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Leader's Line

By Bib Shirley
WSCFFF President

This is the last time I will be addressing you as the President of the Washington State Council FFF. After several years as President, Vice President, National Director and Conservation V.P., I intend to remain on the Board for another year and then decide what to do next.

There will be a new President, some new Board members, and a new spirit within the Council. I am confident in their ability to promote fly fishing in Washington in the future and to serve the members of the Federation in Washington and Alaska. Please give them your support. These folks volunteer to do these jobs and deserve a lot of credit and appreciation for thinking of the sport and it's participants ahead of themselves. They are not in it just to get something out of it - they are giving something back to a sport that has given so much to them. And they do it without thinking of the personal cost or if they can 'break even' in the bargain.

I know there are some exciting changes just over the horizon. So get involved, lend a hand, and start thinking about how you can contribute rather than how to benefit from the Federation and fly fishing.

A Note From The Presidential Nominee

By Carl Johnson
WSCFFF President Elect

I am the nominee for the position of President of the council. I have been active with the council for the past three years, currently serving as Treasurer and 1st VP -West. One of the first things I want to do as President is visit all of the clubs in Washington and get your opinions on the FFF and the council. Please feel free to contact me at any time to discuss the FFF; my contact information is located in this newsletter.

We are currently discussing having a tying event in the Ellensburg area next spring. I will be talking more about this as it develops.

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Election Issue

The list of nominees for this year's election starts on the next page. A ballot is in this issue. Please take a look at their qualifications, cast your votes and mail it to the address on the ballot.

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Nominees for the 2006 Elections

Last year the bylaws were changed to make three years a normal term for officers and Board Members. In order to have a system with only a portion of the terms expiring in each of three years we had the nominees last year select a one, two or three year term. These nominees are running to fill the positions that expire this year. Their terms are all for three years.

President

Carl Johnson, Monroe, WA

Carl has accepted the nomination for President. He is currently serving the WSCFFF as 1st Vice President, West and Treasurer. He is a currently president of the Evergreen Fly Fishing Club and a member of the Northwest Fly Anglers. Carl is a life member of the FFF. He has been a member of FFF for over twenty years and wants to give something back to the organization. Carl divides his fishing time between Washington and Western Montana.

1ST VP East

Ben Dennis, Winthrop, WA

Ben is a Director at Large, serving his third year. He is founder and past president of Methow Valley Fly Fishers, a long-time member of Overlake Fly Fishers, former board

member of Washington Rivers Council. Working with NMFS and WDFW he was able to reverse closure of the Methow river system. He helped secure six catch & release lakes in Okanogan county and enlisted the help of members of the Methow Valley Fly Fishers to restore a spawning creek that has become a very successful "bedroom" for steelhead. He serves on the Board of Twin Lakes Aquifer Coalition, an activist group that is working with State Legislators and Government Agencies to restore Twin Lakes' fishery. Ben also guides, instructs and has a retail shop within "Methow Adventures," a recreational booking agency in the middle of Winthrop where he disseminates fly fishing wisdom and sells fly fishing equipment.

VP Conservation

Kevin Ryan, Lacey, WA

Kevin Ryan is an enthusiastic fly tier and fly fisherman and has been for many years since he began pouring over the pages of Field and Stream and Outdoor life while in grade school. After a brief flirtation with bait and bobber, he became fascinated with the fly rod exploits of popular magazine writers of the day, such as Ray Bergman, A. J. McClane, and Ted Trueblood. He

began fly fishing for bluegills in Ohio farm ponds when he was in high school and continued intermittently through college and law school. After graduation, he served with the U. S. Army in Vietnam and Germany and taught for several years at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Came to Washington, left active duty, worked for the state Attorney General and explored fly fishing opportunities here. He later returned to active duty status with the Washington National Guard to serve as the State Judge Advocate, the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel and, finally, the Human Resource Officer for the Washington National Guard.

Upon retirement, he began devoting more time to fishing and to conservation interests. He feels strongly that it is necessary to put one's energy into improving and preserving habitat and to employ wise land and water use practices if we are to keep our natural world healthy, that we can not fairly enjoy the pleasures of our lakes, streams, and sea unless we devote ourselves to sustaining them. He served as the Conservation Committee chairman for the South Sound Fly Fishers for a number of years and organized and chaired an informal

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VP, Membership

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group, the Coho Coalition, which, in cooperation with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, worked to reinvigorate the resident Coho fishery in Puget Sound. He is a member of the Washington Environmental Council and the South Sound Salmon Enhancement Group. He also serves on the legislatively created Puget Sound Recreational Fisheries Enhancement Oversight Committee, which is charged with providing advice to the Department of Fish and Wildlife on improving the recreational fisheries in Puget Sound.

VP Membership

David Williams, Bellevue, WA

David Williams is a business and estate planning attorney in Bellevue, Washington. An active volunteer for many causes: He has planted trees, run boat trips and taught fly tying as a member of the Northwest Fly Anglers, where he serves on the Membership and Conservation Committees. David landed his first fly-caught trout on the South Fork of Oregon's McKenzie River in 1959 and has since fished throughout six western states. He is a freelance outdoor writer and photographer. His favorite fishing water is wherever he's fishing at the moment. New to the FFF board, he has volunteered for the Membership Committee and

is interested in introducing people, especially youngsters, to the joys of fly fishing.

Director at Large

Leslea Steffel-Dennis, Winthrop, WA

I was a "fly-fisher by osmosis." My get-away home was in the Catskills. I made rod bags, took my son to tying sessions with a prominent tier, tent camped streamside, New York to California. Then I met Ben Dennis, fly fisher, instructor, activist. Together we founded clubs, fought bureaucracies, created projects for the Methow Valley and national FFF. I bring my career in advertising/marketing/non-profits to the Board.

Director at Large

Sue Morrison, Wenatchee, WA

Sue Morrison is the General Manager of Design Salt, Inc., a manufacturer of Sleeping Bags, Sleeping Bag Liners and other Outdoor and Travel Products. An avid fly fisher and paddler for over 30 years, Sue is also a Kayak Fishing Pro for Wilderness Systems Kayaks. She enjoys fly fishing in fresh or salt water and will pursue anything that swims. Sue loves to travel and seldom leaves home without a fly rod; her longest fishing trip was to New Zealand for 5 ½ months. She enjoys sharing

her passion for fly fishing and travel with others and often gives presentations to clubs and at events. A former Vice President of the Northwest Women's Flyfishing club, Sue has been active in introducing new fly fishers to the sport as well in working to protect fish populations and habitat.

David Williams, a person who knows her well, commented: "She's also jus' plain fish crazy!!"

Appointed Positions

Electing the above candidates to the new positions will leave incomplete terms in several other positions. The Bylaws permit the President to appoint people to fill these vacancies. Therefore, the following people will be appointed to these positions. Since a vote is not required to confirm them, this is to let the membership know who is expected to fill the positions.

Treasurer (1 year remaining)

Dick Matthaei, Tacoma, WA

Dick Matthaei is retired and is currently a fish bum living in Tacoma. He took up fly fishing in 1973 at WSU where he took fly fishing as a PE course from the late Dave Engerbretson. He is a past club president and has been a

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member of the Puget Sound Flyfishers since 1978. He has also been a member of the FFF and TU since around that time or at least as long as he has owned his fly fishing vest which is 20 plus years. He has for the last three years and is currently the treasurer for the Puget Sound Flyfishers. Dick also does most of casting instruction for the classes put on by the PSF. His favorite fisheries are for saltwater coho and lake fishing.

VP West (1 year remaining)

Ray Willms, Seattle, WA

Ray is retired after 31 years of government service. He began fly fishing in 1968. He joined the Northwest Fly Anglers club and the Federation of Fly Fishers about 1975. He is a past president of the Northwest Fly Anglers. He joined the Washington Fly Fishing Club about two years ago. He has been involved with such groups as the WEC, the Coalition for Washington's Fish and Wildlife, and the Foundation for Washington's Fish and Wildlife.

Ray is a life member of the FFF. He was president of the old Washington State sub-council of the FFF for several years during the 1980s. He was also president of former Northwest Regional Council for four years. He attended most national conclaves as a director during those years. He helped organize the current Washington State Council. He was the initial secretary of this council. He has been involved in the organization of several regional FFF conclaves and events over the years.



Director at Large (1 year remaining)

Bob Shirley, Tacoma, WA

Bob has served WSCFFF in several capacities, our Conservation Director for three years, Vice president West, President for four years and he represented us as a National Director in Gatlinburg, Tennessee and Livingston, Montana. He is past President of the Puget Sound Fly Fishers, a member of Alpine, Yakima River and South Sound Fly Fishers, and board member of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition. He was very active working against the 1999 Legislative Session bills that would have adversely affected steelhead fishing.

Director at Large (1 year remaining)

Jim Maus, Tacoma, WA

Jim was Secretary of the WSCFFF in 1997 - 1998 and served as Treasurer from 1998 - 2002. He served two terms as a WSCFFF National Director. He helped organize the highly successful 1998 and 2000 WSCFFF Auctions. He served as chairman of the Fly Tying Committee at the 1997, 1998, & 2000 WSCFFF Jamborees. He is a past President of Puget Sound Flyfishers in Tacoma, and a long time member of the South Sound Fly Fishers in Olympia. Jim has agreed to stay on the board as a Director at Large.

VP Education (1 year remaining)

Vacant

Teaching or showing kids and adults about all aspects of fly fishing is a major goal of the Federation of Fly Fishers. The Boy Scout Merit Badge for fly fishing is

one part of the effort. In our council the Northwest Fly Casting Exposition is also an educational opportunity. Affiliate clubs play an important role in teaching people about fly fishing, fly casting and fly tying. Here is an opportunity for you to take part in this important and very satisfying activity.

Call Bob Shirley (253) 581-1271, e-mail: b.shirley@juno.com or Carl Johnson (425) 308-6161 e-mail: flyfishalso@verizon.net and let them know you are interested.



From FFF webpage

Jack Nicklaus has agreed to be a national spokesperson on behalf of the Federation of Fly Fishers, as well as to become Honorary Chairman of the FFF Presidents Club. The members of this charitable arm of the FFF represent those truly dedicated individuals and organizations that have made a 10-year financial commitment to support the mission of the FFF. Mr. Nicklaus is the first to be honored with this position. In addition, he has agreed to become a member of the FFF Board of Directors.

Mr. Nicklaus has been an avid fly fisher for most of his life and has visited many exotic worldwide destinations to pursue this passion. Mr. Nicklaus' philosophy is very consistent with that of the FFF.

"I am an avid outdoorsman and few activities or sports provide me with as much joy as fishing," he said. "If you want to break it down even further, it would be fly fishing. I

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actually prefer to fly fish because I enjoy the skill, art and challenge of it.”

Roger Maler, President of the FFF’s Southern Council, stated “The commitment to the FFF by an individual of the caliber and renown of Jack Nicklaus is an acknowledgement of the importance of the Mission of the FFF.”

Dr. Ron Cordes, incoming Chairman of the FFF Board of Directors, added, “The participation of Jack Nicklaus in furthering the efforts of a non-profit organization such as the FFF, the success of which is based upon the support of a vast number of volunteers, cannot be underestimated. His presence alone will send an important message to individuals and corporations alike whose potential support is critical to the FFF.”

Press Release web page:

<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2006/4/prweb370529.htm>

Ask About Fly Fishing
Press Release

Plus comments By Bob Bates

Ask About Fly Fishing - Internet Radio and the Federation of Fly Fishers Combine Efforts

The Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) has announced an affiliation with the Internet radio show Ask About Fly Fishing (AAFF), with a goal to increase membership and advance its educational and conservation programs.

Denver, CO (PRWEB) March 29, 2006 -- The American Fly Fishing Trade Association reports that over 18 million adults in America have an unfulfilled interest in fly fishing. Dr. Ron Cordes, FFF vice-chairman states, “Newcomers and youngsters are the future of our sport. Their use of the Internet makes Internet radio a natural medium for our drive to increase membership, and further enhance our educational and conservation programs.”

In addition to promoting educational opportunities such as the annual Conclave (July 25-29 in Bozeman, MT), the Federation of Fly Fishers supports many conservation initiatives of importance to fly fishers. Currently, an International Fly Tying Competition is being held to support Federation programs.

Ask About Fly Fishing - Internet Radio offers interviews of industry experts, who answer questions from the audience. The live program offers a unique call-in Q&A session, and the show can be heard as a live or recorded webcast, or a podcast. The AAFF website provides a link to the national Federation of Fly Fishers’ website, as well as fly fishing clubs, fly shops and guides. A comprehensive national events calendar for shows, meetings, demonstrations, and all fly fishing related events is also planned.

The next live broadcast will be June 7 at 7:00 PM (MT) and will feature three noted ladies: Pudge Kleinkauf Lori-Ann Murphy and Diana Rudolph. This one is aimed at the lady fly anglers, but you guys might learn something if you listed in. You don’t have to give your name to listen. Like the other programs a recording will be available for listening about an hour later.

Other great speakers are: Brad Befus, Jack Dennis, Rene Limeres, A.K. Best, Pat Dorsey, Jay Murakoshi, Gary Borger, Bill Edrington, Jason Borger, Kelly Galloup, Brian O’Keefe, Joe Butler, Bob Jacklin, Pete Parker, Conway Bowman, Cecilia Eric, Pettine Jeff Currier, Mike Lawson and Barry Reynolds

D. Roger Maves and Don Bishop, founders and co-hosts of AAFF, regard education and conservation as the cornerstones of a bright fishing future. They say, “Smarter fly fishers are more successful, bring more friends to it, and purchase more equipment, guide services, magazines, etc. They are best able to address issues which will continue to make quality fishing available to future generations.”

Membership in the Federation of Fly Fishers offers newcomers a host of opportunities, and even includes some freebies! For more details on the organization and membership go to the Federation of Fly Fishers’ web site, www.FedFlyFishers.org. then visit:

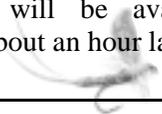
www.AskAboutFlyFishing.com

and sign in free to receive advance notification of Ask About Fly Fishing’s upcoming Internet radio shows and to receive a free guide on improving your fly casting.

Contact Information:
D. Roger Maves or Don Bishop
303-430-4634

<http://www.askaboutflyfishing.com/media>

You can listen to the show live or recorded while you work on other things like a newsletter or even look at other websites. Be sure to listen carefully because you can’t rewind.



2006 Federation of Fly Fishers Conclave

By Bob Bates, VP Communication, WSCFFF

Next on the schedule, July 25-29, 2006 is the FFF International Fly Fishing Show and Conclave at the High School in Bozeman, MT. I thought I would write the usual small piece about the Conclave and encourage you to go. So to see what I could write about I looked at the Conclave web page: www.fedflyfishers.org/conclave2006/begin.php I really got excited while I looked over the Workshops and Spring Creek fishing opportunities.

There are the usual things many folks have come to expect, like auctions and raffles. There is a promise of some fantastic stuff. Registration starts on July 25th if you come early, or you can register online. Tuesday and Wednesday have business meetings and workshops, some of which are listed below. The President's Banquet and awards ceremony (\$30) is Wednesday evening at 6 PM.

Thursday the open Conclave starts, and daily activities include casting games, exhibit booths, fly tying demonstrations, presentations and the two-day Youth Camp for 8- to 17-year olds. Subjects in the Youth Camp cover all aspects of fly fishing including a day of practice fishing (\$15 or \$25 for one or two days). There are over 50 exhibit booths featuring information geared toward the fly fishing lifestyle. Many familiar companies will be showing their latest offerings, while other booths will feature unique items that cannot be found in a store. The free Outreach Wine and Cheese event is at 4:30 to 6:00 PM. Friday features the same things with the Auction Dinner (\$25) at 6:00 PM. Saturday continues the free programs culminating with the BBQ (\$25) at 6:00 PM.

Workshops

Fly Casting Workshops

Tackling Trout in Ticklish Situations - Near and Far, Sideways and Round Corners! - Charles Jardine
 Casting Like You Know What You're Doing - Montana Troutfitters
 Double Haul for Dummies with Rhea Topping
 Approach, Accuracy and Angles for Angler (AAAA!) - Rhea Topping
 The Fundamentals of Fly Casting - Peter Lami & Molly Semenik
 Beyond the Basics - Intermediate Fly Casting - Sheila Hassan & Bill Hassan
 Spey for Everyday (single handed spey casting) - Chris King
 Slack Line Casting and Mending for More Fish - Floyd Dean
 Understanding the Cast - Don Simonson
 Casting in High Winds - Gordon "Gordy" Hill

On Water Workshops Most of them are already full.

Fly Tying Workshops

Introduction to Thread Control and Materials Handling - Wayne Luallen 2 Days
 Parachutes, Parachutes, Parachutes with Julie Nielsen
 Life Cycle of the Caddis - Oscar Felieu
 Tying Czech Nymph and Classic UK Patterns for the U.S. - Charles Jardine
 My Favorite May Flies - Oscar Felieu
 Tie With Hair - Christopher Helm
 Tying Foam Flies - Ron Dilbone
 Very Basic Introduction to Fly Tying - tools, materials, resources and techniques - Bob LaBouy
 My Four Best Flies for Teaching and Fishing - Bob Lay
 Tying Muskie and Pike Flies
 Favorite CDC Patterns - Leslie Harrop
 Transitional Flies - Scott Sanchez



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Other Workshops

- Techniques and Strategies for Fly Fishing from a Drift Boat - Harley W. Reno 2 days
- Marketing and Expanding the FFF with Van Gytenbeek & Bob Shirley — FREE
- The Antique Angler - Darrel Martin
- Workshop for Workshop presenters - Herb Kettler 3-5pm
- Matching the Hatch: Spring Creek Bugs and Fly Selection - Brant Oswald
- Identifying Bugs That Trout Eat - Part One - Montana Troutfitters
- Aquatic Entomology - Arthur G. Mazzier
- Theory and Technique of Fly Fishing For Trout - Bob Jacklin
- How to Row Clinic - Jeff Etnyre & Members of the Hyde Fish Team
- Fly Fishing for Tarpon: The Silver King - Donald Larmouth

There are many more workshops available. I cut them down to fit on a page or so of this newsletter. There is more information Spring issue of the *Flyfisher*, but the most up to date information is on the FFF website. You can register on line if you have a computer or you can call the FFF office in Livingston. (406) 222-9369.

I haven't talked about the 150 demonstration fly tiers; there is always something new to watch and learn. Some of the best tiers in the world are there. The schedule for the fly tiers has not been posted. There are some great programs for the ladies and for the non-anglers in your group. Also the list of free programs have not been posted. It looks from what is available this is going to be a great Conclave. Come "Celebrate Fly Fishing Under the Big Sky!"

6th Annual Northwest Fly Casting Exposition

When?: Saturday, September 23, 2006

Where?: Tolt MacDonald Park, Carnation, Washington

Who? Everyone is invited! If you have ever had an interest in fly fishing this event is a great way to get introduced to the sport. Whether you want to just hang out and watch, participate in the casting games, take classes or enter the competition, there is something for everyone. Watching the Northwest's best fly casters compete might get you hooked on this great sport

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Federation of Fly Fishers Membership Application

Full Name _____

Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Phone home / work _____

Club Affiliation _____

Birth Date _____

Referred by: _____

Apply online at www.fedflyfishers.org

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Please check membership category

- Canadian memberships add \$5 per year All other countries add \$10 per year*
- Individual Membership (\$35)
 - 3-year individual (\$85)
 - Senior Membership (\$25)
for those age 65 and over
 - Family Membership (\$45)
spouses and children under 14
 - 3-Year Family Member (\$100)
 - Youth Membership (\$15)
for individual members under 14
 - Disabled Veterans are Free
(Proof of 50% disability required)
 - Individual Life (\$500)
payment plans available
 - Couple Life (\$750) pymt. plans available
 - Retail Membership (\$75)
small fishing equipment stores
 - Sustaining Membership (\$200)
commercial / manufacturing businesses

Check Enclosed (checks payable to F.F.F.) US Funds
 Credit Card Visa MasterCard Discover
 Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Instructor Name	Class Title
<i>Beginning Fly Casting</i>	
Olson, John	Introduction to Beginning Fly Casting
Peruse, Mike	Beginning Fly Casting
Todd, Gary	Beginning Fly Casting
Chou, Brian	Beginning Fly Casting
<i>Intermediate and Advanced Fly Casting</i>	
LeMert, Jimmy	Learn the Double Haul
Samples, Berris	30 Days to Better Flycasting
Simonson, Don	Slack Line Casts
Simonson, Don	Cast for Difficult Conditions
Triggs, Bob	Troubleshooting your cast
Triggs, Bob	Managing the Fly Line
Vitale, Tony and Marilyn	Casting Techniques for the Saltwater Flats
Vitale, Tony and Marilyn	Accuracy Casting
<i>Spey Casting</i>	
Buckner, Steve	Beginning Two Handed casting (Spey).
Farrar, John	Beginning Two Handed casting (Spey).
Yin, Way	Understanding the basic Mechanics of Spey Casting
<i>Tournament Casting</i>	
Rajeff, Steve	Tournament Casting
<i>Youth Class</i>	
Culley, Aaron	Youth Class

By Bob Bates, VP Communication

The information to the left and on the previous page was taken off of our website. When we get additional material it will be posted. As we get closer to the Expo. the postings should be getting more frequent.

www.washingtoncouncilfff.org

If you look at the classes to the left and the instructors you will see many of the same people and class titles as at the Conclave.

We are fortunate to have many of the top Certified Fly Casting Instructors here in Washington. For a NWFCE registration packet send the following:

Name, Full Address, City, State, Zip, Phone and e-mail address to **NWFCE 2006**, 6348 School St. SW, Lakewood, WA 98499



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