



# Covering The Drift

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## Leaders Line

By Carl Johnson, President

I want to thank everyone who had a hand in making this year's Fair a success. The event cannot happen without the work of a lot of people, from the committee chairs to everyone who attended. If you did not make it you missed a wonderful event. Everyone who attended was treated to a great fair with expert fly tiers demonstrating their skills and much better weather for the casting events outside. I hope you got to try out the 9 hole casting course this year. I know many of you watched Steve Rajeff put on a fantastic demonstration on casting. Every time I see Steve's demos I learn more about what I do wrong. Also there were plenty of free seminars for everyone to take in during the day and a variety of classes. We

also had a good variety of vendors again this year with a little something for everyone. The auction and raffle had a lot of good items and the tables seemed to be busy all the time. Friday night we held our annual volunteer dinner to thank those of you who donated your talents and time to make the event a success. The dinner started with me presenting a fly box to Carla Ferguson for putting together the dinner with all her helpers for the past 4 years. Carla is going to take next year off and will be sorely missed. If you know of someone who would be interested in cooking the Friday dinner next year, please let me know. The Council purchases the food—we just need someone to cook it. After the dinner we had a spirited auction for items that benefitted Casting for Recovery and Project Healing Waters.

Saturday's banquet began with the nomination for this year's candidates for the Council Board of Directors. This year's nominees are: Carl Johnson-President; David Williams-Secretary; Don Bolstad-VP Conservation East; Ben Dennis-VP Conservation West; Peter Maunsell-VP Membership; Dan Ferguson-Director at Large; Vicki Hoagland-Director at Large and Sue Morrison-Director at Large. I encourage everyone to vote for this year's candidates. The Council presented a record number of awards this year with the addition of the new education awards.

Receiving the WSCFFF Federator of the Year was Pat Herdt. The Jimmy Green Fly Casting Instructor Award was presented to Steve Rajeff. The WSCFFF Fly Tying Hall of Fame Award went to Preston Singletary. In addition, Syd Glasso, and Joe King were added posthumously. I presented President's Pins to Bob Banks and Carl Zarelli.

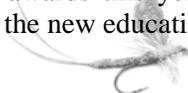
Congratulations to everyone who received an award this year. If you are wondering how or why these folks received these awards please visit our website to review the nomination criteria and procedure. These are your awards so please take the time to nominate deserving individuals and organizations next year.

Our auction followed the awards and I want to thank everyone who bid on items and/or donated items for this year's Fair. This event is our fund raiser and without your support we are not able to continue and support conservation and education projects within the Council.

In closing I would like to thank everyone who donated their time and talents to make this year's Fair a success. I know that if I try and list everyone to be thanked I would unfortunately miss someone so I'll ask everyone of the committee chairs to thank everyone for me. Please mark your calendars for the 2013 Washington Fly Fishing Fair next May 3rd and 4th and save time in July 2012 for the FFF Conclave in Spokane! See you in Spokane.

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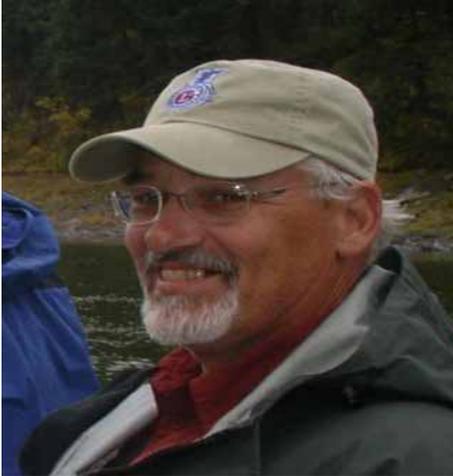
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**Council Officer and Board of Directors Candidates**

This is your chance to get to know more about the FFF members who have been nominated to serve as your offices and board members. Some of the names are familiar as they have served the membership in various capacities—sometimes for years. Other names may not be known to membership as a whole. New blood to management of an organization is helpful as it brings new ideas, new ways of accomplishing old tasks and new energy. Please take a few moments to read these brief biographies, the vote for the candidates of your choice.

**President**



Carl Johnson, Monroe, WA

Carl, our current president, has accepted the nomination to run for reelection as Council President. He is past president of the Evergreen Fly Fishing Club in Everett and a member of the Northwest Fly Anglers in Seattle. He has been fly fishing for over 40 years and currently divides his fishing time between Washington and Western Montana. 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 has served as Council Treasurer. His efforts have been recognized as he has received the WSC Federator of the Year for 2010, the 2010 FFF Don Harger Memorial Award, the Northwest Fly Anglers Dawn Holbrook Award and the 2011 FFF Federator of the Year Award.

**Secretary**



David Paul Williams, Bellevue, WA

David Paul Williams tied his first fly at age seven, took his first fly-caught trout at ten and has been sliding the slippery slope to other species since. He now fishes saltwater beaches, alpine cirques, lowland rivers, urban waters and desert lakes, but jump-across creeks still have the power to bring out the inner boy. Williams is a writer and photographer whose articles have been featured in *Backpacker*, *American Angler*, *Northwest Fly Fishing*, *Bassmaster*, *Fly Fisherman*, *Flyfishing & Tying Journal*, *Fly Fusion*, *Game & Fish*, *Salmon-Trout-Steelheader*, *Salmon Steelhead Journal*, *Bass Angler*, *Seattle Magazine*, *Northwest Travel*, *Northwest Palate*. His PowerPoint shows highlight the thrill of fly fishing, be it trout, saltwater species, Mississippi Steelhead (carp) or smallmouth bass. Williams how-to classes are popular at fly fishing expos throughout the Northwest where he also demonstrates the simplicity and pleasure of tying effective flies.

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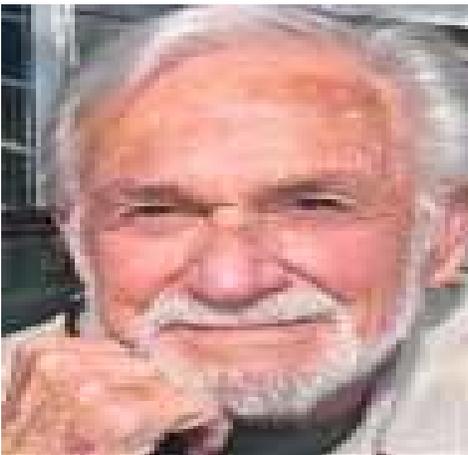
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**Vice President, Conservation East**

Don Bolstad, Wenatchee, WA  
Don has accepted the nomination for the WSCFFF Conservation position. He is presently a member of the Wenatchee Valley Fly Fishers (WVFF). Don's fly fishing adventures started on Hi Hume Lake in BC. He is a member of the FFF, TU and CCA. His first organized conservation efforts (picking up trash) was on the South Platte River with the Cutthroat Chapter in Littleton, Colorado. His career took him to southeastern Louisiana. He became a member of the Pontchatrain Basin Fly Fishing Club (100% FFF). He served at various times as Club treasurer, secretary and president. Fly fishing in Louisiana with generous limits and filled coolers, highlighted the need for conservation. The PBFF started teaching children how to tie flies (yes, we tied Wolley Buggers) that lead to invitations to teach at various wildlife functions, and exposed fly fishing to numerous children. Next came retirement and a move to Wenatchee to be near his mother-in-law. He joined the local FFF club (WVFF). Since joining the club ago, Don has served as Conservation chairman and first VP.

**Vice President, Conservation West**



Ben Dennis, Vancouver, WA  
Ben has accepted the nomination to this

**Northwest Fly Fishing Events for 2012**

July 10-14, 2012 FFF National Fly Fishing Fair (formerly known as Conclave) @ Spokane, WA  
[www.fedflyfishers.org](http://www.fedflyfishers.org)

July 2012 Tenth Annual Metolius River Fly Fishing and Bamboo Rod Fair @ Black Butte School, Camp Sherman, OR  
[www.campshermanstore.com](http://www.campshermanstore.com)

November 9 Pacific Northwest Fly Tyers Rendezvous @ Glenn Otto Community Park, Troutdale, OR  
[www.nwflytyers.org](http://www.nwflytyers.org)

February 23, 2013 Lower Umpqua Fly Casters Fly Fishing Expo @ Reedsport OR  
[www.lufc.com](http://www.lufc.com)

March 8-9, 2013 Oregon Council FFF Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo @ Linn County Fair-ground Albany OR  
[www.nwflytyerexpo.com](http://www.nwflytyerexpo.com)

May 3-4, 2013 WSCFFF Fly Fishing Fair @ Kittitas Valley Event Center, Ellensburg  
[www.washingtoncouncilfff.org](http://www.washingtoncouncilfff.org)

If your club, organization or Council has an event you'd like publicized, please email all the info to the editor

**Officer and Director Candidates, cont'd**

newly created position. He previously served on the Board as a director at large and prior to that as the eastern Washington representative for the Council. Since moving to Vancouver, four years ago, he has witnessed the severe degradation of Clark County's once pristine steelhead streams and has involved himself in organizations that are working toward these waters' recovery.

Ben is active in the Clark/Skamania Fly Fishers, Fish First, Friends of the East Fork, CCA, Dave Brown's Northwest Wild Fish Rescue, Sierra Club, American Rivers Washington State University's Watershed Stewards and is the fly fishing instructor, teaching casting, at Clark College.

**Vice President, Membership**



**Peter Maunsell, Seattle, WA**  
Peter has accepted the nomination for the WSCFFF Membership position. He is presently a member of the Northwest Fly Anglers (NFA) and Alpine Fly Fishers. Peter was taught to fly fish on the Yellowstone river by Mary Keefover Kelly. He became passionate about fly fishing and the activities associates with the sport.

Peter retired just over five years ago from a career as an air traffic controller. With a son now working as a field biologist and a daughter who finished high school, he now had time to become more active with his passions. Peter loves to raft, camp, fish and explore. He also loves soccer and is active in the soccer referee community. He grows orchids and has recently completed his second hobby greenhouse. Peter is active on the boards of the NFA, the Northwest Orchid Society and the Seattle Soccer Referee Association.



**Director At Large**

**Dan Ferguson, Spokane, WA**  
Dan has twice served as President of the Spokane Fly Fishers, plus three years as Membership chair. He has also been the newsletter editor, web master, outings committee chair and was a director of the fly fishing school for five years. Dan is active in outings, youth education and conservation projects. He co-chaired the fly tying at the 2009 Fly Fishing Far, then Chaired the fly tying for the 2010 event. He's lived in Spokane for 25 years with his wife Carla (of the Friday Night Dinner fame). The N. Idaho Rivers are his favorites, but can do a pretty good job on the regional lakes and Montana rivers.

**Director At Large**



Vicki Hoagland, Bothell, WA

I'm a life member of the Federation of Fly Fishers and belonged to the Northwest Women Flyfishers where I served as Conservation Chair for four years and revised the NWF conservation grant application and review processes, assisted with fundraising, organized work parties and provided information to members about conservation opportunities.

I helped start up and volunteer with Project Healing Waters at the Seattle VA and donate goodie bags filled with everything from chocolates to flies I tied to the participants attending Casting for Recovery Washington retreats.

Having lived most my life in North Carolina, Okinawa and Oklahoma, I moved to Washington in 1980 and fell in love with the mountains, but didn't hike them much until several years after graduating from UW. I became interested in fly fishing in 1994, a year after loitering inside an air-conditioned Kaufmann's Streamborn in Seattle to escape the summer heat. While taking photos of the Stilly on the way to a trailhead that year, I observed a fly fisher casting just as the morning fog was lifting and was mesmerized when the rising sun turned his graceful loops into brilliant spun gold. Back to Kaufmann's, sign me up! Until then, the only fishing experience I had was at age 5 when I caught a goldfish using a rice paper net at an Okinawan festival before the paper disinte-



grated in the water. In 1995, after weeks of decorating the trees of the middle fork of the Snoqualmie with all my flies, Mike Kinney, who worked at the Swallow's Nest, easily convinced me to take a fly tying class. I've since demo-tied and taught fly tying at numerous events.

I've served as Director At Large for the past three years, and Co-chair of the Council Fly Fishing Fair fly tying event.

### Director At Large



Sue Morrison, Wenatchee, WA

Sue Morrison is the General Manager of Design Salt, Inc., a manufacturer of outdoor sleep products under the Cocoon trade name.

An avid fisher for 45 years, Sue has served as a Director at Large on the Washington State Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers for the last two terms. She also serves on WDFW's Inland Fishery Policy Advisory Group and brings an unique perspective to that group.

She enjoys fishing in fresh or salt water and will pursue anything that swims, but her heart belongs to steelhead. Sue loves to travel and seldom leaves home without a rod; her longest fishing trip to date was 5 ½ months in New Zealand. She enjoys sharing her passion for fishing and travel with others and often gives presentations to clubs and at events. A former Vice President of the Northwest Women's Fly Fishing club, Sue has been active in introducing new fishers to the sport as well in working to protect fish populations and habitat.

## It All Happened At The Fair 2012

By Vicki Hoagland, Tying Co-Chair

This year we saw a number of returning tiers from fairs past and some new faces joining our growing family. Judging by the smiles and conversations, everyone, both tier and spectator alike had a great time! Whether you were interested in Steelhead, cold or warm water patterns, Atlantic salmon flies, realistics, or tube flies, there were over 52 fly tying stations on three hour rotations where you could learn from the best, most creative fly tiers and artists in the country.

This was the perfect opportunity to stop by and talk with Buz Buszek Award recipients and find out what they've been up to lately. Henry Hoffman, the man who revolutionized modern dry fly tying with Super Grizzly hackles and soft-hackle patterns using hen and chickabou feathers was available and I made certain to stop by and learned a novel way to prevent dumbbell eyes from spinning around my hook. Other Buszek awardees in Ellensburg this year were Al Beatty, Frank Johnson, and John M. Newbury.

Cathy Hamilton was weaving an elegant Prince Nymph pattern (was that "bottom, top" or "top, bottom"?) and our youngest tier, 11-year old, self-taught, Dominic Singh were both attracting crowds at their tables. Kuni Masuda demonstrated how to tie Shimazaki style hollow body flies using some unorthodox tools and those pesky plastic grocery bags we get stuck with when we forget to take our re-usable bags to the store. Janet Schimpf was back this year tying some awesome crawdad patterns and if what was crawling off of Karen Royer's vice wasn't giving you the heebie jeebies, then I hope you stopped by to see Jackson Leong's collection of

just about anything that slithers, creeps, flies or prays (mantis that is)

Priceless advice and autographs were available as there was no shortage of authors if you stopped by to talk to Preston Singletary, Al and Gretchen Beatty, Bob Bates (Washington Fly Tying Hall of Fame), Darrel Martin (Washington Fly Tying Hall of Fame), or David Paul Williams.

Recipients of the Olympic Peninsula Fly Fishers John Gort Trophy for excellence in fly tying were in attendance: new inductee Al Lee and of John Gort himself! John was a friend and student of Syd Glasso and created the Purple Heart Fly and was integral to putting together the Campaign Fly Plate for Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing. Jesse Scott was on hand to demonstrate of all things, the Evergreen Hand, a one-handed fly tying aid he invented that has received national attention and has undergone renovation thanks to Norm Norlander and Wasatch. Project Healing Waters participants Dan Even, Vinnie Bellisario, James Jimenez and Tyler Robinson from the Ft. Lewis Warrior Transition Battalion were present and tied some of their favorite patterns.

Tak Shimizu from Edmonton, Alberta was teaching other master fly tiers how to make blind eye salmon hooks from piano wire and

also donated Atlantic Salmon fly plates tied on his unique colored hooks. Members of the Northwest Atlantic Salmon Fly Guild had a strong showing again this year to show you how easy it is to tie on a pair of married wings and 5 different kinds of tinsel while whistling Dixie!

This is just a small sampling of observations and experiences from this year and I sincerely hope to see you May 3 and 4 at next year's Fair!

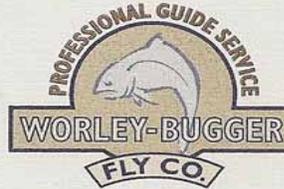


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*Covering the Drift*

## *Fly of the Season*

By David Paul Williams

This black chenille, pheasant rump hackled fly imitates large dragonfly nymphs Gil Nyerges first uncovered at Hihium Lake. Dragonflies live in stillwaters from sea level to 7,000 feet so this pattern covers the bases. Dragonfly nymphs are big, which make them prime trout food wherever they are found. They may spend years in the nymph or larval stage, making themselves available to trout year around. Strong swimmers, they propel themselves by expelling water, like jets, through their bodies. This rapid motion is best imitated by a long, slow strip coupled with an intermittent long, fast strip. The slow strip imitates the nymph crawling about the bottom and through vegetation. The fast strip triggers reaction strikes.

Gil's Monster also imitates leeches which abound in western stillwaters. Nocturnal by nature, leeches become most active at night. When they emerge from their hiding places, they slither through the water in a slow, undulating manner that entices trout to bite. Try to mimic that movement with slow, short strips interspersed with short pauses.

Western rivers and streams have stoneflies, yet another favorite trout food. Some flyfishers strive for the most realistic imitation possible, even down to the number of joints in each leg. Too often the quest for realism results in a fly that loses lifelike movement and "bugginess." The Monster represents an impressionistic stonefly nymph.

Stoneflies live in the cobble-bottomed riffle water. They first become available to trout as the larva, displaced by the current, roll along the bottom. Others show up on the menu when they migrate from the river bottom to

river bank before emerging as adults.

By late summer the hatch is over, but nymphs are always available. Cast Gil's Monster upstream on a short leader and sink-tip line. Let the fly sink and tumble along the bottom. Keep slack out of the fly line and strip strike whenever the line hesitates during the drift. Don't strike by raising the rod tip. If the fish is missed, raising the rod tip brings the fly out off the bottom and out of the feeding zone.



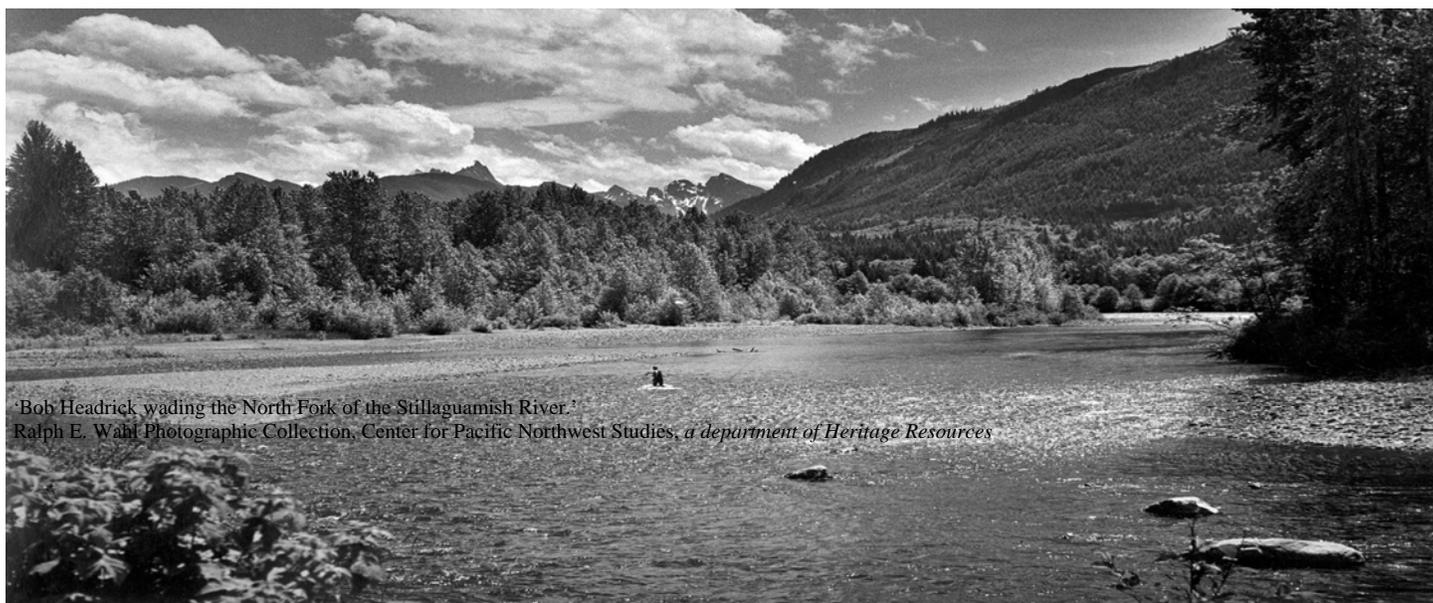
The Western Libraries are pleased to present "Return to the River: Steve Raymond explores the literary legacy of Roderick Haig-Brown," Friday, August 3, 2012. This will be a wonderful opportunity to hear Steve speak, tour the libraries' Fly Fishing Collection, and see some original Tommy Brayshaw art work, while meeting old friends and making new ones. Light refreshments will be served.

In addition we will honor and remember David Ishii, well known Seattle (Pioneer Square) bookseller, who generously donated over 300 books to the Fly Fishing Collection in December 2011. He passed away March 1 before we had the opportunity to personally thank or honor him. We think this gathering of fly fishers would be a great time to acknowledge his gift through featured displays in Special Collections and on Wilson Library's main floor.

We hope you can join us; all are welcome, Friday, August 3, 2012, 1-3 pm, Wilson Library 6th Floor. For more information contact, Tamara Belts, Special Collections Manager, 360-650-3193, email: Tamara.Belts@wwu.edu, or Peter Smith, Special Collections Librarian, 360-650-3175, email: Peter.Smith@wwu.edu.

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'Bob Headrick wading the North Fork of the Stillaguamish River.'  
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**August 3, 2012**

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## *Steve Rajeff Casting Seminar Was A Home Run*

I met Steve Rajeff around 1970 when my Sacramento fly fishing club attended an all day event with Golden Gate Angling Casting Club. At that time young Steve Rajeff was already a noted up-and-coming caster. Before Steve left his teens, he was already dominating national events. Today, Steve Rajeff is to the world of casting what Babe Ruth was to American baseball. For over 30 years Steve has dominated the sport of competitive casting. As an active member of the FFF Casting Board of Governors, American Casting Association Board of Director, leader of the US Casting Team, and chief engineer at G. Loomis Rod Manufacturer, he has been integral in passing on his deep knowledge on the art and science of fly casting.

In 2002 and 2004 I was fortunate to compete against Steve at the OLN Fly Fishing Masters games. Over the 30 years or so between our first meeting and the events at OLN I had gotten this silly notion in my head that tournament casters might be great casters, but not necessarily good or great fishermen. By the end of the first OLN event I had changed my mind. I can say that without a doubt, the better you are at casting, the better your chances at catching fish. I also met other tournament casters like Steve that proved to me that better, refined, and knowledge of casting improved ones odds when fishing. It doesn't matter if you are a fishing bum who spends 200 plus days on the water or the occasional devotee of the sport, better casting does make a difference.

On Saturday, May 5, Fly Fishing Fair attendees had the opportunity to watch and learn from Steve Rajeff. This seminar had probably the largest attendance of any seminar during the 2012 Washington FFF Council Fly Fishing Fair, and was definitely worth more than the price of admission. This was a great opportunity for all fly casters at the fair. Steve reviewed and demonstrated many aspects of the American Casting Association and some of the new European fly casting games. The European Sea Trout distance game was very intriguing.

Competing in single hand and spey casting, I have often complained about the difficulty of roll and spey casting on grass. At this event, Steve's roll cast and spey demo demonstrated to everyone that "yes, it is possible to make beautiful precise roll and spey cast with great loops even off the grass!" Of special interest to many was his discussion on accuracy, loop control, and elements of making a good cast. At the end of the seminar Steve conducted a question and answer period. After the Q and A, Steve moved over to the other end of the field and broke out the "Big Boy Rods," the 17 foot overhead double handed rod that can cast a line over 300 feet and a 9-and-a-half foot shooting head rod that can launch a 550 grain head 240 feet.

After the event many folks remarked that they were not only impressed by Steve's casting ability, but his ability to provide answers and present information about fly casting in a "down to earth" and clear and concise manner. I believe everyone who attended learned something new. Steve Rajeff's casting and instruction, without a doubt sets the benchmark and pinnacle for all fly casting.

Want to become a better caster? There is a Seattle Casting Club, and a Bend, Oregon casting club that meets about 6 times a year at the Old Mill in Bend, Oregon. If you have online capability, and want to be a better caster, visit the FFF Website, Casting section, or the American Casting Association, (ACA) Website for more information. Better yet, schedule some time with a FFF certified instructor, master certified instructor, or a Casting Board of Governor for a brush up lesson or a lesson to help with faults. If you have any questions about joining the ACA, Seattle Casting Club, or the Bend Casting Club, feel free to contact me at [vern@jeremica.com](mailto:vern@jeremica.com)



## 2012 Project Healing Waters Northwest 2-Fly

By Vicki Hoagland and Chuck Tye

Mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual PHW NW 2-Fly on the Yakima River to be held Saturday, September 22, 2012. This year's event will be moved back a month compared to past years in order to compensate for river flows and to hopefully minimize competition with the prolific tube hatches that swarm the Yak during di's canicul?r?s, the Dog Days of summer. Soldiers, vets and program volunteers from the Ft. Lewis WTB and the Portland-Vancouver and Seattle VAs will be participating with additional teams from American Lake and the Bend, OR VAs possibly being added.

The group tent area at the Ellensburg KOA will again be reserved for camping Friday and Saturday night so there will be plenty of opportunities to strategize, psyche out the competition with trash-talk and share stories of fishes caught and lost around the fire pit. Also on hand will be Master Camp Chef Jerry Daschofsky at the helm of an always outstanding chow line! Volunteers are also needed to make this event run smoothly by signing in participants, shuttling vehicles, performing camp duties or monitoring the fishers from the road.

For additional information, contact Northwest PHW Regional Coordinator Chuck Tye at: [cmtye@comcast.net](mailto:cmtye@comcast.net) or ph: 360

## Wading Safety Workshop Debuts

By Robert Gerlach

We had a very successful Wading Safety Workshop this year. Bill Wheeler and Robert Gerlach put on a very informative Workshop for 12 people covering various options when faced with Life Threatening Situations in the water.

While researching this subject I have come to the conclusion that there is not "ONE" perfect solution. Each encounter with a fall in is different and if you have planned for the different challenges you will encounter you will be more likely to survive. Should I wear a PFD or Not? Should it be a self inflating or manual inflating?? The bottom line here is being prepared and keeping your wits about you.

Our pool portion of the workshop was incredible; swimming in waders is not easy. Wading belts really made a huge difference. Never wade without them please!

By Dan Farmer

A new feature of this safety class taught by Bill began Friday afternoon types of gear: waders, (unless you need it) use to imagine themselves in not so much to provide scathed, but to ponder the choices-choices tailored shown instructing stu-wading, what to do when amazing footage of an is being carried down a



neath. Friday's session ended with participants relating their own stories of water filled waders and gave all the participants plenty of food for thought. You might think the class ended here, but wait...!! Saturday morning's optional session allowed students to experience the joy of swimming in their waders in the comfort of an indoor pool. There were four brave souls who actually took the plunge cheered on by most of the rest of the class. The experience of submerging, having your waders fill up, and then trying to swim to where you can safely climb out of the water is a very useful experience to have under your belt (no pun intended), should you ever have to do it for real. The general consensus was the class was a huge success. If you use waders to fish, consider enrolling next year.

### Fly patterns on the Federation of Fly Fishers website

The 155 fly patterns on the FFF website are being moved from one server to another. Current patterns are being put on the new server. You can find them by going to the FFF website, [www.fedflyfishers.org](http://www.fedflyfishers.org), and clicking **Blogs**. Eventually, all patterns will be archived as printable PDF copies under **Tying** then go to **Fly of the Month**. We expect to have about one year of active blogs. Here are three new additions:

#### Fly of the Month

June 2012—Caddis Nymph



May 2012—B/C Hopper



September 2011—Chernobyl  
Ant, Improved



## PHOTO CONTEST 2012

We are excited to announce this year's 2012 International Fly Fishing Fair *Photo Contest*. A Youth Category has been added to encourage participation from young photographers. Ribbons and prizes will be awarded to the winners in each category and winners have an opportunity for a "cover shot" on the *Flyfisher* magazine. Attendees of the Fly Fishing Fair will have an opportunity to vote on all photos submitted, so don't forget to vote for your favorite in the People's Choice Award.

### CATEGORIES:

*ALL FISH MUST BE CAUGHT ON A FLY AND RELEASED UNHARMED.*

#### 1. Native Fish of North America

Any cold, freshwater fish caught on a fly in their native waters.

Examples include: Alaska rainbows, Northwest steelhead, Rocky Mountain cutthroat, Eastern brookies, etc.

Label the photo with the fish species and the water from which it was caught.

#### 2. Naturals and Their Imitations

Close up photography of insects, baitfish and their imitations, as in flies.

#### 3. Fly Anglers in Their Element:

People of all ages *enjoying* fly fishing. That includes: casting, rowing, landing fish, etc.

Mood shots and action shots are welcome.

#### 4. International Fly Fishing Experiences - Freshwater

The great waters of Canada, Iceland, Chile, NZ, etc.

Trout, Atlantic salmon, grayling, peacock bass, etc.

#### 5. International Fly Fishing Experiences - Saltwater

Sailfish, tarpon, bonefish, etc. in Belize, the Bahamas, Christmas Island, etc.

#### 6. Youth (New this Year)

Limited to photographers age 16 and under. Photos can be of anything as long as the subject is fly fishing related.

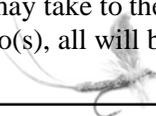
### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Photo prints are required. Photos taken in 2011 and 2012 only, will be judged. No smaller than 8x10 and no larger than 11x14. No slides. Film and digital photos can be used but altered photos are not allowed. Photos **must** be mounted or matted but not framed. Each entry must be permanently labeled on the back with the following:

1. Category
  2. Name of Photographer
  3. Address and phone number
  4. Title of photo and location where shot
- Date when photo was taken

Contestants *must include a self-addressed mailer with sufficient postage for the return of their photo(s)*. Contestants attending the show may drop off entries in person, and they may be picked up after the Fair if they are *not* winners. Those without mailers or sufficient postage will become the property of the FFF. Utmost care is taken to return photos in condition received, but the FFF is not responsible for damage or loss in shipment.

**Note:** because of magazine listing and publishing it may take to the end of October 2012 to return winning photos. If you submit more than one photo and have a winning photo(s), all will be returned together with the winning photo(s) unless you pick them up the Fair.



**RIBBONS AND PRIZES**

All winning photos will be kept by the FFF after the Fair. Winners will be announced in the Fall/Winter issue of the *Flyfisher* magazine. All 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places will receive ribbons. The FFF will submit the first place winning photos to the *Flyfisher* magazine to be published. Second and third place winning photos will be listed by name and category only. First place winners will also receive fly line of their choice, courtesy of Scientific Anglers.

(Depending on the number of submitted photos for a category, winning placement may only be 1<sup>st</sup>, or 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> if there are not enough entries to judge for 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> places.)

**FLYFISHER COVER SHOT**

The Editor of *Flyfisher* may select one of the winning photos to be used on the cover of the magazine. Remember, the photo must be taken in the portrait, or vertical format in order to be used.

**AWARD WINNING PHOTOS**

First place photos will be sent to Scientific Anglers for use in their advertising. Releases will be required.

**TO SUBMIT YOUR PHOTO**

Mail your photo to the FFF office or deliver in person to staff at the Fly Fishing Fair. Mailed photos must be received by Friday, June 29, 2012. Hand delivered entries must be received at the show registration desk by 10:00 am Tuesday, July 10, 2012.

**MAILING ADDRESS:**

FFF Photo Contest  
Federation of Fly Fishers  
5237 US Hwy 89 So., Ste. #11  
Livingston, MT 59047-9176



## 2012 Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy

By Mike Clancy, Co-Director NWYCFFF Academy

We have 23 boys this year, no girls (which is a big disappointment), all their essays and letters of recommendations are in and it appears we have another great group of kids. The Academy is June 24<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> on Hicks Lake at The Gwinwood Community Center in Lacey. We have a fantastic instructor lineup with some of the best professionals in our State. Last year we had over 50 volunteers, this year I anticipate about the same number. They will be fishing on the Nisqually ponds and the Deschutes River in Thurston County. The guides are all experienced and are willing to give their time for a great experience for the kids. Jim Brosio has done a stellar job organizing and recruiting the speakers and recording all the finances. We are ready to go, come on out during the week to see what is happening and if you are available for guiding, we could use your help, especially in the evening. Contact either Jim Brosio (360-943-9947), Mike Clancy (360-753-1259) or Jason Small (253-380-2583) or Ron Smorynski (360-789-6054). Jim, Ron, Jason and I have worked all year to make this another great event for the kids.

## Helping Our Heroes

By Dean Childs

Jesse Scott of the Evergreen Fly Fishing Club is the inventor and developer of the Evergreen Hand. The hand is a device that allows a tier who is missing a hand or arm to use fly tying equipment. It can also be used by persons who are partially paralyzed. Jesse won the 2009 Letcher Lambuth Angling Craftsmanship Award in recognition of his contribution to handicapped tiers.

In a recent development, Jesse has initiated a plan to expand the use of the "hand" to tiers all over the nation. With the help of a couple of FFF members and 100% funding by the Fly Tying Group of the FFF, 125 "hands" will be manufactured and made available to veterans programs and handicapped persons free of charge. The devices will be built in Dean Childs's (ex-factory) facility in Sequim by members of the Olympic Peninsula Fly Fishers. Norm Norlander, owner of the Nor-Vise Company will be providing equipment for certain specialized operations and technical assistance. In addition to the build project, a DVD will be created to help teach the use of the device.

*"A Veteran is someone, who at one point in their life, wrote a blank check payable to the United States of America for an amount up to, and including their life." (Author unknown)*

## Fly Fishing Fair Auction

By Larry Gibbs, Auction Coordinator

We had a good WA Fly Fishing Fair in Ellensburg this year. I want to thank everyone who bought raffle tickets, placed bids on the silent auction items and or bid during the live auction. I also want to thank all the people who donated some great items for those events. We can always use more items for the auctions and raffles. So, as you win items in various raffles or auctions during the next ten months, if you are not going to use it, please donate it or as I like to think of it, Regift it to the Washington State Council so next years raffles and auctions can be even bigger. The money will be well spent on some great projects. Thank you very much.



## In Memoriam

By Mike Clancy

**We have lost another friend – Dwight Caron,** Director, Washington State Council FFF, member of the National FFF, Trout Unlimited, South Sound Fly Fishers & Olympia Chapter of TU. Dwight passed away on May 23<sup>rd</sup> surrounded by his family. He lost his battle to cancer with dignity and courage.

Born in Shelton 82 years ago, he went on to be a cop during the Korean War as an MP which led to a career in law enforcement in various communities in Western Washington. He spent some time in California where he organized and trained a diving team to aid victim recovery with the local sheriff's department. Didn't like that and became an employee of the Forest Service in California. Soon after that, he and Judy moved back to the Northwest and served in law enforcement in various communities, finishing up his law enforcement career in Thurston County as Undersheriff.

After retirement – his new career was fly tying and fly fishing. Starting at a young age of 14 with his fly tying, he loved to share his incredible gift of tying with anyone willing to watch him tie. Dwight had no inventory of flies—everything he tied—he gave away. He was very devoted on a weekly basis to our vets via “Project Healing Waters” at American Lake Veterans Hospital and Joint Base McChord/Ft. Lewis.

Dwight was always willing to contribute his flies to all our WSCFFF and FFF events. He loved to share his gift of fly tying and was always willing to gift his flies to support the programs of his fly fishing community.

There is one story I love to tell about Dwight, in his love to tie, he always looked for the best product for his flies. He



could not purchase the feathers he needed for this particular fly from the local fly shop, so he went out and bought a chicken with the feathers he needed. Don't know what happen to that chicken, I don't think it's around anymore, but his feathers are. Dwight's last act was to tie a dozen of his flies for our National FFF event in Spokane. He got nine done before he passed. His wife, Judy, and I picked 3 more from his little inventory to complete his dozen.

Dwight was a friend to many of us and I will miss him.

*A message from Chuck Tye – Project Healing Waters – Dwight Caron was the Project Healing Waters program lead at the American Lake VA. A veteran and avid Fly Tyer, he always went the extra mile to help his fellow veterans heal through fly fishing. His best and most noted fly was his stacked deer hair dry fly. People would seek him out to get one and he never turned down a request for one. He will truly be missed by his fellow PHW veterans.*

