



Covering The Drift

Volume 15, Number 3

Published Quarterly
www.washingtoncouncilfff.org

April 2011
Editor: David Williams

Leaders Line

By Carl Johnson, President
On April 29-30, your Council will hold the Fly Fishing Fair at the Kittitas Valley Event Center (Fairgrounds) in Ellensburg. The Fair opens Friday 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Saturday runs 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Admission is \$5.00, but free for FFF members or those under 16. More information about the Fair can be found at our website: www.washingtoncouncilfff.org/wfff.htm The Annual Meeting dinner, held in the Teanaway Hall on Saturday begins at 6:00 pm. Dinner cost is \$30 and please make your reservation by April 26th so we can get an accurate count. As part of the dinner, I announce the slate for open Board positions and present a few Council awards.

Inside This Issue

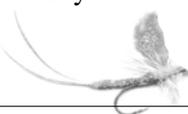
Leaders Line	1
Government Affairs	1
Auction and Raffle	2
Sequim Fly Fishing Show	2
Ramblings	3
2011 Youth Academy News	3
Northwest Fly Fishing Events	3
It's All Happening At the Fair	4
Fly Fishing Fair Seminars	4
Fly Fishing Fair Classes	5
Business Supporting FFF	6-7
Fly of the Season	8

Then the silent auction closes and the live auction begins. The purpose of this event, in addition to having a good time, is the Council's major fund raiser. With that in mind, we will have a number of raffle and auction items including: a set of Wasatch tools, some guided trips, fly rods and other items. If you would like to donate something to the cause, please contact Larry Gibbs, our Auction Coordinator at flytier015@msn.com. The sooner we have an idea of what we will have for the auction and silent auction the better we can showcase the items.

We are still looking for volunteers to help during the weekend. If you are interested you can visit our website and sign up under the volunteer link or you can contact me at 425-308-6161. A number of people have signed up to help and I want to thank them. In addition, a number of fly clubs have agreed to take over some of the tasks at the fair. I would like to thank the following clubs that have volunteered to help during the fair: Alpine Fly Fishers, Fidalgo Fly Fishers, Northwest Fly Anglers, Puget Sound Fly Fishers, Spokane Fly Fishers, and Wenatchee Valley Fly Fishers. Thank You. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Fly Fishing Fair. It will be the best yet.

Government Affairs

By Mike Clancy
When I took on this duty, I wasn't quite sure what was expected of me. It has been a fun and eye opening experience. Realizing that most of my information was going to come from a lot of reading and getting active with other organizations. I have questioned many politicians via email and have received amazing responses. I may be acting naïve, but the politicians I have visited are some pretty good people. Most of my research is done thru emails, www.tvw.org, and CCA. My main study has been Bill 5669 in which the Governor wants to consolidate various departments. The original Bill has been revised and a portion deals with our concern about the Commission. The revised bill states the Commission will retain its authority as originally adopted. The Bill is currently in the Ways and Means Committee for study. I have also established an internet link with our affiliated FFF fly clubs with additional contacts. I pass on information published by WDFW and various other organizations. If you would like to be added to my contact list, send me an email mtclancy@earthlink.net or call 360-753-1259. Channel "TVW" reports "live" events in the legislature or you can see live action or review events of the legislature at www.tvw.org. Another info source is www.leg.wa.gov.



2011 Fair Auction and Raffle

By Larry Gibbs, Auction Coordinator
We have some great auction and raffle items for you.

For instance, a Steve Pennington hand built split bamboo Pine River Trout Rod, 8 foot, 5 wt. This rod casts like a dream.

Dean Childs has donated the new Regal "Revolution" model true in-line vise mounted on a custom built Wasatch wood base/tool holder containing a great selection of Wasatch tools.

Al and Gretchen Beatty have donated a Danvise Innovation Cam Vise plus 4 DVD's on tying flies.

Snake River Outfitters and All About the Fly have teamed up to donate a Ron Torda built Oceana blank fly rod, with a reel and line.

Brooks Sanford, owner of the Clark Fork Trout & Tackle shop in St. Regis, Montana has donated a one day drift boat trip on the Clark Fork River, lunch & flies included.

Steve Worley, owner of the Worley Bugger Fly Co. has donated a one day drift boat trip on the upper Yakima River for trout, lunch & flies included.

Rod Griffin, owner of Griff's Fly Fishing Adventures has donated a full day guided trip on the Methow River for 2 people.

Wasatch Angling has donated some travel tool kits contained in leather pouches.

We have new fly rods and reels and lines for you to bid on. There will be a nice selection of fly tying tools as well as fly tying materials. We will have some beautiful fly plates and a large selection of flies.

Your last opportunity to get cool stuff is the Live Auction conducted by Will Godfrey. Come to our Live Auction and enjoy the fun and get into bidding in a live auction.

WANT TO DONATE TO THE AUCTIONS/RAFFLES?

This is the main fund raiser for the Washington State Council FFF and I am always looking for donations. I am sure that many of you have won items in club raffles or received as gifts and figured out you really don't need them. Please REGIFT those items to us. Email or call me and I will send you a donation form by PDF or U.S. Mail. We really need your tax-deductible donations, especially items in the \$20 to \$50 range and you recover the space in the garage or your tying room eaten up by these items. You're happy and we're happy. Can't beat it.

Sequim Fly Fishing Show

April 9-10 marks the Olympic Peninsula Fly Fishing Show hosted by Greywolf Fly Fishing Club in sunny Sequim Washington. Equipment manufacturers, guide and destination companies, conservation groups, artists, and boat manufacturers will exhibit their wares. Also featured are fly tying and casting demonstrations, including hands-on casting some of the new and innovative fly rods. Numerous regional and local tiers will attend; including Karen Royer, queen of the realistic fly patterns and Harry Lemire who ties classic Atlantic salmon flies without a vise. Attend free seminars by local peninsula experts and world-renowned author Skip Morris. Admission is \$10. Show hours are 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM Saturday, and 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Sunday.

For directions, lodging information and other details, check www.olympicpeninsulaflyfishingshow.com.



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@frontier.com
Evergreen FF & Northwest Fly Anglers

1stVP, West

Don Simonson (206) 999-4562
dksimo@wavecable.com
WFFC Methow Valley Fly Fishers

1stVP, East

Len Zickler (509)720-3910
lzickler@ahbl.com
Spokane Fly Fishers

Secretary and Newsletter Editor

David Williams (425) 990-8800
david@thewriterealtor.com
Northwest Fly Anglers

Treasurer

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

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) 868-9545
nwflyguy@comcast.net
Spokane Fly Fishers

VP, Education

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

Government Affairs

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

Directors at Large

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

Sue Morrison (425) 239-0880
susanjmorrison@hotmail.com
Wenatchee Valley Fly Fishers
Northwest Fly Anglers

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

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

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

Vicki Hoagland
(425) 415-1818
webfly@frontier.com

Dwight Caron (360) 491-6689
lobosden@comcast.net
South Sound Fly Fishers

Bill Aubrey (253) 687-3683
billaubrey27@me.com
Alpine Fly Fishers

Ben Dennis
flyrodbranch@comcast.net

Olympic Peninsula Representative
Dean Childs
Wcap.com@gmail.com

Auction Coordinator
Larry Gibbs
(253) 863-4910
flytier015@verizon.net
Puget Sound Flyfishers
Alpine Fly Fishers

Ramblings of an Eternal Optimist

By David Williams
Ever notice how close the word optimist is to optometrist? Does eyesight, or the ability to foresee the future play a role in being an optimist? Can't really say, but I know one thing. I am much more likely to catch a fish on any given cast if optimistic of success. The simple act of fishing each cast as if that cast is the one that will convince a fish to ingest the offering, dramatically improves the catching. Some years back I introduced a young fisher to a river. As we were walking along, he said he didn't really expect to catch any fish—clearly he lacked optimism. His casting skills were fine, his wading abilities were fine and perhaps more aggressive than appropriate for the water, his fly selection was spot on for the fish and time of year. When he realized that the only missing ingredient was optimism, his outlook and his success on the river that day and the other rivers we've fished since, has skyrocketed.

2011 Youth Academy News

By Mike Clancy
Applications are being accepted for the 2011 Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy. To qualify, the applicant, boy or girl, 12-16 years old, must write an essay explaining why they want to attend the Academy. A recommendation letter from their school counselor or science teacher is also required. The dates for the WSCFFF and WCTU sponsored event are June 19-25, 2011. The Academy will be held at The Greenwood Conference Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. To learn more about The Academy, go to www.nwycffa.org. The application is available on the website or contact Mike Clancy @ nwycffa@earthlink.net.

Northwest Fly Fishing Events for 2011

April 9-10, 2011 Sequim Fly Fishing Show Sequim, WA
www.olympicpeninsulaflyfishingshow.com

April 29-30, 2011 WSCFFF Fly Fishing Fair@Kittitas Valley Event Center, Ellensburg
www.washingtoncouncilfff.org

June 2011 Jimmy Green Memorial Fly Fishing Fair & Casting Expo@Tye Park, Monroe
www.jimmygreenflyexpo.com

July 2011 Tenth Annual Metolius River Fly Fishing and Bamboo Rod Fair@ Black Butte School, Camp Sherman, OR
www.campshermanstore.com

August 30-September 3, 2011 FFF National Fly Fishing Show (formerly known as Conclave) @ West Yellowstone, MT
www.fedflyfishers.org

November 6 Pacific Northwest Fly Tyers Rendezvous @ Mt. Hood Community College, Gresham OR
www.nwflytyers.org

February 25, 2012 Lower Umpqua Fly Casters Fly Fishing Expo@Reedsport OR
www.lufc.com

March 9-10, 2012 Oregon Council FFF Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo@ Linn County Fairground Albany OR
www.nwflytyerexpo.com

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



It's All Happening At The Fair

By Vicki Hoagland, Fly Tying Chair
The Washington Fly Fishing Fair has quickly gained momentum as one of the best shows celebrating the sport and art of fly fishing and fly tying. Whether you're looking for an opportunity to learn, improve or share knowledge about anything and everything fly fishing, you will inevitably accomplish all three at this event! Casting, fly tying, seminars, fishing opportunities, classes, vendors, conservation, raffles, auctions, gourmet food, meeting up with old friends and making new ones, all packed into two days! By the end of this event, you may have discovered a new fly fishing destination somewhere between the Alagnak River and the mangroves in Yucatan, armed yourself with newly honed casting skills on a spey or switch rod strung up with the most optimal line to accommodate multiple fishing strategies, learned killer fly patterns that imitate the bugs or critters fish eat and take the best photographs of you and your fishing buddies on your most memorable fly fishing trips ever!

Whether you are interested in cold or warm water patterns, Atlantic salmon flies, realistics, or display flies, there will be over 55 fly tying stations on three hour rotations where you can learn from over 125 of the best demonstration fly tiers and artists in the country.

Attend a seminar from author Preston Singletary about What's Bugging You and then go tell him when he's tying. Get advice from Lory Watkins and Bob Bates or stop by BT's Fly Fishing and Photography booth and talk shop with Al and Gretchen Beatty (Al is a Buz Buszek Award Winner).

Members from the Northwest Atlantic Salmon Fly Guild will be there to

show you just how easy it is to marry feather fibers or elegantly wrap on five different types of tinsel and wire on the same fly. Watch Vicki Eagle Elk effortlessly spin deer hair and then trim it down to an intricate bass pattern with such great precision that even Edward Scissorhands would be proud!

This is the only show where you can learn from master craftsman Tak Shimizu from Edmonton, Alberta how to make blind eye Atlantic salmon fly hooks from piano wire or see the latest tools Jesse Scott has invented for his one-handed fly tying aid, the Evergreen Hand.

For a more in-depth experience, fly tying classes are being offered where you can learn to tie the Erv Emerger from Buz Buszek Award Winner John M. Newbury. This is a secret pattern John has successfully used for years on the upper Columbia River and has only recently revealed to the public because if too many people knew about it, the fish population might suffer! If you've ever wondered about those fantastically creepy, realistic flies, talented Karen Royer will teach you how to tie the American House Spider using deer hair and feather quills that will look like it's going to jump up and crawl right off your vise! Ever been intimidated by the Humpy because you just couldn't get the proportions right and you ended up with something that looked like a fat bumblebee sporting a really bad haircut that looked more like a Frumpy? Michael T. Williams will share his expertise and lead you up the stairway to Humpy Heaven!

There will be a hand's-on fly tying table where kids (at least chronological kids) can learn to tie a fly under the knowledgeable guidance of well-aged practitioners.

This is just a small sampling of fly tying offerings at the 2011 Washington Fly Fishing Fair so be sure and log onto our website: www.washingtoncouncilfff.org for updates.



2011 Fly Fishing Fair Seminars

By David "the seminar guy" Williams

Back by popular demand, your Council is again offering free (yes, free) seminars. The cool thing about this year's lineup is you get much more than you pay for. We've got the local water nailed with Tim Irish, the man who started the whole Yakima River guiding scene and Red's Fly Shop covering the Yakima in detail. If the Yak is your river or if it has you stumped, catch these presentations. Rounding out the Yakima waters is the presentation by Gabriel Temple of WDFW.

Let's get exotic with Brian O'Keefe covering the seductive rhythms of Cuba Grand Slam Fly Fishing and the easy-on-pocketbook Economy Busters—Well-Priced Fishing Trips to places like Bahamas, Baja, Patagonia and more. My gills are turning envious-green over wanting to go all those places. More exotica can be yours (can you handle it?) by catching Jim Gallagher taking you on a trip to the Mangrove Flats of the Yucatan. The experience is so real, you'll want to slather on the sunscreen before attending.

If steelhead are your game, we've got it covered. To learn more about the spectacular Methow River steelhead and resident trout, come hear guide Rod Griffin. Red's Fly Shop will cover the steelhead fishery of the remote and beautiful Klickitat River, and knowledgeable Mike Benbow teaches how to deal with those feisty Grande Ronde fish.

The seminars are not just about going places, we've also got some instruction on important skills. Preston Singletary, the thinking-person's presenter (and one of the most fun people in the world to fish with), brings his Entomology—What's Bugging

**2011 Fly Fishing Fair
Kids 'N Fish**

By Pat Herdt, Vice-President Education

On Friday, April 29, 2011, up to 45 middle and high school kids will have the opportunity to gain hands-on fly fishing skills. A cornerstone of the 2011 Washington Fly Fishing Fair, a two-day event held April 29-30, 2011, at the Kittitas County Event Center, in Ellensburg, the students will learn practical fishing skills like casting, conservation, entomology and fly tying. In three one-hour, easy to digest sessions, students will receive individualized instruction with a focus on learning. The classes are free to the students and include admission to the Fair.

They'll learn how to cast a fly with guidance by FFF certified casting instructors. The entomology session identifies the living insects gathered from the Yakima River the morning of the class. In the fly tying session, each student will work one-on-one with an experienced volunteer to tie a fly guaranteed to catch a fish. Teachers and parents are encouraged to attend the three sessions that are offered.

The benefits don't end on Friday. The students are encouraged return on Saturday and bring their family members where all can enjoy the exhibits, watch master fly tiers at work and attend the free seminars. It is an opportunity to come and ask questions of the fly tiers as they tie and work with certified casting instructors to expand their newly-acquired casting skills.

You presentation to town. Dick Sagara, brings his prodigious wit and knowledge of all things fly fishing to instruct on Fishing Sinking Lines. Lee Davison covers too hot topics—Modern Switch and Spey Rods, then follows with Matching Lines and Rods. (Memo to self: attend this one-might cure that mess laughingly called a casting stroke) Brian O'Keefe returns with his Fly Fishing Photography show that always brings raves.

But as they say on that infomercial, there's more. We go back on the road with Brooks Sanford on Montana's Clark Fork, cover Brian O'Keefe's Montana Roadtrip, then head north to Alaska's Alagnak River with Joe Kristof. We circle back to Washington where Roger Stephens reveals his Top-water and Subsurface Strategies for Puget Sound SRC's and Coho, then drift south to join Marc Williamson on Oregon's Crooked River.

All this without a single cerise-dyed sand shrimp, glob of garlic PowerBait or twirling nightcrawler in any seminar. If only the other half knew how we live.

flies you'd swear are ready to crawl or fly away.

Buz Buszek Award Winner John Newbury gives up his patented Erv Emerger, a killer Columbia River rainbow pattern.

Michael T. Williams teaches a master class on tying the Humpy of your dreams.

No question that those who want (or need) to improve their casting skills will find a class to suit taught by experts.

Judy Graham teaches a Women's Beginning Casting Class on Friday and a Women's Intermediate Casting Class on Saturday. Sign up for Don Simonson's class to learn Casting In Wind Conditions. Chase Jablonski teaches Casts for Close Quarters, while Jim Higgins instructs Casts That Catch Fish. Pat Peterman breaks down the stroke for Better Casting By Improving The Back Cast. Steelheaders who want to reach more water will benefit from Steve Worley's on-the-water class Switch Rod Fishing For Steelhead and Carl Zarelli's Single Handed Spey instruction. Don Simonson and Carl Zarelli, both Master Certified Casting Instructors will teach a Certified Instructor Preparation Class for those wanting to gain certification.

The outstanding class description, taught by Les Rosenthal, is titled Double Haul For Dummies. (Should fill rapidly.) For more information and to register for any tying or casting class, go to www.washingtoncouncilfff.org and click on 2011 Fly Fishing Fair.

**2011 Fly Fishing Fair
Classes**

By David "Catfish" Williams

Your Council believes in always offering something for everyone and this year is no different. Thread benders can learn from three masters of the vise.

Karen Royer, known as the Queen of Realism will teach a class on Tying the American House Spider. Karen crafts



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

Steve Worley



The Avid Angler
SINCE 1975
Fly Fishing Outfitters

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

Jim Melnick

www.avidangler.com
jim@avidangler.com

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
Steelhead and Trout Fishing

5 Great Rivers, 2 Cool Lodges, 1 Little Fly Shop
Guiding Anglers Since 1988

Kaufmanns Streamborn inc.
Everything for the Flyfisher
Tackle · Schools · Travel · Classes

Don Kojima

Seattle Store
1911 Fourth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101

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

TROUTWATER
fly shop | guide service | outfitters

506 S. MAIN ST #3, ELLENSBURG | 113 EAST FIRST STREET, CLE ELUM
509-962-3474 | 509-674-2144

SHUT UP N' FISH

Fly Fishing Adventures
WWW.ShutUpNFish.net

Yakima
Klickitat,
Methow Rivers

AL PARKE

Booking Phone: (309)470-6461
Cell: (509)889-0069
Email: shutupnfish@hotmail.com

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

Robert Blount
Owner / General Manager

Phone: 541-619-0154
Fax: 541-926-8006
www.FlyTVingTools.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

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: kmanseattle@gmail.com

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

Shut Up N' Fish
Booking Phone (509) 470-6461 Cell (509) 899-0069
Email: shutupnfish@hotmail.com

Silver Bow Fly Shop
13210 E Indiana, Spokane Valley, WA 99216,
(509) 925-9080

Website: www.silverbowflyshop.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 Fly Shop (509)-962-5959
Reservations: (509) 773-3460
Email: info@theeveninghatch.com

3Lakes Fly Fishing
PO Box 462 Kettle Falls, WA 99141
(509) 675-4200

Website: www.3lakesflyfishing.com
Twin Peaks Adventures

PO Box 754, Nome, AK 99762

Troutwater Fly Shops
506 S Main St. #3 Ellensburg, WA
(509) 962-3474

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

Email: www.tightlinesangling.com

Wasatch Custom Angling Products,
Wholesale only (541) 619-0154
Website: www.flytyingtools.com

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

Website: www.worleybuggerflyco.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
PO 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

Some readers of this column may question why the March Brown was selected as the Fly of the Season when the month of March has expired (good riddance, I might add). The answer is quite simple—these clinger may flies (*rhithrogena morrisoni*) do not, repeat, do not have calendars. They do have tiny little thermometers that detect when the water temperature is warm enough to emerge. Given our nasty, wet, cold “Spring,” these little guys have continued to cling into April. A few days of warmer water temperature should begin to loosen their hold on the rocks and make them more available for the discerning trout. The nymphs live on, and under the rocks found in riffles and fast runs where they dine on streambed detritus. As they mature, they leave the

safety of the stream bed and crawl towards slower water. It is during this migration that trout begin to sit up and take notice of the nymphs that have lost their foothold and drift helplessly in the current. A weighted nymph bounced along the bottom where the riffle begins to slow and in the current seam where the fast and slow water merge, will take the fish congregated at those spots. Fish shallow to deep, adding weight as necessary to keep your nymph on a dead-drift near the bed. Sparsely-dressed patterns work better than bulky, hooked-on-steroids flies. On a perfect day when the water warms after noon and the nymphs begin to rise off the bottom, double your pleasure by adding a soft-hackle as a dropper so that it works through the mid-level water column. If you are using a bobber to detect strikes, make sure to throw that upstream mend to maintain a drag-free drift.

As the perfect day continues (perhaps occurring only in books authored by famous writers), the nymphs begin to break the surface and the trout follow the chow line. If it were me (and yes, contrary to the belief of some, I will fish for trout), I’d swap the nymph and soft-hackle for a Flymph and a dun imitation, both in size 14, cast into the feeding lane of a rising fish and hope for two trout on one cast. The last gasp of the perfect day brings a spinner fall. Look for quiet rises to these guys in back eddy foam lines. Nice day.



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

