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Program

Leader's Line

by Don Freeman

Greetings

It looks like some semblance of spring has finally arrived. It's time to get serious about planning our summer activities, before I get into another winter realizing I haven't even fished a stream for trout - again.

A little discipline is required. Research, plan and commit. Right now lakes are waking up (see Gwill's article, I bet it refers to a local low land lake. Eastside will be busting soon. There is a projection for a good salmon return this summer with prospects for both salt water and river fishing. I can't believe that I didn't get up to the straights to buck tail for Coho last year at all. Make note to self.

And don't forget the local salt water bonuses. Last weekend, I attended the Chum and Cutt Seminar presented by Doug Rose. One of the featured speakers was our own Dr. Joe Jaquet. Once I learned what their actual diet consists of, it really brought home how much of the time I'm hooking Sea Run Cutthroat on "attractors", regardless of what I've convinced myself the pattern looks like in the food web. The program was up in North Hood Canal, which reminded me again that I don't really go up there enough, it's not that far, and the cutthroat and salmon fishing can be superb. This year for sure, I'm there.

So, here's hoping I can take my own advice, and get in those trips to Loreto, British Columbia, Neah Bay, Montana and Oregon, plus the Columbia Bar for albacore and hopefully carp outings. There should be plenty of time this year.

Conservation

By Gwill Ging

Munn Lake has been stocked with the rainbow trout that our club has helped produce with our contribution of funds for fish food. Some of our members have been fortunate enough to tie into one or more of these brutes, landing a few, or taking a break to replace a broken tippet. After watching a number of anglers playing these huge trout, I suggest that you look to see if you having backing on your fly reel.

The Next Meeting is
Tuesday April 17th
7:00PM

Flyfishing Lakes

**North Olympia Fire Station
5046 Boston Harbor Road NE**

I want to thank all of you who submitted your catch reports to WDFW. It helped them verify that Munn Lake has the necessary productivity to support the stocking of 250+ very large trout. We have a real treasure of a lake that close to home, and one that promises to offer some incredible fishing experiences throughout the year.

Outings

No outings this month ??

Fly of the Month:

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Tube Clouser
Tube: HMH plastic 3/32" tube
Body: White Bucktail or Yak
Wing: Dyed Bucktail or Yak
Eyes: Medium Dumbell eyes or plastic eyes
Flash: flashabou or krystal flash (pearl)
Thread: White 3/0

Spring, spring, spring, lakes, lakes, lakes. Hmmm, please, please, please do not forget about our beloved South Sound! Springtime doesn't just have to be lake season, or fighting crowds while battling away giant salmonflies on the Deschutes.

The South Sound is also "waking up", with feisty cutthroat turning their attention to eating rather than fornicating, it is an opportunity any fly angler should not dismiss. Fortunately for us one of the oldest tricks in the book, or should I say fly box still works. The Clouser minnow.

Granted the Clouser that I am featuring here has a different spin on it, but the concept is still the same. The Clouser is one of those flies that can be effective as an exact copy of the original, or as varied as you can make it. It has been tied in every color, and with a multitude of materials from marabou to polar bear.

Here in the sound I like to keep it simple, bucktail, flash, bucktail. Using a tube in the Sound has several advantages. It keeps your hook small, places it at the back of the fly, and is easily changed when it gets dull.

Sometimes fishing top water, or just below the surface can be very exciting. Using plastic or foam eyes can transform your Clouser, into an effective topwater fly.

The Clouser is a must have fly in any saltwater (and lake) anglers fly box. It is also the go to fly for many anglers. In my opinion there can you can never have enough!



Membership

Pay your dues.

Education

by Chuck Pfeil

No report

The 2012 Northwest Youth Conservation & Fly Fishing Academy

Applications are now being accepted until April 15th for the 2012 Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy. To qualify for The Academy, the applicant, boy or girl, 12-16 years old, must edit an essay explaining why they want to attend the Academy and a letter of recommendation is required from their school counselor or science teacher. The dates for the WSCFFF and WCTU sponsored event are June 24-30, 2012. The Academy will be held at The Gwinwood Conference Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. To learn more about The Academy, go to www.nwycffa.org. The application is available on the website or contact Mike Clancy @ nwycffa@earthlink.net. This is a life rewarding experience for our youth to learn conservation and the basics of fly fishing.

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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 March 10th

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2012 Fly Tying/ Fly Fishing Expo



Program Schedule

Chair: Dave Pace

Each year the Expo features a line up of destination/technique programs and talks by experts in their fields. These programs are FREE to attend and are offered to help educate anglers, new and old, on places to fish and how to fish them. If you want to expand your fishing skills inventory, join and learn from the masters. The presentations are on both Friday April 20th and Saturday, April 21st, and are in the River View/Temple View rooms.

Friday, April 20th

Time	Program
1:00-2:00 pm	Fishing Silver Creek by <i>John Huber (Ketchum on the Fly)</i>
2:30-3:30 pm	Chironomids in Stillwaters by <i>Brian Chan</i>
4:00-5:00 pm	Fishing Big Attractors, Techniques and Flies by <i>Jack Dennis (Jack Dennis Fishing Trips)</i>

Saturday, April 21th

Time	Program
9:00-10:00 am	The Yellowstone River and Spring Creeks around Livingston Montana by <i>Doug Mcknight</i>
10:30-11:30 am	Western Wyoming Fishing Adventures by <i>Mike Kaul (Two Rivers Emporium)</i>
12:00-1:00 pm	Tactics on Fly Fishing for Trout by <i>Bob Jacklin (Jacklin's Fly Shop)</i>
1:30-2:30 pm	10 Habits for Stillwater Success by <i>Phil Rowley</i>
3:00-4:00pm	Fishing Destinations within 500 Miles of Idaho Falls by <i>Jack Dennis (Jack Dennis Fishing Trips)</i>

Fly Tying Video Theater

Chair: Gary Barnes

Each year the Expo features prominent fly tiers in our state of the art Video Fly Tying Theater. The Theater features close up views of the fly being tied projected over large screen TVs so you can really see the close up details that make these tiers the masters of their art.

Friday, April 20th

Time	Program
10:30-11:30 am	Buddy Knight
12:00-1:00 pm	Justin Barnard
1:30-2:30 pm	Phil Rowley
3:00-4:00 pm	Randy Flynn
4:30-5:30 pm	Stew Stewart

Saturday, April 21th

Time	Program
10:30-11:30 am	Marty Howard
12:00-1:00 pm	Marv Taylor
1:30-2:30 pm	Al Ritt
3:00-4:00 pm	Shawn Bostic
4:30-5:30 pm	Brian Chan

PHOTO CONTEST 2012

We are excited to announce this year's 2012 International Fly Fishing Fair Photo Contest. A Youth Category has been added to encourage participation from young photographers. Ribbons and prizes will be awarded to the winners in each category and winners have an opportunity for a "cover shot" on the Flyfisher magazine. Attendees of the Fly Fishing Fair will have an opportunity to vote on all photos submitted, so don't forget to vote for your favorite in the People's Choice Award.

CATEGORIES:

ALL FISH MUST BE CAUGHT ON A FLY AND RELEASED UNHARMED.

1. Native Fish of North America

Any cold, freshwater fish caught on a fly in their native waters. Examples include: Alaska rainbows, Northwest steelhead, Rocky Mountain cutthroat, Eastern brookies, etc. Label the photo with the fish species and the water from which it was caught.

2. Naturals and Their Imitations

Close up photography of insects, baitfish and their imitations, as in flies.

3. Fly Anglers in Their Element:

People of all ages enjoying fly fishing. That includes: casting, rowing, landing fish, etc. Mood shots and action shots are welcome.

4. International Fly Fishing Experiences – Freshwater

The great waters of Canada, Iceland, Chile, NZ, etc. Trout, Atlantic salmon, grayling, peacock bass, etc.

5. International Fly Fishing Experiences – Saltwater

Sailfish, tarpon, bonefish, etc. in Belize, the Bahamas, Christmas Island, etc.

6. Youth (New this Year)

Limited to photographers age 16 and under. Photos can be of anything as long as the subject is fly fishing related.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Photo prints are required. Photos taken in 2011 and 2012 only, will be judged. No smaller than 8x10 and no larger than 11x14. No slides. Film and digital photos can be used but altered

photos are not allowed. Photos **must** be mounted or matted but not framed. Each entry must be permanently labeled on the back with the following:

1. Category
2. Name of Photographer
3. Address and phone number
4. Title of photo and location where shot
5. Date when photo was taken

Contestants must include a self-addressed mailer with sufficient postage for the return of their photo(s). Contestants attending the show may drop off entries in person, and they may be picked up after the Fair if they are not winners. Those without mailers or sufficient postage will become the property of the FFF. Utmost care is taken to return photos in condition received, but the FFF is not responsible for damage or loss in shipment.

Note: because of magazine listing and publishing it may take to the end of October 2012 to return winning photos. If you submit more than one photo and have a winning photo(s), all will be returned together with the winning photo(s) unless you pick them up the Fair.

RIBBONS AND PRIZES

All winning photos will be kept by the FFF after the Fair. Winners will be announced in the Fall/Winter issue of the Flyfisher magazine. All 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places will receive ribbons. The FFF will submit the first place winning photos to the Flyfisher magazine to be published. Second and third place winning photos will be listed by name and category only. First place winners will also receive fly line of their choice, courtesy of Scientific Anglers.

(Depending on the number of submitted photos for a category, winning placement may only be 1st, or 1st and 2nd if there are not enough entries to judge for 1st–3rd places.)

FLYFISHER COVER SHOT

The Editor of Flyfisher may select one of the winning photos to be used on the cover of the magazine. Remember, the photo must be taken in the portrait, or vertical format in order to be used.

AWARD WINNING PHOTOS

First place photos will be sent to Scientific Anglers for use in their advertising. Releases will be required.

TO SUBMIT YOUR PHOTO

Mail your photo to the FFF office or deliver in person to staff at the Fly Fishing Fair. Mailed photos must be received by Friday, June 29, 2012. Hand delivered entries must be received at the show registration desk by 10:00 am Tuesday, July 10, 2012.

MAILING ADDRESS:

FFF Photo Contest
Federation of Fly Fishers
5237 US Hwy 89 So., Ste. #11
Livingston, MT 59047-9176