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## Leaders Line

By Carl Johnson, President  
On May 3d the Council held our first Fly Fishing Conclave and Annual meeting in Ellensburg. This event was a combination of the Fly Tying Expo we held last year and the Fly Casting Expo we used to hold in the fall. The event was the end of a long and successful show season for the Council this past year. The Council had a booth at the Western Washington Sportsman Show in Puyallup, The

Fly Fishing Show in Bellevue, Evergreen Sportsman Show in Monroe, Great Western Sportfishing Show in Spokane, and Olympic Peninsula Fly Fishing Show in Port Townsend. We met a number of FFF members around the state, gained a number of new members, got our message in front of many more outdoorspeople and had a great time at the shows.

The Conclave was held at the Kittitas County Event Center which proved to be an excellent facility. The event would not have been a success without our wonderful volunteers. I want to thank everyone who volunteered, this includes our fly tiers, instructors, presenters and those who did all the tasks that needed to be done during the show. I also want to thank the clubs that volunteered for specific tasks; Fidalgo Fly Fishers who hosted the Danish Games, Northwest Fly Anglers who provided hospitality for the fly tiers, Northwest Women Fly Fishers who put on the Introduction to Fly Fishing class, Overlake Fly Fishing Club who provided fly tying instruction, Washington Fly Fishing Club who ran the 5 Weight Casting Competition, and the Wenatchee Valley Fly Fishers who gave tying lessons to kids during the day. Finally I want to thank all of our vendors who made the trip to Ellensburg for a one day show. When you visit these vendors please let them know that you appreciate their support of the

Council and FFF.

During the dinner Saturday evening we presented a number of awards. The Jimmy Green Fly Casting Instructors Award went to Don Simonson. The WSCFFF Fly Tying Hall of Fame Award went to Harry Lemire. The Club Conservation Award went to the Methow Valley Fly Fishers. We also presented two individual Conservation Awards this year to Gary Loomis and Bill Mackay. It was announced at the dinner that the individual conservation award will be known as The Bill Mackay Conservation Award in the future. The Council also announced that Vern Jeremica is our nominee for Council Award of Excellence. This award will be presented at the National Conclave in Whitefish this summer. I also presented "President's Pins" to a number of folks to thank them for their support over the past year. Bob Bates, Dick Matthaei, Don Simonson, Jim Gee, John Newbury, Kevin Ryan, Kip Keener, Larry Hill, and Pat Peterman. Congratulation to all of our award winners.

The Conclave was a success and we are in the planning stages for next year's event which will be two days, Friday and Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you would like to help with next year's event please contact me. Please mark your calendars and we'll see you in Ellensburg. Now it is time to go fishing, see you on the water.

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## Officer and Board Member Nominations

### Vice President, Communication

Bob Bates, Spokane, Washington

Bob Bates is the current Vice President Communications and has agreed to again stand for elections. Bob is the past editor of *Covering the Drift*, currently maintains the Washington State Council Federation of Fly Fishers club contacts email list and the Council's website. Bob has been a National FFF Director, is a member of the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club, an active participant in Club events and an enthusiastic supporter of the Federation.

In his spare time, Bob teaches skiing at Mt. Spokane, writes, demonstrates tying some really cool flies and catches fish.

### Director At Large

Don Simonson, Camano Island, Washington

Don Simonson is a life member of the Federation of Fly Fishers and a 40 year member and past president of the Washington Fly Fishing Club and current WFFC Foundation president. Don gives clinics in fly casting as he holds the Master Casting Instructor certification from the Federation of Fly Fishers. As a member of the FFF Casting Board of Governors, Don serves on two committees and was co-chair of the highly successful Washington State Council Fly Fishing Conclave casting competition.

Don also works with the AFFTA to promote fly fishing and contributes fly casting clinics to Casting For Recovery participants.

### Director At Large

Vern Jeremica, Issaquah, Washington

Vern Jeremica has been a volunteer supporting the Washington and Oregon Councils of the Federation of Fly Fishers for many years. In the past 18 years, he has participated in many sports shows as a speaker, fly tier and caster. You can find him in the Washington area shows as well as the Oregon FFF fly tying expo.

He is past secretary and board member of California Fly Fishing Unlimited in Sacramento, Puget Sound Anglers in Tacoma, Overlake Fly Fishing Club (board member and Education Vice President), Northwest Atlantic Salmon Fly Tying Guild (president for two years, newsletter editor for three years, board member for two years and secretary for one year), co-sponsor of a Federation of Fly Fishers children's fly fishing club in Issaquah for two years and member of the American Casting Association and Seattle Casting Club for the past several years.

He has a keen interest in promoting fly fishing, especially to our younger generation, and an interest in teaching fly tying and conservation.

With regard to skills, he is particularly interested in distance casting, accuracy competitions, spey clones, presentation fly tying, fishing for anadromous fish, and experiencing anything new in fly fishing. Vern has been tying full dress salmon flies for seventeen years.

### Director At Large

Larry Gibbs, Bonney Lake, Washington

Larry served four years in the US Navy before becoming a deputy sheriff for a local department. He retired after 28 years as a lieutenant,

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Small streams and beautiful fish



having spent much of his career managing multiple departments and budgets, streamlining for efficiency, writing operational manuals and overseeing personnel.

Larry started fishing very early in life and took up fly fishing and fly tying at the age of 14. Since his retirement fly fishing and fly tying has become his main passion. He is an active member of two local fly clubs, the Alpine Fly Fishers and the Puget Sound Flyfishers. He served on the board of the Puget Sound Flyfishers Club for many years. During much of this time he administered the education program and was active in the conservation program, coordinated the auction fund raisers, and is currently the newsletter editor for the PSF club.

Larry is a past member of the board of directors for the WSCFFF. As a board member he served as treasurer and secretary for several years. Larry is active in the fund raising program and coordinates the raffles and auctions for the fly fishing and casting events.

Larry is an active Life Member in the FFF. He is also a member of the FFF's Presidents Club, the FFF Fly Tying Group and the FFF Fly Fishing Forum.

**Director At Large**

Mike Perusse, Lake Tapps, Washington

As owner of Mike Perusse Marketing, he serves as a Manufacturer's Representative for companies like G Loomis, Pacific Fly Group and Over the Edge. He has 13 years experience in the fly fishing industry and holds a FFF Master Casting Instructor certification. Mike also donates time to Casting for Recovery, the FFF casting certification program and Coastal Conservation Association when he's not catching Bristol Bay Kings.

**Northwest Fly Fishing  
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July 22-26 FFF 43rd International Show and Conclave, Whitefish MT  
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November 1 Pacific Northwest Fly Tying Rendezvous @ Mt. Hood Community College, Gresham, OR  
[www.nwflytyers.org](http://www.nwflytyers.org)

May 1-2, 2009 Washington State Council FFF Washington State Fly Fishing Conclave @ Kittitas Valley Events Center, Ellensburg WA  
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One of the functions of your WSC Board is serving as a clearinghouse of public fly fishing related and affiliated club events. If your club has an event open to the public, please provide details to the editor at [dpwlaw@gmail.com](mailto:dpwlaw@gmail.com).

**National Service Opportunity**

The FFF national Best Practices committee is looking for a member from the Washington State Council. The duties will include contacting a number of the FFF-affiliated and charter clubs to determine what practices they have and then reporting back to the committee. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Rodney Priddle, Committee Chairman at [Rodney@nycap.rr.com](mailto:Rodney@nycap.rr.com).



## Conclave News

### Fly Tying Hall of Fame Award

By John Newbury, 1st VP-East

During the banquet, concluding the Washington State Council Conclave, the Washington State Fly Tying Hall of Fame Award was presented to legendary fly fisherman and fly tier, Harry Lemire by last year's recipient, John M. Newbury.

Harry has been tying flies for 70 years. For over 50 years, Harry's fishing and flies have been the subject matter of many books and magazine articles. He has influenced steelhead and salmon fly fishers with his innovative ideas of flies and fly presentation. In 1962, he originated "The Greaseliner," which is the grandfather of all fall steelhead waking flies and the inspiration behind many caddis patterns.

Harry, a Pacific Northwest fly fishing icon, currently is a member of the Northwest Atlantic Salmon Fly Tying Guild and the Washington State Steelhead Flyfishers.

Congratulations, Harry.

### Flytiers—Thank You

By John Newbury, 1st VP-East

Vern Jeremica and I, on behalf of the WSCFFF, would like to express a very sincere and much appreciated thank you to all of the demonstration flytiers. It is all you skilled tiers, sharing your talents and time, that make a Conclave a success. We are blessed to have an exceptional group of tiers, demonstrating a wide range of patterns and techniques.

If you had fun and enjoyed yourself, tell another skilled tier about our show in hopes they might want

to attend. Next year the Council is expanding to a two-day show format so we'll be seeking out new talent and old pros to share their skills.

Thanks also to the 72 demonstration tiers who donated flies this year to be part of next year's fund raiser fly plates. These flies are now in the good hands of framer, Steve Brocco, awaiting his magical touch.

Thanks again and see you all next year.

### Help Requested

By John Newbury, 1st VP-East

Last fall a vacancy was noted in *Covering the Drift*—the Council was requesting help in filling the position in the Far East (aka 1st Vice President-East). No Karnac or Ali Baba...but John M. Newbury did volunteer to help out. John has been involved with the Federation of Fly Fishers since 1987 and has tied at over 40 events for the FFF. John was the recipient of the Washington State 2007 Fly Tier Hall of Fame Award. John resides in Chewelah, Washington and is a member of the West Kootenay Fly Fishing Club in Castlegar, BC. His home water is the upper Columbia River.

John has a substantial experience and a good background in fly tying shows. In fact, John volunteered to be co-chairman of the demonstration fly tiers at this year's Conclave. Next year John will be teaming up with Dan Ferguson of the Spokane Fly Fishers to coordinate the demonstration fly tying for the 2009 WSC Conclave. John and Dan would like to encourage more fly tiers to get involved since the show is expanding to a two-day event. Anyone wishing to demonstrate their fly tying talents ore knowing someone

to refer, please contact John or Dan. It's not too early to starting making plans for 2009. Mark your calendars, invite your friends, spread the word.

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### Thanks Mr. President

By Don Simonson, Director At Large

Participating in this year's Conclave provided an opportunity to join forces with most Board members to provide a successful event. I am sure as we analyze the process and results we will do even better in the future. That said, all of us who participated in heading up the different tasks now realize how much time and effort we contribute to make this event happen.

I believe it is time for us to recognize the fact that had it not been for our leader (and President) Carl Johnson and his never ending contribution and promotion of the Washington State Council, this Conclave would not have happened. Over the past two years, Carl has traveled our state, border to border, personally calling on every fly fishing club to encourage participating in the FFF and our Conclave. His meetings with the Ellensburg Chamber of Commerce, his meetings with Kittitas County Event Center officials and his countless hours of effort proved priceless in making the Conclave a success.

My personal thanks go to you, Carl.

### Pictures At An Exhibition

(with apologies to Modest Musorgsky)

## Conclave Casting

By Don Simonson Director At Large



Kevin Ryan presenting the Washington State Council Conservation Award to Bill McKay. The Award is now known as the Bill McKay Conservation Award.

This year's fly casting program consisted of three elements—an emergency casting clinic, casting classes and casting competition.

In the emergency clinic, fly casting instructors, certified as such by the FFF, would help any caster become a better caster. If you presented a fault, the certified instructors presented a solution. Kinda like going to the Emergency Room at your local hospital, except here it didn't cost you an arm and a leg.

Several classes were offered, such as beginning casting, women's beginning casting taught by women, casting in windy conditions and an on the river spey casting class. We anticipate attendance in next year's classes will grow.

The Danish Casting Games was a big draw with folks either just enjoying working through the nine casting stations, or for the more serious who competed for best score.

The 5-weight casting competition

consisted of two elements—accuracy and distance. Here's how the competition ended:

#### Men's Professional

- 1st Ed Sozinho
- 2nd Joe Rotter
- 3rd Kip Keener

#### Men

- 1st Jamie Emerson
- 2nd Richard Embry

#### Women

- 1st Peg Van Natter
- 2nd Pat Boulton
- 3rd Marilyn Vitale

#### Men Senior

- 1st Kip Keener
- 2nd Don Simonson
- 3rd Hugh Clark

One award was given as the result of the Danish Casting Games—that was won by Bill Van Natter

Kip Keener and I, as Casting Co-Chairs, want to thank all the certified instructors who helped teach, the Fidalgo Fly Club for providing, administering and scoring the Danish casting games and the Washington Fly Fishing Club for administering and scoring the 5-weight casting competition. Because of your dedicated efforts, the casting program was a success. We hope when we have our next Conclave we will enjoy even greater participation from the fly fishing community.



Harry Lemire accepting the Washington State Fly Tying Hall of Fame Award



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# Fly of the Season

My favorite fly, at least my favorite trout fly, actually my favorite trout dry fly is—drum roll please, the Salmon Candy created by Lloyd Frese. Almost fifty years ago, Lloyd Frese of Bend, Oregon created this pattern as part of his four-fly series of caddis imitations designed to catch Hosmer Lake’s top-water feeding Atlantic salmon and deep-bodied brook trout. It worked so well that for the next twenty years it was the only pattern I used at Hosmer. The fish in the lake have changed but the Salmon Candy is the one dry fly that I won’t leave home without. It has worked on Wyoming’s Wind River rainbow, cutthroat and golden trout in alpine lakes sitting above 10,000 feet. It fooled fish after fish

in Idaho’s Seven Devils Wilderness, Oregon’s Gold Lake where the brook trout went silly over it and Washington’s Leech Lake. Not just a high mountain lake fly, it works in the desert as well. It was 1972 when I caught my first Lake Lenice rainbow on a Salmon Candy and my brother’s largest Washington lake rainbow came from Lenice on—yep, a Salmon Candy. It served as inspiration to Steve Raymond, a long-time Hosmer Lake angler, when he created his sea-run cutthroat and resident silver pattern known as the Cutthroat Candy. Did I mention that it fools fish in moving water? Well, it does. My fishing partner has sworn me to secrecy so I can’t mention the name of the stream but the Salmon Candy, swamped in the current, was inhaled by the largest trout either of

us caught that year on that river. FYI—there are trout nudging two feet long in that unnamed, call it Rattlesnake Creek, water. Just for fun with salmon season approaching, my guess is a few Salmon Candy’s tied on 2x strong hooks will find their way into my saltwater box, then on the end of



my leader and ultimately in the corner of some silver’s jaw. How fitting given the name of this fly of the season.



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