



# Covering The Drift

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## Leader's Line

By Carl Johnson  
WSCFFF, President

This April 21st the Council will hold our first Fly Tying EXPO and Annual meeting in Ellensburg. The Fly Tying will be held at the Hal Holmes Center located at 209 N Ruby (two blocks east of Main Street on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.). Fly Tying will start at 9:00 am and end at 5:00 pm. The cost for the day is \$5.00. The Annual Meeting will start at 6:00 pm and will be held at the Ellensburg Inn on Canyon Road.

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The cost for the dinner is \$30 and includes the Fly Tying EXPO. The Deadline for Dinner tickets is April 14<sup>th</sup>.

I am really excited about our speaker for the evening, CPT Eivind Forseth. He is a participant and project coordinator in Project Healing Waters program back in the Washington DC area and spoke at the FFF Conclave last summer. We will have a number of raffle and auction items also available that day. Auction items include: The WSCFFF 2007 fly plate, the Madigan fly plate which has flies tied by soldiers in the Occupational Therapy fly tying program, the Russ Lamb print and a few other items including a fly rod.

We will also have a few raffles that we are going to hold in addition to a general raffle. We have the Project Healing Waters quilt raffle. Joan Simonson made the wonderful fly fishing quilt and donated it with all the proceeds going to Project Healing Waters in Washington.

We will also have a FFF member's raffle. Everyone who attends the Fly Tying EXPO who is a FFF member or joins during the EXPO will get one ticket for the raffle. The prize will be a FethaStyx FSF PRO 905, nine foot, 5

weight 4 piece rod. At 5:00 pm we will draw the winning ticket.

We have just finished a successful show season, with the Council participating in the Washington Sportsman's Show in Puyallup, the Evergreen Sportsman's show in Monroe, the Olympic Peninsula Fly Fishing EXPO in Port Townsend, and the Fly Fishing Show in Bellevue.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Fly Tying EXPO.



Joan Simonson standing in front of her quilt. After seeing the marvelous detail in the quilt more raffle tickets will be sold.

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**Washington State Council FFF First Annual Fly Tying  
Exposition and Annual Meeting in Ellensburg,  
Saturday, April 21, 2007.**

By Carl Johnson  
WSCFFF President

The **Fly Tying Exposition** will be held in the Hal Holmes Center from 9 am to 5pm. The center is in the same building as the library and located at 209 N Ruby St. There is plenty of free street parking in the area. The cost of admission to the event (for the Fly Tying) is \$5.00 and will be collected at the door. We will have four 2-hour tying sessions 9:00 am to 11:00 am, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm and 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The tiers will feature a variety of fly patterns from complex full dress Atlantic Salmon flies to presentation flies, to fishing flies. As of March 27 we have 56 total tiers signed up for a total of 100 tying sessions. During the day we will have a raffle for FFF members only. Every FFF member who attends will receive a ticket to the drawing for a FethaStyx FSF PRO 905 9 foot 4 piece 5 weight rod on a Thomas & Thomas blank, a retail value of \$700. The drawing will be at 5:00 PM

The **Annual Meeting** will be held that evening at the Ellensburg Inn, 1700 Canyon Road. The meeting

will start at 6:00 pm with a reception and a no host bar. A buffet dinner of London Broil and Salmon Fillet will be served at 7:00pm. The dinner will be followed with a brief business meeting, which will include introduction of the candidates for election.

This will be followed by the auction/raffle and speaker. The speaker for the evening dinner is CPT. Eivind Forseth. He is a participant and project coordinator in Project Healing Waters (PHW) at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington DC. CPT. Forseth was injured in Iraq in January 2005 from an explosive device. PHW teaches wounded service members the adaptive skills of fly fishing and fly tying as emotional, occupational and physical therapy. CPT. Forseth delivered the keynote address at the FFF 2006 Conclave in Bozeman, MT. Several members of the council have heard CPT. Forseth speak. He comes highly recommended by the council.

Reservations are required for dinner. The cost is \$30 and includes admission to the Fly Tying Exposition. **Tickets must be**

**purchased by April 14<sup>th</sup>.** Please contact Carl Johnson (425-308-6161) flyfishalso@verizon.net or send your payment to: Carl Johnson, WSCFFF, PO Box 1206, Monroe, WA 98272

The Council has arranged for a block of rooms to be held at the Ellensburg Inn for the Friday and Saturday nights. Available are single Queen rooms and Rooms with two Double beds. The rates are \$72 for the Queen and \$76.50 for the double plus tax. Please make your reservation directly with the Ellensburg Inn at 509-925-9801. Mention the Washington State Council Federation of Fly Fishers (WSCFFF) to get this rate.

We will be running a number of a number of raffles and silent auctions throughout the day and evening. Auction items will include among other items, the Council's 2007 fly plate, the Madigan fly plate, a Russ Lamb print and a Sage Fly Rod.

The Board of Directors hope to see you there!

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## 2007 Washington State Council Fly Plate

By Mike Clancy  
WSCFFF Sectary

All the flies have been collected, Steve Brocco has finished constructing the plate and we have been displaying the plate at club meetings. We are very excited about the response from folks on the wonderful job Steve did in putting the plate together. We are very pleased with all nineteen fly tiers that participated in contributing flies, tiers from all over Washington and Alaska. The plate will be auctioned at the Washington Fly Tying Expo in Ellensburg on April 21, 2007. I would like to thank all the fly tiers that donated flies for the plate, they are all expert fly tiers. Thanks for supporting The Federation of Fly Fishers.

## 2007 Washington Youth Outdoor Adventure Expo

by Mike Clancy  
WSCFFF Sectary

A wonderful event is occurring on May 18-19, 2007 at The Cowlitz Expo Center in Longview, Wa. The Go Play Outside organization sponsored by WDFW is putting on another youth event.

They anticipate around 11,000 youth to attend this function from the surrounding school districts and scout troops. 1500 boy scouts are coming in Friday afternoon for a camp out and will attend the expo on Saturday. Saturday, the event will be open to the general public, both days are free. There are over 37 scheduled event sponsors from various outdoor organizations like T.U. and the FFF.

The hours are Friday, 9am-4pm and Saturday 9am-5pm. We will need fly tiers and casters for both days.

I am asking for assistance from the Clark-Skamania Flyfishers, Lower Columbia Flyfishers, South Sound Flyfishers and the Puget Sound Flyfishers.

Volunteers are not limited to those clubs, all who wish to volunteer are welcome.

Please contact Mike Clancy, 360-753-1259 or email mtclancy@earthlink.net. Please – We need your help with this event. There is RV parking available. This is a wonderful opportunity to display our dedication to the education of youth in our great sport of fly fishing.



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## Casting For Recovery

Washington State Retreat  
By Judy Graham

Casting for Recovery is a national non-profit support and educational program for women who have or have had breast cancer.

The program provides an opportunity for women whose lives have been profoundly affected by the disease to gather in a beautiful, natural setting and learn fly-fishing, "a sport for life." Just as importantly, it offers an opportunity to meet new friends and have fun.

These weekend retreats incorporate counseling, educational services and the sport of fly-fishing to promote mental and physical healing.

Founded in 1996, Casting for Recovery has been offering free retreats across the country. They rely on local volunteers and organizations to fund and support community based retreats.

As one of the instructors for Washington State's Casting for Recovery Retreat last year, I witnessed each woman's strength and courage in her recovery from breast cancer.

One woman reflected that having breast cancer was like taking her blinders off. It allowed her to look beyond the day-to-day grind of work and caring for her family in order to see and appreciate a much bigger world beyond. It allowed her to more fully experience the world's splendor.

Another said when she contracted breast cancer doctors first did a mastectomy. But by that time it

had invaded her uterus, so they did a hysterectomy. But it had already spread to her brain, so they took part of that as well. She looks at life like a poker hand; you play what you're dealt. She says the good news is that she still buys green bananas.

A third woman, who has inadequate insurance, had to return to work within days of her mastectomy to try to start paying for the surgery. She has since lost her house and now must live with friends.

I think about each of the rest of my new Casting for Recovery friends, and the trials they continue to face. Those women whose spouses left because of the cancer or mastectomy, or the person whose best friend of 20-some years, upon hearing about her cancer, said "I don't do sickness." And that was the end of their friendship.

At dinner they joked about the \$400+ it costs each month for their insurance co-pay, or their five-year retirement plan that went out the window.

The women with children talked of how their kids handled it. One exasperated child asked, "Mom, when are you going to be better?" Another woman had her grown kids ask, "Can we come to your house for Thanksgiving this year?" Just assuming she was once again well enough to cater to their needs. Yet another, while wearing the sleeve she must wear to combat lymphadema, had her young son ask how long she was going to have to wear that sleeve. She said "probably the rest of my life". Her son ran away crying.

Notice I didn't even touch on the physical or mental toll a mastectomy, radiation or chemotherapy took on each of these women.

Each faces life head on with boldness and bravery ready to hit what ever pitch they are thrown. They each taught me about the human spirit, but mostly about how to be a supportive friend. One woman said that when she was going through chemotherapy, some people she considered good friends completely disappeared, while others she thought of as only acquaintances embraced her, helped with meals, did her laundry and became active participants in her recovery. As she said, "I think some people just don't know what to do or say, so they avoid you."

Casting for Recovery provides weekend retreats at no cost to the participants including lodging, meals and professional instruction.

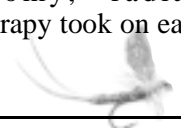
Any woman who has experienced breast cancer is eligible to attend a retreat (with medical clearance from their physicians).

Trained facilitators staff each retreat including: a psychotherapist, a health care professional (e.g. physical therapist, nurse), and four fly fishing instructors.

Each spring, as our major fund raising effort for Washington's Casting for Recovery, we offer a casting clinic on April 28<sup>th</sup> at Tolt-McDonald Park in Carnation. It's opened to the public with nationally-acclaimed fly fishers and a team of FFF Certified Fly-Casting Instructors. A Registration form for the event is on the WSCFFF website.

[www.washingtoncouncilfff.org](http://www.washingtoncouncilfff.org)

For more information on donating to Washington's Casting for Recovery Retreat, you may contact Joanne Elston at [joanfish@aol.com](mailto:joanfish@aol.com).



## FFF Member Fly Shops

By Bob Bates, VP Communication

At the October 2006 Board meeting we decided to let people know what fly shops support the FFF by becoming members of the Federation. To do that we will put their names in each issue of *Covering the Drift*, and for one year we will include a copy of their business card if we have it. There will be no charge to the fly shop. The card might be any place in the newsletter. So keep your eyes open for them, and visit the shops nearest to you.

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*Carl Johnson talks to one of the many visitors to our booth at The Fly Fishing Show, Bellevue, WA. The little girl, partially hidden by her dad, was interested in the raffle items we had on display.*



# Casting For Recovery Pictures



*John Reid's class at the 2005 CFR Clinic*



*Marilyn Vitale with a student at 2005 CFR Clinic*



*Don Simonson and student at 2005 CFR Clinic.*



*Tony Vitale and student at 2005 CFR Clinic*



*Pam Michaels and Retreat Director Joanne Elston, talking to people about Casting for Recovery at The Fly Fishing Show in Bellevue, WA February 10, 2007*

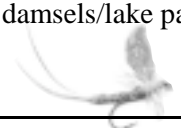
## Expo Fly Tiers and Their Patterns

Vern Jeremica, WSCFFF Director at Large and well known fly tier, assembled a tremendous group of fly tiers. Some are his friends and others wanted to contribute when they learned that he was looking for tiers. A few who turned him down this year already had tying commitments on the same weekend.

Note: As of March 27, 2007 A name was corrected 4/4/07

<b>Tier</b>	<b>Pattern or technique</b>
Aaron Culley	Larry's Lightning Bug/Stlhd/Spey/Wakers
Ben Dennis	Damsel, Nymph & Dry
Bill McKay	Walt Johnson's Lady Coachman (Casting for recovery)
Bill Saunders	Montana Guide Patterns
Bob Bates	Dry Umbrella Hook Mayfly quill bodies
Bob Newman	Trout Flies
Brain Thielcke	Surprise?
Brian Chou	Steelhead
Bruce L. Clark	Deer Hair Bass Bugs
Byron	Atlantic Salmon
Cody Gunn	Cutthroat patterns/steelhead patterns
Conner Olsen	Nymphs beadheads
Danny Beatty	Cutthroat Spider Patterns
Dave Millard	Adult Stonefly Stimulator
Dave Williams	Smallmouth bass patterns
Glenn Wilson	Steelhead Patterns
Jack Cook	Stlhd speys, stlhd tubes
Jack Mitchell	Trout
James H Ferguson	Cripples, nymphs/hairwing steelhead
Janet Schimpf	Variety patterns/tips & tricks
Jim Higgins	Blue Water
Jim Maus	Nymphs, emergers
Jim McCallister's son	Undecided
Jimmy Lemert	Amisthis Spey
John Newbury	Steelhead Trout Nymphs Streamers
John Olschewsky	Atlantic Salmon-Trout Dry
John Olson	Trout fly wets
Karen Royer	Surprise?
Kevin Ryan	Undecided
Larry Nichols	Steelhead
Gene Lorenson	Perch streamer
Les Johnson	Cutthroat etc
Lory Watkins	Trout Dry
Michael T Williams	Streamer Baitfish Deer Hair Patterns
Michelle Teagel	Some of her specialty patterns
Mike A Hardouin	Steelhead/trout/beach patterns
P.J. Hicks	Undecided
Pat Blackwell	Trout Flies
Paul Tetzlaff	Flexible Damsels
Preston Singletary	Trout
Randy Diefert	Liquid lace damsels/lake patterns

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<b>Tier</b>	<b>Pattern or technique</b>
Richard Twarog	Thunder Creek
Ron Lucas	Steelhead patterns
Ron Torda	Steelhead
Sam Matalone	Salt H2O Baitfish Patterns/Tube Flies
SFC Marvin Johnson	Trout, Wooly Bugger, Carey Special
Steve Brocco	Steelhead Patterns
Steve Jackson	Trout Chironomid Patterns
Steve Rohrback	Salt H2O Flies
Tak Shimizu	Hook making Atlantic Salmon Fly
Tim Irish	Undecided
Tom Schmitz	Nymphs beadheads
Vern Jeremica	Trout Flies Spey Patterns
VickHoagland	Blind eye spey patterns
Wayne Orzel	Steelhead & Fly Tying Problems
Willie C Morrison	Lake flies for trout

## *Schedule for Fly Tiers*

### **Session 1 9 am-11 am**

Aaron Culley  
Bob Bates  
Bruce L. Clark  
Byron  
Dave Williams  
Glenn Wilson  
Janet Schimpf  
Jim Higgins  
Jim McCallister's son  
John Newbury  
Kevin Ryan  
Les Johnson  
Lory Watkins  
Michael T Williams  
Michelle Teagel  
Pat Blackwell  
Richard Twarog  
Ron Lucas  
Sam Matalone  
Steve Brocco  
Steve Rohrback  
Tak Shimizu  
VickHoagland  
Wayne Orzel  
Willie C Morrison

### **Session 2 11 am - 1 pm**

Bob Newman  
Brain Thielcke  
Brian Chou  
Cody Gunn  
Dave Millard  
Jack Cook  
James H Ferguson  
Janet Schimpf  
Jim Higgins  
John Newbury  
John Olschewsky  
Karen Royer  
Larry Nichols  
Michael T Williams  
Michelle Teagel  
Mike A Hardouin  
Pat Blackwell  
Preston Singletary  
Steve Brocco  
Steve Jackson  
Tak Shimizu  
Vern Jeremica  
VickHoagland  
Wayne Orzel  
Willie C Morrison

### **Session 3 1 pm - 3 pm**

Bill Saunders  
Bob Bates  
Bob Newman  
Brian Chou  
Conner Olsen  
Danny Beatty  
Gene Lorensen  
Glenn Wilson  
Jack Cook  
Jack Mitchell  
James H Ferguson  
Jim Maus  
Jimmy Lemert  
John Olschewsky  
John Olson  
Karen Royer  
Larry Nichols  
Michael T Williams  
Michelle Teagel  
Paul Tetzlaff  
Randy Diefert  
Ron Torda  
Steve Rohrback  
Tim Irish  
Tom Schmitz

### **Session 4 3 pm - 5 pm**

Aaron Culley  
Ben Dennis  
Bill McKay  
Bill Saunders  
Bruce L. Clark  
Conner Olsen  
Dave Williams  
Janet Schimpf  
Jimmy Lemert  
John Olson  
Karen Royer  
Kevin Ryan  
Lory Watkins  
Michael T Williams  
Michelle Teagel  
P.J. Hicks  
Randy Diefert  
Richard Twarog  
Ron Torda  
Sam Matalone  
SFC Marvin Johnson  
Tom Schmitz  
Vern Jeremica  
VickHoagland  
Willie C Morrison



## The Golden Goose

By David Williams  
WSCFF VP Membership

Sportfishing benefited local, state and federal economies by \$116,000,000,000 (yes, that is *b* as in billion) and more than 1 million jobs in 2001, according to the American Sportsfishing Association. In Washington, sportsfishers contributed over \$67 million to state coffers in sales and fuel taxes. Washington sportsfishers also are responsible for nearly 16,000 jobs.

If we trash our water and habitat, the fish die. If the fish die, sportsfishers stop fishing. This sure got me thinking about Aesop's fable of the golden goose or, to update the story into modern corporate speak, maximizing short-term profits without regard to the long-term consequences. That led me to consider how we need to protect the goose. We all know Aesop resolved the issue quite unfavorably to the goose.

Geese, or in our case fish, need water and habitat in order to survive and provide sport for sportsfishers. If sportsfishers stop fishing, they stop spending money. If they stop spending money, 16,000 of your friends and neighbors are out of work. If they stop spending money our state budget goes in the dumpster another \$67,000,000.

So, how do we preserve water and habitat? First, we —meaning each of us— adopt the Nike slogan "Just Do It." That means making the choice, then acting on the choice. Second, we critically review proposed state and federal legislation. We carefully examine legislative records of elected

officials. We apply that same scrutiny to political candidates before we vote. Once elected, we hold politicians accountable to ensure that they do what they say. Next, we consider the long-term consequences of today's actions before we make those decisions. In business lingo, we demand a cost-benefit analysis.

Here is an action to consider. Congress is expected to revisit the issue of drilling for oil in places like the Arctic Natural Wildlife Refuge. The short-term benefit is modest at best and the rationale posited by proponents to be suspect. The long-term consequences may be substantial, particularly in the fragile Alaskan environment. Who is conducting a cost-benefit analysis? Who evaluates the results of that analysis?

Here is another action. No one can doubt the Clean Air Act has been hugely successful in reducing sulfur dioxide, the main cause of acid rain or almost eliminating airborne lead and our health is safer. Yet, 43 states have health department advisories against eating fish. Coal-fired power plants are the main source of mercury contamination and mercury is responsible for 60% of fish consumption advisories. Utilities and coal companies successfully lobbied Congress to gain exemption from the Clean Air Act 1990 amendments. Who conducted the cost-benefit analysis?

Instead of telling you what I think you should do, I'll tell you what I'm going to do. I'm going to participate in more conservation outings. A day planting trees has long-term benefits. A day cleaning

up a river or lake is just as good as a day spent fishing. I joined the Federation of Fly Fishers, became active on the State Council and encourage others to become active in at least one conservation organization. I am going to include a conservation slant in every outdoor magazine article I write. I am going to use words like cooperation, conservation and stewardship when talking with others. And I will continue to vote the environment. Ok, I'll step down

## Big Twin Lake Project

By Carl Johnson  
WSCFFF President

In our last newsletter we had the article on the Methow Valley Fly Fishers (MVFF) project to install an aerator in Big Twin Lake near Winthrop. In e-mail conversations with Duncan Bronson of the club, I am happy to report that the MVFF have received enough funds to complete the project. Construction is set to begin in April. I would like to thank the following clubs who have donated to this project: Evergreen Fly Fishing Club of Everett, Northwest Women Flyfishers of Seattle, Okanogan County Fly Fishing Club of Okanogan, Olympic Fly Fishers of Edmonds, Overlake Fly Fishing Club of Bellevue, Puget Sound Fly Fishers of Tacoma, Washington Fly Fishing Club of Seattle, Wenatchee Valley Fly Fishers of Wenatchee and the Washington State Council of the FFF. My thanks to everyone who donated to this wonderful project.



*This is a portion of the picture section of Joan Simonson's quilt that she made to support Project Healing Waters. The more you study the picture the more animals you find. Everyone who has seen it would like to have it. You have a chance to win it, simply buy more raffle tickets in April at the Ellensburg Fly Tying Expo and Annual Meeting*

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**Volunteers Needed**

By Carl Johnson  
WSCFFF President

The Washington State Council of the FFF (WSCFFF) is looking for volunteers to assist us with the Fly Tying Exposition and Annual Meeting in Ellensburg, WA on April 21st. We are looking for people who will help with registration, raffle ticket sales, silent auction, assisting with concession sales, set-up and tear down. If you would like to volunteer please contact Carl Johnson at 425-308-6161 or

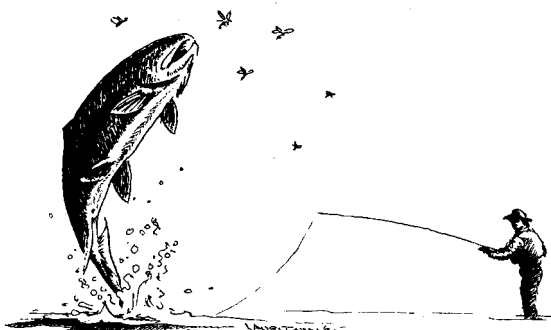
[flyfishalso@verizon.net](mailto:flyfishalso@verizon.net)

**FFF Members Raffle**

By Carl Johnson  
WSCFFF President

We will be holding a FFF members only raffle at the Fly Tying EXPO in Ellensburg on April 21<sup>st</sup>. All FFF members who attend and non-members who join at the EXPO will be

give a ticket for the raffle. The prize will be beautiful FethaStyx FSF PRO 905 9 foot 4 piece 5 weight rod on a Thomas & Thomas blank. We will have a copy of the Councils roster available to verify anyone who does not have their membership card.



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