Evenings after warmer days can result in wonderful hatches, with fish taking dries merely inches out from the scree shorelines, as well as over the flats. During the midday hours, trolling small streamers behind a sink-tip or full-sinking line can be productive. While fishing here I have been visited by loons (which pop up at boatside (making a mockery of the “keep your distance...” sign on shore), beaver, mink, bald eagles, and ospreys. I’ve also seen big-horn sheep on the mountain sides bordering the lake. Novices can practice unhindered fly casting on a gravel beach, catching fish while they learn! A wonderful fishing site made all the better by the forgiving west slope cutts.

**Campgrounds & Lodging:** Maintained by the US Forest Service, Long Lake’s campgrounds provide hand water pumps, bear-proof trash containers, fire grills, picnic tables, and well-maintained handicap accessible toilets. There are 12 tent and trailer sites available. For non-campers, motel accommodations are available nearby in Republic and Curlew, Washington.

**Sign In:** Please check in with the host, and make sure you have signed the club’s waiver form.

**Flies:** This is a good lake for the old standards! Dries: Elk Hair Caddis, Humpies, Adams, Light Cahills or similar, in sizes 10 – 16. Wets: Hare’s Ears, Pheasant Tails, damsel nymphs, Olive Willies, and scud patterns, sizes 10 -14, near the weedy areas. Streamers: small leeches and woolly buggers in black, olive, and brown. I tie a woolly with a peacock hurl body, furnace/brown hackle, and a hot-orange marabou tail that is a real taker. Also, a scud with a fluorescent-pink chenille body and a hurl shellback, has been another taker when there is no apparent activity on the water.

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**Lake Updates:** Republic Sports Shop, 8 Creamery Rd. (behind hardware store) 509-775-3040 (Gary) has fly fishing gear and info on local lakes. Sales & Service LLC, 16278 N. Hwy 21, 775-3040 (Gordy) sells some fishing, as well as outdoor gear.

**ADVANCED SIGN UP REQUIRED:** Sign up is online. Go to <https://spokaneflyfishers.com>. Log in. Go to “Events”. Go down the page to Long Lake Outing and click the image. Go down to sign up form and sign up. Don't forget to sign the online Waiver-Release Form (blue type). You are done.

You may also call Larry Ray, the outing host, at 425-299-1488, or email him at [hoodnfly@aol.com](mailto:hoodnfly@aol.com).

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## Note: Dry Falls and Lake Lenore Outing details will be listed in the September Barbless Flyer

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**Dry Falls Lake**



**Lake Lenore**



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



## Get Going on the SFF Blog/Forum!

Since we have a number of new members in the club now, probably a good idea to remind them, and the rest of you, that 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 **110 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 **220 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. There were 14 new entries during the last month, so check them out.

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Lastly, warmer months are coming, and fishing again, so contact other members on the forum and talk with them, and plan outings, and learn some things by getting on the forum and contributing. **No mask required, you don't have to be vaxxed, and its FREE.** No excuses left. The club is opening up 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:**

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# The SFF Web Pages and YOU!

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



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

Well, it has a lot to do with every member of the club going forward. The website is a lot more than a pretty way to present 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

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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.



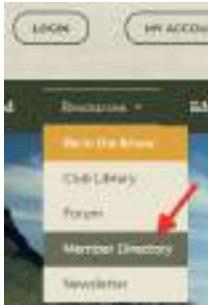
If you didn't log in yet, please do it immediately, as it is important that you verify the information on this site that we have recorded for your name, address, email, phone numbers, etc. Logging in also assures that you have a personal password for getting into the members only part of the site going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

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

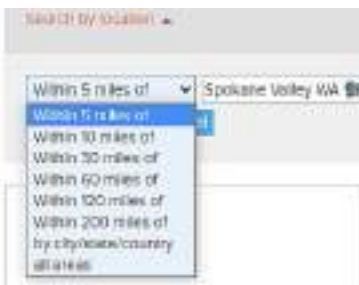
The directory that is now available to all members on the website has the same information and is now available on your computer, your laptop, your pad, or your cell phone for instant access anywhere you are. Also, every member can now change his or her information whenever they want. So, if you move,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

## Member Directory

You may search for first or last name here



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



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

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

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## SFF Information

### NEW OFFICERS for 2023/24

President:	Craig Adams
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Secretary:	Larry Ray
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Board Position 2:	Bill Millspaugh
Board Position 3:	Chris Bryant
Past President:	Chet Allison
Sgt. At Arms:	David Marshall

### COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Programs:	Kevin Brannon
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Publications.:	Doug Keene
Conservation:	Ken Moore
Outings:	Paul Olsen
Education:	Claude Kistler
Membership:	Doug Keene (acting)
Fly Fishing School:	Claude Kistler, Paul Olsen
Librarian:	Larry Ray
PHW Contact:	George Foster
FFI Liaison:	Len Ziegler
Beg. Fly Tying:	Chet Allison
Int. Fly Tying:	Brad Collins
A/V Coordinator:	David Marshall

### 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.

Normal 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).

**This Month (May) we do not have a normal meeting but will be having our end of fiscal year Annual Picnic at Clear Lake at the USAF Facility on the lake. See details on the front page.**

### SFF Contact Info

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

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