



Garden Hackle



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Program

By Jason Small

This month we are happy to welcome Joe Rotter from Red's Fly Shop in the Yakima canyon. He will be giving a presentation on flyfishing the Yakima river from a DIY perspective. Hiring a knowledgeable guide is money well spent, but isn't always feasible. Joe will be sharing information that will help you find success on your own. Joe has worked and guided for Red's for quite some time, and is a wealth of information. Bring something to take notes with, and bring a friend. As always, our meetings are open to the public.

See you on the water!

Leader's Line

by Don Freeman

Recently a club member I fish with a lot had a couple of suggestions on the content of our general meetings. These were issues that I should have thought of myself, but hadn't, probably because it was too obvious. From now on, we'll present brief quarterly financial reports as part of the program. We've had a good cash flow lately thanks to generous contributions at the auction, and from outside donations. Mike Kelly will report on our budget, and we'll take a vote on how to spend some of it.

This has encouraged me to be more pro-active about the direction our club is going by actively soliciting input from the membership on what you want. This should include selecting conservation causes, activities, planning the picnic and so forth. You can bring it up at the general meeting, or contact me at any time you think of something that interest you.

One of the first opportunities will come up at the next meeting. Our May program has been postponed, so the board thought it a good opportunity to share some of the expertise in our group. Many of us are more expert in some particular interest than in others, so this can be an opportunity to swap skills. Since the May meeting is to be held at Gloria Dei church on Harrison, we will have more space than we do at the fire hall, so we can set up several table stations.

At the April meeting, let's plan what we want to learn, and to share. As an example, I can demonstrate some of the most common tasks that customers used to request from the staff at the fly shop, like connecting new lines to backing, putting end loops on lines, knots that work with modern materials, tying leaders, attaching shooting heads, using tube flies and so forth. We have some really

The Next Meeting is
Tuesday Apr 19th
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Joe Rotter

Fishing Yakima River

North Olympia Fire Station

5046 Boston Harbor Road NE

proficient stillwater fishers, steelheaders, salt and bass anglers, you get the idea. Jason will open the floor to requests, suggestions and volunteers so we can build our own program for May.

Also, the board has been working to update our website. One of the features we plan to provide is a link to email the officers, which will simplify making such suggestions. Ryan has agreed to be the coordinator on this project, so please present any suggestions to him, plus we are soliciting volunteers to help with the job. Mike and Ryan can fill us in on progress at the April meeting.

I'll see you on the 19th.

Conservation

By Gwill Ging

Munn Lake- The fish catch data collected indicates that the survival rate of stocked trout is much greater than previously believed. The combination of Munn Lake's former management as a "put and take" fishery and stocking of smaller trout and subsequent heavy predation by cormorants led to the belief that survival to the following year was essentially zero. A number of the reported daily catches from March (prior to the 2011 fish stockings) were in the 3-7 range, with a high of 18 was turned in by one angler.

The planting of about one thousand 10-12" rainbow trout on March 22nd and four hundred 15-16" rainbow trout on April 7th will likely complicate the interpretation of the fish catch data recorded after the plants. It's my understanding that the WDFW either lacked the space or the feed to continue raising the trout and decided to plant them in Munn Lake instead of a "put and take" lake. And interpretation of the data collected after the fish plants will be complicated by the dramatic increase in cormorants, from a few before the first stocking to as many as 40 by the first week in April.

In conclusion, the catch data shows that over winter survival of planted trout is significant and much better than previously believed. Also, the large and rapid increase in the numbers of cormorants observed on Munn Lake indicates the planting of trout that are too small to avoid cormorant predation is likely a waste of funds.

Please continue to record your catch data at least through the end of April. You can either give you fish logs to me at the monthly meeting or email it to me. I'll collate the data and forward it to Larry Phillips at WDFW.

Outings

by Peter Brooks

The March outing at Munn Lake was a success. About 7 club members showed up, fish were caught, and folks had a good time. If you have data to share with WDFW on the fish you caught during the outing, or at any time from Munn Lake, email it to Gwill Ging gwilljan@msn.com or you can bring a hard copy of the data to the April 19th meeting.

The April outing will be on Saturday, April 23rd and is to Prices Lake in Mason County. Ryan Haseman will be the Ghillie. The sign up sheet for this outing will be available at the April meeting.

The May outing is the Dry Side annual event. Chuck Pfeil is the Ghillie for this adventure which happens over the weekend of May 14th and 15th. If you are planning on participating in this outing and haven't reserved your lodging yet, now is the time. Most folks stay at the Blue Lake Resort, but there are other accommodations in the area including Sun Lakes State Park. The sign up sheet for this outing will also be available at the April Meeting.

Looking further ahead, the June outing will be to Leech Lake on Saturday, June 25th. More details will be provided as the date gets nearer.

SSFF Membership

by Ryan Haseman

Hello everyone. We currently have 60 paid members for 2011. If you would like to continue your membership and have not renewed for this year, PLEASE make sure you get your \$30 to me as soon as you can. We will accept cash or check either at the general meeting or you can send your checks to PO Box 2792, Olympia, WA 98507.

There are SSFF t-shirts, and patches for sale for \$20.00 and \$5.00 respectively.

Fly of the Month:

by Ryan Haseman

Fly of the Month:

Delia's White Ghost
Hook: Mustad 9671 #10-#14
Tail: Hungarian Partridge
Body: Lite Bright Dubbing
Hackle: Hungarian Partridge
Head: 1/8" gold Bead

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General Meetings

When The third Tuesday of every Month except December.
Where North Olympia Fire Station (Boston Harbor Fire Station)
5046 Boston Harbor Road NE
Time 6:15 PM Doors open,
6:30 P.M. Social Time
7:00 – 9:00 P.M. Meeting and Program

Board Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00PM at North Olympia Fire Station (Boston Harbor Fire Station) Every one is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Newsletter Articles

E-Mail articles to Ron Smorynski at ronaldvs@me.com by Apr 9th

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Thread: White or Clear

Believe it or not, this rain will end. The seas will calm and the rivers will clear. So as we stock up our fly boxes, (that is what you are doing right?) be sure you have a few Delia's White Ghosts in your sea-run cutthroat box.

Delia's White Ghost was invented by Jeffery Delia and his brother Russell Delia. Jeff is an east coast native and now lives on the North Hood Canal where he pursues sea-run cutthroat, salmon and his passion for photography. His flies, the White Ghost and Conehead Squid have created quite a buzz among avid fishermen, that I would consider experts in the salt. Doug rose regularly writes about Delia's flies and considers them a staple in his saltwater fly box.

Now, I know what you're thinking, "Hey, if it's called the White Ghost, why is it yellow?" Well, while the original color is actually pearl white, Jeff ties this pattern in many different colors. His favorites are: pear white, yellow, pink, polar orange, red and black for steelhead.

This fly is a rather simple pattern. I use all of the standard tying methods to tie in the tail, body and hackle. On my first attempt of this fly I used the whole hackle and felt it was too bushy. On my second fly I stripped the left half of the barbs off of the stem before I tied it in (like you would on a Spey fly). This made for a sparser hackle and a "tidier" fly.

Since this isn't a particularly challenging fly, take the time to concentrate on making it perfect. Pay attention to proportions, how the tail and hackle lay down, and how you dub the body. Use magnification, if you have it. It may seem tedious to focus on every single wrap but it really makes a difference on the outcome of your fly.

Speaking of poorly tied flies, you will often hear people say "the fish don't care". But that's not who we are really tying for. If that were the case only 3 or 4 patterns would exist. When I'm on the water and choosing a fly to tie on, I always choose the best tied fly of whatever pattern I want to use. I guess my thinking is "put your best foot forward". You want to fish with a fly that's gives you the most confidence when you are fishing.

Tie some of these flies, make them look good, and fish them with confidence. You can also order the White Ghost and the Conehead Shrimp from Jeff Delia. You can contact him at 360-765-3795 or email him at deliajefferey@yahoo.com.



Ties & photo by Ryan Haseman

Featured Member

by Ryan Haseman

Ryan Burke

Tumwater, WA

Member Since: 2011

Favorite Pursuit: Salmon

Ryan Burke is one of the newer members of South Sound Fly Fishers. Originally from Eugene Oregon, he now lives in Tumwater Washington with his Wife and two children. He is a firefighter up in Mason County.

Ryan was turned on to fly fishing from his neighbor Ryan Haseman. Thankfully, Burke has managed to wade through the mountain of B.S., bad habits and outright lies that his neighbor has fed him and is turning out to be a pretty good fly fisherman. Before taking on fly fishing, Ryan used to fish Oregon rivers such as the Siuslaw, Willamette and the McKenzie for salmon and steelhead.

Ryan's most memorable fishing trip was going out on his uncle's boat fishing for Tuna.



Next time you see Ryan at a meeting, be sure and say hi!

Upcoming Events

April 16 2011 – Lacey Family Fish-In

April 29-30, 2011 – FFF Washington State Council – Fly Fishing Fair – Ellensburg, WA.

www.washingtoncouncilFFF.org

June 19-25, 2011 – NW Youth Conservation & Fly Fishing Academy – Lacey, WA.

June 23-28, 2011 – Big Horn Youth Adventure – Fort Smith, WY.

www.bighornriveralliance.org

June 18, 2011 – Jimmy Green Memorial Fly Fishing Fair at Tye Lake – Monroe, WA. www.jimmygreenflyexpo.com

July 16-17, 2011 – 12th Annual Metolius River FF & Bamboo Rod Fair, Camp Sherman, OR. www.campshermanstore.com

August 31 – Sept. 3, 2011 – FFF National Fly Fishing Fair, West Yellowstone, WY., www.fedflyfishers.org

September 29- October 2, 2011 – Wenatchee River Salmon Fest – Leavenworth, WA.

Sept. 29 & 30th = Student Days, October 1 & 2nd = General Public - www.salmonfest.org

Education

by Chuck Pfeil

We currently have one opening left for our June 4th Steelhead and Trout workshop which is being offered to our club by noted Olympic Peninsula guide Jim Kerr. This is a day of both learning and fishing. The workshop is limited to 5 students. It will be held in Forks and includes time on the water with Jim and possibly a second guide and also includes lunch. Cost for the all-day event is \$135. If you want to sign up for this workshop act now by contacting Chuck Pfeil at 360-481-5005 or

chuckpfeil@comcast.net. In several weeks I plan to make this last spot available to another fly club.

Our winter/spring Fly Tying classes are just about over. In several weeks our last beginners class will be finished. Nearly 40 students have taken advantage of the teaching talents of Janet Schimpf in these classes. A big thanks to Janet for driving up from Montesano each week to share her techniques and wisdom. Based on member and student feedback I'm thinking later this year we will have at least one more intermediate class so stay tuned.

Chuck Pfeil, SSFF Education

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Community Outreach

By Chuck Pfeil

Our club participated in Cabela's Spring Great Outdoor Days on March 19th & 20th. We had a SSFF table near the fly fishing department where members got a chance to talk about our club with store customers and demonstrate fly tying. A big thanks to Jim McAllister, Don Freeman, Michelle Tuengel, Denny Lewis, Jim Bush, Dwight Caron and Tom & Sarah Henley for representing SSFF at this event.

NORTHWEST YOUTH CONSERVATION & FLY FISHING ACADEMY

2011 NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy is scheduled for June 19-25, 2011 at Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. We have updated all the forms and we're ready to publish the announcement for The Academy for 2011. We are now accepting applications. Enrollment will be limited to 25 boys and girls, ages 12-16. Each applicant must write an essay, explaining why they want to attend the Academy and they will need a letter of recommendation from their school counselor or science teacher.

This will be my 3rd year with The Academy and I must say - all the kids have been great. They come to learn and it is a great opportunity to volunteer for a quality program. The support from the fishing community has been fantastic. We have been rewarded with another Fund. The Bruce Ferguson Fund has been established to sponsor youth sponsorships for The Academy along with the Al Harger Fund. No youth will be turned away because of money. So let's get the kids enrolled. You may go to the web site, www.nwycffa.org and download the application or call me at 360-753-1259 to acquire the information.

Mike Clancy, Co-Director, NWYCFFAcademy

Washington Fly Fishing Fair and Expo

When: April 29th and 30th

Where: Ellensburg WA. Kittitas County Fair grounds

The Washington State Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers will be holding its annual Fly Fishing fair this 29th and 30th of April in Ellensburg Washington.

If you have ever wondered what fly-fishing is all about then you don't want to miss this upcoming event. There

will be something for everyone. Some of what will be available will be one hour free seminars, tying demonstrations, casting games and casting classes. A number of vendors will be on site to show you what is new in the world of fly fishing and the gear that will help you become a better angler.

If you have not been to an event such as this you are missing out on something special. You will see some of the best from the Pacific Northwest show you their skills and help you through the games and classes.

You can learn more if you access the web site listed below:

<http://www.washingtoncouncilfff.org/wfff.htm>

The Washington State Council is a 501 C 3 organization and profits from the fair help with their ongoing conservation and education efforts for the fisheries of Washington State.