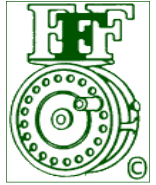




The Barbless Flyer



Spokane Fly Fishers

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May, 2008

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET MAY MEETING - MAY 14, 2008 By Dan Ferguson

May 14th will be the clubs annual awards banquet. In addition to a wonderful Prime Rim Buffet (including dessert) , we'll have door prizes (a four piece rod set and a custom wood boat net) and a special gift for each guest. We will have plenty of room with no crowding this year.

The event will be at the Airport Holiday Inn. Cocktail hour is at 6 PM (no host), with dinner served at 7 PM, followed by the awards, speaker, and installation of officers for the 2008-09 year.

Time is running out to get your ticket. We need a head count by **May 10th**. Tickets are available by mail. Cost is \$25.00 per person.

Our speaker will be Leroy Hyatt of KSPS's "Fly Tying, The Anglers Art".



LeRoy's love of fly tying began in Wyoming. After moving to Idaho in 1972, he began selling his flies at area sporting goods stores and resorts.

In 1984, LeRoy became the fly tying columnist for the Lewiston Morning Tribune. His column is salted with tales of fishing from across the country and many fly tying facts. He has also published a regional book, and ties flies commercially which he markets both nationally and internationally. LeRoy uses available patterns, but is quick

to adapt them to locally available materials. He has also been known to adapt a fly pattern by adding his own flair.

To make sure you don't miss this affair, please contact Dan Ferguson (325-8885), as soon as possible — Or, mail your check (payable to SFF) to:

Dan Ferguson
6024 N. "G" Street
Spokane, WA 99205

With wonderful food, a great speaker, nice surroundings, the camaraderie of fellow fly fishers, a no-host bar, and the awards presentation, this is always an enjoyable event. Send in your reservation today.

SFF Officers and Board Members

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| President | Dan Ferguson |
| Vice President | Fred Howe |
| Treasurer | Mike Melmoth |
| Secretary | Linda Howe |
| Board Position 1 | Mike Kostel |
| Board Position 2 | Craig Pearsall |
| Board Position 3 | Tim Reed |
| Past President | Judy Kaufman |
| Sgt. At Arms | Bob Kowal |

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AROUND THE BEND

April 30th, Amber Lake Outing

May 3rd, Kids Fishing Day

May 7th, Eloika Lake Outing

May 10th, One Fly Contest
Badger Lake

May 14th, SFF Meeting
AWARDS BANQUET

May 16th, West Medical Lake
Outing

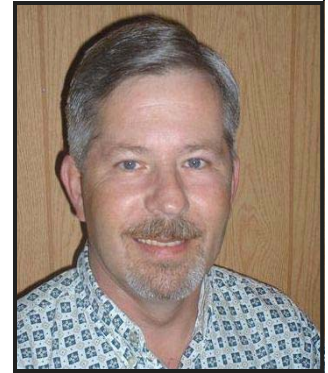
May 21st, Jump Off Joe Outing

June 4th, Williams Lake Outing

June 7th & 8th, Brown's Lake
Outing and Conservation Project

June 13th-15th, Big Hole Outing

PREZ SEZ
By Dan Ferguson



Seems like it was just a couple years ago I wrote something like this... oh, I guess I did! For a bit, I wasn't sure the year would EVER be over, but when you're having fun.....!

I want to thank the board for their help throughout the year. Judy Kaufman was good enough to step in and fill the Past Presidents position that Steve Bohrer was unable to continue with. Fred made a terrific V.P. and will serve the club well as President. My special thanks to Linda Howe and Mike Kostel who won't be continuing on the board. Believe me, Linda will still have her hands full. I look forward to serving one more year with the new board members and those moving up.

The list would be way too long if I were to thank everyone who helped make the year run smoothly, but the conservation, outings, speakers, fly fishing school, tying and food service committee's deserve Kudos' from all of us. Carla deserves a big hug for putting up with me for the last year!

With too many of you knowing where I live, I guess I'll have to remain active for awhile, at least. Carla and I look forward to having time this year to make a number of the outings and hope to see many of you there.

NEW OFFICERS FOR 2008—2009

The election for the club officers was held at the April meeting. The board for the next year will be:

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| President | Fred Howe | Vice President | Mike Melmoth |
| Secretary | Gail Bailey | Treasurer | Ray Baker |
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They will be installed at the May Awards Banquet.

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EXTRAVAGANZA REPORT

By: Dan Ferguson

I couldn't be more pleased with the outcome for our April extravaganza. With the help of Rich Landers, Spokesman Review, and the recreation calendar, we had a terrific turn out. We also picked up 8 new members! This was the first time we focused on bringing in outside exhibitors and it worked well. I want to thank them all. Thanks to Bob Kowal for putting a quickie Fly Raffle together, which raised a sizable sum for conservation programs. Carla and Klaus kept everyone full with Sausages and Sodas. Judy and Tim were very helpful lining up exhibitors and I trust we can get their help next year. I feel the club will slowly expand on this concept for our extravaganza and who knows where it will go!

Exhibitors: Steve Moran-Custom Rods, Carl Johnson- WSCFFF, Sean Visintainer- Silver Bow Fly Shop, Tom Loder- Panhandle Outfitters, John Newberry, Carolyn Sells, Bob Newman- Fly Tying, Karen Honeycutt- Forest Service, Chris Donley, WA F&G, Joe Dupont- Idaho F&G and Tom May- Knot tying.

Please feel free to pass on any ideas you might have for next years show.

MCGINNIS LAKE OUTING REPORT

By: Chris Kassa

The weather was a bit nippy (Saturday was sunny, but breezy). However, the fishing was good. Six people and Ellen and Chris Kassa enjoyed the McGinnis Lake outing. Bill Lundin, fishing McGinnis on Friday, caught a 15" brown. Ron Barber, fishing Buffalo Lake on Saturday landed a 22" and a 24" rainbow. A spaghetti feed was held on Saturday night followed by biscuits and gravy on Sunday morning, prior to packing up just before the snowfall. All in all, it is believed that all attendees caught fish and enjoyed the outing.



ONE FLY CONTEST - MAY 10TH - BADGER LAKE

Hosts: Dan and Carla Ferguson

One fly outing? The rules are simple: We each pick one fly (barbless only) and then catch and release as many fish as possible between 10 AM and 1:30 PM. You keep track of the number of fish caught and the length of your longest fish (for tie breaking purposes). If you lose or change your fly, any fish caught with the replacement fly cannot be counted in the competition.

Registration begins at 9:30 AM with a donation of \$5 per member and \$10 per family or non member. Donations will benefit SFF Club programs. At 1:30 PM we meet at the BBQ pit for some burgers, beans and all the extras.

WILLIAMS LAKE OUTING - JUNE 4, 2008 - 5 PM**Host: Dan Ferguson**

Williams Lake is located South of Cheney. To get there, take the Cheney exit off I-90 (highway 904). Follow through town to Mullinix Road which is about one mile West of Cheney. Turn left (South) on Mullinix Road to Williams Lake Road. It's about 10 miles. Turn Left (East) and look for the sign for the public launch. Take that road to the parking and launch area.

This outing starts at 5 PM. A boat, pontoon boat of some type of float is needed to fish this lake. If you have any questions, call either Fred Howe at 448-4707 or Dan Ferguson at 325-8885.

Many of the new members have signed up for this outing and mentors have been suggested; so, we would like a lot of the more experienced members to come and assist. For new fisherman, mentors will be available to answer any questions and assist those who would like it.

Brown's Lake Conservation and Fishing Outing**June 6-7-8****Host: Roger Bertsch**

This year's Spring Conservation project to assist the U.S. Forest Service will be like last year, "staged" from Brown's Lake. Brown's lake *should* be open and the fishing *should* be excellent. Brown's is a Cutthroat and Rainbow fishery. Our Saturday work project is planned to be a continuation of earlier year's work on Calispell Creek. This has been a very fun and rewarding experience. We can't promise that the fishing will be good (It should be!) but we can say that you will feel very good about your contributions as the USFS folks really, really, appreciate what our club does for them.

Members that sign up for Conservation work on Saturday will benefit from two nights of free camping. The USFS folks will reserve a number of camping sites for the volunteers. We'll plan a BBQ for Saturday nights. We'll get the final details out to the attendees in advance of this Conservation Project/Outing. Host is Roger Bertsch, roger_bertsch@msn.com, (H) 327-8231 and (w) 458-4213

Upcoming Conservation Events

May 3rd (Saturday) Washington State Federation of Fly Fishers 2008 Conclave, Ellensburg, WA for details see: www.washingtoncouncilfff.org.

July 22-26 Federation of Fly Fishers 2008 National Conclave, Whitefish, MT for details see: www.fedflyfisher.org.

September (TBA) potential additional SFF conservation project/outing.

October 4th (Saturday) Spokane River Cleanup. Details to follow.

BIG HOLE OUTING: This outing, scheduled for June 13th to 15th is subject to cancellation due to lack of a host. If a host volunteers, the outing information will be in the next Barbless.

CLARK CANYON OUTING - July 11th to 13th

Host: Judy Kaufman

This is a new SFF outing, never been done before. The information about campgrounds, fishing conditions, what flies to use, where to fish, what other fishing opportunities in the surrounding area is given through research not personal experience. That's my disclaimer! How to get to Clark Canyon Reservoir - EAST ON I 90 TO I 15 (just west of Butte) SOUTH ON I15 (through Dillon) about 20 miles further to the lake.

Where to camp – THE LONETREE CAMPGROUND I15 exit 37 to Red Rock Road, continue on Red Rock to Old Armstead Rd. Turn Left on Armstead continue until you see the campground road. Turn toward lake.

In case that's full, continue on Old Armstead Rd about 2 miles to Hap Hawkins Campground. There are tent and trailer (RV) sites, fire pits, handicapped accessible, water, toilets, trash removal, picnic shelter.

Campgrounds are Bureau of Reclamation, the camping is free but no reservations. First come first serve. There should be room at Lonetree.

Flies - This will be primarily subsurface for 14" to 22" rainbows & browns. Bring damsel nymphs (Sheep Creek) & adults, woolly buggers, Callibaetis Flashback, Chironomids, bait fish patterns, more about this later.

Other fishing opportunities nearby – Beaverhead River, Poindexter Slough, Big Hole River, Ruby River, etc.

Potluck meal – We'll probably do something, don't know what just yet.

Places to stay & a good fly shop in Dillon - Comfort Inn, Super 8, Best Western, & Frontier Anglers (happy to give information) (406) 683-5276.

If you're up for an adventure & your gasoline budget allows, join us and be a member of the first (or last) annual Clark Canyon Reservoir Outing.

More information for those that sign up as the time draws near. Questions to Judy Kaufman (host) 924-9462.

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy go to Debbie and Geno Baril for the loss of their son, Lowell, and to Carla and Dan Ferguson for the passing of Carla's mother.

KELLY CREEK OUTING - JULY 26TH & 27TH
Hosts: Rick and Sue Hodges

The snow pack has been excellent this year and Kelly Creek should be in top condition. The cutthroat are always willing so join us for a weekend of excellent walk and wade fishing. Camping headquarters will be Kelly Forks campground. There are a number of other excellent forest service camp grounds along the N. Fork Clearwater for overflow if necessary. It is a good idea to arrive early if possible as this area is becoming more and more popular.

Getting there is a bit of a challenge but well worth the effort. The recommended route from Spokane is East on I-90 to exit 47 at Superior MT. Make a right turn at the foot of the off ramp then a left. Stop and fill your gas tank. This is the last services available. Continue past the gas station and follow forest road 250 over Hoodoo pass into Idaho. 55 miles of mostly good gravel road later you will arrive at the confluence of Kelly Creek and the North Fork of the Clearwater River. Turn left at the intersection and you will find the campground just across the bridge. Some of this route is narrow and not suited for large RV's. If you are driving or pulling one of these, contact the host for information.

This is prime wild cutthroat water. They love to rise to attractor patterns. Some useful patterns are stimulators, royal wolfs, humpies (red), and parachute adams. You can expect to see good caddis hatches especially in the evenings and elk hair caddis in olive and tan work well. Idaho licenses are available at Sportsman's Warehouse, Cabela's, or directly over the internet.

We plan on a group breakfast Saturday morning where we will make plans for the day and share any tips and information needed. So plan on coming for great scenery and fishing. If you can make it, please contact the hosts as early as possible.

Rick Hodges at 276-8747 or rickh50@dishmail.net



SILVERBOW FLY FISHING GEAR SWAP
MAY 17TH & 18TH

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FREE HOT DOGS AND DRINKS

How it works: Bring your used gear in to the shop the week prior to the event to get it registered. Large items (pontoon boats, etc.) should be brought in the morning of the swap. If your gear sells during the swap you may either receive the cash (minus a 25% commission), or receive store credit for the entire purchase price.

If you have any questions regarding this event or what items would be acceptable, please contact 509-924-9998 or email flyfish@silverbowflyshop.com.

2008 OUTINGS

By Geno Baril

See March Barbless for:

Bitterroot — Cancelled
 McGinnis Lake
 Amber Lake
 Eloika Lake

April 5, 6th
 April 19-20th
 April 30th
 May 7th

Hosts Jan Sadlo & Dale Esau
 Host Kassa's
 Host Geno
 Host Jan Sadlo

See April Barbless for:

One Fly Contest (Badger)
 West Medical Lake
 Jump Off Joe
 Coeur d'Alene North Fork

May 10th
 May 16th
 May 21st
 June 20-22nd

Hosts Dan and Carla Ferguson
 Host Jan Sadlo
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 Host Mike and Alli Melmoth

See May Barbless for:

Williams Lake
 Browns Lake
 (conservation weekend)
 Clark Canyon
 Kelly Creek

June 4th
 June 7-8th
 July 11-13th
 July 26,27

Dan Ferguson
 Host Roger Bertsch
 Host Judy Kaufman
 Host Rick Hodges

See Summer Barbless for:

Big Hole
 St Joe
 Elk River & Wigwam
 Kootenai River
 Missouri River
 Yellowstone

June 13-15
 August 8-10
 August 22-26th
 September 6-7
 September 12-13
 September 14-21

HOST NEEDED (Cancelled?)
 Hosts Art and Clara Ross
 Host Roger Bertsch
 Host Jan Sadlo
 Host Carolyn Sells
 Host Jan Sadlo

See September Barbless for:

Clark Fork
 Amber Lake
 Dry Falls

October 4-5th
 October 11th
 October 18-19th

Hosts Jim & Jo Gooley
 Host Geno Baril
 HOST NEEDED

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NEXT MEETING

MAY 14TH, 2008

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

SPREAKER: LEROY HYATT

COCKTAIL HOUR 6:00 P.M.— DINNER 7:00 P.M.

**Holiday Inn - Airport
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