



# Garden Hackle



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## Program

By Jason Small

This month the SSFF welcome Chris Ringlee as our speaker. Chris has been a guide, pilot, and biologist in the NW and Alaska. He is also works with the Wild Steelhead Coalition. He will be discussing the politics, science, and conservation of NW wild steelhead. There are 4 government agencies, tribal members, commercial fishing interests, politicians, guides, anglers, and conservationists involved. All with something at stake, and all with their own agendas. Chris is going to help the club members navigate this complex issue so that we as anglers can be informed stewards of this precious resource. Feel free to bring a guest to the meeting. Every person who learns about what is happening is another voice to speak for these magnificent fish before they disappear forever.

## Leader's Line

by Don Freeman

It looks like ice-off is finally upon us, and with it comes opportunity to start fighting back cabin fever. Pay special attention to Peter's March 26th outing, as it will provide not only a well deserved spring fishing opportunity, but also will generate much needed information for stocking plans. We're all anxious to find out what kind of survival the lake enjoyed for the fish stocked last year. This is the first winter that follows a catch and release season, so restocking will take in account the number of hold over fish already there, and their relative health and size. District WDFW biologist Larry Phillips will be on hand observe our success, and hopefully wet a line himself.

Speaking of outings, February's Coho fish in was called off due to the weather. The morning we had planned to go saw a low of 8 degrees in Olympia according to the weather bureau, but it never got below a balmy 13 at my house. We still want to reschedule the effort, so we'll keep you posted, as well as our compatriots up in Tacoma and Gig Harbor.

I'm covering the conservation news in this edition, as Gwill is in Cancun at present, but should be back for our next meeting. As at the last gathering, Gwill announced the potential effect of several budget cut back proposals. Happily, the legislature has dropped its effort to eliminate the Fish and Wildlife Commission as it exists, though consolidation of the agencies is still on the table Thanks to those of us who made the effort to contact your representatives.

Daylight savings time change is the 13th of March, so it will now be light at the start of our next general meeting.

The Next Meeting is  
Tuesday Mar 15<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**Chris Ringlee**

**Politics, science, and conservation of NW wild steelhead**

**North Olympia Fire Station**

5046 Boston Harbor Road NE

The back lawn casting crew can resume gathering to tune up rusty casting arms, and show off winter acquisitions of new gear.

And speaking of meeting changes, the Fire Department has a scheduling conflict the night of our May 17th club night. We will start at the usual time at Gloria Dei Church on Harrison. Chuck will be sending out email notices as the date approaches, but this is the first of several "heads ups" to make sure as many of us as possible show up at the right place in May.

## Conservation

By Gwill Ging

No Report

## Outings

by Peter Brooks

The March outing will be held on March 26th and the location is Munn Lake so please mark your calendars. More information will be coming. Don reported that the March outing at Munn Lake will help WDFW determine the quantity and general health of the fish. The information will help the department determine this year's stocking plan.

The April outing will be to Price Lake on April 23rd and Ryan Haseman will be our ghillie.

May will be the annual Dry Side outing at Blue and Park Lakes in Grant County.

June will be Leech Lake

July outing will be Merrill Lake.

Signup sheets will continue to be on the tables at our monthly meetings.

## SSFF Membership

by Ryan Haseman

I have been slacking a bit on the membership article! I was reviewing our membership as of March and found

something rather noteworthy. We currently have 50 paid members (hopefully more after the general meeting, hint, hint). While that is good, that is not the noteworthy part, of those 50 paid members, 10 of them are NEW MEMBERS! I may have mentioned a few in past articles but I know I have missed a few of you from time to time. So, I would like to recognize all of you newbies this month and thank you for joining our club. I hope you have found it interesting and a worthwhile endeavor to commit some of your time to. We appreciate your membership! At the meetings, make sure that the rest of you welcome, talk to, and give all your fishy secrets to the following people: Tom Robinson, Ryan Burke, James Vettori, Bill Joplin, Blake Joplin, Rick Emley, Greg Glandon, Greg Hetzel, Treacy and Lucas Kreger.

Since MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE, please bring your cash or check to the March meeting, if you cannot make it, you can sent your checks to:

PO Box 2792, Olympia, WA 98507.

### **Fly of the Month:**

by Ryan Haseman

### **Fly of the Month:**

Marabou Plus Damsel

Hook: Daiichi 1260 size 12

Tail: Olive Marabou

Abdomen: Olive Marabou

Thorax: Olive Marabou

Wing pad: Natural Pheasant tail

Legs: Natural Partridge

Eyes: 1/16" plastic bead chain

As the doldrums of winter start to lift, for some of us, our minds start to wonder if the fish in our favorite lakes are starting to get as antsy as we are. With average temperatures on the rise, many aquatic insects follow suit, preparing for their spring migration to adulthood. Never missing an opportunity, our fishy friends take full advantage.

In most northwest lakes, a main staple for these fish are damselfly nymphs. A slender, almost elegant predator of the insect realm, damselfly nymphs start to become active as the lake ices off. Sometime in spring they will migrate to the shores and hatch into their adult form. These damselfly migrations can make for a spectacular day on the water for a fly fisherman.

There are many patterns for damselfly nymphs, and most of them use an olive marabou for most of the fly. I am surprised though of the bulk of many of these patterns. A damsel fly is a very slender insect, opposite of its close relative, the dragonfly, which is almost football shaped. To get the right profile this is what I have done.

This fly is mostly made up of olive marabou. I added some legs, wing pads and eyes in a standard fashion to finish the fly off. Let me explain the marabou application.

First, it is important to pick the correct marabou. You will need marabou with long barbs, and orderly barbules. Most

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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](mailto:ronaldvs@me.com) by Apr 9<sup>th</sup>

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“bugger marabou” is insufficient. Try and find blood quill marabou. Most people use this for marabou spiders for winter steelhead patterns.

What you want to do is grab about 6 or so barbs and strip them off of the stem. Tie in the ends to make the tail about half the length of the body. Now you will wrap the marabou up the shank of the hook (kind of like palmering hackle). End your wraps about 2/3 up the shank. After tying in your wing case, dub some marabou onto my thread and make up the thorax of the nymph. Be careful not to overdo it here. Now you can tie in your eyes and create your partridge legs. Dub a little more marabou to your thread and cover the area between the eyes and then finish the fly with a whip finish not.

Fish your nymph with a sinking or intermediate line with very short strips, pausing regularly. Enjoy!



Ties & photo by Ryan Haseman

**Featured Member**  
by Ryan Haseman

Roi Rivera

Olympia, WA                      Member Since: 2008

Favorite Pursuit: Trout in small streams

Roi Rivera has been fly fishing since 1994, when a college buddy turned him on to the sport. A California native, Roi studied at Washington State University, and now lives in

Olympia. He works at Cardinal Health as a nuclear pharmacist.

Roi’s favorite fishing moment was about 5 years ago on the St. Joe in Idaho. He had gone with 4 of his friends and found a small tributary that was thought to be unproductive. They soon found out that almost every hole was loaded with fat trout. They spent the rest of the day fishing there with zug-bugs that Roi had tied earlier in the trip. If that’s not a memorable fishing moment, I don’t know what is!

Next time you see Roi at the club meeting be sure and say hi!



**Upcoming Events**

FMarch 11 & 12, 2011 – NW Fly Tyer Expo – Albany, Oregon

April 9, 2011 – Puget Sound Fly Fishers of Tacoma present Phil Rowley, [www.psff.org](http://www.psff.org)

April 9-10, 2011 – Sequim Fly Fishing Show sponsored by Greywolf FF, Sequim, WA., [www.olympicpeninsulaflyfishingshow.com](http://www.olympicpeninsulaflyfishingshow.com)

April 16 2011 – Lacey Family Fish-In

April 29-30, 2011 – FFF Washington State Council – Fly Fishing Fair – Ellensburg, WA. [www.washingtoncouncilFFF.org](http://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](http://www.bighornriveralliance.org)

June 18, 2011 – Jimmy Green Memorial Fly Fishing Fair at Tye Lake – Monroe, WA. [www.jimmygreenflyexpo.com](http://www.jimmygreenflyexpo.com)

July 16-17, 2011 – 12th Annual Metolius River FF & Bamboo Rod Fair, Camp Sherman, OR. [www.campshermanstore.com](http://www.campshermanstore.com)

August 31 – Sept. 3, 2011 – FFF National Fly Fishing Fair, West Yellowstone, WY. [www.fedflyfishers.org](http://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](http://www.salmonfest.org)

## **Education** by Chuck Pfeil

Our Fly Tying classes are in full swing and the students have been thoroughly enjoying the teaching done by Janet Schimpf. The first tying class for beginners was completed in February and we are two weeks into our intermediate class. Our February beginners class was so popular we have scheduled a second beginning fly tying class for April. There are still 4 or 5 spots available in this class so let me know if you want to get in on the fun. The April beginners class will be on Monday nights - April 4, 11, 18 & 25. Each class is from 6 – 8 pm at Cabelas and the fee is \$50. Janet Schimpf will be teaching this class.

As I mentioned several months ago we are kicking around possibilities for some other 2011 classes such as a One Day Steelhead Fishing Seminar; a Spey Casting Class; and a Rod Building Class. Next month I'll have more details about these classes/seminars.

## **Community Outreach** By Chuck Pfeil

Cabela's Spring Great Outdoor Days is Saturday and Sunday, March 19 – 20 and South Sound Fly Fishers plans to have a table at this promotion. We are looking for club members who would like to sit at the table for a few hours on either day and do some fly tying or just sit and interact with store customers. We will have a SSFF brochure or flyer at the table so the Cabela's customers can learn about our club.

For participating during this weekend promotion you will be entitled to purchase merchandise during the event at a vendor discount. Cabela's branded items allow for the greatest discount and can amount to a 20 – 25% discount so a few hours of volunteer time can amount to some great savings at the store. Let me know right away if you are interested in participating,

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## **NORTHWEST YOUTH CONSERVATION & FLY FISHING ACADEMY**

2011 Academy Dates: Sun., June 19 - Sat., June 25.

We are now accepting applications for this year's Northwest Youth Conservation & Fly Fishing Academy. Having had the opportunity to volunteer last year I can say this is truly a worthwhile and memorable event. I would highly recommend any member with a child between 12 and 16 look into it. Application deadline is April 15, 2011. As in past years we are able to once again maintain our low tuition cost though the generous support of chapters and individual donations.

Tom Van Gelder  
WCTU Chair

### **ACADEMY FEATURES**

Co-educational, ages 12-16

- Curriculum focuses on conservation, natural resource stewardship, and fly fishing essentials.
- Fly fishing classes include fly casting, fly tying, knot tying, reading water, and water safety.
- Morning and evening fly fishing activities on local ponds and streams.
- On-the-water aquatic macro invertebrate sampling activity.
- All volunteer faculty and staff include wildlife resource professionals, northwest fly fishing and fly tying professionals and enthusiasts, as well as local volunteers from both TU and FFF chapters.
- Cost, including food and lodging: \$275 ( some grants are available )

### **For additional information:**

Please visit website: [www.nwycffa.org](http://www.nwycffa.org) E-mail: [nwycffa@earthlink.net](mailto:nwycffa@earthlink.net)

The Academy is a joint venture between Trout Unlimited (TU) and The Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF), hosted by the South Sound Fly Fishers and the Olympia TU Chapter.

### **Sequim gets a new fly fishing show**

By Dean Childs, WSCFFF

Mark your calendars now, for the April 9 & 10th opening of the two day Olympic Peninsula Fly Fishing Show at the

Boys and Girls Club, 400 W. Fir St. in sunny Sequim, Washington. The host club, Greywolf Fly Fishing Club of Gardiner, WA. announced this new fly fishing event which fills a real need in NW Washington for a dedicated fly fishing show. Already, 30 exhibitors have signed up to attend, including equipment manufacturers, guide and destination companies, conservation groups, artists, and boat manufacturers. The exhibitor list is growing by the week. Also featured are fly tying and casting demonstrations including hands on casting with some of the new and innovative fly rods on display. Several local and regional tiers will attend; including Karen Royer, who is well known for her realistic fly patterns and Harry Lemire who ties classic Atlantic salmon flies without a vise. Five free seminars are planned by local peninsula experts, along with the world renowned author Skip Morris. Admission is \$10 and the show hours are 11:00 AM to 6:00PM Saturday, and 10:00 AM to 3 PM on Sunday. For directions, lodging information and other details check the show's web site: [www.olympicpeninsulaflyfishingshow.com](http://www.olympicpeninsulaflyfishingshow.com).

### **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.

### **Attention Youths !!**

Editors note: This is a good opportunity for graduates of our Flyfishing Academy

### **Big Horn River Youth Adventure**

Application DEADLINE Reminder



This could be you! If you get your application completed and returned by March 31, 2011. I've attached the application to this email for your convenience. Simply fill it out and return it by email to either of the following addresses:

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Alliance Web Site: [www.bighornriveralliance.org](http://www.bighornriveralliance.org)

