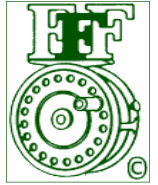




The Barbless Flyer



Spokane Fly Fishers

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PREZ SEZ by Dan Ferguson

Who stole summer?? Please let me have at least one more month! Actually, going into September is an exciting time for the club. We'll get the ball rolling with Tim Yesaki from BC telling us everything we need to know about fishing the great waters

of the province. We're also gearing up for our Fly Auction coming in November (sooner than you want to think!). We all need to start tying now.

September can also provide us with outstanding fishing. We still have the Kootenai, Clark Fork, Missouri and Yellowstone outings yet to come. Fish are a lot like any other critter-they want to fatten up before the cold hits. This can lead to some fast and furious fishing.

In the last issue of the Barbless Flyer I mentioned some changes that will be happening this season. We will be voting on changing the way your dues are paid resulting in everyone due in May of the year. We are going to have everyone sign a general liability release. Insurance companies typically require this these days. At a meeting last year a vote was taken on whether to allow alcohol to be served at some meetings. We should have investigated this further as our insurance company specifically prohibits the serving of alcohol. We will look into having some service at our holiday party though. There'll be a sign up sheet if a few folks want to take on the food service at meetings. You'll be seeing a few other sign up sheets for various committees' that need staffing for the coming year.

Marty Stoddard regrets that he'll be unable to serve as Sgt. At Arms. I'll miss his enthusiasm.

I'm looking forward to an exciting year and am confident I can count on your help and support with the many projects we have already started to plan. Please join us at our first meeting of the season, September 12th, the second Wednesday of the month.

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AROUND THE BEND

Sept. 7th -9th, Kootenai River Outing

Sept. 12th, SFF Meeting 7 PM
Tim Yesaki

Sept. 13th-15th, Missouri River Outing

Sept. 16th-22nd, Yellowstone Outing

Sept. 21st, SFF Board Meeting 7 PM

Oct. 6th - 13th, Boise Area Outing

Oct. 10th, SFF Meeting 7PM
Brian O'Keefe

October 17th, SFF Board Meeting 7PM

October 20th & 21st, Clark Fork Outing

TIMOTHY YESAKI — SPEAKER AT SEPTEMBER MEETING

We are fortunate this meeting to have Tim Yesaki, the Manager of Research Evaluation and Development Section for B.C. Fisheries speak with us about Fishing in British Columbia and the British Columbia Triploid Program.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES: Approved by the Board Aug. 29, 2007

1. NAME TAGS:

For three months members will be asked to be responsible for his or her own name tag, thus name tags will not be turned in at the end of the September meeting. Members are reminded to bring the name tag to the next meeting. At the end of three months it will be decided whether to continue this plan or keep the one we are currently using.

2. RENEWAL OF DUES:

- A. The time of renewal of dues will be changed. All members will pay dues in the month of May and must be paid by May 31 since the fiscal year begins on June 1. To do this there needs to be a change in the By-Laws. The By-Laws specify when dues are paid. The proposed change makes the By-Laws simpler and the date is specified in the Standing Rules.
- B. Those who do not pay dues by May 31, will be dropped from membership and will be charged a \$5.00 reinstatement fee.
- C. To implement this plan for the first year dues will be prorated, the year divided into four quarters.

Individual Membership – pmt is:

<u>Qtr 1</u>	<u>Qtr 2</u>	<u>Qtr 3</u>	<u>Qtr 4</u>
June-Aug	Sept-Nov	Dec-Feb	March-May
\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$5.00

Family Membership – pmt is:

<u>Qtr 1</u>	<u>Qtr 2</u>	<u>Qtr 3</u>	<u>Qtr 4</u>
\$25.00	\$18.75	\$12.50	\$6.25

New wording of the By-Laws:

Dues for all categories of members, except, honorary, Individual Lifetime and Family Lifetime are due and payable annually. Any member who has not paid the annual dues will be dropped from membership.

A dues schedule applicable to all classes of membership will be published in the Standing Rules. Any changes to the dues schedule, shall be first approved by the Board and then by the majority of voting members at any regular or special membership meeting.

CONSERVATION CORNER

By Roger Bertsch

Meadow Lake Report SFF members helped with restoring fencing at Meadow Lake on June 9th. Meadow Lake is both a fishery and wildlife refuge. The fencing, a combination of barbed wire and wooden fencing is designed to keep livestock out of the wildlife refuge. We learn a lot about fence repair and building. Everyone from the club really enjoyed the outing, fellowship, and the satisfaction of knowing we made a difference in helping the U.S. Forest Service. We can expect to help in this area again next year.



Spokane River Clean-Up October 6th. The annual Spokane River Clean-Up is really taking off. There are four major sponsors and a growing number of partners. This is a well-organized event. We may consider becoming more involved as a future partner. If you plan to participate, please call Roger Bertsch, 327-8231. We'll track the interest of our club and the Conservation Committee will make a recommendation to the Board of Directors.

Check in begins at 9 am; cleanup starts at 10 am. Take the bus! STA buses leave every 15 minutes from the SCFF Parking Lot starting at 8:30 am. The first 200 bus riders get a FREE backpack. Ride your bike! Attended Bike Corral provided. Register early online at www.gonzaga.edu/river-rsvp.

Food. Music. Prizes. The most fun you'll ever have picking up garbage.

Spokane Hatchery ("Egg Sucking") This club favorite returns again and will be scheduled in December. Date TBD.

Conservation Committee 2007-2008 With the new Board of Directors in place, it is time to form committees. Please sign up for the Conservation Committee at the September meeting.

Conservation Expenditures At the August SFF Board Meeting it was decided to donate \$2,000 to Chris Donnelly of Washington Fish and Game for the Sprague Lake Rehab Program and \$1,000 to Joe Dupont of Idaho Fish and Game for Coeur d'Alene River "Catch and Release" signage.

GRAND RONDE OUTING REPORT

By Dale Isenberg

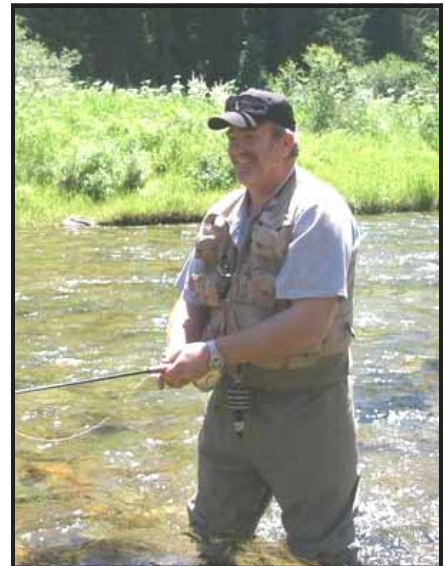
The Grande Ronde outing at the end of June was a great trip. We had thunderstorms Friday and sunny warm weather Saturday and Sunday. We did a nine mile road less float Saturday through a spectacular high desert canyon. Everyone caught fish with a mixed bag of smallmouth bass, steelhead smolts, and squawfish. There were lots of 8 to 12 inch bass with a few 16 inch plus landed. The smolts were 10 to 12 inches and hopefully headed to the ocean to return as 4 to 8 pounders. You will have to ask Judy what were the size of the squawfish. The lowlight of the trip was introducing a new drift boat to the numerous rocks in the river and yours truly hanging up the boat on rocks twice in one morning.

COUER D'ALENE OUTING REPORT

By Mike Melmoth



This years Coeur D'Alene outing was enjoyed by about eighteen members, guests and family members. Fishing was a bit slow as the river was extremely low and warm for this time of year. Fish ranged from 6" to 17", with most on the small end of the range.



Due to some confusion on the internet, I think we left a few members out. Big Hank has only 10 sites that are able to be reserved. The other 20 or so are first come first served, and at no point were they all taken. So, if you didn't come this year because the reservation page said the campground was full, try again next year. If you come late for one of the non-reserve type sites and they are all filled, we will get you in, either on a site being used by a tenter, or those folk sleeping in their car or only staying for one night. Also there are several other camp areas along the river in close proximity to Big Hank. I think some of you were also unable to get a hold of me for information, because I was GONE FISHIN for two weeks before the outing. I apologize; I should have put my cell number in the flyer. (509.953-9525)

Editors note: Despite the slow fishing, everyone had a good time with Mike and Allie's (and Allie's sister Sue's) hospitality for the potluck dinner. The food was great.

Jack Ross apparently was having a good time and many members enjoyed Jan Sadlo's casting lesson.

ST. JOE OUTING REPORT

By Fred Howe



Despite the dry year, about 25 people enjoyed our St. Joe Outing. Art and Clara Ross hosted this event and provided a friendly, enjoyable gathering on Friday night and a delicious pulled pork sandwich pot luck dinner on Saturday evening. The crowd gathered around the fire pit — no fires were allowed.

The campground was exceptionally crowded but we managed to fit most of the members in by sharing campsites.

This outing was particularly enjoyable because our new members, Dick Raff and Judy McCarty, from the West part of the state were able to join us, as were a few gentlemen who had attended one of Jan Sadlo's casting classes. Also, new member Ken Herschel joined that weekend. Welcome! We hope to see all of them at more of our outings and meetings.

Fishing was sporadic. The fish not only seemed particular about their location, but also the time of day. The flies used were varied with no particular fly of more interest than another.



ELK RIVER OUTING TRIP REPORT

By Roger Bertsch



Four members of SFF attended the Elk River outing. Tim and Karen Reed, Judy Kaufman and Roger Bertsch. Tim, Karen, and Judy did some "pre-outing" exploring and enjoyed some fine fishing on the Crowsnest and middle Oldman Rivers in Alberta. We four floated the Elk River from Hosmer to Fernie. Despite virtually no hatch, we all worked hard and caught and released a good number of West slope Cutthroat trout up to 18". The fish were in great condition, very strong and chunky. The weather was great and we had a great time fishing together. This is an area of incredible natural beauty. After the outing, I explored the upper Flathead and Wigwam Rivers. The Flathead was full of small and ea-

ger Cutts to 13" while the Wigwam was really tough fishing on a day without a hatch. Cutts similar to the Elk but in far few numbers were caught and released. I did catch and release one nice Bull Trout. It is a long walk in and out to fish the Wigwam but I may just try this river again in search of a decent hatch and more willing fish.

CLARK FORK OUTING—OCTOBER 20TH AND 21ST

By Jo Gooley

The last Club outing for 2007 will be at the Clark Fork on October 20- 21. Jim and Jo Gooley - 509 253 4590 - are hosting this outing. We will be meeting at Clark Fork Trout and Tackle at 8:00 - Mountain Time! - both mornings for coffee and rolls. At this time we can decide what float (s) we want to undertake and arrange the vehicle shuttles.

Brooks thought blue wing olives, mahogany duns, pheasant tails, and copper Johns, would be good flies to use at this time of year - and, of course, your favorite nymphs. Streamers would be good too. (Editor's note - you will all probably ask Brooks that morning anyhow!)

Since Sloway Campground is closed by the end of September, other options might be The St. Regis Campground which has full hookups - 1 406 649 2470 - or the Super 8 Motel - 406 649 2422. Also, in the past there has been a Forest Service Campground upriver from Superior which has been open.

DO YOU WANT TO BE A BETTER PHOTOGRAPHER?

OCTOBER 10TH GENERAL MEETING

By Fred Howe

Brian O'Keefe, a nature photographer, will be giving a class to SFF Members prior to the general meeting. On October 10th from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. The club's charge for the class is \$10 per person (class limited to 20). To make your reservation, call Fred Howe at 448-4707.

NOVEMBER FLY AUCTION

By Betty Smith-Lambert

This is the time of year when the Spokane Fly Fishers begins the change from an "active fishing club" to an "active meeting club". What is the difference? During some of the year the members fish and there are no meetings. The rest of the year the members change gears to meetings / classes / speakers and fly tying.

The Fly Auction was a brain child of a deceased member, Alice Deaver. Alice used to walk around the meetings with a clip board asking one and all to donate flies. Those auctions that she prepared were highly successful generating funds that have made our club a success.

Did you find some REALLY HOT flies while fishing? If so why not tie up some and donate them to the Annual Fly Auction. You will get almost as much of a thrill watching people bid against each other for those flies as you got using them on the stream.

Remember November is the Fly Auction - I will be asking for fly donations at both the September and October meetings and probably getting on the phone to find those people to whom I did not speak at those meetings.

Get out those fly materials and vices.



2007 UPCOMING OUTINGS

September 7-9 Kootenai River See Summer Barbless Jerry Voelker and Jan Sadlo

CHANGE: JAN SADLO ADVISES THAT THE KOOTENAI POTLUCK DINNER HAS BEEN CANCELLED AND REPLACED WITH BREAKFAST ON SUNDAY MORNING.


September 13-15	Missouri River	See Summer Barbless	Carolyn Sells
Sept. 15	Spokane River		CANCELLED
Sept. 16-22	Yellowstone	See Summer Barbless	Jan Sadlo
Oct. 6-13	Boise Area		Clint Rogel
Oct. 13	Amber		
Oct. 20, 21	Clark Fork		Jim and Jo Gooley

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Ken Herschel, Stu Harper, Judy McCarty and Richard Raff

**REMEMBER TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING
OCTOBER 10TH.**

BRIAN O'KEEFE, A RENOWNED PHOTOGRAPHER, WILL BE OUR SPEAKER



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NEXT MEETING

September 12, 2007

7:00 P. M.

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“TRIPLOIDS AND FISHING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA”

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL
1104 W. HEROY

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