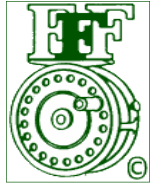




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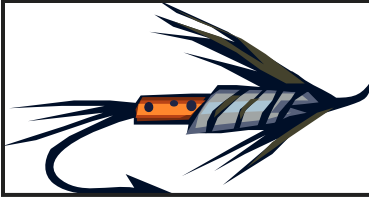


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## NOVEMBER MEETING NOVEMBER 14TH - 7:00 PM ANNUAL FLY AUCTION



The fly auction is one of the major fund raisers for the club, and one of the most entertaining. Members are the driving force for a successful auction.

With Art Ross as our auctioneer, the action is quick.

It is your flies, tied (preferred) or bought, that are bid on by everyone else, and your bidding on the other flies that fund many of the club functions, the Barbless Flyer, and the excellent speakers for our meetings.

Please bring your flies to the meeting, and PLEASE bring your checkbooks or plenty of cash to support your club.

Come early to get your auction number, preview the flies being offered and admire the skill of the members who donated their flies to the auction.

Hot dogs, Polish sausage, chips and soda will be available from 6 PM to 6:45. Beer and wine will also be available.

**PREZ SEZ**  
By Dan Ferguson



We had a terrific turn out at our last meeting to see Brian O'Keefe. Brian gave a great presentation on fishing waters in Oregon and a photography class before the meeting. This is a region we've overlooked when planning the years outings.

With many of these closer than some of the places we regularly travel to, we'll be taking a closer look.

Fred, friends and I went to the Deschutes River the first part of

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## AROUND THE BEND

November 14th  
SFF Meeting 7PM,  
ANNUAL FLY AUCTION

November 28th, SFF Board Meeting 7PM

December 12th, SFF Meeting 7PM, CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 19th, SFF Board Meeting 7 PM

January 3rd Intermediate and Beyond Fly Tying

January 5th Beginning Fly Tying

January 9th SFF Meeting 7 PM Jeff Galloup

January 23rd, SFF Board Meeting 7 PM

**PREZ SEZ; Continued from page 1**

October where we all had a fish landed or on. We went to the Grand Ronde the end of October, where we had a bit less success. Suffice it to say the club will be looking at going to these places in the future.

The speakers committee made the decision to bring in a few outstanding speakers from the North West for the following year and many of these, including Kelly Galloup and Denny Richards, will be giving some sort of seminar before the regular meetings. These seminars will help defray the cost of these speakers.

The coming meeting is our annual fly auction with the clubs best tiers offering their flies to the highest bidder. This is a great opportunity to add to your box or win something to add to your presentation collection.

I want to thank all those who hosted our outings this past year. With the outings committee getting ready to meet, we'll be looking for folks to step forward and take on hosting.

Thanks to Klaus, Carla and Linda for providing the membership with a bite to eat before the meetings. We'll be having hot dogs, sausages, chips and drinks at the auction and they'll be preparing the main course of Turkey, Ham, Salmon and Potatoes and gravy at the holiday party the 12<sup>th</sup> of December.

I hope we can continue to have the kind of attendance we saw this last meeting. Please let the board know if there's anything you'd like to see us offer in the future.

## **NOVEMBER FLY AUCTION**

**By Betty Smith-Lambert**

Now even more members have "met the person with the clip board". We are very close to the annual Fly auction and still could use more flies. If you don't tie - how about purchasing a fly collection from your favorite fly shop and donating that to the "cause".

Think about unique way of displaying your creations. In past years we have had a contest with judges who decide which is the most unique way of display. The prize - yet to be determined but it really will not be much more than recognition and memories within the club of past winners. I especially remember "shrimp on a barby" and Alice Deaver with an aardvark on top of her head.

There still is time to tie up some flies. Don't discount the lowly wooly bugger, that is one of the most productive fly of all time. Don't tie that well - I have not met many fish to care about your tying techniques. Often the flies work best after they have been "well chewed up".

After hunting season I will begin the "call people who tie" campaign. Save yourself some time and call me @ 838-5914, leave a message if I am outside getting my yard and house ready for winter. Also if you need pickup of flies call me or one of the board members.

## OCTOBER MEETING REPORT

Brian O'Keefe, the speaker at the meeting was very well received. All those in attendance seemed to enjoy his presentation. The members who participated in his photography class gleaned knowledge about capturing the perfect picture of a fish, people or nature. The class generated monies for the club.

Brian also donated items to be raffled or auctioned for the clubs benefit. Thank you Brian.



## JANUARY MEETING - KELLY GALLOUP

Kelly has agreed to hold a fly-tying seminar for the SFF. A sign up sheet will be available at the November meeting.

## WILD WOMEN'S WEEKEND

By Betty Smith Lambert



Looking back in my notes I believe that this is the 10th time that SFF women have helped out on Wild Women's Weekend. The camp is held each year at the YMCA camp on Fan Lake the last weekend of September.

This year four women from the SFF experienced Wild Women's Weekend. The experience could only be called "uplifting".

Linda Howe, Pat Mielbrecht and Carla Ferguson taught Fly Casting to groups of enthusiastic women on both "the meadow and from the doc on the lake. As usual some people learned faster than others but everybody learned something and enjoyed the experience.

Betty Smith-Lambert taught 3 "scheduled" classes in fly tying and 3 more "unscheduled" classes. Twenty five women came away with bead head Chironomid flies and nobody gave up on getting that pesky bead on the hook.

We ate two good meals and enjoyed the companionship of the staff and participants at the camp.



## **AMBER LAKE OUTING**

Reported by Geno Baril

This outing, on October 13th, was attended by about 15 members. Fishing was great. Most fish were caught on Boatmen, Scuds and Still Water Nymphs. The weather was great. Another successful SFF outing.

## **YELLOWSTONE OUTING**

Facts as generated by Judy Kaufman

**Time:** September 16 – 22

**Number attending:** Twenty folks from SFF - plus one brother and a very cute grandchild.

**Campground:** Slide Inn on the Madison River - approximately a 30-minute drive from West Yellowstone. Slide Inn is managed by Kelly Galloup who is scheduled to be the speaker for our January 9th meeting.

**Rivers and places fished:** Gallatin Fire Hole Madison Henry's Fork Cabin Creek Fun Farm

**Flies Used:** Small little bitty stuff to gigantic streamers. (guess which ones caught the biggest fish).

**Fishing Conditions:** Clear water - but there could have been more of it in some rivers.

**Big Fish:** Chris Kassa got into an unbelievable run of BIG browns on the Madison River. He hooked at least 23 large fish and netted a dozen of them on Thursday afternoon. He would also qualify for the biggest smile during the week.

**Recognitions:** Several members were recognized for interesting things and good deeds during our appetizer get-together Tuesday evening.

**Fun Factor:** FANTASTIC a 10+! This is an outing you will want to put on your 2008 calendar.

Thanks to everyone who helped with everything, especially the appetizer get-together (unbelievable selection of goodies) and the impromptu group dinners. Special thanks to Jan Sadlo for hosting.

## **CLARK FORK OUTING REPORT, OCTOBER 20-21**

By Jo Gooley

In spite of the discouraging weather forecast, four intrepid souls attended the last club outing of the year on the Clark Fork River. We met at the Brook and Jackie Sanford's Fly Shop for coffee, rolls, fish stories, fly buying, and a bit of procrastination about going out in the somewhat nasty weather. (Jan had fished the day before when the weather was totally nasty.) They floated from Sloway to St Regis on Saturday and the wind didn't blow very often and it didn't rain very much and the catching was fair. The weather was much better on Sunday for the short float from Dry Creek to Sloway but the catching wasn't as good as the fishing conditions.

One indication of this group's dedication might be that in their two days on the river they didn't see a single other boat!

## SPOKANE FLY FISHERS PRESENTS

### INTERMEDIATE (we think we're better than we really are) AND BEYOND (those that really are better and tie faster)

#### 2008 FLY TYING

Picture this. It's cold and dark. It's January. The holidays are over (but not football). Fishing options are slim and none. All you have are fishing memories from last year and hopes, dreams and expectations of the season to come. Think back to last season.

Remember those fish rising up, taking something off the surface and leaving telltale bubbles, or tails and fins showing, or busy water, or fish feeding just underneath the surface, or the wake made by a fish heading for *something*, or other fishers strike indicators disappearing under the water and yours remaining steadfastly topside. The fish were feeding but you didn't have or weren't using the right pattern for the stage of life cycle of the fly the fish were eating.

This year our intermediate and beyond fly tying hopes to solve part of that problem by teaching patterns that represent the different life cycle stages of may flies, caddis and chironomids (you'll still have to decide which one to use). Back by popular demand, we will also have a session on foam flies taught by Dale Esau.

All those signed up will have an opportunity to request patterns they wish to learn (within the categories of the 08 curriculum). You may also request techniques that will be incorporated into the patterns.

THINGS CHANGE! The night – THURSDAY, the place - WHITE'S BOOTS  
the cost - \$20 to 25 We will purchase the materials to be used collectively, package them individually by pattern and hand them out to each tier the night the pattern is tied. We hope this saves tiers time and money & helps in the correctness of tying patterns.

THINGS STAYING THE SAME! 6 Sessions Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31 Feb. 7, 21 -  
Time – 7 -9 pm, be there and ready to tie by 7pm  
PAY BEFORE THE FIRST CLASS SO WE CAN BUY THE MATERIALS! You will receive written tying instructions the night the patterns are taught. We'll provide a folder to contain all this valuable information.

INSTRUCTORS Professional tier (and the very generous) Bob Newman  
Well known tier and responsible for the "Fly of the Month" &  
"Fly Archives" on the FFF web site Bob Bates  
Our club expert on foam flies Dale Esau

SIGN UP November & December meetings, or call Judy Kaufman 924-9462  
Questions, patterns & techniques request call Judy or write in on  
sign up sheet at the November & December meetings



#### Materials Class:

Learn about fly tying materials, fur, feathers, synthetics, dubbing stuff, you get the idea. The class will be held Thursday January 3, 7 - 9pm at ? It will be taught by tying professional Bob Newman. More information at the November meeting. There will be a sign up sheet.

## **BEGINNING FLY TYING - 2008**

By Betty Smith Lambert

In case you missed last months information about Beginning Fly tying, here is a quick review of the information.

### **Members only - limited to 10 people per session**

1st session begins at 9 am;

2nd session begins at 1 pm if there are enough people

Youth over age of 10 if accompanied by an adult

Starts on January 5th for 5 Saturdays

January 5, 12, 19, 26 and February 2nd

### **All materials and tools provided for "use in class"**

Cost : \$10 to be paid at first class

Location: 1812 West 10th Ave.

Phone number: 838-5914.

I will need to talk to you, or tell me which session you can attend. Please leave a phone number so I can call you back if I have to adjust the sessions. During Elk hunting season - 23rd October through 5th of November, I am not always at home.

## **DECEMBER MEETING**

**December 12, 2007 - 7:00 P.M.**



Our annual Holiday party will be December 12<sup>th</sup>. Carla Ferguson with helpers, Klaus Rissman and Linda Howe, will be serving this popular Pot Luck. The club will provide the roast turkey. ham and salmon. The rolls, mashed potatoes, gravy, punch and condiments will also be provided. Beer and wine will be available, served by Jerry Voelker. We ask that you bring the rest.

If your last name starts with the letters:

<b>A – H</b>	<b>Please bring a Hot Side Dish.</b>
<b>I – P</b>	<b>Please bring a Salad.</b>
<b>Q – Z</b>	<b>Please bring a dessert.</b>

We expect a visit from Santa and we will have our gift exchange. For those who would like to take part in the exchange please bring a wrapped gift (\$5 limit) to the dinner.

## **CHRISTMAS FLIES**

By Betty Smith– Lambert

At the September general meeting, I passed out Steelhead hooks to some of the fly tiers of our club. Could those people please get the tied flies to me at the November meeting or call me @ 838-5914 so I can pick up those flies. It takes time to install the flies in the balls and I would like to get started after the Fly Auction is over.

## CONSERVATION CORNER

By Roger Bertsch

November is here and we'll have a short Conservation Committee before the general meeting. The purpose will be to set a date for a full Committee meeting, draft our agenda for the 2007/2008 season, and recommend expenditures to the Board for revenue from the next "Conservation Raffle." Our next project will be in December and it will be the annual project to support the Spokane Fish Hatchery. This event is commonly known as our "Egg Sucking" project. I'm amazed at how many people come to this project each year. Maybe it is the location, maybe it is the work itself and just maybe it is the fellowship with each other.

If you are interested in serving the club, the Conservation Committee is a good place to begin. There are many projects in the local area and region. We are always looking for ideas and encourage your participation. Feel free to call or email me. My home number is 509-327-8231. Work number is 509-458-4213. Email is [roger\\_bertsch@msn.com](mailto:roger_bertsch@msn.com).

### Silver Bow Flying Fish Trip to Belize

February 22 - March 1, 2008

By Roger Bertsch

The Silver Bow has about four spots remaining for this trip. After talking with some of last year's participants, I signed up. The trip offers a good value in my estimation. Six days of guided (2 guest to a guide), lodging, breakfasts, and lunches for \$1900. Dinners are pay as you go in the town of San Pedro. Airfare is about \$800 and one must spend a night in Houston. Feel free to contact Roger Bertsch 327-8231/email [roger\\_bertsch@msn.com](mailto:roger_bertsch@msn.com) or the folks at the Silver Bow.

### DUES CHANGE

By Mary Kovatch

Those whose dues are payable in November will pay the following:

Adult Individual: \$15.00

Adult Family: \$18.75

Make checks payable to Spokane Fly Fishers.

Please don't forget to bring your name tag to the November meeting.



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**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR NAME TAGS TO THE MEETING**

## **NEXT MEETING**

**November 14, 2007**

## **ANNUAL FLY AUCTION**

**7:00 P. M.  
ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL  
1104 W. HEROY**

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