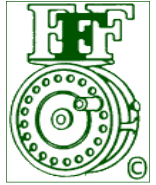




The Barbless Flyer



Spokane Fly Fishers

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January, 2008

JANUARY 9TH, 2008, MEETING KELLY GALLOUP



Attend the January meeting and meet Kelly Galloup a renowned fly tyer, fishing guide, author, and owner of the Slide Inn Lodge in Montana.

Following tying lessons at 1 and 4, Kelly will speak to the club during the regular meeting. We're sure you will find the program interesting and informative.

Kelly has been a fly fishing guide for 27 years. He started guiding in Michigan at the age of 16. He started his fly shop The Troutman in Traverse City, Michigan, in 1981. He continued to run The Troutman until the spring of 2002 when he moved to Montana. He is an author and lecturer. His books are *Modern Streamers for Trophy Trout* (co-authored with Bob Linsenman) and *Spinners and Cripples*. Kelly has been published by virtually every major magazine in the business and is Editor-at-Large for Fly Fisherman Magazine.

FEBRUARY 13TH SFF MEETING SPEAKER, DENNY RICKARDS

Denny Rickards is the nation's reigning expert on catching trophy trout with flies in lakes. From his base near Upper Klamath Lake, Denny has traveled to the best stillwaters in the West, and landed huge fish from all of them.

For many anglers, a trout that weighs over four pounds is the stuff of dreams. But for Denny, it's an everyday experience. He averages over 700 trout a year that weigh more than four pounds. He has poured his experience into the best book on lake fishing; *Fly Fishing Stillwaters for Trophy Trout*.

Denny will give a one hour tying demonstration before the meeting.



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AROUND THE BEND

January 3rd, Materials Class
Intermediate Fly Tying

January 5th Beginning Fly Tying Begins

January 9th, SFF Meeting 7 PM Kelly Galloup, Speaker

January 10th, Intermediate Fly Tying Begins

January 23rd, SFF Board Meeting 7 PM

February 13th, SFF Meeting 7PM, Denny Rickards, Speaker

February 27th, SFF Board Meeting 7 PM

February 29th, Great Western Sport Fishing Show

PREZ SEZ

By Dan Ferguson



It was great to see many of you at our annual holiday party. I forgot to thank George Davis and his “Rein Dog” Gomer for playing Santa for all of us. George and Gomer have become an institution at this time of year. Thanks George! We all owe a big “Thank You” to Carla, Klaus and Linda for laying out a terrific Turkey, Ham and Salmon dinner. Thanks to Jerry and Jack for helping with the refreshments and Jan for his traditional Holiday punch. Well, I think that pretty much covers everyone!

The month of January starts a busy few months of exciting events. Our beginner and experienced tying classes will be starting as you read this. We’d likely be able to accommodate a last minute sign up. Email or call me if needed. We have a couple great speakers lined up for January and February, Kelly Galloup and Denny Rickards. Be sure to come and hear these guys provide us with some valuable information.

The club will be participating in the Great Western Sport Fishing Show this year to be held at the convention center on February 29, March 1 & 2. We’ll have a sign up sheet at the next couple meetings. Our emphasis will be promoting our Fly Fishing School that starts March 20th. We have the conservation raffle at our March meeting, which will be here before you know it! Our extravaganza is still in the talking stages for the April meeting which we hope to be a bigger event than we’ve had in the past. March will also be the kick off for the outing season! Be sure to place the outings calendar in a prominent place.

With all that we have going on, we’ll be asking for your help. Please step up to the plate and give us a hand.

Harmon Scott, a long time club member, has reached that stage in life we’ll all face one day. Age has forced he and his wife to move to an assisted living facility. With no room or ability to tie any longer, he has graciously donated his tying materials to the club. This material we will use for our tying classes and Raffle items. Last year he also donated part of the proceeds from his tying desk to the club. As there’s nothing material we can really do to show our appreciation, the board will be presenting Harmon with our “Golden Nymph” award. This award is designed to show our thanks for an exceptional one-time contribution to the club. Lets all keep Harmon in our thoughts.

Carla and I wish all of you a happy and prosperous year to come.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

By Roger Bertsch

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.

EGG SUCKING

By Linda Howe



It was a snowy, cold day on December 15th when 23 SFF members met at the fish hatchery for the annual fun-filled morning of “egg sucking”. Fortified with coffee, doughnuts, muffins and Ellen Kassa’s wonderful biscuits and gravy, we all armed ourselves with turkey basters and began working.



Each of us was assigned a metal mesh basket filled with pretty pink fish eggs. With the good pink eggs were some white eggs (bad eggs). Our job was to suck the bad eggs out so they would not cause the good eggs to spoil. Even though the bad eggs seemed to multiply as we worked, soon our job was completed.

Expecting the area to be cold and to smell of fish, I was pleasantly surprised (this was my first year at the event) to find it warm enough to remove my coat and that there was no fish odor.

Once we had completed our chore, most of us proceeded to a restaurant for lunch.

The fish hatchery really appreciates our support and wishes to thank all who participated.



MARCH MEETING—MARCH 12TH CONSERVATION RAFFLE

It is, once again, time to prepare for our annual Conservation Raffle. As you know, this is a major fund raiser for the club and funds our conservation endeavors.

Members, and others, donate items for the raffle. You purchase tickets, put them in the basket by the item you wish to win and hold your breath until the drawing. In the past, we have had some wonderful and interesting things donated. This is truly a meeting worth attending.

Please gather the items that you wish to donate. In the February Barbless, we will give you the drop off points for your donations. Or, you can bring them to the January or February meetings. Those who turn in their donations prior to March 1st will be entered into a drawing to win a special prize.



HOLIDAY PARTY REPORT

Carla Ferguson began preparing our Holiday Dinner early the morning of December 12th. By 10:30 AM, the turkeys were ready for the oven. Then, it was time for the hams and finally, just before serving, the fish were baked. Krauss Rissman and I assisted Carla by preparing the room, peeling 30 pounds of potatoes and constant cleanup. Carla deserves a lot of thanks from all of us. Not only did she plan for the event, grocery shop, cook and clean up, she also was the primary construction engineer for the beautiful little gingerbread house (Dan assisted and tied the great little "rein-mice"). This year the house was won by Jane and Dave Phillips.



The side dishes and desserts brought by the members were all wonderful (I think I tried everything). Jan Sadlo's punch was refreshing and members enjoyed the availability of wine and beer served by Jerry Voelker and Jack Fruit.

Betty Smith Lambert, somehow, gets those wonderful flies to hang level in the glass ornaments. Each year 48 of these are given out as prizes at the party. She also subbed for Mary Kovatch at the front desk with the membership duties. Thank you, Betty.

George Davis was great as Santa once again.

Our President, Dan Ferguson was in charge of the program showing a slide show of the club outings and activities in 2007. Thanks to everyone who shared their photos for the presentation. Dan, as usual, did a great job as emcee.

The Holiday Party is a collaboration of the members to ensure a good time and share the holiday spirit with fellow club members. About 65 members attended the party. We hope to see more members enjoy the festivities next year.

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When will you learn?

Instructional Classes will be on Thursday evenings from 7-9 PM at the St. Francis School (1104 West Heroy) starting on March 20th and running till May 1st.

Casting Classes will be held Saturday mornings from 9-11 AM at Canon Hill Park On April 12th, 19th and 26th.

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Spokane, WA 99205**

You may call Dan Ferguson (325-8885) or Judy Kaufman (924-9462) with questions.



Dan showed up this past spring to fish. He came equipped with all the gear to enjoy some time on the St. Joe, including his drift boat. Well, almost all the gear, somehow he'd forgotten to pack his rods. The Boyd's gave Dan a pretty bad time about forgetting something as important as rods. So Dan proceeded to cut a branch from a tree, Duct taped paper clips on as guides and Duct taped his reel on as well.

FISH STICK By Dan Ferguson

Hey Guys, I'm gonna let ya in on the secret to NW fly fishin', its the "Fish Stick", yes the "Fish Stick".

Hand made of the finest NW natural wood, this fine rod comes equipped with the highest quality PC guides and the reel seat is second to none. The natural look of the rod acts as camouflage and will not spook fish in clearer waters. The rod comes in 3 wts, "Twig" , "Branch" and "FN Log"

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The guy in the photos name is Dan. Dan is a friend of Jim and Sharon Boyd who own Spring Creek Cabins at Calder, ID on the St. Joe.




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January 5th: Beginning Fly Tying Classes Begin
January 9th: SFF Meeting
January 10th: Intermediate & Beyond Fly Tying Classes Begin

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	Hosts Jan Sadlo & Dale Esau
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
William 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	

Spokane Fly Fishers extends our deepest sympathy to member, Bob Hudson, for the tragic death of his young granddaughter.

We wish a speedy recovery for Carolyn Sells from her recent surgery and we also hope that Mary Kovatch is well on the mend and able to attend the January meeting.

THE BARBLESS FLYER

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR NAME TAGS TO THE MEETING

NEXT MEETING

JANUARY 9TH, 2008

KELLY GALLOUP

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