



The Barbless Flyer

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



Speaker of the Month

Nationally Recognized Author Jon Tobey to Speak at the September 13th Membership Meeting

Presented by Kevin Brannon, Vice President, and Program Chair



Have you ever stopped to consider what would happen if you discovered that a run of huge, albino steelhead inhabited a stream flowing under the leaky basement of the house you just bought? Or the life changing results of taking your first unauthorized afternoon off from your job in 23 years, to stop at a creek where your father had shown you a humongous (and, apparently, immortal) brown trout then learning that your spouse had removed your fly rod from the car trunk where you'd always kept it? You haven't? Yeah, neither had I, until I came across some stories written by this month's speaker, Seattle author, Jon Tobey.

Jon says, "I don't write about fly fishing, so much as I use it as a backdrop against which I project many other genres. That is because almost all of my stories come out of dreams." His fellow author, Mike Sepelak speculates that "just before he puts his head to his pillow, Mr. Tobey wolfs down a generous portion of blowtorch curry and chases it with a double shot of absinthe, bequeathing upon him the most outlandish of dreams..... There is no other way he comes up with this stuff. None." Whatever his creative process may be, as author Mark Hoffman has said, "Jon Tobey's fishing tales are stocked with oddball characters, bizarre plot twists and unforgettable quips, often with a hard-drinking, fast-talking protagonist and a rambunctious Rottweiler as comic wag." I purposely have not asked Jon what he plans to read for us, but it seems safe to say we won't be hearing about the killer new fly or places where the fish are as big as your leg. At least none of that exists in the reality where most of us live.

Mr. Tobey's work has been published in The Fly-Fishing Journal, Hatch Magazine, NW Fly Fishing, Gink and Gasoline, the Orvis Blog and American Angler. One of his stories was recognized as the "most humorous article" by the Outdoor Writers of America and another was short-listed for a Travers Award. However, he apparently does not dispute the judgment of Orvis Fishing Blog managing editor Phil Monahan that he is "The most famous fly fishing author who never caught a fish."

I hope you will join in welcoming Jon Tobey to Spokane at **7:00pm, Wednesday, September 13th**.

I would encourage anyone who has an idea for a speaker or presentation topic for future meetings to please contact me at kbrannonpdx@gmail.com. In particular, I am seeking ideas for a topics or speakers related to local conservation issues and fishing in Southern Alberta, but all suggestions are welcome

Meetings are held monthly on the 2nd Wednesday evening, of each month at 1104 W. Heroy St, Spokane. Location of meetings is at 1104 West Heroy St. Spokane.

The Prez Sez

By Craig Adams, SFF President



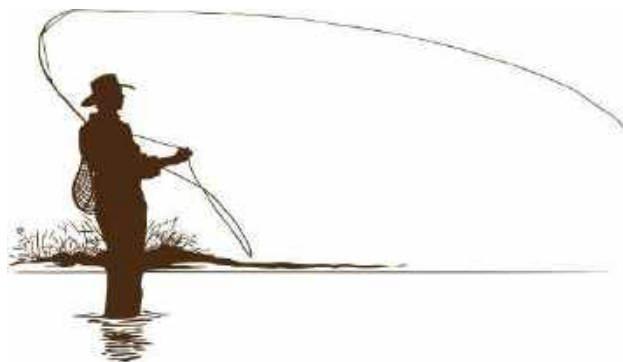
Hello everyone, welcome back for another exciting year for Spokane Fly Fishers. I, and the Board, are looking forward to giving you some exciting and entertaining speakers.

A little bit about me. I retired from the Air Force in 1994 after a 24-year career. I have been a member of Spokane Fly Fishers since 2014. I have had two stints on the board as a member at Large. I did not know anything about fly fishing until I joined the club and went through the school. I've fallen in love with the sport and have been on several outings. My favorites are the North Fork of the CdA, and the Upper St. Joe. For those of you who haven't done it before Kelly Creek can be a blast. Please think about attending this one next year.

Ok, here is my pitch to help the club. We have several committee chair positions open this year. Conservation and Membership are the two primary ones we need to fill ASAP. If you have any inkling that this is something you would like to try, please speak up. Remember your Board can't do everything. The Club only gets better when members help.

Meeting location and time have not changed from previous years. Now that the pandemic is behind us, COVID is still around, please start attending meetings if you can. Masks are not mandatory, but if they would make you feel more comfortable, please wear one. Any suggestions on how we can make the club stronger (better), please bring them (it) to a board member or myself.

One last thing, one of our members has offered to investigate the possibility of the club establishing a social media account, like Facebook, just for members. We know that some of our younger members have shown interest in such a development, and we will investigate it. Meanwhile continue to utilize our Blog/Forum and all the rest of our digital assets in the club to enhance your experience.



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Your Club Needs You!

As the president points out in his article, the club is in urgent need of a couple open positions. Here are the descriptions of both those openings:

Conservation Committee Chairman (and committee members)

From the By Laws: The Conservation Committee shall be responsible for keeping the Board of Directors and membership current on those actions and **activities affecting fishing and environmental issues in the local area and/or region.**

From the website: The Spokane Fly Fishers are very committed to caring for and encouraging others to be mindful of our fisheries and the surrounding environment. Conservation Committee members and club volunteers work to preserve and protect fish habitat and improve angling opportunities in the local/regional area. We participate in fin clipping with WDFW, gather fish count data, plant trees for habitat improvement, perform river clean-up, make boat launch improvements, conduct water quality turbidity studies, and provide fishing regulation signage at various lakes, rivers and streams.

The Conservation Committee also sets up and directs the annual early March **Conservation & Education Raffle.**

To volunteer for this Chairman position or for a membership in the Conservation Committee, contact Craig Adams at: craiga49@hotmail.com or at President@spokaneflyfishers.com.

SFF Barbless Flyer Newsletter Editor

The SFF Barbless Flyer Newsletter is the club's primary communication method for getting news, reports, fishing info, Education, Conservation, Outing and Event announcements, as well as fly tying recipes out to our members. It has been in business since 1974,

The person who volunteers for the Editor job collects articles and information from key folks in the club who author articles each month from August to May for the publication. The editor puts these articles together in a single document in a format determined by the Publications Committee, of which the editor is a member. The Barbless Flyer is put together using Microsoft Word. After preparation, and proofing for errors, the finished document is submitted to the Publications Chairman who distributes it to the members of the club by email. Technically this is not a difficult word processing task, though the editor needs to be comfortable with moving things around within a document, with adjusting type font sizes., with spelling and grammar, and needs to have a friendly attitude when dealing with the various authors in the club who submit their articles each month. **The editor is not responsible for writing articles, only for receiving and inserting articles into the document.** The Publications Committee is always available to support and assist the Editor when necessary, so this is not intended to be a lonely job. Currently, issues run between 20 – 30 pages and normally follows the same format and sequence of articles each month..

To volunteer for this Editor position please contact Doug Keene at: spokaneflyfishersclub@gmail.com.

This is an important position to fill ASAP. As current acting editor cannot continue to support this task.

Membership News – September '23



Looking at the data below, you will see that we have once again continued to increase our membership, with another **8 new members** since **May 15th**, the last time we reported.

Statistics as of 8/15/23

Current Paying members (inc. Fly School)	135
Accounts on Lifetime Billing	25
Accounts on free membership	33
Accounts Past Due*	53
All Members as of 8/15/23	246
* After overdue members removed	193



New Members as of 8/15/23

Jeremy Strang
 Heather Brooks
 Jola Pieslak
 Debra Kellerman
 Gary Staggs
 Gerry Bulger
 Michael Williams
 Richard Kirishian



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

Please welcome all new members to our club when you see them and look for the Meet and Greet events coming up soon and join us if you can. It is my goal as chairman of this committee to meet each new member in person and make them feel like they made the right decision in joining this club. I believe we have something to offer everyone, but we should do a better job of making these new members feel welcome.

As we move into fall (my favorite time to fish!), watch your inbox for ways that you can help welcome new members, get to know more people, and just spread the love.

And finally, if you find yourself on the water and the fish are ignoring everything you toss at them, just say to yourself “at least I’m not at work!”.

Brad Collins
 Membership Committee Chairman

EDUCATION

By Ken Moore, Education Committee Chairman

Fly fishing has long been a beloved pastime for anglers seeking the thrill of casting a line in pristine waters surrounded by nature's beauty. In today's digital age, technology has made its mark on the fly-fishing world, offering a range of innovative apps designed to enhance your angling adventures. This article will explore some of the top fly-fishing apps available, including On Water, Trout Routes, Orvis, Knots 3D, and Trout Spotting. These apps cover various aspects of fly fishing, from finding the perfect fishing spots to learning essential knots and improving your overall angling skills.

On Water: On Water is an app designed to help fly fishermen locate the best fishing spots near them. It offers a vast database of rivers, streams, and lakes, complete with detailed maps and navigation tools. Anglers can access real-time stream flow data, water temperature readings, and hatch charts to plan their fishing trips effectively. Additionally, the app allows users to track their catches, record fishing notes, and share their experiences with a community of fellow anglers.

Trout Routes: Trout Routes is an app that provides curated fly-fishing routes and itineraries. Whether you are a beginner looking for beginner-friendly waters or an experienced angler seeking new challenges, Trout Routes offers a selection of handpicked destinations tailored to your preferences. The app provides information on fishing regulations, access points, recommended flies, and even local accommodations, ensuring a seamless and enjoyable fly fishing experience.

Orvis: Orvis, a renowned name in the fly-fishing industry, offers its own app to cater to the needs of anglers. The Orvis app features instructional videos, articles, and podcasts to help beginners and seasoned anglers improve their skills. It includes a knot guide, casting lessons, and tips from expert fly fishermen. Furthermore, users can browse and purchase fly fishing gear, apparel, and accessories directly through the app.

Knots 3D: Mastering various fishing knots is essential for fly fishermen. The Knots 3D app provides a visually immersive and interactive experience for learning and practicing different knots. With step-by-step 3D animations and detailed instructions, anglers can quickly learn essential knots such as clinch, blood, and loop knots. The app also offers features like zooming and rotation to understand knot-tying techniques better.

Trout Spotting: Trout Spotting is an app specifically designed for trout anglers to enhance their ability to locate and catch trout. The app uses GPS technology to provide real-time information on trout sightings and captures by other users. Anglers can contribute their trout sightings and browse the map to discover new fishing spots. Trout Spotting also offers insights into trout behavior, feeding patterns, and recommended flies, empowering fly fishermen to make informed decisions on the Water.

Fly fishing apps have revolutionized how anglers approach their favorite sport. Whether you're a seasoned angler or just starting, these apps can provide valuable information, enhance your skills, and help you discover new fishing spots.

Report on St Joe River Outing

St. Joe River Fishing Trip Review (July 21-23)

by Ken Moore on behalf of Chris, Audrey Bryant and Alicia Moore.

We recently had the opportunity to host the Spokane Fly Fishing trip to the St. Joe River from July 21st to July 23rd, and it was a positively unforgettable experience. Chris and Audrey Bryant hosted the trip this year, and Alicia and Ken Moore were the co-hosts. The St. Joe River's tranquil beauty, the thrill of fishing in its crystal-clear waters, and making new friends and sharing new discoveries make this trip one of the year's best offerings.

From a host perspective, the biggest challenge to hosting the St. Joe trip is you never know where everyone will be able to camp. Our primary goal was to set up a base camp at Fly Flats campground and host / run the group dinner and outings from this spot. Well, the camping Gods were with us this year; all 25 participants who desired to stay at Fly Flats campground could. Nervous excitement abounds from the moment everyone arrives, and then nature begins to do her thing, and all are captivated by the stunning surroundings. Towering evergreens, and the gentle murmur of the water creates a soothing atmosphere. The weather was a perfect mix of warm sunshine and occasional cloud cover, ideal for spending long hours by the river.

Thirteen new graduates of this year's "beginner" fly fishing class participated in a casting, mending, and fish landing class hosted by Ken and Alicia Moore. Everyone but two caught fish, with the youngest member of the course, Finn, a seven-year-old, netting a 22" cutthroat.

There are many memorable moments on an outing, and everyone leaves with more than they came. My favorite is always the group dinner, where everyone brings a dish but sharing techniques, the "hot" spots on the river, and the hottest fly are always noteworthy.

Based on my experience and the comments from others, I would highly recommend visiting the St. Joe River from late July to early September. The weather was fantastic, and the river's water levels were suitable for wet wading. The summer insect activity had trout feeding actively on the surface and below, making it a prime time for dry fly and nymphing enthusiasts.

On behalf of your hosts, we thank everyone participating in this year's St. Joe River fishing outing. We hope your experience exceeded your expectations. We know that you exceeded ours. Combining breathtaking scenery, successful catches, and the joy of sharing memories made it a journey we will cherish. If you're looking for a memorable adventure, we wholeheartedly recommend joining any of our clubs' outings.



New Club Outing for October

A new outing has been added for mid-October and reservations are now open on the Web Site Events page at <https://spokaneflyfishers.com> . Please sign up right away if you are interested in this great outing opportunity.

2023 Lenore/Dry Falls Outing

Dave Sorg, Host

Date: October 13 – 15

Host: Dave Sorg Cell: 509-868-5984 Email:
dave.sorg@outlook.com

Note: Due to just having found a host, this event is still in the planning stages. Some trip details are still TBD. Contact Dave Sorg for any questions or updates.

Campsite: We will be camping at the Sun Lakes-Dry Falls State Park, 34875 Park Lake Road N.E., Coulee City, WA 99115. Sites are non-reservable, first come-first serve but there will be no shortage of available sites. Water may or may not be available at the campsites (weather dependent) but there is power available if you want it and a potable water source in the park for portable containers.

Fishing: Both Lenore Lake and Dry Falls Lake are nearby. Mike Schmuck, Fish and Wildlife Biologist for District 5 says fishing should be good at both locations. Both lakes are best fished from a boat, float tube or pontoon boat but internal combustion motors are prohibited. The following descriptions are derived from the Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife website:

Lake Lenore: Lake Lenore is located just north of Soap Lake along State Route 17. Lenore is most famous for its very alkaline waters that only Lahontan Cutthroat Trout can survive in. This lake is an angler's best chance to catch a trout pushing or slightly exceeding 30 inches. Several trout in the low to mid 20 inches also exist. The best fishing time is during the fall months. Anglers are also advised that wind can become very strong.

Dry Falls Lake: Dry Falls Lake is located north of Soap Lake and east of Park Lake. This lake is very popular with fly fishers. Fishing has been excellent the past five years for Rainbow Trout ranging in size from 12-20 inches with most fish greater than 14 inches. Additional species include Brown and Tiger Trout. Several fly fishing clubs hold outings there during the spring and fall.

Flies: TBD

Meals: Meat provided by the club for the potluck on Saturday night. Last names 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 Lenore/Dry Falls 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.

Next, 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 **not** permitted. This is a small, deep lake that is ideal for novice fly fishers. The lake has a healthy population of westslope 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 bighorn 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 westslope 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 is no apparent activity on the water there. No lead in flies!

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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.

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Business Memberships are available for \$50/year or payment in kind and include an Honorary Membership if not already a member.

Contact: SFF, PO Box 4141, Spokane, WA 99220.

October Caddis Fly by Matt Grobert

Presented by Chet Allison, Past President



Hook: Dry Fly - Size 10-12.

Thread: 6/0 Orange Danville

Body: Amber Rabbit and Antron or Zelon Blend Dubbing.

Under Wing: Amber Zelon or Antron.

Wing: Orange Dyed Elk Hair.

Thorax: Amber Rabbit and Antron or Zelon Blend Dubbing.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=x11gvBDIfpU&t=1s A tightline video
by Tim Flagler

1. Place hook in vise and wrap a smooth thread base starting about the $\frac{1}{4}$ point behind the eye wrapping back to the hook point.
2. For the body, dub a thin, but tapered noodle. Wrap forward in touching wraps. Take a few extra thread wraps in front of the dubbing to make a thread base for the underwing and wing.
3. Get a length of the Amber Zelon, snip the end off square, then lay the Zelon on right in front of the body on the top of the hook and tie on. Now snip off the Zelon just slightly longer than the body.
4. For the wing, snip a small clump of Elk Hair. Cut the long butts off placing the hair in your stacker. Once stacked get hold of the tips (with your left hand) removing any errant hairs or fibers. Hold the stacked bundle (in your right hand) against the top of the hook to measure the length of the bundle. Transfer the bundle to your left hand at this point snipping the butt ends off just behind the hook eye. While holding the clump tightly on top of the hook shank take two loose wraps of tying thread over the bundle then pull the thread straight up snugly, not tight and keep taking wraps with tension. This should secure and flare the bundle. Any long butts over the eye can be snipped off, now roughly cover the butt ends with thread.
5. For the thorax get a small clump of the Rabbit mix. Pull the fibers apart so the fibers can all be layed evenly on top (watch video) of one another then snip the layered dubbing into smaller fibers. Dub these shorter fibers to the thread by just touching the fibers to the sticky wax (no spun noodle) on the thread. Start wrapping the fibers back to the wing then forward to the eye. Pull the fibers back away from the eye to make the thread head using 5-6 whip finish wraps.

Note: Please watch the video this will make the tying process easy. The tying process sounds difficult but after two or three attempts at tying this pattern it gets really easy. The best thing about this fly is there are only four materials. It is quick and is a great pattern for October Caddis. Remember when tying any October Caddis pattern keep the orange color somewhat dull. The real insect is not bright in color but a dull rusty orange color.

Intermediate/Advanced Fly Tying Pattern

Submitted by Rolf Marsh

Soft Hackle March Brown Fly



Soft Hackle March Brown



Materials:

- Hook: **TMC 9300 #12-16**
- Thread: **Uni-thread 8/0 Orange**
- Body: **Superfine Dubbing, March Brown**
- Thorax: **Superfine Dubbing, March Brown**
- Ribbing: **Narrow Gold Mylar**
- Tail: **Dyed Mallard Flank, Woodduck**
- **Hackle: Mottled Brown Partridge Hackle**

Click Link to access online [Tying Instructions](#)

The March Brown wet fly can be traced back as far as 1496 where Dame Juliana Berners refers to a "donne fly" in the month of March with a "body of dun wool and wings of partridge" in her book, "A Treatyse of Fysshynge wyth an Angle". The March Brown wet fly was very popular within England and Scotland and soft hackle version was written by T.E. Pritt in 1886 in his popular book, "North Country Flies". **Sylvester Nemes** brought back interest in the pattern to the United States in 1975 with his book, "Soft Hackled Fly" and, today, it is a favored pattern on many of our western sierra rivers. The Western March Brown is a mayfly, *Rhithrogena morrisoni*, that prefers clean streams with a good flow and plenty of freestones. It is a genus of mayfly that is predominant in the West Coast states and British Columbia. The Eastern March Brown is a different genus, *Maccaffertium*, which has a similar look and habit. In Europe, the March Brown is yet another species, *Rhithrogena germanica*. All three of these species share a common need for clean, well oxygenated water. The nymphs are clingers found under the stones and within crevices. They have an incredible ability to fasten themselves to the stones and are available to the trout only when they move about to feed or migrate to slower areas of the river once the hatch is about to take place. Within the Sierra Nevada, our streams usually find the hatch starting in early February after a mild winter. If the winter is cold, the hatch might not begin until March or early April. During the migration, many of the March Brown nymphs get dislodged from the bottom substrate and are at the mercy of the currents as they are poor swimmers.

Once they make it to the surface, they will split their nymphal shuck and escape as duns. However, many of the nymphs will also split the shucks a few inches below the surface and forced to reach the surface as a dun. This is where the Soft Hackle March Brown performs best.

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You may see the term "Spider" attached to a soft hackle pattern. This is a term that originated in Yorkshire and has been used for over 200 years. Most of the spider patterns are thin bodies of thread, floss, or dubbed with a sparse hackle of 1-2 wraps. The term "Spider" will often be used interchangeably with "Soft Hackle" in our western patterns and the tail can be absent from both. Jim Leisenring was impressed with "Spider" patterns through his correspondence with G.E.M. Skues in the early 1900's. Jim adapted the pattern to have a tapered body and a thorax rather than the straight bodies of the Yorkshire Spiders. Leisenring discussed this style of tying the soft hackle in his 1949 book, "The Art of Tying the Wet Fly". Sadly, James Leisenring passed away in 1951. This style of tying soft hackle patterns was coined as "Flymphs" by Leisenring's friend Pete Hidy in 1971 in his book, "The Art of Tying the Wet Fly and fishing the Flymph". Basically, it is a transitional pattern between a nymph and the "Spider" form of the soft hackle, also known as a wingless, wet fly. The flymph has a much more fibrous body than a spider that is capable of trapping air bubbles when popped through the water surface. The hackle is usually a hen hackle and wrapped over the thorax area. The trapped bubbles give the pattern a natural imitation of caddis pupae and emerging mayflies. Silk threads are traditional for tying soft hackles and colors of Primrose, Orange, Red, and Green are often used. Some patterns call for Pearsall's Gossamer Silk Thread, which has been discontinued but others, such as Ephemera Silk Thread, are still available. If not available, many tyers will use the standard nylon threads.

Soft Hackle March Browns are emergers and the traditional way of fishing these patterns is to cast quartering downstream allowing a downstream drift to take place. The fly will cut across the current on the swing and the angler should mend the line to slow that swing. At the end of the swing, lift the rod and take a couple steps downstream prior to making another cast. With this method, you can cover most of the water which can be helpful especially if you don't know where the fish are.

Variations:

March Brown Spider



Materials:

- Hook: **TMC 3761 #12-16**
- Thread: **Uni-thread 8/0 Rusty Brown**
- Body: **Uni-thread 8/0 Rusty Brown**
- Ribbing: **Small gold oval tinsel**
- Hackle: **Natural Partridge Hackle**

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

Some 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 if you have questions.



[New Members Note: Get Going on the SFF Blog/Forum!](#)

Since we have a number of new members in the club now, probably a good idea to remind them, and the rest of you, that 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.

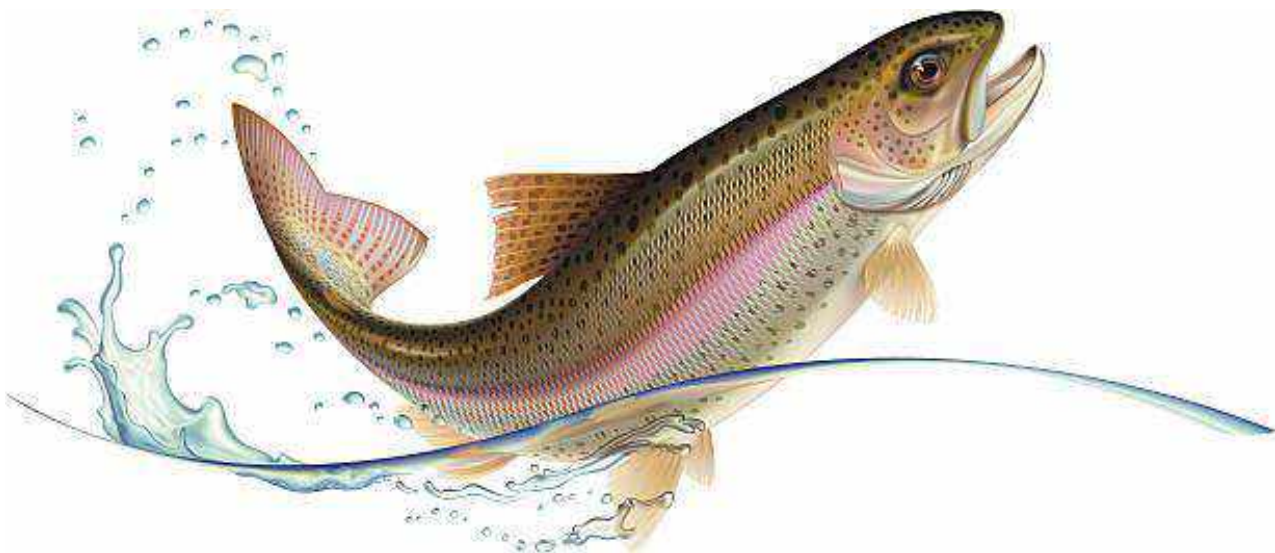
Sign up or Log in to the SFF Blog Forum at:

<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

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The SFF Web Pages and YOU!

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

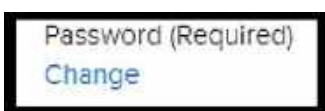
As most of you have undoubtedly learned by now, the club has migrated to a brand-new web site, specifically on May 13. You all got notices, and hopefully you logged in and checked it out to see what was up. We hope you liked what you saw. But you might have asked, “what does this have to do with me?”

Well, it has a lot to do with every member of the club going forward. The website is a lot more than a pretty way to present our club to the public, but it also will act as the central place where your membership records will exist, a place where you can see the schedule of upcoming meetings, outings, special events, and classes, that is, when we can again have such things again. It is the engine that helps the club

communicate with the members with its mass email processor. It is also the place where you will pay for various events, classes, or membership renewals. We will only do in-person payments at our special events indoors, like the Fly Auction and Raffle. We actually would prefer that most people use this method of payment rather than mailing in payments. And there is a lot more that you may find as you look around on the website.



If you didn't log in yet, please do it immediately, as it is important that you verify the information on this site that we have recorded for your name, address, email, phone numbers, etc. Logging in also assures that you have a personal password for getting into the members only part of the site going forward. If you haven't logged in please do it now. The website will provide you a password. DO NOT try to use your own password until you have at least logged in once.



Once you are inside, while on your account page, you can change the password, if you want, to anything you prefer by clicking the password “change” button. You can also keep using the password the site gives you, with a full assurance that you are the only person who knows what it is, so it is very secure and safe. Just write it down somewhere because we can't help you to remember it. We don't know it. If you lose it you can request a new one when you log in.

We use this member information that you provide for our mailing list for the Barbless Flyer newsletter and club notices, and for keeping our Member Directory up to date. It is also used to help evaluate our membership, count our members, and manage our billing for renewals and to assure that you get receipts for your payments. Needless to say, it is a critical part of your membership to have logged into the site at least once.



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

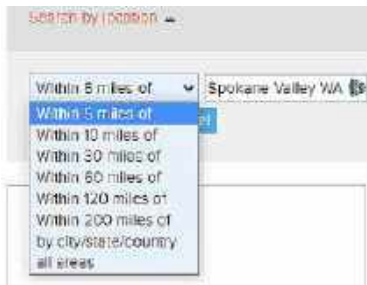
The directory that is now available to all members on the website has the same information and is now available on your computer, your laptop, your pad, or your cell phone for instant access anywhere you are. Also, every member can now change his or her information whenever they want. So, if you move,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

Member Directory

You may search for first or last name here



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



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

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

SFF Information

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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.

We are expecting to have all of you join us for the September club meeting on Wednesday, *September 13*, 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

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

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