



Covering The Drift

Volume 14, Number 1

Published Quarterly
www.washingtoncouncilfff.org

September 2009
Editor: David Williams

Leaders Line

Board's Work

By Carl Johnson, President

I hope that everyone had a good summer of fishing. I spent a few days on the water this summer—enough that it is starting to approach what I thought I would be doing when I retired. My fishing included the Upper Columbia with a Board member where I landed a 24 inch rainbow on a dry fly. I also fished the Clark Fork River with some Board members and fly club members several days, along with three wonderful days on the Big Horn on my way to the FFF Conclave. At Conclave, I was proud to present, along with Bob

Jacklin, the FFF's highest fly tying award, the Buz Buszek Award, to **J o h n N e w b u r y .** CONGRATULATIONS JOHN! Along the way, I realized the people are what I remember most of my fishing trips—not the fish. Here's the highlight of my summer fishing. Ed Nicholson, retired Navy Captain and founder of Project Healing Waters, and other retired Navy folks have fished the Clark Fork for several years. . This year I offered to take two people in my boat. Ed scheduled two Project Healing Waters participants. Jesse, a Viet Nam veteran, had never caught a fish. Shaun, who lost both legs in Iraq, had fished before and said he'd never had a day without a fish. The pressure was on. Fortunately Shaun caught a cuttbow on a hopper. Jesse, on the other hand, missed everything that took his hopper. Using a nymph under a bobber, he missed the first few fish, then finally set the hook. Almost boated, it came unbuttoned on the third run. Jesse was disappointed to say the least. We were close to the take out by this time so Jesse did not get another chance. I had a great day spending it with these two gentlemen. If you are interested in getting involved with PHW please contact Chuck Ty at cmtye@comcast.net . Mark your calendar for April 30 and May 1 for the 2010 Washington State Fly Fishing Fair.

August 22, 2009 Meeting Ellensburg

Abstract of Board Meeting Minutes
Carl Johnson,, President, welcomed all new and returning board members and officers, then reported on Conclave happenings, including the decision to not renew the contract of the current CEO. Of special note—John Newbury received the Buz Buszek Award.

Carl asked Ray Willms to research past winners of the Fly Tiers Hall of Fame Award.

Officers Ray Willms (VP-West), John Newbury (VP-East), Dan Ferguson (VP-Membership); David Williams (Secretary); Dick Mattaei (Treasurer); Bob Bates (VP-Communications); Don Bolstad (VP-Conservation); and Mike Clancy (Government Affairs Chair) all gave reports. The Treasurer's report was particularly well done. Mike Clancy also reported on the Fly Fishing Academy which he will co-chair in 2010.

The Council will have booth space at the same show venues as 2009 and add the Tri-Cities show.

The Fly Fishing Fair will be held in Ellensburg April 30-May 1, 2010 with reconfigured tying tables, casting games and competition and expanded seminars.

At the next board meeting, October 10, 2009, we will discuss and approve the 2010 Annual Budget and the Fly Fishing Fair budget.

Inside This Issue

Leaders Line	1
Board's Work	1
John Newbury	2
Ramblings of	
An Eternal Optimist	3
Northwest Fly Fishing Events	3
Conservation Report	4
Education at the Fair	4
Fly Fishing Websites	5
2010 Welcome Fly Fishing Fair	5
Business Supporting FFF	6-7
Fly of the Season	8

**John Newbury
Award Winner**



Award Winner John Newbury, flanked by Bob Jacklin (l) and Carl Johnson Photo by Lory Watkins

From: The Spokesman Review Sunday August 16, 2009 By Rich Landers

Fly-tying standout John Newbury of Chewelah had some dark days on his way to the national spotlight. In the early 1980s he'd become a bona fide fish-aholic who packed his float tube and fly-fishing gear to some 60 lakes a year throughout the region. He'd already developed a reputation as a fly tyer when disaster struck in 1983. With a cruel suddenness he was disabled by a central nervous system disorder known as rapid onset dysentia Parkinsonism. The disease confined the ultra-active outdoorsman to a bed for 18 months. It cost him his job as a math teacher as well as his marriage. It rendered him forever difficult to understand, laboring to speak as though his tongue is paralyzed.

While confined to his home, he turned to fly tying to pass the time,

doggedly searching for the fine motor skills that were fouled by muscle spasms and involuntary jerking and twitching.

"The results weren't pretty," he said. But he persevered, one feather, one wrap and one snip at a time, often to the midnight hours. His quest to create flies patterns with a meticulousness rivaling the Creator's was leading him out of his darkness.

By 1986, he was demonstrating his tying techniques at sportsmen's shows. Word spread and samples of his work got around. In 1989 Newbury was tying flies at a Federation of Fly Fishers international conclave seated between Lee Wulff and Gary Border. To the uninitiated, that's pretty much like being in the dugout between Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig.

Fly tying became his new life, but despite living on a \$1,600-a-month disability income, he shunned tying commercially. Instead, he built an aviary and began raising his own exotic birds for feathers. He donated his talents and materials to classes and his exquisitely tied flies to museums and publications as well as to auctions that have helped raise funds for fly fishing education and conservation efforts.

In 2007, the Washington State Council of FFF created the Washington State Fly Tying Hall of Fame and named Newbury the first inductee. In 2008, he was honored by the national association with the Lew Jewett memorial life award for service to youth education, fly fishing innovation and significant contributions to the sport. Last month, he rose to the top of the international heap by receiving the FFF's Buz Buszek Memorial Award for significant contributions to the art of fly tying.

Not bad for a guy who, for several years as an adult, couldn't even tie his shoes.



Washington State Council

Federation of Fly Fishers
P.O. Box 921
Gig Harbor, WA 98335
(253) 265-6162
vjblyoung@comcast.net

President

Carl Johnson (425) 308-6161
flyfishalso@verizon.net
Evergreen FF & Northwest Fly Anglers

1stVP, West

Ray Willms (206) 789-4629
willmsray@comcast.net
Northwest Fly Anglers WFFC

1stVP, East

John Newbury (509) 935-4141
jmnewbury@centurytel.com
West Kootenay Flyfishing Club

Secretary and Newsletter Editor

David Williams (425) 990-8800
dpwlaw@gmail.com
Northwest Fly Anglers

Treasurer

Dick Matthaei (253) 564-3635
rmatthaei@comcast.net
Puget Sound Fly Fishers

VP, Conservation

Don Bolstad (509) 663-0472
bolstad@bellsouth.net
Wenatchee Valley Fly Fishers

VP, Communications and Webkeeper

Bob Bates (509) 328-7327
bob-bates@msn.com
Inland Empire FFC

VP, Membership

Dan Ferguson(509) 325-8885
Inland Empire FFC
nwflyguy@comcast.net

VP, Education

Larry Hill (509) 255-9577
arys5039@msn.com

Government Affairs

Mike Clancy (360) 753-1259
mtclancy@earthlink.net
Puget Sound & S. Sound FF

Directors at Large

Kip Keener
(206) 932-0203
kipkeener@hotmail.com

Don Simonson (360) 387-5089
DKSimo@verizon.net
Methow Valley Fly Fishers
Washington Fly Fishing Club

Vern Jeremica
(425) 837-9303
vern@jeremica.com
Overlake Fly Fishing Club

Sue Morrison
(425) 239-0880
susanjmorrison@hotmail.com
Northwest Women Flyfishers

Pat Peterman
(425) 503-5979
patpeterman@gmail.com
Overlake Fly Fishing Club WFFC

Jim Gee
(253) 333-0670
ejgeeze@comcast.net
Overlake Fly Fishing Club

Dick Lange
(425) 481-2062
richard.f.lang@boeing.com
Overlake Fly Fishing Club

Pat Herdt
(509) 923-2525
pherdt@nwi.net
Wenatchee Valley Fly Fishers
Methow Valley Fly Fishers

Mike Perusse
(253) 405-9875
glxrep@comcast.net

Larry Gibbs
(253) 863-4910
flytier015@msn.com
Puget Sound Flyfishers

Vicki Hoagland
(425) 415-1818
webfly@verizon.net
Northwest Women Fly Fishers

**Ramblings of An
Eternal Optimist**

By David Williams

Seems like most every time a bunch of anglers get together, someone utters a gripe about something the Department of Fish & Wildlife did or didn't do. That gets the whole group going on about decisions made by the Department that the speaker opined were stupid, ineffective or downright disastrous.

The details of the gripe are not really important, if only because the gripe never gets to the source of the alleged problem—the Department. It stays around the campfire, to become part of the collective “that’s the way it is, and nothing can be done about it.” That’s bunk.

As any canny political pro knows, a core cadre of dedicated activists can accomplish much. Likewise a broad reach of sofa slugs does nothing but leave cheek-shaped depressions on the sofa. One of those self-help guys who’s now faded into oblivion, once said, either you have what want, or all the reasons why not.

Why not move into action? Why not contact the Department—it’s only a few clicks away or phone call away. (www.wdfw.wa.gov) Why not raise your gripe in an arena where it might do some good? WDFW has 34 citizens advisory boards. Why not volunteer? WDFW administrators are political animals fully capable of scenting and reacting to political winds. Be the wind. Get stuff done.

**Northwest Fly Fishing
Events for 2009 & 2010**

September 19 North Umpqua Fall Fly Tying Festival @ Glide Community Center, Glide OR
www.uvff.org

November 7 Pacific Northwest Fly Tyers Rendezvous @ Mt. Hood Community College, Gresham OR
www.nwflytyers.org

January 15-17 Tri-Cities Sportsman Show@TRAC Pasco
www.shuylersproductions.com

January 27-31 Washington Sportsmen’s Show@Puyallup
www.otshows.com/shows.wss

February 20-21 The Fly Fishing Show @Bellevue
www.theflyfishingshow.com

February 27-28 Lower Umpqua Fly Casters Fly Fishing Expo@Reedsport OR
www.lufc.com

April 30-May 1, 2010 Washington State Council FFF Washington State Fly Fishing Fair @ Kittitas Valley Events Center, Ellensburg
www.washingtoncouncilfff.org

June 20 Jimmy Green Memorial Fly Fishing Fair & Casting Expo@Tye Park Monroe
www.jimmygreenflyexpo.com

July Ninth Annual Metolius River Fly Fishing and Bamboo Rod Fair@ Black Butte School, Camp Sherman, OR
www.campshermanstore.com

July FFF 44th International Fly Fishing Show and Conclave @ Location TBD
www.fedflyfishers.org

Conservation Report

By Don Bolstad

This May, I accepted the nomination for the WSCFFF Conservation position. I am presently a member of the Wenatchee Valley Fly Fishers (WVFF) and a member of the FFF, TU and CCA. One of my first conservation efforts (picking up trash) was on the South Platte River in Littleton, Colorado. A career change took me to southeastern Louisiana where I became a member of the Pontchartrain Basin Fly Fishing Club (100% FFF). The PBFF started teaching children how to tie flies (yes, we tied Woolly Buggers) that led 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 my wife's mother. Since joining the WVFF club four years ago, I have served as Conservation Chairman and First VP.

After accepting the Conservation nomination, I read through the back issues of *Covering the Drift* reading mainly the Conservation column written by Kevin Ryan. I believe that I have similar conservation beliefs as Kevin. We both believe in educating our children. We don't want to be seen as to push conservation. One of my new responsibilities is to pass on all conservation issues affecting our Washington state fly fishing clubs and fly fishing in general. In addition, the Conservation VP should support the individual WSC conservation projects like helping find funds to support their conservation projects.

As stated above, the PBFF club started off giving away flies tied by the Club members at local boat and fishing shows. This evolved into showing the kids and their parents how to tie their own flies. The next step was to actually let the kids tie their own flies. This became a big hit and our little club (~12 members) were hard pressed to provide tiers for each child. Soon, we were teaching kids to tie flies at Boy Scout Day Camps, Duck's Unlimited Green Teal events, Federal and State Wildlife Refuges, etc.

My conservation motto is that the 'fish come first'. Whether it is a conservation project, community outreach activity, or education, our goal is to involve our club members, and especially the children.

Before the newsletter editor trims away my message, I want to exchange names and contact information to each Washington State Fly Fishing club Presidents and/or Club Conservation/Out Reach Leads.



Dry Side Fly Fishers installing Selective Gear Regulations sign at Lake Lenore. Photo by Jim Randall

Don Bolstad
303 Hilltop Place
Wenatchee, WA 98801
509-663-0472
bolstad@bellsouth.net

I would appreciate hearing back from the various WA state clubs. With all the on-going salmon restoration activities, Public Utility Districts mandated to restore the Salmon and Steelhead runs, there are grant monies available. Even at the club level there may be funds for conservation projects available. The Washington State Council FFF has set aside TBD conservation funds. In addition, at the national level, the FFF has conservation monies. One of my most important jobs is to locate these money sources and match the money to your conservation ideas/projects.

Road Trippin' With John and Dan

By John Newbury

VP-Membership Dan Ferguson and I will be visiting eastern Washington fly clubs this fall. We plan to visit the Spokane Fly Fishers, Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club, Wenatchee Valley Fly Fishers, Yakima Fly Fishing Club and the Clearwater Fly Casters.

The purpose of our visit is to promote individual membership in the Federation and equally important, individual and club membership in the Washington State Council Fly Fishing Fair in Ellensburg April 30-May 1, 2010.

Editor's Note: If you are a member of a club not on the road trippin' list and would like John and Dan to visit, please contact either John or Dan directly (their contact info can be found on page 2 of this newsletter).

Project Healing Waters Outing

By Vicki Hoagland

The first fishing outing of the season took place May 9 with six PHWFF in-patient participants and two recreational staff members from the Seattle VAMC at Trophy Lake Golf and Casting in Port Orchard, WA. The morning started out a little hazy, but with blue sky showing through, that eventually blossomed into a warm, gorgeous day. Each vet paired up quickly with a volunteer to receive express casting instructions and then it was off to fish the lower of two ponds. Some of the participants tied their first flies in a tying session several days prior to the outing and caught some of the biggest fish landed that day on their own flies! The fish were a little scarce early on, but the ones brought to hand were fat and healthy.

After lunch, the catching was getting pretty scarce so we all headed up to the upper pond, where everyone got into fish. It was beautiful spring day and you could tell by the smiles and grins everyone was wearing that a good time was had by all. All the vets and soldiers caught nice fish, and while not all of them were brought to hand, there's nothing like the thrill of a bent rod, the sound of your reel going ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ!!!, and the shouts of "fish on!"

The vets and recreational therapists expressed their appreciation for making the day possible and the volunteers expressed their gratitude for the sacrifices these vets have made. Thank you to Seattle VAMC Recreational Therapists Todd Thomas and Michael Schillo for transporting all the participants to and from the VA and for providing enthusiastic support for Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing. A month or so after starting our tying sessions last year Todd told us, "You may not see it because you're not here everyday, but long after you leave, you can still see what a positive impact you have on our patients!"

Volunteers for the day included: PHWFF NW regional coordinator Chuck Tye and from Seattle VAMC Jim McRoberts, Chuck Ballard, Frank Yandrasits, Paul Dieter, and Vicki Hoagland.



Big fish and bigger smile. Photo by Frank Yandrasits

Fly Fishing Websites

By Mike Clancy

When I was surfing around on the web a couple of nights ago, I came across a few websites that I thought provided excellent info on high mountain lakes. Besides the Washington Fly Fishing site, www.washingtonflyfishing.com, there are two other sites I really enjoyed.

#1 is The Washington State Hi-Lakes www.hilakers.org, a group founded in 1958, and "dedicated to high lake fishing and preserving the mountain environment." I think you'll really enjoy their slide show at www.hilakers.org/pages/slideshow.html. Their web site's Related Links page features links to a wealth of fly fishing information.

#2 is The Trail Blazers www.watrailblazers.org founded in 1933, is a group that's dedicated to "better alpine fishing." They've been backpacking in Washington's high lakes to plant trout since their inception. You'll find their web site filled with interesting narrative about their activities. Enjoy.

Professional Guide Service
WORLEY-BUGGER FLY CO.
 Your Complete Yakima River Outfitter
Steve Worley

Fly fishing the beautiful Yakima River & providing excellent products and services.

306 S. Main #3
 Ellensburg, WA 98926
 888-950-FISH
 509-962-2033
www.worleybuggerflyco.com



Jim Melnick

www.avidangler.com
jim@avidangler.com

17171 Bothell Way NE, Suite A130
 Lake Forest Park, WA 98155

Seattle: 206.362.4030
 Eastside: 425.646.7100
 Fax: 206.364.2964

DOMESTIC & INTERNATIONAL FLYFISHING EXPEDITIONS



Dave McCoy
Owner/Professional Guide
7710 28th Avenue SW
Seattle, WA 98126
phone: 206-601-0132
mobile: 206-545-2197

dave@emeraldwateranglers.com
WWW.EMERALDWATERANGLERS.COM



All About the Fly

Serving your Fly Fishing needs from Monroe, Washington.

Fly Tying, Custom Rod Building and Guide Service

www.allaboutthefly.com

THE EVENING HATCH FLY SHOP

Jason Boitano
Owner

Toll Free 1-866-482-4480
509-962-5959



Pro Shop
Boat Rentals
Shuttles
Guide Service

2308 Canyon Road
Ellensburg, WA 98926

www.theeveninghatch.com



Don Kojima

Seattle Store
1911 Fourth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101

Phone: 206-448-0601
Fax: 206-448-7441
Web: www.kman.com



Jim & Sheila Gallagher, Owners

Cellular: 509/929-1357
email: info@tightlinesangling.com

www.tightlinesangling.com

113 East 1st Street • Cle Elum, WA 98922 • 509/674-2144

DESERT FLY ANGLER, LLC

Fly Fishing Supplies
Schools



Guide Service
Travel

Darc Knobel

Email Tarpon@donobi.net

1656 Basin St SW • Suite B • Ephrata, WA 98823
509-754-4070

Guided Trips Equipment Classes

silver bow

Sean Visintainer

13210 E Indiana Ave, Spokane, Wa 99216
Tel 509 924 9998 Fax 509 924 9080
www.silverbowflyshop.com

Wasatch Custom Angling Products

Dean Childs, owner

1400 West Washington
Suite 104, Box 100
Sequim, Washington 98382

Tel: 801-391-2326
Fax: 801-340-0072
wasatchangling@flytyingtools.com
www.flytyingtools.com

Mike Matney 509-675-4200
PO Box 462
Kettle Falls, WA 99141

Fax 509-738-6755
Email: Info@3LakesFlyFishing.com
WWW.3LAKESFLYFISHING.COM

3 Lakes Fly Fishing

John E. Kendall
Owner

BLACK HERON FLY FISHING

1060 14th Avenue
Longview, Wa. 98632
johnkendall_56@msn.com
360-575-3970 work
360-431-7045 cell
www.blackheronflyfishing.com

Businesses Supporting FFF

Please support your local FFF member fly shops, businesses and guides. They support you.

Alaska Wildland Adventures,
PO Box 389, Girdwood, AK, 99587-0389, (800) 478 - 4100,
Email: info@alaskasportfish.com

All About the Fly,
212 E Main St, Monroe, WA, 98272, (425) 703 - 0810,
Email: kristin@allaboutthefly.com

Black Heron Fly Shop
1060 14th Avenue Longview, WA (360) 575-3970
Website: www.blackheronflyshop.com

Desert Fly Angler, LLC
1656 Basin St SW, Ephrata, WA 98823 (509) 754-4070
Email: desertfly@gcpower.net

Emerald Water Anglers
7710 28 Ave SW Seattle WA 98126 (206) 601-0132
Email: dave@emeraldwateranglers.com

Fireside Fly Fishing,
475 Rainbow Ct, Homer, AK, 99603, (907) 235 - 7671,
Email: fireside@acsalaska.net

Fly Away Fly Shop,
101 Lake St B, Sitka, AK, 99835-7560, (877) 747 - 7301,
Email: flyaway@alaska.com

Kaufmann Streamborn-Seattle
1911 4th Avenue Seattle WA 98101 (206) 448-0600
Website: kmansettl@gmail.com

Red's Fly Shop & Guide Service,
PO Box 186, Ellensburg, WA, 98926-0186, (509) 929 - 1802,
Email: sjoyce63@yahoo.com

Silver Bow Fly Shop
13210 E Indiana, Spokane Valley, WA 99216, (509) 925-9080
Website: www.silverbowflyshop.com

Swiftwater Sports

17703 15th Avenue NE, Seattle, WA (206) 547.3377

Website: www.swiftwatersports.com

The Avid Angler,

17171 Bothell Way NE Ste A130, Lake Forest Park, WA, 98155, (206) 362 - 4030,

Website: www.avidangler.com

The Evening Hatch,

2308 Yakima River Canyon Road, Ellensburg, WA 98926 (509)-962-5959

Email: info@theeveninghatch.com

3Lakes Fly Fishing

PO Box 462 Kettle Falls, WA 99141 (509) 675-4200

Email: www.3lakesflyfishing.com

Twin Peaks Adventures

PO Box 754, Nome, AK 99762

Wasatch Custom Angling Products,

Wholesale only

1400 W Washington St, Ste 104, Box 100, Sequim, WA, 98382, (801) 391 - 2326,

Email: wasatchangling@flytyingtools.com

Worley-Bugger Fly Co

303 S. Main St. #3, Ellensburg, WA 98926 (888) 950-3474

Website: www.worleybuggerflyco.com

Yakima River Fly Shop

113 E. 1st Street Cle Elum, WA 98922 (509) 674-2144

Email: www.tightlinesangling.com

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

Please mail or call us at

Federation of Fly Fishers

P.O. Box 1688 406 222-9369

Livingston, MT 59047 406 222-9369 fax

Please check membership category

Canadian memberships add \$5 per year All other countries add \$10 per year

- Individual Membership (\$35)
- Disabled Veterans are Free (Proof of 50% disability required)
- 3-year individual (\$85)
- Senior Membership (\$25) for those age 65 and over
- Individual Life (\$500) payment plans available
- Family Membership (\$45) spouses and children under 14
- Couple Life (\$750) pymt. plans available
- 3-Year Family Member (\$100) small fishing equipment stores
- Retail Membership (\$75)
- Youth Membership (\$15) for individual members under 14
- 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 _____

Fly of the Season

October Caddis. Would that fly by any other name smell as sweet—or for that matter trick as many fish? Likely not if only because its very name is what reminds so many otherwise stuck-in-the-Prince-Nymph-under-a bobber-routine anglers to rummage in the fly to locate one.

There is something almost primal about taking a fat trout on a high-floating giant dry fly. Just that thought almost makes me put my smallmouth and carp flies into storage. Almost.

Late September through October is prime time for trout to feed on these full meal bugs. Unlike the Mother’s Day caddis swarms of hatchlings, the fall variety makes up in weight what they lack in numbers. Even a few adults on the wa-

ter make the fish sit up and take notice. The observant angler does likewise.

October Caddis are easily recognized by size and color. At the time of year when most other hatches are Lilliputian in scale, these size 6 and 8 bugs mean even the most myopic trout (and angler) can score.

Most October Caddis have a one year life cycle, beginning by spinning tubular cases of vegetation. As they grow, case material changes to small gravel, prompting inventive fly tiers to build cased caddis patterns. In mid-summer, the larva *sans* cases often can be found drifting along, as if going for an afternoon swim, frequently terminated by a hungry fish. By the end of August, the survivors seal their cases, awaiting the call

to adulthood. On emerging, the adults sport Halloween pumpkin-colored bodies.

Like the Doublemint Twins doubling their fun, fly fishers can suspend a pupa pattern under that big feather ball. Drift that two-fly rig through a pod of Yakima or Deschutes river fish to entice two greedy trout to attach themselves. Now that would smell like a rose.



**Federation of Fly Fishers™
Washington State Council**

PO Box 921
Gig Harbor WA 98335-0921
fax (253) 265-2263

Address Service Requested

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Spokane, WA
Permit No. 1082

