



South Sound Fly Fishers
The Garden Hackle

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Leader's Line

Bruce Lincoln, Club President



“Any meal is a good meal when you're on a good river.”
— Edward Abbey, Abbey's Road

So, as a matter of fact the best meals are on a river. But it did occur to me that AI has no idea what I'm talking about. I decided to be lazy and to try an AI generated column this month using the above quote as a starting point. What I got from that venture was a bundle of platitudes. It occurred to me that the meaning of that quote is more mystical than just a bundle of words. Then again AI has never felt the cool breeze, the warm sun, the welcome aroma of embers of a campfire, the pleasing fatigue, nor the serenade of the leaves and flowing water. But I feel most of you know what I am trying to express so I will stop there.

The days are getting longer and soon we will have more opportunities to be “haunted by waters.” Also, we will have more opportunity to share our experiences with others at a **social club meeting on March 28th at North Olympia Fire Station** (our usual meeting location). We changed our outing this month because of probable poor weather and probable no fish in the lake. We will be having food, a casting practice, and fly tying. Students from the *Introduction to Fly Fishing* class will be invited, and a catch-up lecture for them will be offered. I am hopeful that there will be many members there to welcome them and show them how to enjoy a day on the water.

Thank you to all who have been able to help on Mondays for the “*Intro to Fly Fishing*” class our club is hosting. With 19 students enrolled, it really does help to have multiple club members there to share your unique experiences. We all know how awesome of an instructor Randy is, but he is not able to do it all by himself. We appreciate your commitment and service to help this class be successful.

On more mundane issues we are working on last year's audit.

I will continue to send out pop-up fishing notices on the Google Groups, so hopefully we can experience the waters together. Places that I probably will send out notices include trips to Coldwater Lake, Rocky Ford Creek, and probably Hood Canal for Coastal Cutthroat.

As a reminder for those of you who have not paid your annual dues, our By-Laws state that if not paid by the March club meeting "they shall be considered delinquent and dropped from the South Sound Fly Fishers roster." We do not want this to happen, so you may receive a phone call or letter from our board members reaching out and checking in with you. You can read more in our Treasurer and Membership sections to pay online if you wish. We did not collect money during the last general meeting because we could not give receipts so remind yourself to do so.

Bruce Lincoln
SSFF President

president@southsoundflyfishers.org



| South Sound Fly Fishers - 2026 Meeting Dates | |
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| Board Of Directors Meetings | Club Membership Meetings |
| Jan 13 - North Olympia Fire Station | Jan 20 - North Olympia Fire Station |
| Feb 10 - North Olympia Fire Station | Feb 17 - North Olympia Fire Station |
| Mar 10 - North Olympia Fire Station | Mar 17 - North Olympia Fire Station |
| Apr 14 - North Olympia Fire Station | Apr 21 - North Olympia Fire Station |
| May 12 - North Olympia Fire Station | May 19 - North Olympia Fire Station |
| June 9 - SouthBay Fire Station 81 | June 16 - SouthBay Fire Station 81 |
| July 14 - SouthBay Fire Station 81 | July 21 - SouthBay Fire Station 81 |
| Aug 11 - SouthBay Fire Station 81 | Aug 18 - SouthBay Fire Station 81 |
| Sept 8 - SouthBay Fire Station 81 | Sep 15 - SouthBay Fire Station 81 |
| Oct 13 - North Olympia Fire Station | Oct 20 - North Olympia Fire Station |
| Nov 10 - North Olympia Fire Station | Nov 17 - North Olympia Fire Station |
| Dec 8 - North Olympia Fire Station | No meeting this month |

Board of Directors meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month starting at 6:30 PM.

Club Meetings are conducted in-person, and on certain months, via Zoom. Meetings begin at 7:00 PM on the third Tuesday of every month, except December. There will not be a general membership meeting in December. When the meeting will also be on Zoom the code will be sent via email a few days prior to the meeting. The physical meeting location will open at 6:30 PM if you want to visit and talk fly fishing.

Our in-person meetings are generally held at the [North Olympia Fire Station](#) located at 5046 Boston Harbor Road NE, Olympia, WA. 98506.

Programs

Wayne Dixon, Chair



Our speaker this month will be [Rick Hafele](#).

Rick has a Master's degree in aquatic entomology and a minor in fisheries biology, and has worked as a professional aquatic biologist for over 40 years. As a fly-fishing writer Rick penned the *Entomology* column for American Angler magazine for 30 years. He also co-authored *An Angler's Guide to Aquatic Insects and Their Imitations* with Scott Roederer (Johnson Books, 1995), *Western Mayfly Hatches* and *The Complete Book of Western Hatches* with Dave Hughes (Amato Pub), *Nymph Fishing Streams and Rivers* (Stackpole Books 2006), plus *Seasons for Trout* and *Tactics for Trout* (Stackpole Books 2014) co-authored with Dave Hughes and Skip Morris.

His newest publication - *Rick Hafele's Favorite Flies and How to Fish Them* - is available in paperback or kindle format through Amazon, also available at rickhafele.com/books .

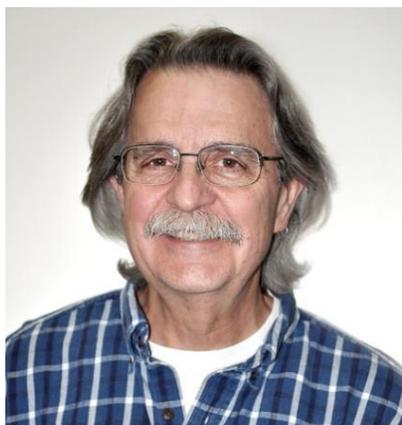
Instructional DVDs to Rick's credit include *Anatomy of a Trout Stream*, the four DVD series *Fly Fishing Large Western Rivers*, plus *Basic and Advanced Nymph Fishing*, and *Advanced Tactics for Emergers & Dries*. For many years Rick has shared his knowledge with fly fishers through books, articles, DVDs, slide shows and seminars.

More info on his website www.rickhafele.com

Our program this month is *Nymph Fishing Rivers and Streams* (50-60 min): This slide show explains what goes on below the surface of a stream and how to catch trout with nymphs. It covers equipment, insect behavior, patterns, and tactics. Everything you should know, even if you don't want to know it!

Please come and show your support

Thank You
Wayne Dixon
Programs Director / SSFF



2026 Dues are now payable!

Thank you for continuing to support SSFF. It is that time of year again! 2026 dues are payable starting on January 1, 2026. Annual membership runs from January 1 to December 31.

Memberships Types:

- Individual membership - for an individual
- Family membership - includes a spouse or significant other

Annual Membership Dues Amounts:

- Renewing Individual or Family membership - \$40 (no badge or club patch)
- New Individual membership - \$45 (includes a name badge and a club patch)
- New Family membership - \$50 (includes 2 name badges and 2 club patches)

Returning members:

- Make your payment with PayPal or credit card
- Come to the next club meeting and pay your 2026 dues with cash, check, or credit card.

New members:

- Complete the membership application
 - Use the on-line form [On-line Membership Application](#) and make an electronic payment with [PayPal or credit card](#)
 - Download and complete the [US Mail Membership Application](#). Return it with a check (\$45 for individual membership / \$50 for family membership):

Sound Fly Fishers
PO Box 2792
Olympia, WA 98507

If you prefer, attend the next club meeting, Mar 17, 2026. Register, and pay your dues.

Your name badge(s) and club patch(es) will be available at a club meeting in the near future after joining.



We are half-way complete with our five-week Introduction to Fly Fishing. Eight of our primary instructors have over 230 years of fly fishing experience (...total - we're old, but we're not that old!). Nineteen new students are grabbing onto everything the instructors share like hungry trout on a Royal Wulff!

Thanks are due to Wayne Dixon, Jim Maus, Lee Yeager, Don Freeman, Mike Clancy, Max Doerge, Tobey Anderson, Bruce Lincoln, Steve Farquhar, Chris Tilton, Vic Andrade, Bert French, Tim Mettier. . . I hope I have not missed anyone!

I especially enjoy our world-famous and much anticipated Fly Shop. Each class we assemble a small, impressive fly shop in the back of the room. We have taught about the gear we would outfit ourselves with. We go beyond pictures in the training book. This last class students arrived to find a fly shop with all of that gear assembled for them to touch, feel, and ask questions of our very knowledgeable training team. It's a cool addition to our training class, and it integrates beautifully with our subject matter.

I expect many students will continue into our seven-week casting lessons. And club meetings, and our Mentorship program. Clearly If we build it, they will come. Thanks and respect go to Kevin Costner's "Field of Dreams."

Coming up next in April will be seven weeks of casting lessons. If you are not in the training class and are interested in casting lessons, email us with your contact information. Dates and location are to be announced, but you will learn to cast to that fish, and to manage your line on moving water. Then let our mentors take you by the hand to ensure the lessons make sense when you apply them.

Here is our annual education program:

Introduction to Fly Fishing - Taught February - March.

What is fly fishing all about? Is this something I want to try?

Students learn fly fishing gear: rods, reels, lines and leaders, waders, boots, and floatation devices (boats). We discuss locating fish in rivers, lakes, and the salt water, as well as local fish species you'll encounter. Our evening on entomology teaches about the life cycles of various insects, and which artificial flies imitate them.

Students also learn three useful fly-fishing knots.

We include two Saturday mornings to introduce you to the basics of casting a fly rod.

Fly Casting - Taught in the spring, seven weeks. This class is for single-handed rod casting (not two-handed spey rods). You will cast a fly line for different situations including the wind. You'll also learn to "mend" your line to overcome the effect of moving river water on your line.

Introduction to Fly Tying - Taught weekly in the fall. Students receive plenty of individual attention as they learn to tie eight flies. After completing their homework, students will have tied 80 flies for their fly-boxes.

We teach a variety of flies useful anywhere including nymphs, streamers, and dry flies. After completion students can apply their skills to numerous other, similar fly patterns.

Please contact Randy with questions. <https://southsoundflyfishers.org/contact/>





Happy spring South Sound Fly Fishers! We are moving out of the long, gray, and rainy winter months into longer warmer days! Cherry Blossom trees are blooming and the buds on the Rhododendron are fat! Don't forget that your fishing license is getting ready to expire at the end of this month. If you are steelhead fishing, make sure to check daily on river closures. Also, this year you can purchase an electronic fishing license to include a catch card to be used on your Smart Phone. A paper license is still available, and I recommend going old school! Your phone could die; the app could crash, and having it on your person while fishing is law. The Columbia Stamp is back so don't forget to add it to your license if you plan on fishing at any of its tributaries.

This month I`m shifting gears to talk about broodstock programs and how we have an opportunity to help our rivers and Steelhead hatcheries with Senate Bill 6241. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife operating and capital budget is more than a billion dollars to fund more than 2,000 employees and to support our recreational rights. With this budget Washington State should be the gold star standard in taking care of fish and wildlife. July 1, 2025, a 38% increase in license fees took effect, and now we are paying again an additional 8.75 dollars starting January 1st, 2026, to fish the Columbia river basin and its tributaries. The closure of a Columbia River hatchery is mind boggling after all the increases. Links are provided to show Biennium Expenses reports from 2021- 2025. The budget runs in 2 year cycles. Compare the 2010 report showing spending of just 252.7 million. The increase in spending over the last decade is significant.

[WDFW 2021-2023 biennium expenses](#)

[WDFW 2023-2025 biennium expenses](#)

[Fish, wildlife and Washington's economy](#)

Washington Senate Bill 6241, a legislative proposal aimed at enhancing struggling wild steelhead populations in the Pacific Northwest, has ignited a complex debate, pitting the urgency for intervention against the principles of scientific caution. The bill mandates the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) to establish "wild broodstock conservation programs" matching a modeling approach on programs in neighboring Oregon.

This initiative centers on the use of local, wild-origin fish to create hatchery-reared offspring, a method intended to be a powerful tool for recovery. However, the bill has drawn both fervent support from angling groups who see it as a path to revitalizing fisheries, and sharp criticism from conservation organizations and even the WDFW itself, who warn of unintended ecological and genetic consequences.

The Broodstock Program: A Tool for Conservation

At the heart of SB 6241 is the wild broodstock program, an evolution of hatchery practices designed to bridge the gap between fish production and wild fish conservation. Traditional "segregated" hatchery programs often rely on hatchery-origin fish for generations, which can lead to domestication and a loss of fitness for survival in the wild. The gene becomes weak and the return of the fish to spawn is less likely.

In contrast, "integrated" or wild broodstock programs collect a number of wild, natural-origin fish from a specific river basin or many to serve as the parents for the next generation of hatchery fish. The resulting offspring are then reared in a hatchery before being released.

The primary goal is to produce hatchery fish that are genetically as similar as possible to their wild counterparts, preserving the unique genetic diversity of local populations.

Proponents believe this method creates more robust fish that are better equipped to survive and thrive in their natural environment, thereby supplementing struggling populations and providing sustainable harvest opportunities for recreational and commercial fisheries.

Successful programs have been credited with helping to recover salmon runs on the brink of extinction and boosting natural population abundance with minimal negative genetic impact.

The process often involves volunteer anglers capturing wild fish, which are then transported to a hatchery for spawning, and being returned to the river after the process. Most volunteers are local guides that are given large live wells in their boat to gently transport the fish to the hatchery. A good biologist running a well-kept and monitored hatchery can produce some extremely healthy fish and keep the genetics going for decades to come.

The Case for Senate Bill 6241

Supporters of SB 6241, including its prime sponsor, Senator John Braun, and many other Senators with angling groups like the Coastal Conservation Association, view the bill as a necessary and proactive measure to address the dramatic decline in Washington's steelhead fisheries over the last decade. Washington used to be the steelhead capital of the world and now Oregon fisheries are thriving, and anglers are traveling south to fish.

The argument is that these programs offer a "repeatable and scalable" template that could be immediately implemented in Washington watersheds. A key benefit highlighted by proponents is the potential to increase fishing opportunities across the state. By creating more hatchery-raised steelhead, the bill could help disperse angling pressure, which is currently concentrated on a few remaining healthy runs.

Furthermore, the reliance on volunteer anglers to collect broodstock is presented as a cost-saving measure for the state. For many, this legislation represents a critical investment in a tool that can provide short-term stability for steelhead populations while long-term solutions like habitat loss are addressed. We must balance where all the money is going.

The Arguments Against and Potential Risks

With its well-intentioned goals, SB 6241 faces significant opposition from critics labeling the bill a "misguided" and "one-size-fits-all approach" that legislates scientific matters that should be left to fisheries managers at WDFW and their tribal co-managers. A major concern is the potential for negative genetic and ecological impacts on wild steelhead. Some scientific research indicates that hatchery-reared salmonids, even from integrated programs, can have adverse effects on wild populations. Opponents of the bill fear that a blanket mandate could harm the very populations it intends to save by diluting wild gene pools with fish that are less fit for natural survival.

In conclusion, Senate Bill 6241 represents a crossroads in the management of Washington's iconic wild steelhead. It offers a decisive, action-oriented plan favored by many in the angling community who are desperate to see fish return to their rivers. The underlying broodstock programs are a scientifically backed tool that, when applied carefully, can aid in conservation. However, the bill's prescriptive and statewide mandate is viewed by many experts as a risky oversimplification of a deeply complex ecological issue. They argue for a more nuanced, science-driven approach managed by the experts at WDFW, rather than a broad legislative directive. They want to protect where the money goes and keep the decision out of the public's hands. The debate over Senate Bill 6241 encapsulates the enduring challenge in fisheries management. How to balance the desire for immediate recovery with the long-term plans to protect wild, resilient ecosystems.

Here is the link to the [SB 6241-2025-26 Bill status-at-a-glance](#)

From this above link you can send your comments and your position on this bill directly to members in your legislative district.

As well as get email and RSS notifications and view related topics to this bill.





South Sound Fly Fishers

Membership Report - March 2026

Total membership as of this date: 49

Total new members in 2026: 5

Please welcome the following new members.

Jim West - Joined 2/19/26

Lawrence Fitzgerald - Joined 2/18/26

Jim Medlen - Joined 2/17/26

David Malley - Joined on 1/20/26

Carl Rotter- Joined 1/20/26

A friendly reminder that 2026 Membership Dues are due in January. Club Membership and Dues Membership runs from January 1 to December 31. There are two convenient ways to pay your membership dues:

1. You can make your Dues payment by Check. Please mail the check to:
South Sound Fly Fishers
PO Box 2792
Olympia, WA 98507
2. You can make your Dues payment using PayPal or a debit/credit card. Please use the link below

SSFF Renewing Member

[SSFF renewing member dues](#)

SSFF New Member

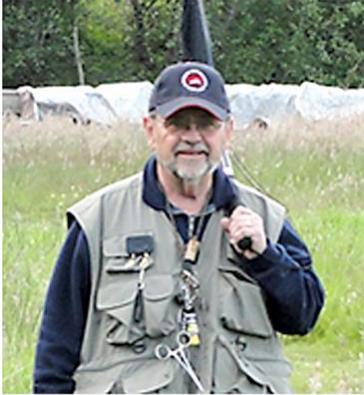
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Thank you for your continued membership and support.

Washington State Council of Fly Fishers International (WSCFFI) & Government Affairs

Mike Clancy, Chair



Fly Fishing International (FFI), WSCFFI & SSFF Events for 2026

**Washington FFI Fly Casting & Tying Fair
April 19, 2026
Pickering Barn Park, Issaquah, WA.**

Our premier casting and tying event will again be conducted in Issaquah next month with an expanded roster of classes and instructors. Details on classes and registration will appear in the next WSCFFI newsletter.

**Women Connect Missouri River Rendezvous
May 22-24, 2026
Craig, MT.**

Join FFI Women Connect for a weekend of fly fishing and social events on the Missouri River. This two-day event will be hosted by guide Trisha Campbell and WSCFFI Director Marion Hiller. Both are FFI Casting Instructors. For details go to [Women Connect Missouri River Rendezvous](#). This is a **free** event; *you do need to reserve a spot* if you wish to attend.

**Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy
June 20-27, 2026
Panhandle Lake 4H Camp, Shelton, WA.**

The Academy is a week of fly casting and tying, fishing in Panhandle's private stocked lake, and casting to Cutthroats in local streams and rivers. The Academy is full, which includes 3 young ladies this year.

New MyWDFW app

WDFW has announced that its new MyWDFW mobile application is now available for free download in the GooglePlay and Apple app stores.

With 2026 licensing products for sale now and valid at the start of the new license year on April 1, 2026 the app is available for hunters and anglers to plan ahead for the season.

One of my responsibilities with the WSCFFI is to forward press releases to clubs and individuals published by WDFW. If you would like me to include you in my mailing, send your email to mtclancy39@comcast.net

**Fly Fishing for Searun Cutthroat in South Puget Sound
By Mel Hurd, longtime member of SSFF, Olympia**

This is a 20 page booklet written by Mel Hurd. It is an absolutely wonderful guide to fish for our searun cutthroat in our back yard. We request a minimum of \$10 donation, or more.

To order your copy go to the Donation page of our club's website, [Sea Run Cutthroat Fishing Guide](#), fill out the form, and submit your payment. Payment can be made via the PayPal link below the form. If you prefer you may mail a check to our treasurer at:

SSFF P.O. Box 2792
Olympia WA 98507

As soon as our Treasurer receives your donation, the booklet will be mailed to you. It is so easy to read and learn.



Greetings Everyone,

Well, it's time once again to invite the Members of the South Sound Fly Fishers to our End of Summer -

2nd Annual Casting Skills Development Course hosted by the South Sound Fly Fishers of Olympia

Saturday, September 12, 2026 at the

Tumwater Historical Park

802 Deschutes Way, Tumwater, WA 98501

Set-up: from 7:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Casting for Score: begins at 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Breakdown & Scoring Results: will be from 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Equipment Needed:

- 4, 5, 6, or 7 wt. fly rod
- Floating fly line
- 8' (0X or 10lb.) Yarn-tipped leader

Featured events will be for participants to earn their Bronze, Silver, or Gold casting skill certificates.

FFI Certified volunteers from the PSFF will be on hand to help score this event.

For those who do not wish to compete for score, there will be several challenging vertical, standard, and half-size casting hoops placed on both sides of the scoring area to hone your skills.

Club members are invited and encouraged to attend, as this will be the last CSDC event of 2026.

It promises to be a good time for everyone and a chance to visit with fellow fly fishers from the Puget Sound Fly Fishers and other distinguished fly clubs throughout the greater Puget Sound region.

SSFF will provide a 12'x 12' shade canopy, welcome table, message board / rod rack and ice chests. Bottled water will be available upon request.

Please make sure to bring a sack lunch, drinks and your favorite outdoor chair.

Tumwater Historical Park has ample parking, restrooms, walking trails and abundant shade trees to enjoy and rest under.

That's all for now Fly Fishers

Hope to see You there!

Fundraising

Kevin Angevine, Chair



Do you have item(s) that you don't use?

Have you considered donating it/them to the club?

SSFF is registered as a not-for-profit corporation with the State of Washington and is an exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Donations to SSFF may be tax deductible.

While SSFF operates in "Good Faith," all sales are considered "As-Is" condition. SSFF assumes no liability and the buyer purchases items at their own risk.

There are 2 ways that you as a **PAID member** may utilize this section of the newsletter.

- Donate an item(s) to the club, we will list it in our classifieds. All money from the sale of the item(s) will be added to the club's general fund. Contact our Fundraising Chair, Kevin Angevine via southsoundflyfishers.org/contact/

Thank you in advance for your donations.

- Private Sale - **available ONLY to current paid members**. List your item(s) in our classified as a private sale. No retail, business, or commercial sales are permitted. This will be a transaction between the seller and purchaser. The club will not act as an arbitrator nor as an agent for either party. The SSFF club will accept **no liability** in this transaction. Submit the info for this sale to southsoundflyfishers.org/contact/

Once the transaction is complete, a donation to the SSFF club in the amount of 20% of the sale price is suggested. This donation can be completed via the SSFF website [Donations and Support](https://southsoundflyfishers.org/Donations%20and%20Support).

The SSFF will list the item(s) in both our monthly newsletter and our website southsoundflyfishers.org

The format will include:

- a short description (20 words maximum)
- price
- contact information (**list only the contact info that you are comfortable listing**.)
- no photos will be accepted for a private sale.

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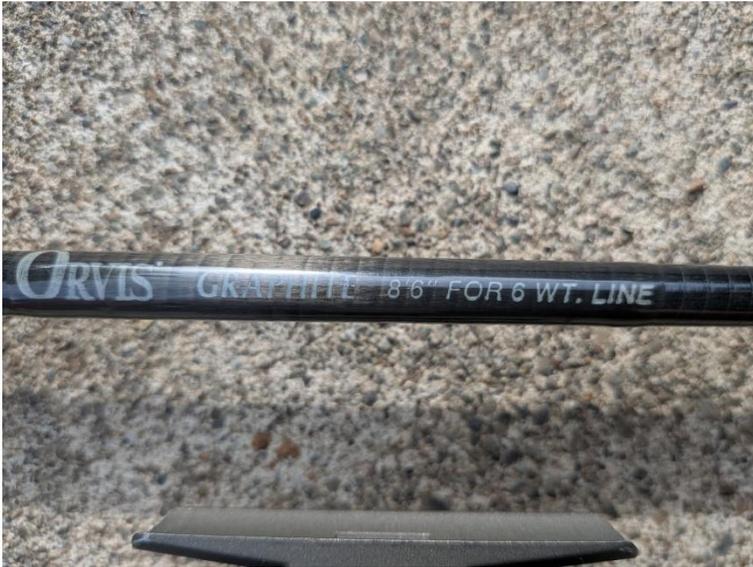
XYZ fly rod & reel (5 wt) - \$100 - Contact John Doe (johndoe@xmail.com) 555-333-4444

The following items are available for purchase from the SSFF club

Cortland Rod, 8'6", 5-6 weight rod with
Cortland Crown II Reel
\$100



Orvis Rod, 8'6", 6 weight rod with
Martin VFR reel with sinking tip line
\$135.00



Ceramic Fish
\$12.00



This month - Knots

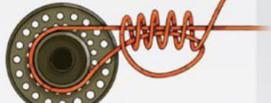
Uni knot - is used to tie your backing to the spool on your reel

UNI KNOT

Pass 6 to 8 inches of tag end around the spool arbor and form a crossing loop.



Wrap the tag around the standing line and top leg of the loop four to six times.



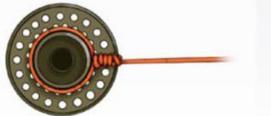
Pull the tag to tighten the wraps around the standing line.



Pull the standing line until the knot is snug against the arbor.



Pull on the tag to seat the knot. Trim the tag.



Tie this at the end of your backing that will connect with your fly line

DOUBLE SURGEON'S LOOP



Double the line to form a loop that is large enough to slip over your reel, plus a few extra inches, and hold the two lines together.



Form a simple overhand knot, keeping the two lines together.



Pass the loop through the overhand knot three more times.



Tighten by pulling on the loop and the standing line. Pull on the tag and trim.

Most fly lines today have welded loops at each end. If yours doesn't then you would use this at the backing side of your fly line

WHIPPED LOOP

Slice the end of the fly line at a 45-degree angle with a razor blade for a smooth transition.

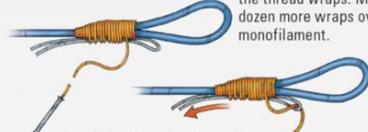
Pull approximately 12 inches of thread through the bobbin. Remove the thread spool and make five turns of thread around one leg of the bobbin to increase tension.



Once the thread is securely attached, spin the bobbin by moving both your hands in a forward motion, wrapping the thread between your two hands. Guiding the thread with your hands, slowly work down the transition area.

Once the loop is secure, start swinging the bobbin around the doubled line, making enough wraps to cover the 1 inch of doubled line and the tapered end.

To tie a whip-finish knot, place a loop of monofilament along the thread wraps. Make a dozen more wraps over the monofilament.



Break the thread and pass it through the monofilament loop.



Pull the thread under the wraps, forming the whip-finish knot. Coat the wraps with Pliobond.

If your fly line doesn't have a welded loop at the leader side tie another whipped loop or for a permanently attached leader tie this nail knot

NAIL KNOT

Place the fly line tip just beyond the tube. Position the butt end of the leader on top of the fly line, and wrap it around the fly line and tube one time.



Continue wrapping toward the tip of the fly line until you have a total of six wraps.



While holding the wraps tightly, insert the tag end of the leader into the tube and push it through.



Gently remove the tube while continuing to pinch the coils. Tighten firmly by pulling on both ends of the leader.



Trim the tag end of the leader and excess fly line. Coat the knot with flexible cement.

To tie your tippet to the leader a surgeon's knot can be used (easier to tie than the blood knot)

SURGEON'S KNOT

Place the two lines together with working ends opposite each other.



Tie a simple overhand knot, keeping the two lines together.



Pass the two lines through again for a surgeon's knot (shown). Pass the two lines through one more time for increased security with lighter tippets.



Tighten by pulling on all four strands. The finished knot should resemble a figure 8.

Same function as the surgeon's knot. But the blood knot is more streamlined and therefore less likely to pick up weeds and other debris

BLOOD KNOT

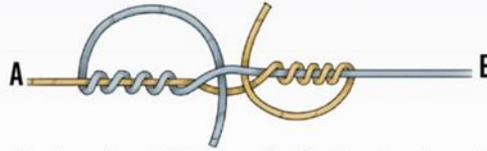
Place the two lines together with the working ends opposite each other.



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B

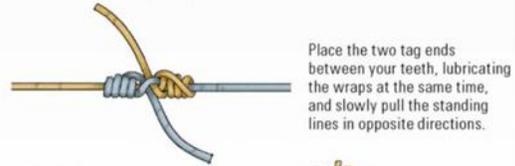
Take the working end of line A five times around line B. Pass the active working end between the two lines. Pinch with the thumb and forefinger to maintain this gap.



A

B

Wrap the working end of line B around line A five times. Insert the tag of line B in the gap opposite the tag of line A. It is crucial that the two lines enter the gap in opposite directions or the knot will fail.

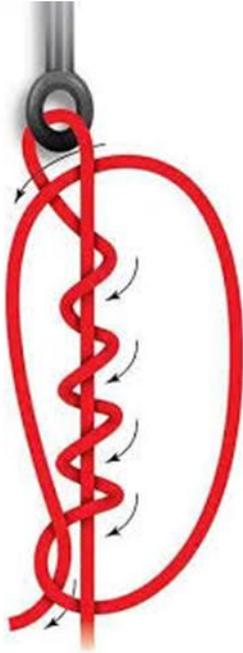


Place the two tag ends between your teeth, lubricating the wraps at the same time, and slowly pull the standing lines in opposite directions.

Trim the tag ends and test the knot.

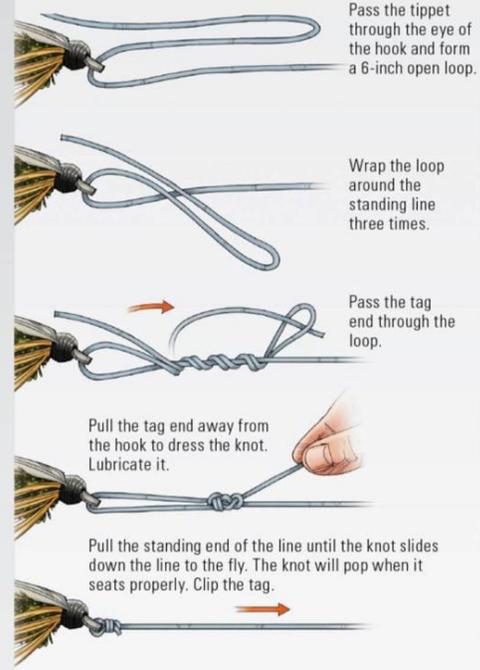


Tie your tippet to your fly. The most popular knot is the improved clinch knot



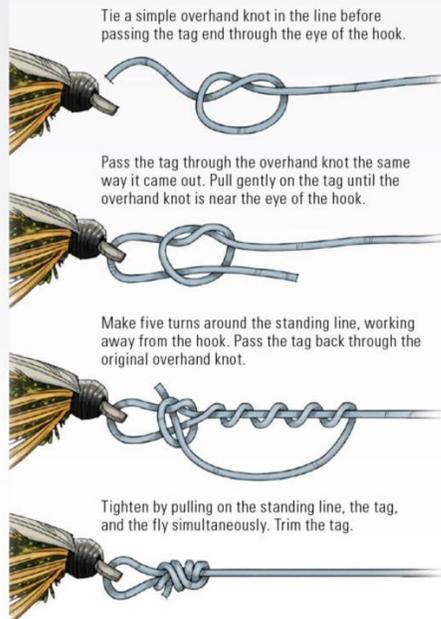
Stronger than the improved clinch knot and a more dependable knot is the Eugene bend or fisherman knot

EUGENE BEND KNOT



If your using heavy line or wish your fly to be free to slide up and down the monofilament, try the No-Slip loop knot

NO-SLIP LOOP KNOT





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