



SOUTH SOUND FLY FISHERS

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The Leader's Line

By President Wayne Dixon Sr.



Hi Everyone,

The holidays have come and gone and now there is nothing to look forward to except spring, warm weather and great fly fishing! Our outing last month was a lot of fun and we had a great turnout at Munn Lake. We didn't exactly limit out, but what a great day of fishing and comradery. There is so much going on in the next few months so you better get ready to mark your calendars, so you don't miss any of the events.

In March our education group is presenting an Introduction to Fly Fishing class for Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation Department's "Experience it." If you know anybody interested in learning the basics, let them know this will be a fun and informational opportunity for them. The Classes will be held every Monday evening in March. There is still room to sign up, but hurry...they are limited to 30 people. For more information go to the Olympia Parks Arts and Recreation web site. <http://olympiawa.gov/city-services/parks/recreation.aspx>

Also in March on the 24th 9am-3pm, we have our annual Pot Luck at the firehall. This will follow the same format as last year with Fly Tying demonstrations, casting clinic (weather permitting) and an entomology course which will take place at 9:30 and 11:30 am. Of course, there will be food and beverages as well. Best of all it's FREE. Bring the family and come join us.

The local waters are starting to warm and the action is heating up as well. Sea Run cutthroat are being caught all over the south sound and the steelhead action is getting hot in the local rivers. Time to dust off the rods, waders, and vests for some early spring or late winter action. It is also that time of year for the outdoor sportsman shows and events. Go out and support your favorite vendors.

The Board is working on some ideas for fly tying in the October--November time frame with a possible competition/social gathering. I will keep you all posted as this develops, in the meantime hone your skills and be sure to sign up with Randy for being a "Featured Fly Tyer" during the general club meetings. We can have more than one a month so sign away!

I want to take a minute to thank all the people that work so hard to make this club successful and stimulate growth. We are growing in numbers and the new input of ideas are equally exciting. Remember to help support our folks out making a difference with the NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy, Project Healing Waters-Fly Fishing and Casting for Recovery. They put a lot of hours in to their respective projects and are so appreciated. If you want to volunteer we will never turn you down, step up and make a difference.

Happy February and don't forget that the 14th is Valentines Day..flowers...chocolate...new fly rod...etc..

Peace,

Wayne

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February Club Program Speaker Gene Rivers

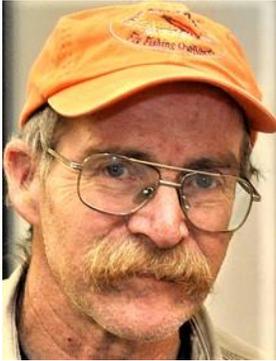
On Fly Fishing the Mighty Madison River



Photo by Gene Rivers

Our February Program will be a presentation by SSFF Past President Gene Rivers. Gene has been fishing the Madison River in both the Montana and Wyoming sections since 1978. The Madison River was the location for filming the Movie *“A River Runs Through it.”*

The presentation will show the photographic beauty of the Madison Valley and River and the flora and fauna of the region. Come and learn how to fish the Madison River and also learn about changes this blue ribbon trout water has gone through over the years. If you have ever wanted to fish this wonderful resource now is your time to learn more about it. Gene will be available to answer questions about techniques and flies for fishing this area.



Greetings Fellow Fly fishers

The February outing will be on Saturday February 24th at Sunnyside Beach Park in Steilacoom. I checked it out over this last weekend and it is a nice fishing beach within a couple of miles of Day Island Marina and a bit north of Solo Point. I'm still checking the tide tables but if we can start fishing around 9:00am, we should have a nice tide change before the afternoon. We are targeting resident Salmon and Sea Run Cutthroat which have been seen in good numbers in the area. Overall this beach should make for a nice club outing and the nice part is that it is relatively close to home. I will have maps and more details at the club meeting on February 20th at the Fire Station.

Date: **Saturday February 24th**

Meetup: 8:00AM at big fir trees in Sears parking lot at the Lacey South Sound Mall

Gear: 5/6 weight rods with floating, sink tip and intermediate lines

Apparel: Dress warm with waders/ boot and safety gear.

Salmon license required. Also \$5 needed for parking in Sunnyside Beach Park.

Jim will provide the flies you need.

On **Saturday March 24th** we will hold our famous alternative outing known as the SSFF Potluck, Fly Tying/Swap, Entomology and Casting session. This is our version of "mini-Ellensburg" to get folks together, swap flies and tips with one another and socialize.

Entomology sessions taught again by President Wayne

Casting sessions on the back lawn (weather permitting)

Fly tying all day

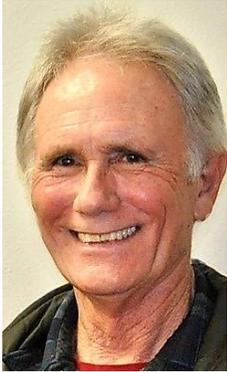
And of course bring something to share for the potluck

Tight lines,

Jim

THE SOAPBOX

BY Don Freeman Conservation and Political Chair



Greetings South Sound Fly Fishers,

Have you downloaded the Fish Washington app to your phone or devices yet? I've had pretty good success using it out in the field as long as you can get a decent signal. For instance at Munn lake it worked better on the water than when I tried it under the trees. So I encourage you to take advantage of that, especially since the ability to post catch records is on the horizon.

Until then, we can build good reporting habits through the Coastal Cutthroat Coalition. They are soliciting angler trip reports for sea run coastal cutthroat. You can easily post a lot of valuable data through a drop down menu that is similar to the Munn Lake report. One of the major components of the study is to learn more about the alarming growth of parasites on the local trout and will expand to compare the comparative infestation of resident Coho salmon. In addition to the copepod "sea lice" that we have learned to expect on salmonids in the salt, we're now infested with a slimy round green hitchhiker called Argulid that are appearing in near epidemic numbers in some areas.

It's easy to report. On our club website, click the icon for Conservation, then on the Cutthroat Coalition banner. There is a tab titled Predator Watch on the top toolbar. Watch the video showing how to handle and release fish and how to identify the parasites as well. The questionnaire asks for your name and contact information. Neither this data nor any reports on your success at a favorite spot will be shared.

Expect a visit soon from the WDFW biologists who are running the program with an update on this and other ways to participate in the study and appreciation of our only local wild species.

Best regards,

Don

Jim McAllister - Fly Fisher of the Year



The inscription on the plaque reads, ***“In recognition of outstanding service to the Club and our fish resources, the South Sound Fly Fishers presents the Fly Fisher of the Year award.”*** No one is more deserving in 2017 than this year’s recipient, **Jim McAllister, Outings Chair**. Jim worked hard last year to deliver an outstanding year of outings for our Club. Since Jim accepted this position the number of outings and participation has increased.

Realizing the “iffy” winter weather last March Jim presented the Board a novel idea for an “alternative outing” to begin the year. He envisioned a day-long indoor fly tie, fly swap, potluck. The scope of his vision increased when he Wayne Dixon joined him to present Entomology, and Ben Dennis coached casting. It was a great “outing” full of education, enjoyed by all who attended. This kicked off a great year of outing events highlighted by lake, river, and Hood Canal fishing for chum. Jim spends his personal time surveying fishing spots before presenting his proposal to the Club. And, in August he obtained the use of the private Scott Lake for our annual picnic and fishing evening. Jim has even brought his spare rowboat to the outings so those without a boat were able to get out on the water.

And the best part? Jim agreed to continue as Outings Chair for 2018. Look for more great outings, including Jim’s indoor tie/swap/cast/entomology/eating event March 24th. It was obvious to all that Jim’s efforts are truly *outstanding service to the Club*. With great pleasure the Club was proud to present Jim the Fly Fisher of the Year for 2017.

Fundraising

By John Sabo Fundraising Chair



SSFF Pot-Luck Dinner and Auction News

Once every two years the club hosts The South Sound Fly Fishers' Family Pot-Luck Dinner and Auction to raise the funds needed for the club's conservation and service projects for the next two years.

The next SSFF Pot-Luck Dinner and Auction will be on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at the Black Lake Grange Hall, on Black Lake Boulevard, next to the fire station. The dinner will be at 6:00 and the live-only auction will start at 7:00.

The family pot-luck is always a success, with an abundance of hot-dishes, salads and desserts. The club will supply plates, silverware, napkins, soft drinks, bottled water, coffee, and tea. We need two large (not huge) coolers (no ice - we have cold packs), two heavy duty (not long) extension cords, and two power strips (with circuit breakers). We also need two banquet size coffee makers (one for coffee, and the other for hot water for tea). If you can supply any of these items, please see me at the raffle table.

We already have several pledges for items like guided fishing trips (some including lunch), gourmet dinners, an Alpine Pontoon Boat, Electronic Fishfinder, and some other fun fishing activities. We hope to auction donations of "experiences and adventures" (fishing trips, gourmet dinners, etc.), and valuable items like rods, reels and gift cards, art, and fishing supplies. Here is a copy of the donation form and I will also have donation forms at the February 20th meeting. See me at the raffle table for your donation form.

South Sound Fly Fishers PROCUREMENT FORM

April 21, 2018

Auction

Thank you for procuring an item for the auction! Please complete everything above the dotted line. Remember that the quality and quantity of detail you provide on this form will directly affect its sale at auction, so be thorough in your description. *If you have questions regarding how to fill out the form or what information to include, please contact John Sabo or Dave Field.*

When you have completed this form, please email to:

John Sabo

2933 Quince St. SE
Olympia, WA 98501
360-943-6853
chrisonquince@comcast.net

OR

Dave Field

2000 42nd Ave. SE
Olympia, WA 98501
360-352-0167
d_w_field@hotmail.com

Procurer (You!):

Phone:

Email:

What is the item? (ONE ITEM PER FORM PLEASE!):

Below, please describe the item **in detail**. If fishing trip, please specify a date or the available time window, what you will provide and what the bidder must bring such as a floating device, waders, rod weight, fly-line type, flies, lunch/beverages, etc. Also please indicate fly fishing skill level (beginner, intermediate, advanced) if this is important to the success of the trip. If you are donating a physical auction item, please provide a full description such as size, type, model year and indicate if it is new or gently used.

ESTIMATED VALUE:

Please give or deliver physical items or gift certificates to John or Dave no later than Friday, March 30, 2018

FOR PROCESSING ONLY (DO NOT COMPLETE):

Item received/stored at (location):

Item to be delivered on (date):

CONTROL NUMBER:

Club Raffle News

Thank you, to all the club members who participate in the raffle at each meeting, and all the members who donate raffle items. Remember, we will continue to have interesting and useful raffle items at every meeting, so stop by before the meeting and get your tickets. We also have some empty fly boxes to fill for the raffle, please see me at the raffle table.

SSFF Patches

Official SSFF Patches are available at the Raffle Table for only \$5. These can be placed on a cap, shirt, jacket, or fly fishing vest to show your membership in the club.

SSFF Stickers

Official SSFF Stickers are available at the Raffle Table for only \$10. These can be placed on your boat, truck, auto, motorcycle, skateboard, or virtually any hard smooth surface to show your membership in the club.

Tight lines,

John



Photo by Howard Nanto

Meet Jim Maus New Club Treasurer



Jim Maus with Granddaughter
Kate at 2016 Fly Fishing Fair

I have a passion for fly fishing and enjoy sharing my knowledge and skills with those new to the sport. I am a life member of Fly Fishers International (FFI) and I'm currently serving on their Board of Directors as their Treasurer. I was deeply honored to receive the FFI's Fly Fisher of the Year award in August 2017.

I'm obsessed with fly tying and have been teaching and demonstrating fly tying for over 20 years. I'm a charter member of the FFI's Fly Tying Group. I have been actively involved with the Washington State Council of the FFI for over 25 years. I'm currently the Council's VP of Communications and have also served them as their Senior Advisor, Treasurer, Secretary, Director at Large and National Director.

I'm currently serving as the SSFF Treasurer.

I'm a long time member and past President of the Puget Sound Fly Fishers club in Tacoma, WA (winner of the FFI's 2008 McKenzie Cup). My wife Laurie and I live in Lakewood, WA.

Some of my favorite places to fish are: South Puget Sound, Yakima River, Madison River (inside the Park), Hood Canal, Lake Chopaka, Dry Falls Lake area in Eastern Washington and Ascension Bay, Mexico.

Here is the contact information if you need to reach SSFF Treasurer Jim

Jim Maus

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Lakewood, WA 98499-1319

Phone: 253-732-5006

Email address: jimmaus@comcast.net

Welcome New Members!



Roger Miranda

Welcome, Roger new to the Club in January!

Roger hangs with some really great guys. He told them he was looking for a good fly fishing club near his South Sound home. His buddies told him how great the SSFF is, and now he's wearing our badge!

Name it and Roger's interested in fishing for it - trout, salmon, steelhead, or cutthroat. In addition he's interested in our conservation, outings, education and membership programs.

We'll make sure you meet the committee heads for those programs - we'll be grateful for your help in those areas!

Roger mentioned he wants to improve his casting. Saturday, March 24 we'll hold casting sessions in addition to the fly-tie/fly-swap/entomology sessions indoors. Work your schedule so hopefully you can attend that day! If not, we'll be casting before the monthly programs as daylight extends. Or call us, and we'll schedule with you.

Great to have you with us, Roger!



Dan Doty

Welcome **Dan**, proudly displaying his new badge! Dan joined us last May, but his schedule prevented him getting together with us. Dan must have liked what he found because he returned, renewed and picked up his badge.

Dan is interested in our conservation involvement. Dan, we'll make sure you meet Don Freeman, who chairs our Conservation committee. He will appreciate your help in that role. Dan's fishing interests include trout, steelhead, coastal cutthroat, salmon, and bass.

Let's get you hooked up with Jim McAllister's great outings. Jim ensures a variety of fresh and salt fishing opportunities. If you're unsure whether your gear is salt-worthy have our guys check it out and make recommendations to ensure you have a successful trip. Welcome to SSFF Dan!

Randy Allen
Membership Chair

SSFF 2018 Dues are Due!

It's that time of year again. If you haven't already done so, please pay your 2018 dues as soon as possible. Yearly dues of \$40.00 are payable on January 1st. Dues may be given in cash or check to the club Treasurer Jim Maus at the monthly membership meetings, or checks mailed directly to South Sound Fly Fishers, PO Box 2792, Olympia, WA 98507. Thank you!

New Fly Fishers International (FFI) Website

The FFI has recently revamped its website and it's absolutely stunning. If you haven't visited the new site yet, do yourself a favor and go take a look at it. Here's the link:

<https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/>

Are You Suffering From Cabin Fever?

Here are some great Fly Fishing events happening in the Northwest over the next few months. Here are several you may be interested in attending:

February

February 17-18, 2018 - The Fly Fishing Show, Lynnwood Convention Center, Lynnwood, WA (3711 196th Street Southwest, Lynnwood, WA 98036).

www.flyfishingshow.com/lynnwood-wa/. Admission is \$15. Fly Fishers International will be offering FREE fly fishing instruction at the FFI Learning Center located at the FFI booth. Basic fly casting, fly tying, and knot tying will be taught throughout the day. More information is available at the show's website (<http://www.flyfishingshow.com>).

March

March 9-10, 2018 - Northwest Fly Tyer Expo, Albany OR, www.nwexpo.com. The Oregon Council's 2018 Northwest Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo will be held on Friday, March 9th and Saturday, March 10th, 9AM - 5PM Daily, at the Linn County Expo Center in Albany, Oregon. The NW Fly Tyer Expo has been heralded as the "largest fly tying event west of the Mississippi". Come to the Expo and be part of the crowd of fly tyers and fly fishers building their knowledge and seeing old friends. At the Expo you will have the opportunity to: learn from over 200 Fly Tyers, explore the 50+ Exhibitors, observe daily Casting Demonstrations, choose from over 50 Classes on Fly Tying, Fly Casting, & Fly Fishing, attend the daily FREE Fly Fishing Education Program, and participate in daily Raffles & Silent Auctions. Admission is free for FFI Members, Veterans and Youth 18 & Under. General Admission for everyone else is \$10.00.

May 2018

May 4-5, 2018 - Washington State Council Fly Fishing Fair, Ellensburg WA, Please join us at the Washington Council's 12th annual Fly Fishing Fair. The 2018 Fair will be held in Ellensburg, WA on May 4th and 5th, 2018 (Friday and Saturday) at the Kittitas Valley Event Center (Fair Grounds) in Ellensburg, WA. You may register beginning Jan 15, 2018 on our website (<http://wscffi.org/>). The Volunteer Dinner (it's free and open to all volunteers) will be held on Thursday, May 3rd. The Social hour with no host bar opens at 5 PM, Dinner will start at 6 PM. The Council's annual Award Banquet and Auction (the Council's major fundraiser) will be held on Friday, May 4th. The no host bar will open at 5 PM, Dinner will begin at 6 PM. The Live Auction will follow Dinner. Reservations can be made and tickets can be purchased (for \$40) on our website after January 15th, 2018. Discounted Motel and Hotel options are listed on our web site (<http://wscffi.org/>), please note that you must call (no online) your chosen hotel directly and mention the WA Fly Fishing Fair to get the discount price (listed for each hotel on our website) which is good through April 1, 2018.

August 2018

August 6-11, 2018 - 2018 FFI Annual International Fly Fishing Fair in Boise ID, Boise Centre, Century Link Arena and The Grove Hotel. Watch for more details in the coming months. The show will feature Vendors, Gear Sales, lots of Kid Activities, Free Classes and Demonstrations, Live Music and lots of fun Family Activities. The Fair will feature: FFI Learning Center classes and workshops on Fly Tying, Fly Fishing Skills, Fly Casting, and Conservation; a Women's Extravaganza featuring Women's Outreach activities, Women's Fly Tying Workshops, and Women's Fly Fishing Workshops; a Conservation Keynote Address and Discussion with this year's FFI Leopold Award winner; a Fly Fishing Gear Sale; Fishing Demonstrations, a 2-Day Youth Fly Fishing Camp, numerous Meal Events, Fly Tying Demonstrations, Auctions and Raffles, Fly Casting Demonstrations, and much more.

Tight thread,

Jim

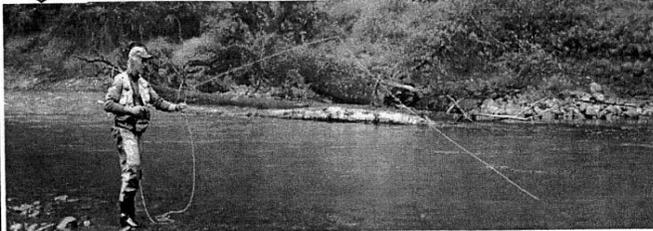
SSFF Introduction to Fly Fishing at Olympia Community Center

Four Mondays in March (four sessions) 6:30 to 8:30 PM Room #100

Bonus Hands-On Session Saturday March 24 at No. Olympia Fire Dept. 5046 Boston Harbor Rd. NE
9:30AM to 2:00 PM Fly Casting, Fly Tying, Entomology and Pot Luck

Introduction to Fly Fishing

Presented by
South Sound Fly Fishers



LEARN ABOUT THE ART OF FLY FISHING

- LEARN HOW TO CATCH-AND-RELEASE A BIG FISH ON A FLY YOU TIED YOURSELF
- LEARN ABOUT FLY FISHING EQUIPMENT, CLOTHING AND FLOATATION DEVICES
- LEARN ABOUT THE RICH CENTURIES OLD HISTORY OF FLY FISHING
- LEARN ABOUT THE LIFE CYCLES OF THE INSECTS FISH DINE ON
- LEARN WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP CONSERVE CRITICAL HABITAT FOR OUR SALMON, STEELHEAD, TROUT AND OTHER MARINE LIFE
- LEARN WHERE THE BEST RIVERS, LAKES AND SALT-WATER OPPORTUNITIES TO FISH ARE

To register-----Call Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation Department at the Olympia Community Center, 360-753-8380
222 Columbia St. NW, Olympia, 98501
PROGRAM: 4 sessions, held each Monday evening
to p.m.-----March 5, 12, 19, 26

Introduction to Fly Fishing Class is 6:30 to 8:30 PM each Monday in March.

Call Olympia Community Center 360-753-8380 to register. Cost is \$39 for the series.

Around the Camp Fire with Gary Oberbillig

By Dave Field

(Gary Oberbillig is a fly fisher, fly tier and past SSFF board member)



This is another story about fishing trips with John McKenzie a longtime member of SSFF. Last month we told the story of John and I fishing for wild cutthroat in Walupt Lake. This month I want to tell you about our trips to Dry Falls in central Washington.

Any story about fishing Dry Falls must begin about 15000 years ago because that is when the basin we all fish today started to form. If one goes to the Visitors Center above Dry Falls Lake you learn that this whole area used to be the main stem of the Columbia River. You also learn about the periodic floods in Oregon and Washington when the ice dam that created Lake Missoula gave way every fifty years or so. The flood waters raced across central Washington at better than 60 MPH on their way to the Pacific Ocean. Dry Falls Lake and the scablands of this entire region is today a testament to the major geologic events that shaped this beautiful State.



John and I fished Dry Falls Lake many times over the years. We trolled and still fished the lake and learned many of its fascinating secrets. We fished it in the Spring when the water tended to be high and fished it again in the Fall when the lake was low and you had to work your way across the shallows to find the deep water.

Mostly we caught and released Rainbows but we would pick up an occasional Brown or the brown/brook hybrid known as the Tiger Trout. We used our five to six weight systems although some other fly fishers used lighter gear. John and I believed it was better for the fish if we used stouter systems to return them to the lake quickly rather than playing them out. Sometime our days were very productive, sometimes just few just fish were brought to the net and once in a while John or I would be “skunked” and we would openly admit it. That is the way of good fishing buddies, you are always honest with each other no matter what.

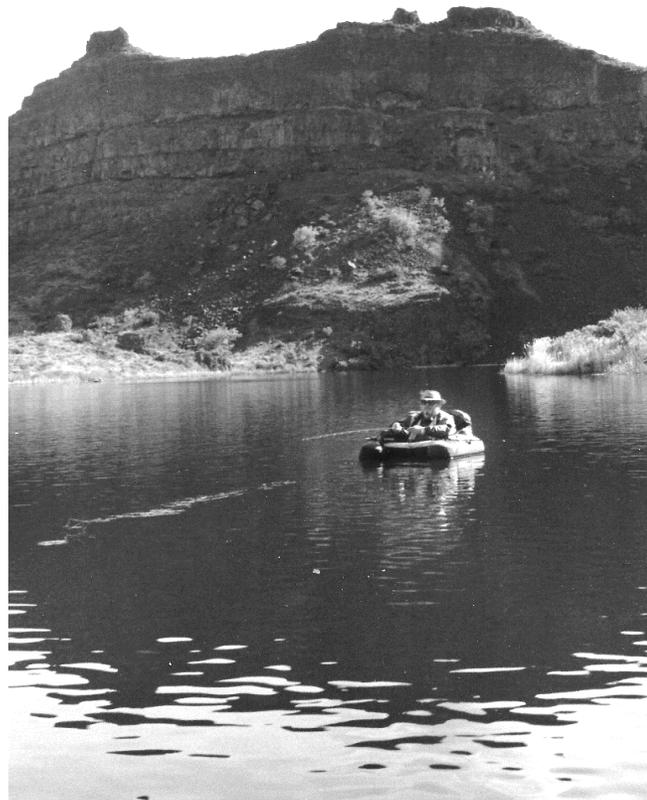
One event stands out to me that took place early one morning as John and I were readying our boats and rods to fish. A young couple from Germany was returning from an early morning hike they had taken on the cliffs overlooking the east side of the lake. Both John and I both spoke a little German but we found that they could hardly speak a word of English. Through some hand gestures and a few German sentences, we understood they were interested in taking photos of the animals and birds around the lake. John and I warned them to keep a sharp eye out for rattle snakes that are known to inhabit the many rocky outcroppings above the lake.

The German couple told us that they had indeed seen snakes and had even gotten up to them for some closeup pictures. John and I looked at each other and laughed as we obviously took the Rattlers more seriously than German couple. So we said auf wiedersehen to this couple then shoved off in our boats.

Over dinner that evening, John told me a story about his close encounter with Rattler in Dry Falls Lake. The snake was swimming across the lake and figured that John's pontoon boat would be a good way to rest while hitching a ride. John saw him trying to climb aboard and fended him off with his fly rod. The snake kept following John and tried several times to climb up on to his boat and each time John pushed this unwelcome critter back into the lake. We laughed again about the German tourists that seemingly enjoyed getting closeups of all the wildlife around the lake including those pesky Rattlers!

John McKenzie at Dry Falls

Photo by G. Oberbillig



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Report



Call 911 if poaching is in progress/emergency

Or send text as follows:

**Enter WDFWTIP (a space) and the Report
Send to: 847411 (TIP411)**

Reports are completely anonymous

WDFW COMMUNICATIONS is open Monday - Friday, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closed weekends and holidays. If you are texting outside of these hours of operation, please contact your local State Patrol as they dispatch for WDFW when closed.

TURN IN A POACHER (TIP) Reporting Violations/Poaching

If you believe you have just witnessed a fish/wildlife violation, gather all the necessary information to report:

1. Automobile license number, make, color, model, year, general condition (4X4, camper/canopy, etc.).
2. Description of person(s) that committed the violation (sex, general age, race, hair color, general build, name/address if known).
3. Type of violation, where and when it occurred (time, Game Management Unit, GPS coordinates, road junctions), and species involved.

Do not confront the suspected party. Just gather this information and call or text it to WDFW

Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy



NW YOUTH CONSERVATION AND FLY FISHING ACADEMY - 2018

The deadline for the 2018 Academy is closing in - April 15, 2018 is the deadline for the Academy. Those that apply and are accepted, will be notified by the middle of May. The Academy this year is again the last full week of June 24-30, 2018. The Academy is held on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. Applicants need to write an essay explaining why “they” would like to attend. They also will need a letter of recommendation from their school counselor, science teacher or responsible person. The applicant, boy or girl, 12-16, should not be 17 at the start of the Academy. Cost is \$300 and there are sponsorships available. No one will be turned away because of lack of money.

The support from the fly fishing community again this year is nothing short of spectacular. Applications are coming from all over the State. In the past years, we have been supported by over 50 volunteers each year. We will need volunteers again this year as guides to take the kids fishing in the morning and evenings. We will be fishing a local pond and the Deschutes Rivers in Thurston County. The Academy has a Facebook page loaded with pictures from past years and our website www.nwycffa.com You may download the application off the website or call Mike Clancy @253-278-0061, Jim Brosio @ 360-943-9947 or Tom Van Gelder @253-261-8890.

The Academy will be a life experience for these youth, they are the future of our sport of fly fishing.

“We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can always build our youth for the future.” *FDR*



Club Bulletin Board

Meeting Night Activities Doors will be open at 6:00pm and Mark Brownell will use the club's camera and projector on the big screen to demonstrate how to tie some of his favorite patterns. Members gain by watching a demonstration by an experienced tier before club meetings.

Help Sea Run Cutthroat Trout. Volunteers are needed by the WDFW Coastal Cutthroat Trout Initiative. Learn about these iconic fish as you work to help further their recovery. Click on the Coastal Cutthroat Coalition on the club website to learn more about these wild fish. Call Bill Young at 360-426-8416. Leave a message if Bill is out doing a redd survey on a local stream.

Now you can report suspected poaching incidents to WDFW Enforcement by texting on your cell phone. Here is how to do it:

- Start a text message on your phone. On the first line of the message, type WDFWTIP. Then add a space and type in the tip information. Example: "WDFWTIP just saw 3 large Sea Run cutthroat trout killed and kept by a person at Tolmie Beach State park in Thurston County, standing by."
- Then, from the phone's menu, select "SEND TO:" and type in 847411 (TIP411). Then press "Send."
- The text message is sent to a special computer server that will mask your identity and assign an alias. WDFW has no way of determining the reporting party's identity but can communicate through the TIP411 service, if necessary.

Please...Do not park in the Fire Station's emergency vehicle driveway during SSFF meetings. If the designated parking spaces in front of the fire Station are full, please use the parking areas behind the building. Support our first responders!

Fly of the Month

ZUG BUG



By Bob Bates

Opening Comments:

I mentioned before that many great fly tiers at TU and FFF shows are available to photograph for the FFF Fly of the Month. I just sit down in empty chair in front of a tier. This is the second fly that Milt Jenkins of Taylorsville, Utah tied for me at the 2011 East Idaho Fly Tying Expo. He has only one hand. A prosthetic device served as the other hand. He still ties flies professionally, although he admits that he is a little slower than before when he turned out 500 dozen flies a year for Jack Dennis. Milt has been tying for 53 years.

In *Flies for Trout* by Dick Stewart and Farrow Allen say credit for this pattern goes to Cliff Zug. Then they go on to say that any fly tied with peacock herl will catch fish. Just about everyone agrees with them on that. I use it in both streams and lakes. Just use your favorite wet fly technique and go for it.

Materials List:

Hook: Daiicche 1180 10 -14 mostly 12

Thread: 6/0 black

Tail: Peacock sward fibers

Weight: Optional 0.015 lead wire

Rib: Oval silver tinsel

Body: Peacock herl

Beard: Pheasant tail fibers

Wing case: Mallard breast feather

Tying Steps:



Step 1. Put a thread base whole length of shank, and tie on a good clump of peacock sward fibers. Milt ties them long and then adjusts the length. Hold fibers and pull thread down so material doesn't move around the hook. If he wants lead, he puts it on now at mid shank and wraps it forward to within a couple of eye widths of the eye. If he had a bead on the hook he would take a few more wraps and shove them into the back of the bead.



Step 2. Tie in oval silver rib. He also uses gold tinsel, it depends on the customer wants.



Step 3: Pick a bunch of peacock herl. Milt doesn't count fibers, he just grabs enough to make a nice body, and double wraps the peacock herl. He stops the herl about two eye widths back from the eye. Milt also adjusts the amount of herl if there is lead on the hook. He secures it with a half hitch so he can use a loose loop to put on beard.



Step 4: Reverse wrap rib so it isn't doesn't gets lost in the peacock herl. Also he doesn't like to use too much rib because it hides peacock.



Step 5: Tie the beard about two eye widths back from the eye.. It is easier to turn the hook over tie the fibers on loosely adjust the length, and then put on some tighter wraps. Trim excess. (He tied the beard in with the fly upside down, and I asked him to turn it over for the picture.)



Step 6: Use Mallard breast feather for the wing case. Strip off the real fuzzy stuff. Tie it on top of hook.



Step 7: Then cut it so it looks like wings are just starting to develop. Wind a small head, whip finish and put on a little head cement. (He makes his own glue with 50-50 Duco cement and acetone.)

Closing comments:

There was no hackle on the flies he tied for me, but here is a little tip that he told me about. I will pass it on any way. Cut a piece of cardstock in a circle, use a leather punch to put a small hole in the center. cut a slot from the edge to the hole. Slide it on to the thread, put it over the eye of the hook to push the hackle back and whip finish.

I have had Zug Bugs in my Fly box for more years than I want to admit. If you are not using them, shame on you. Get busy, and tie a few for your fly box.

Thank you FFI for sharing the pattern with SSFF



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