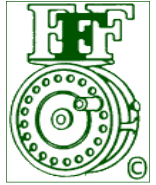




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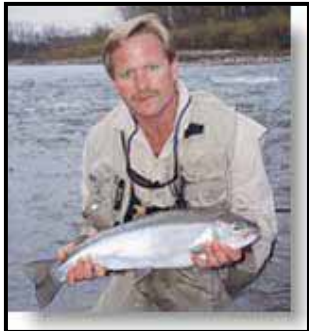


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JANUARY 9TH, 2008, MEETING SPEAKER, KELLY GALLOUP



FLY TYING OPPORTUNITY

Kelly Galloup, our speaker for the January meeting, started his fly fishing career at the age of 13, tying flies for the local tackle shop. Kelly has over forty nationally recognized fly patterns.

Kelly has written two books *Modern Streamers for Trophy Trout* and *Cripples and Spinners*. Kelly has been published in nearly every major fly fishing periodical in the country and is now one of the Editors at Large for *Fly Fisherman* magazine. Kelly was also one of the hosts of *Fly Fish TV* on the *Outdoor Life Network*. In 2004 Kelly was nominated and received the Living Legend award by the Federation of Flyfishers.

Kelly has agreed to teach two fly tying classes on January 9th, the day of the meeting. The classes will be held at the Inland Wildlife Council, 6116 N. Market Street.

Cost to attend each class is \$20 for SFF members and \$25 for non-members.

From 1 to 3 PM. Dries and Cripples will be taught and from 4 to 6 PM, Streamers.

Class size is limited to 12 per session. Club members have priority until December 13th, so call today to reserve your seat. After the 13th, the classes will be available to the public.

Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to learn from one of the best.

**CALL 448-4707 TO SIGN UP FOR
THE CLASS (or email to
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AROUND THE BEND

December 12th, SFF Meeting
7PM, CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 19th, SFF Board
Meeting 7 PM

December 25th
MERRY CHRISTMAS

January 1st
HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 3rd Intermediate and
Beyond Fly Tying

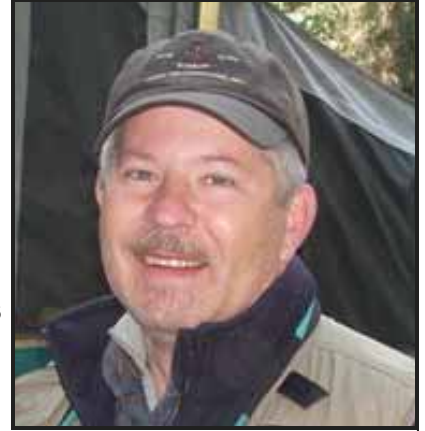
January 5th Beginning Fly
Tying

January 9th SFF Meeting 7
PM Kelly Galloup

January 23rd, SFF Board
Meeting 7 PM

PREZ SEZ

By Dan Ferguson



My how time flies when you're having fun! Another year down the tube and we've planned the outings for '08 and are arranging speakers for '09.

Personally, Carla and I had a good year on the water. Not nearly as much as we'd like to though! We'll be looking at next years schedule very carefully with our calendars at hand.

I'm pleased to announce that you contributed nearly \$3000 at our annual fly auction. In addition to the outstanding fly selections, Klaus Rissman built a beautiful tying cabinet to include in the auction. We use this money to pay for the terrific speakers and fund the outings for the year. Our thanks to Betty for chairing, Carolyn, Klaus, Carla, Linda, Pat, Bob and Art for their help pulling it off again this year!

Gary Todd, a member from Duval, recently made a very generous donation of gently used items to the club. This is not the first time Gary has contributed items we use for our raffles and I want to publicly thank him for his generosity. Harmon Scott, who has been a member of the club in the past, also donated his entire collection of fly tying supplies. Harmon donated his beautiful tying desk for us to raffle last year also. Due to the generosity of members, past and present, we can offer the best value in beginner and advanced fly tying classes on the planet.

The club is pursuing its non-profit status. If any of you have ever done this, you have an idea of how challenging it can be. Last year at one of our meetings, a new member offered his expertise in the 501(3)c process. Unfortunately, we can't find anyone who recalls the name of said member. Does this ring a bell? Please give us a holler!

Please mark your calendars for December 12th. This is our annual Holiday Party. Carla and I look forward to seeing you there for the fun.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Dan & Carla

UPCOMING MEETINGS OF SFF

- December 12th: Christmas Party. Always an enjoyable meeting with great food, fantastic company and door prizes.**
- January 9th: The speaker will be Kelly Galloup, an avid fly fisherman, published author, Editor of Fly Fishing Magazine and lodge owner. Earlier that day, Kelly will be teaching two fly tying lessons.**
- February 13th: Denny Richard will be the speaker and will also provide a fly tying demonstration.**



**YOU and YOUR FAMILY ARE INVITED TO OUR
HOLIDAY DINNER AT OUR
DECEMBER MEETING
December 12, 2007; 7:00 P.M.**

Our annual Holiday party will be December 12th. 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:

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

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.

We'll be having a slide presentation covering our '07 outings with the hosts of the outings giving highlights.

**FLY AUCTION REPORT
By Betty Smith-Lambert**

WOW! This was the biggest, loudest Fly Auction the SFF has ever had with the most items which subsequently resulted in the highest proceeds (nearly \$3,000).

I want to thank the people who helped make this event a success. Art Ross did provide additional entertainment by trying to lose his voice. I hope he's better now. Bob Mielbrecht was great once again as emcee. Other helpers included the fly tyers, runners, clerical assistants and, of course, the bidders.



Next year, the board is planning to streamline the program, somehow keeping the same number of items but taking less time.

Editors Note: Thank you, Betty, for another job well done.



INTERMEDIATE AND BEYOND FLY TYING

By Judy Kaufman

The 2008 fly tying sessions will concentrate on tying patterns that represent the life cycle stages of the May fly, caddis and chironomids and include a class on foam flies. Some changes have been made since the November Barbless Flyer, they are:

PLACE: *WILDLIFE COUNCIL BUILDING - 6116 N MARKET (2 blks. S, of FRANCIS) We will set up & take down the tables & chairs*

COST: \$20 - *MATERIALS WILL NOT BE FURNISHED* you will be responsible for furnishing your own materials, tying tools and vise

DATES: THURSDAYS, JAN. 10, 17, 24, 31 FEB. 7, 21

TIME: 7 – 9 PM

INSTRUCTORS: BOB NEWMAN, BOB BATES AND DALE ESAU

SOME PATTERNS THAT HAVE BEEN SUGGESTED: Copper John, LaFontaine Sparkle Pupa, Parachute Caddis, Goddard Caddis, Klinkhammer Special, RS2, Quigley Cripple, Lady McConnell, Wonder Wing Emerger You have time to make your suggestions. We will try to tie 3 patterns an evening so be ready to tie by 7pm.

SIGN UP: At the December meeting or call Judy @ 924-9462

MATERIALS CLASS

Still using your dog's hair or cat's fur to tie flies? Do you know the implication of denier? Are you using 1xH hooks to tie your dry flies and wondering why they keep sinking? Better sign up for the materials session!

We'll discuss hooks, thread, hair, fur, feathers, hackle, synthetics, etc.

WHEN: THURSDAY, JAN 3

WHERE: WILDLIFE COUNCIL BUILDING (6116 N Market)

TIME: 7 - 9PM

COST: \$5

INSTRUCTOR: BOB NEWMAN

SIGN UP: DECEMBER MEETING or call Judy 924-9462

MUST HAVE 10 PEOPLE BY DECEMBER 12 TO HAVE THE CLASS

TYING DEMONSTRATION

DENNY RICHARDS WILL BE DOING A 1 HOUR FLY TYING DEMONSTRATION BEFORE THE **FEBRUARY** MEETING. YOU MAY BEGIN TO SIGN UP AT THE DECEMBER MEETING IF INTERESTED.



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BEGINNING FLY TYING 2008

By Betty Smith-Lambert

What new hobby are you going to take up this winter? How about fly tying? Have you wondered if you could do tying, wondered if you would like it?

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 9am; so far we only have five people so this will be the only session unless more people sign up.
- 2nd session begins at 1pm if there are enough people.
- Youth over age of 10 if accompanied by an adult.
- Starts on January 5th for 5 Saturdays.
- Class Dates: 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 have talked to most of the people who signed up and we all agree on the morning session. I will be talking to those who signed up again in mid / late December to verify the status of the course.

There is no thrill like catching a fish on a fly that you have tied yourself! Come and learn to tie or refresh your former skills, learn something about materials and how each fly is used.

MISSOURI RIVER TRIP September 13-16

By Jo Gooley



Eighteen Spokane Fly Fishers enjoyed the annual Missouri River trip. We all camped at the Stickney campground - except for three wimpy girls who rented a cabin. Arrival night - Thursday - Karen and Ellen put together an impromptu spaghetti dinner for all who were there by dinner time.

Although it was cold that night the weather for fishing the next two days was perfect. The first day we drifted from Stickney to Mountain Palace. Everyone caught some fish so it was a successful float. That evening most of us met at the Missouri River Inn for dinner. The next day we drifted from the Wolf Creek Bridge to Stickney. We caught fish on the following flies: Copper Johns, Lightning Bugs, Caddis, Caddis Pupa, Pheasant tails, Black Woolly Buggers, Royal Wulff and Royal Adams. Sunday was a travel day - some returned home and the rest of us caravanned to the Slide Inn for a several day stay in the Yellowstone area. On the way we made our traditional stop at Wal-Mart in Helena for groceries and snacks.



A good time was had by all. Thanks to Carolyn Sells for hosting.

2008 PROPOSED OUTINGS

By Geno Baril

We have made plans for the 2008 outings. The Outings Committee had a meeting on November 10th. Dale Esau, Jim Gooley, Carolyn Sells, Don Tietz, Judy Kaufman, Jan Sadlo, Tim Reed, and Geno Baril attended. Here is what we decided. We hope to have another good year. We need more hosts; please contact Geno at 468-0589 if you are interested in hosting an outing. Here are the dates for OUR outings.

Coffee Pot	March 8th	
Clark Fork	March 22, 23rd	Hosts Jim & Jo Gooley
Bitterroot	April 5, 6th	
McGinnis Lake	April 19-20th	Host Kassa's
Amber Lake	April 30th	Host Geno
Eloika Lake	May 7th	Host Jan Sadlo
One Fly Contest	May 10th	
West Medical Lake	May 16th	
Jump Off Joe	May 21st	Host Jan Sadlo
Williams Lake	June 4th	
Browns Lake	June 7-8th	Host Roger Bertsch
(conservation weekend)		
Big Hole	June 13-15	
Coeur d'Alene North Fork	June 20-22nd	
Clark Canyon	July 11-13th	
Kelly Creek	July 26, 27	
St Joe	August 8-10	
Elk River & Wigwam	August 22-26th	Host Roger Bertsch
Kootenai River	September 6-7	
Missouri River	September 12-13	Host Carolyn Sells
Yellowstone	September 14-21	Host Jan Sadlo
Clark Fork	October 4-5th	Hosts Jim & Jo Gooley
Amber Lake	October 11th	Host Geno Baril
Dry Falls	October 18-19th	

Call Geno to let him know which outing YOU will host.

The Spokane Fly Fishers is looking for volunteers to assist in securing a 503C (non-profit) status. If you have special knowledge in this area and can volunteer to help your club, please contact Tim Reed at 796-2344.



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CONSERVATION CORNER

By Roger Bertsch

“EGG SUCKING”

Saturday, December 15th at 9 am, Spokane Fish Hatchery, 2927 West Waikiki Road.

Our next conservation project is the annual event at the Spokane Fish Hatchery. Fondly called “egg sucking” this has been a most popular event. The “process” involves the extraction of “bad eggs” from a tray using a turkey baster or similar instrument.

General Directions are: coming from the south, go north on Maple, cross Francis. Maple changes to Country Homes Boulevard. Follow Country Homes Blvd to the intersection of Wall (traffic light). Turn left (north) onto Wall. After a mile or so, look for Waikiki Road and head generally West as this road twists and turns. Look for direction signs for the Fish Hatchery. If you cross the Little Spokane River you have gone too far.

We will be working inside under the cover of the spawning shed. The temperature is a mild 60 degrees give or take. A sweater or light jacket is just fine.

We'll have some coffee and rolls for a Continental Breakfast and snacking. We'll work until about 12:00 to 12:30 and for those interested we'll have lunch at the Red Robin near the “Y”.

There will be sign up sheet at the December meeting. You may also sign up by calling Roger Bertsch, 327-8231 or email roger_bertsch@msn.com.



CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

We will have a meeting at “The South Hill Clubhouse” on Tuesday, January 8th at 7 PM. Please submit agenda items to Roger Bertsch. A strategic topic is whether we as a club should expand our conservation efforts. Special guest is our own club President, Dan Ferguson. We'll call committee members in advance of the meeting.

SUPPORT THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE

We have scheduled a combined work project and fishing outing for the weekend of June 7th at Brown's Lake. See the outings schedule. Last year the USFS provided free reserved camping for SFF. Last year's successful project involved fence repair at Big Meadow Lake. We are happy to report that the project is complete. The forest service is looking at new projects for SFF. If you want to feel like a hero, volunteer to work on Saturday (fish on Friday and Sunday) because the Forest Service really needs our help and really appreciates our support. We had a lot of fun and fellowship last year.

THE BARBLESS FLYER

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR NAME TAGS TO THE MEETING

NEXT MEETING

DECEMBER 12, 2007

CHRISTMAS PARTY

**7:00 P. M.
ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL
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