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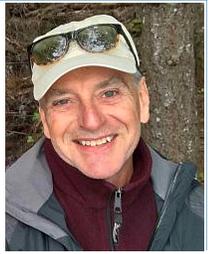


INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN THE FFI



Home Water - Happy Days

By Steve Jones



President Steve Jones

After a prolonged covid break, the Washington Council held its first in-person event in August at Lake Ballinger in north Seattle and it was good to see so many smiling faces. And there were a lot of faces. About 300 people joined us over the 7 hours. The Casting Classes were full to capacity. The Walk-in-Clinic was busy all day long. So was the The Skills Development Course. Brief waits were common to get into either venue. In short, the day was a big success.

We can't wait to do it again. The Washington Council board is already at work on events for 2023 that build on August's success. Several participants said the classes were excellent and some of the classes would have been better with fewer students. We hear you. Molly Semenik, Tom Cammarata and Ryan Smith were excellent instructors. They each drew on the help of assistants to keep classes moving. In 2023 we want to make sure we limit class sizes to make sure there is one instructor or assistant for every four students. Our goal is to make sure every participant gets one-on-one help from a skilled instructor.

Several participants also said they wanted an easier way to see the calendar of the day's events and reserve and pay for classes. Once again, we hear you loud and clear. The Council is at work now reviewing software that can provide a clear online view of what we're offering and the ability to reserve and pay for classes and clinics in one site. We will select a software and have it operating before our next event.

Lots of people also wanted classes in spey casting. We want to offer them as well. Our first event in 2023 will be designed to make sure we have adequate space on the water to offer spey classes.

Several participants said the event was laid out well. After registering, people could find their way into the Lakeview Room to watch fly tying and engage with FFI displays and then onto the casting fields. There the classes and clinics were clearly marked and easy to reach. Thanks for that goes to Washington Council Directors Don Simonson and Neal Hoffberg who laid out the grounds and organized a great team of FFI Certified Casting Instructors for the day. Besides Molly, Tom and Ryan who led classes, Pat Peterman led the Walk-in-Clinic team and Jim Black was the lead CI for the Skills Development Course. Other CIs that contributed to the success of the event were Aaron Culley, Robert Gerlach, Chris Madison and Todd Somsel. Thanks to all of these instructors.

Thanks as well to the excellent team of fly tiers who engaged with guests throughout the day at the tying tables in the Lakeview Room. FFI director Sam Matalone gathered the tying team that included Kuni Masuda, Jim Ferguson, Dareld Thompson, Amanda Winklemen, Marcie Kindinger, Greg Sisson, Steve Ruppert and John Wendt.

One thing that worked extremely well at the August event was the partnership with the Washington Fly Fishing Club and the Olympic Fly Fishers of Edmunds. The Washington State Council picked the venue, established the program and covered the costs. We asked WFFC to provide the volunteers needed to set up and dismantle the day-long event. WFFC then reached out to the Olympic club to fill all the jobs needed to be done. The Council also asked the Overlake Fly Fishing Club to set up and run the Skills Development Course. We thank those clubs for their partnership with the Council.

Special thanks goes to Jim Goedhart, former president of WFFC and a newly elected director of the Washington Council. He rallied his colleagues at WFFC and Olympic for the job. Thanks goes to the morning set up crew in the Lakeview Room including Jerry Kindinger, John Townsell, Rob Kettner and Deb Katz of WFFC and Rolf Mogster and John Wendt of the Olympic club.

Out on the casting fields the set-up team included Stephan Fjelstad and Danferd Henke of WFFC and Tom Bradish, Tom Langley and Tim Bennett of the Olympic club.

During the day Shelley Scheff, Kris Draper and Adair Dammann of WFFC and Linda Masuda of Clark-Skamanian Flyfishers helped with registration support and guiding participants to their classes.

Several volunteers were lending a hand all day or joining classes themselves. At the end of the day Richard Williams of WFFC, Kuni Masuda of Clark-Skamanian and Bill Lundin of the Olympic club joined the crew to disassemble the displays and tying benches in the Lakeview Room. Dave Skaar and Dennis Potter of Olympic and Jim Beck of WFFC joined the team to take down the casting fields.

One of the most satisfying outcomes of the day was that more than half of the participants were new to FFI; fathers and sons, couples, new comers to the sport. Ryan Smith, who taught two sessions of the Beginning Fly Casting class, told me that most of the novice casters brought their own rods. Acquiring equipment tells me these beginners have real interest in the sport. They want to develop a good cast along with other fishing skills. I hope offering them expert and engaging instruction serving a variety of skill levels all set in an organized outdoor setting generates interest in FFI as well.

Nine people who attended the Casting Fair also joined FFI, some of them buying three-year memberships. Members sustain an organization. They are the volunteers that set up casting fields and skills development courses. They are the people who set up the displays, tie the flies and teach the classes. They are the people who make the FFI mission of education, conservation and community successful. Thanks to all the volunteers who made the August Casting Fair a success. We look forward to working with you again. And to help in that effort, please ask a friend to join FFI and help you. As your numbers grow the task gets easier for all of us. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you at FFI events in 2023.

Fly Fishers International

President's Club

The President's Club at Fly Fishers International represents the highest level of financial commitment to the organization and comes with exclusive benefits and opportunities as a way of thanking donors for this level of generosity. Over the course of FFI's history, the President's Club has been instrumental in our ability to ensure the legacy of fly fishing for all fish in all waters. Members of the exclusive giving circle can support any program or project at FFI that most inspires them, and at a level that recognizes their level of giving, including Platinum, Gold, Silver, or Bronze. The program allows for a pledge to be satisfied with yearly or monthly payment plans.

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Check out the FFI Donate page on line: <https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Donate/Presidents-Club>

The categories and their associated benefits are as follows:

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Editors Note:

I am a proud member of Fly Fishers International and have been for over two decades. I really believe in what the FFI is doing and their goals. We are truly an "All Fish, All Waters" organization with strong beliefs in conservation and education. I belong to the President's Club as well as the Thousand Stewards program and to the Legacy Circle. I would really like it if you, the reader, would join me in helping to support Fly Fishers International. *Larry Gibbs*

Washington State Council's Fly Casting Fair



WSC Fly Casting Fair

By Neal Hoffberg

As a long-time micro dry fly angler, I know how complex casting can be. It took me some time to learn that when fishing for selective trout the three most important things are: presentation, presentation, presentation! Well...how do I achieve the presentation that will get that selective, eighteen-inch brown trout to eat my size 22 male trico? There's lots to consider. The wind is blowing from my casting side at ten miles per hour. An opposite shoulder cast with a tight loop is a must. But what about drag once the fly lands on the water? Should I add an aerial mend?

Personally, I spent years gathering bits of information from the anglers I knew to create a precise cast. At times necessity was the mother of my casting; trying to figure things out on my own. Talk about a witch's brew! And this leads me to our WSC Fly Casting Fair this past August 13th where participants could gather lots of knowhow in a single day.

Ryan Smith, FFI C.I. and owner of Avid Angler held two beginning casting classes. Both the morning and afternoon class were filled with people excited about learning how to cast a fly rod. Some had done a little angling. Others had never held a fly rod. It was great to see smiling faces learning how to do a 'pick up, lay down' cast.

In a separate class, Tom Cammarata, FFI C.I. was holding court with intermediate and advanced anglers teaching how to shoot line, cast into the wind and cast aerial mends. This is a lot to learn. Those in Tom's class left with new techniques in their casting quiver and feeling a lot more confident about their next outing on the water.

Molly Semenik, FFI MCI Level III Examiner and owner of 'Tie The Knot Fly Fishing' held an afternoon beginning casting class for women. Women entering fly fishing is the fastest growing segment of the sport. Molly's way of teaching put smiles on the ladies faces, laughter in their learning and most importantly, silky smooth loops in their casting. Molly was assisted by advanced angler and fly caster, Marion Hiller, a C.I. candidate.

The Overlake Fly Club volunteered their time with the Casting Skills Development course. The Skills Development is designed to have anglers work on targets and distance. There are three levels of achievement: Bronze, Silver and Gold. Jim Black, FFI C.I. was the Facilitator as WSCFFI president, Steve Jones achieved all three levels! Thank you to Bill Fields and his crew from Overlake for setting up the course.

Throughout the day the Walk-in Clinic was available to all. Pat Peterman, FFI Master Casting Instructor put together a premiere group of MCI and C.I. volunteers who spent one on one time with anyone looking to fix a problem or learn a new skill. Thank you to all of you for being part of this event.

In closing, I believe that everyone had a very positive experience at the Casting Fair. This was the first WSCFFI event since COVID-19 and our fair in Ellensburg. Looking forward to 2023, my goal is to correct any short comings we may have had and expand our classes. Anyone interested in learning Spey Casting?

As Manager of the casting events I am deeply indebted to Don Simonson, MCI Level II, for his knowledge, support and participation in helping to put our event together. Don was constantly shining a light on what was needed and what was missing. The day would not have happened without his involvement. A big thank you to all WSCFFI council members for their ideas.

I hope that I have conveyed how the day went. I doubt this reads as well as the closing speech in 'The Big Lebowski'. I don't know about you, but this fly caster can sure use another Sarsaparilla. I look forward to seeing everyone at our event in 2023.

Tight lines and tight loops to all,
Neal Hoffberg
Director
WSCFFI

Here are three flies that were tied by two of the fly tyers during the Fly Casting Fair. Photos taken by Sam Matalone.



Tied by Dareld Thompson



Tied by Dareld Thompson



Tied by Greg Session

VIRTUAL EXPO 2022

NOVEMBER 4-6

Virtual Expo Activities

Some great activities are planned for the FFI Virtual Expo. As information becomes available we'll post it to this page. Come back often to check for information.

Workshops, Seminars & Demonstrations

FFI has some of the best instructors in the world. They are coming to you online to provide some great learning opportunities through seminars and workshops. Topics covered include:

Casting
Tying
Fly Fishing Skills
Conservation & More

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Need more info? Send an inquiry to ffiexpoauction@flyfishersinternational.org

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All sponsors will be given an exhibitor space at the Expo, plus additional benefits at each level.

Gold - \$3000 - 1 available
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Bronze - \$500 - 7 available
Exhibitor - \$100 - unlimited available



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Fly Tying Tips and Other Assorted Pearls of Wisdom

By Sam Matalone

“How many tying capes do you need?”

Correct answer: Just one more!



Quick Tips

Quick Tip #1: Repairing Split Jungle Cock Nails

Repairing Jungle Cock nails has been around for a long time due to the costly nature of the feathers. The generally accepted method to repair a feather is to use a clear lacquer or clear fingernail polish. Both methods work well but when fished they can/will separate with time. Recently, I have started to use thin Clear UV resin. It has been easier to apply and cure, with the repair holding much longer.



Split Jungle Cock Nail



Repaired Jungle Cock Nail

You can still see the split but it will not separate easily!

To repair the Jungle Cock Nail is extremely simple. Using thin UV resin, very sparsely apply a thin coat of resin to the top side of the feather and cure it with a UV light source. It just takes 2-3 seconds. Once cured, apply another thin coat to the back side of the feather and cure it again. That is all to it.

A couple “learned Lessons”

- Use Thin UV resin and do not over apply, this can add weight to the feather and it will not hold its’ position on the fly.
- Use a non tacky resin, or you will have to apply a thin layer of lacquer/fingernail polish
- Be careful in applying the UV resin as not to touch the feather fibers on the nail

Quick Tip #2: Creating a flat profile for wet flies/nymphs

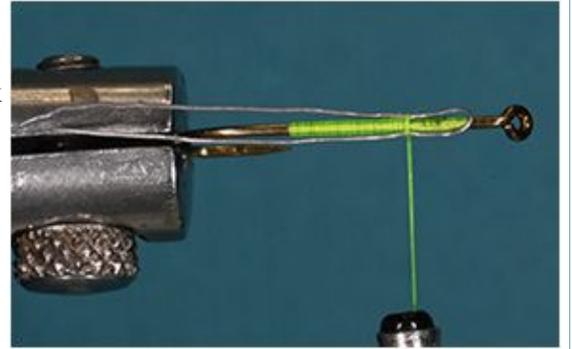
Every once in a while, you may want to create a wider profile for your flies. For a number of years, I used sewing pins attached to the side of the hook shank to create flat profile. This method of using pins came from George Grant’s book, “The Art of Weaving Hair Hackles for Trout Flies”. (George tied beautiful flies, especially nymphs.) Now I use a very simple method using lead/non toxic wire.

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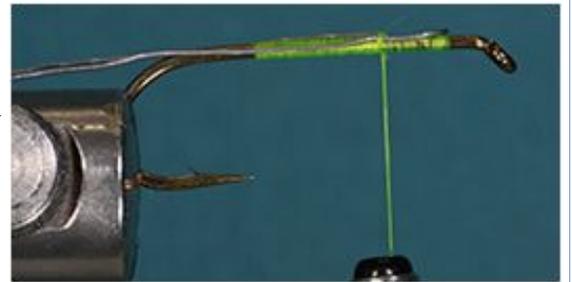
Begin with a good thread base. (size 10 2x1 Daiichi 1710)



Using 0.010 inch lead wire, I fold the wire and place it on top of the hook shank using a couple of loose wraps.



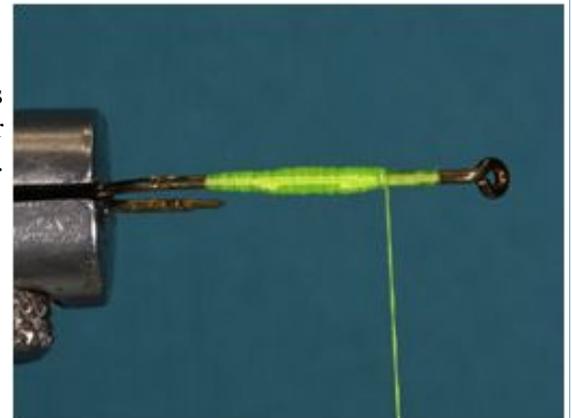
At this point I ensure that the lead wire is positioned next to the hook shank and is parallel to the shank.



All that remains, is to build up the body ensuring it is reasonably smooth. Please note on this side view, there is not much difference in the in profile between the hook shank and the thread.



From a top view, you can see there is a difference profile, the width is approximately 50% larger than hook shank. If you want to have a much wider body, increase the size of you lead wire/non toxic material to 0.02 of an inch. (See an example at the end of this article.)





Body with 0.20 inch Lead wire



Body with 0.10 inch Lead wire

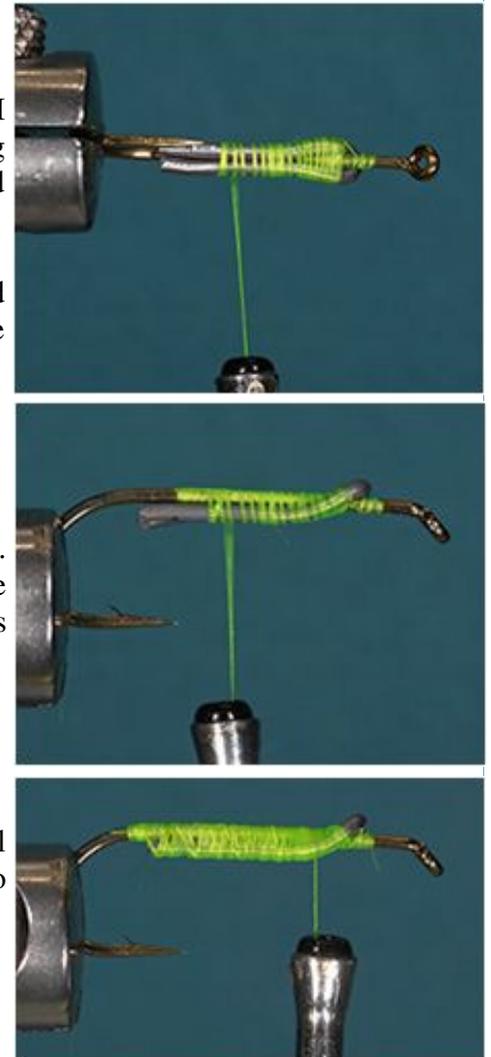
Quick Tip #2 1/2: Creating a keel weighted fly

Now for a slight adaptation of this method. There are times when tying flies, I want to be absolutely sure the barb on the hook is down and the fly is tracking that way. Using the same basic method described above I create a keel weighted fly.

As in the previous example, make sure you have a solid thread base. Now instead of put the lead wire/Non toxic material on the side, position it such that it is at the bottom of the shank.

In this side view you can see the weight material is on the bottom of the shank. You will also note that I pull the lead wire from the top of the shank. I could have easily place it on the bottom of the shank, but I prefer this method because it is easy to build a tapered profile for the body.

The size of the keel will dependent upon the size of the lead/non toxic material you use. In this example I use 0.020 inch lead. When completed, there is no doubt in my mind the barb will be down and the fly will track with right profile.



As always, it is a pleasure sharing these tips with you. And, there are countless other fly tiers in our club with tips to share as well. Remember, the wisdom of one should be the knowledge of many.

Send in your tips to webmaster@wscffi.org

Noticed the new changes to our website?



One new addition to the website is a resources section designed to get useful information into members hands quickly. You will find it under the Resources tab, found on the main page.

The first link in our resources section is to NWYCFFA – Northwest Youth Conservation Fly Fishing Academy sponsored by Trout Unlimited. The Washington State Council of FFI is a long time supporter of this camp. The NWYCFFA holds an all-inclusive hands on summer camp geared for youth ages 12-16 on the third week of June each year. The NWY-CFFA website (currently being re-designed) contains useful information about the summer camp and how to register.

The mission of the Washington State Council FFI is:

The mission of the WSCFFI is to support, enhance and preserve fly fishing opportunities. Fundamental to this mission is environmental stewardship and education.

Our belief is the future of our sport rest with youth of today, we would like to get a fly rod into the hands of as many “kids” (from 4 to 94) as possible and lay the foundation for environmental stewardship. This link helps members to carry out the mission and to spread the enjoyment of fly fishing.

If you have a resource to propose for the resource section of the web site or would like to see any other changes, please send an email to:

Sam Matalone
webmaster@wscffi.org

Fly Casting Tip

Tailing Loops

Causes and Corrections

By Don Simonson



Let's start by saying, "tailing loops are not good". When created they disrupt, fly presentation, tie knots in leaders, etc. How is a tailing loop created? Any time the rod tip dips below the straight line path of the rod tip and comes back up during the casting stroke. Knowing that the fly line follows the path of the rod tip one can understand how it happens. So how does the caster cause this dip of the rod tip to occur?

There are several ways to create this dip. Here are a few.

- An Abrupt application of force, (power) during the cast.
- An erratic application of force, (power) during the cast
- Too small of a rod angle, (arch) for the amount of line outside the rod tip.
- Creep
- The back cast, forward cast process is less than 180 degrees.
- Moving the rod tip straight ahead at the time of the stop.

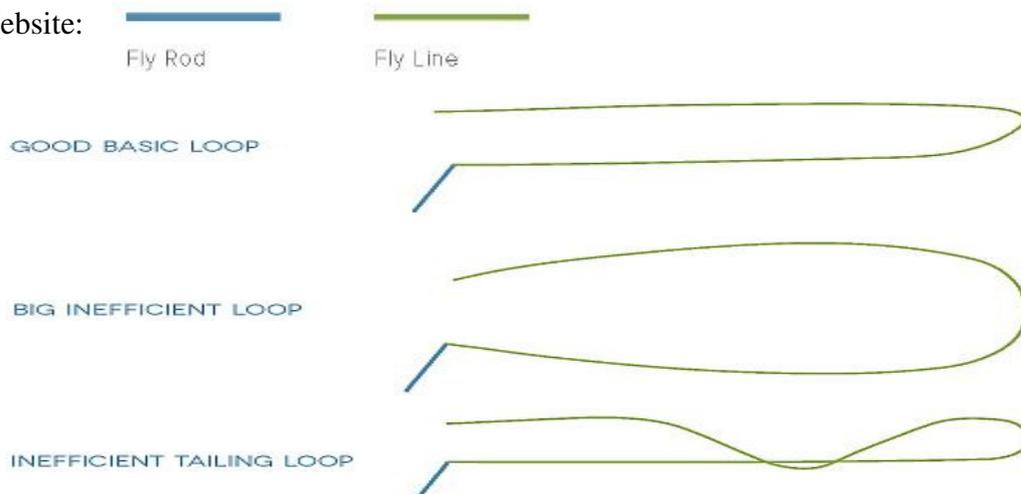
So how does a caster correct these situations?

- Power application: Smooth out the casting stroke and slow it down.
- Rod angle: Extend the stroke length, (translation) along with the rotation portion of the casting stroke.
- Creep: Drift the casting arm back slightly after the stop while the loop is unrolling. Look back at stop time to ensure you arm is stopped or moving back toward the unrolling loop and not creeping forward.
- 180 degree rule: Watch your cast to ensure the rod tip is moving in a straight line path with the back cast loop 180 degrees away from the forward cast.
- Ensure the rod tip is turning over slightly at the exact stop time.

Don Simonson

FFI MCI, mentor, Level 2 examiner

From the FFI Website:



Youth Conservation & Fly Fishing Academy

By Pat Hesselgesser - WCTU - chair

Finally, after two years of no Youth Conservation & Fly Fishing Academy due to Covid, we gathered in Lacey Washington at the Gwinwood Camp the last full week in June. With 4 returning students working as "ghillies" (In Scotland and Ireland : a fishing or hunting guide) and 8 young first time students, an incredible team of volunteers worked to teach them as much as they could learn in 1 week about our watersheds, fish, aquatic insects, water safety, accountability and the natural world around them, fly tying and fly fishing. What an incredible group of youngsters this was and a great experience!! I was so fortunate to attend and help out.

Huge THANKS to our amazing outgoing co-directors from FFI (Fly Fishers International) and both TU members - Mike Clancy & Jim Brosiofor their 18+ years of running this camp. These two guys have so much knowledge about running this camp that we are glad they will be around next year on an advisory capacity!! Their dedication and love of these youths really shined through the whole time!!

Extremely grateful for the new co-directors stepping up to take over - John Gravendyk (WCTU Youth Education Chair) & from the Icicle Valley TU Chapter - Bruce Merighi & from FFI Carol Anderson. This Youth Camp is an amazing collaboration with FFI and WCTU; FFI has provided years of invaluable support to the program. Thank you to all the FFI team!!! We are so proud of this partnership and look forward to next year!! Of note the work has already started & we are planning this camp for 2023, which includes re-building the website. So in a few months we will link you all up to the new website so you can keep tabs on this program for 2023! Stay Tuned!!

Special thanks to the parents of these teens for trusting us in their care and education; and a special thank you to all our volunteers who made this program work this year!!

Matt Tuttle, Camp Director, Robert Gerlach, Steve Jones IFFF Certified Casting Instructors, Ron Holtcamp - Olympia Chapter Trout Unlimited, Coast Guard Auxiliary, Janet Shimpf, Fly Tying Instructor & Commercial Fly Tyer, J. Michelle Swope- Fly Tying Demo and Instruction, Oly Women on The Fly & Olympia TU Chapter, WDFW enforcement officers, & Joshua Howen and Sarah Ashworth - Olympia TU Chapter for feeding the camp in an outstanding BBQ on Friday night!!

Finally, A HUGE Thank you to all our donors from both TU and FFI chapters across our state; Fly Fishing Clubs and individuals here in Washington - without your donations we could not provide this opportunity in Youth Education!!



Go Fly Fishing with Your Kids

*By Carol Anderson
V.P. Education*



The recent WSCFFI Casting Fair, held August 13, 2022 at Lake Ballinger in North Seattle was a complete success and a wonderful experience, well for adults, at least. But..., where were the kids?

Fly Fishing is a great sport for families, from the packing to go camping to the walking down to the river or lake; taking your kids on the road with you for a fly fishing expedition is an excellent opportunity to develop lifelong skills and an interest in the outdoors. The fresh air will do them a world of good while you form an enduring friendship that will last the test of time.

Take your kids fly fishing and you will have a partner for life. I remember those perfect moments following my father down to the river before breakfast with my new St. Croix rod and Pflueger reel in hand. We fished together all my early life until I left for college. After recently retiring from a busy hi-tech career, I now have more time to enjoy my love of nature, standing in a river and to experience that same amazing thrill of catching my first 6 inch trout. Today, my fishing excursions are still guided by the love from my father who showed me how to cast a fly and reel in a trout.

Teaching your kids how to become fishing partners for life is as easy as getting a rod in their hands, showing them a few basics and then getting out of the way.

Imagine, if you will, that you and your family have set up camp in a meadow beside your favorite stream, creek or river. Now, with camp set up, you and your daughter set up your rods, learn a roll cast technique, practice a few casts and head into the water. Remember, at first she does not need casting perfection, she just needs to get the line across the water, so you be the guide on the side and let her practice until she is comfortable. Wading in the water, she manages to make a cast into a pool shaded by overhanging bushes. Within seconds of that fly landing, it gets gulped by a trout. As she feels the rod tip come alive, you instruct her how to lift the rod to set the hook. You help her reel in the fish and into the net you are holding; you take a photo of her fish and see the joy of her infectious smile.

It doesn't matter if the cast is not perfect or if she cannot name the fly, that will come later. As her fishing interest grows take her back to the river, show her the bugs that hatch to which fly matches what the fish are eating, how to read fish habitats and then how to tie flies at home.

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Each time you take kids fishing they learn new skills and the fishing passion grows. And believe me after catching her first fish she may be hooked for life! I started fishing at 8 years old and this summer, I fished over 1000 miles of river frontage; traveling rivers in Oregon, Idaho and Montana literally driven by that passion and the thrill to get back on the water each day.

- ◇ Here are a few teaching tips to remember:
- ◇ Younger kids are easily bored especially if they are not catching
- ◇ Take them bug hunting and then play a guessing game about which fly might work best
- ◇ Take snack and lunch breaks to just sit by the river and reflect on what they have learned
- ◇ Local ponds or commercial fish hatcheries are a fun place to start if they allow kids to fish
- ◇ Remember, this is their time and you are the guide on the side, not the sage on the stage
- ◇ Starting with a simple roll cast will give them something easy to practice
- ◇ Verbally reward them for doing well and for paying attention – where their rod is when walking, where the line is while casting, where feet are most stable in the water, etc.
- ◇ Take some time out of your busy schedule to take them fishing on a local pond, you both will benefit
- ◇ Break each casting skill into small steps your kids can practice independently, then be with them to help put the steps together
- ◇ Set up some casting practice rings (hula hoops) in your backyard or the park to encourage the practice for accuracy for your next fishing trip
- ◇ Above all, have patience, they are just beginning a journey you have had years to perfect
- ◇ Remember to have fun and laugh a lot
- ◇ Mix up experiences; explore the surrounding area, share your passion as an outdoor steward, take five minutes at the end of the day to pick up trash and old monofilament
- ◇ Encourage kids bring a friend to share this fun and sociable activity..., they'll be talking about it at school for weeks
- ◇ Invest in the right safety equipment, appropriate for the size and age of your kids. Personal flotation devices are a simple addition that can potentially save your child's life

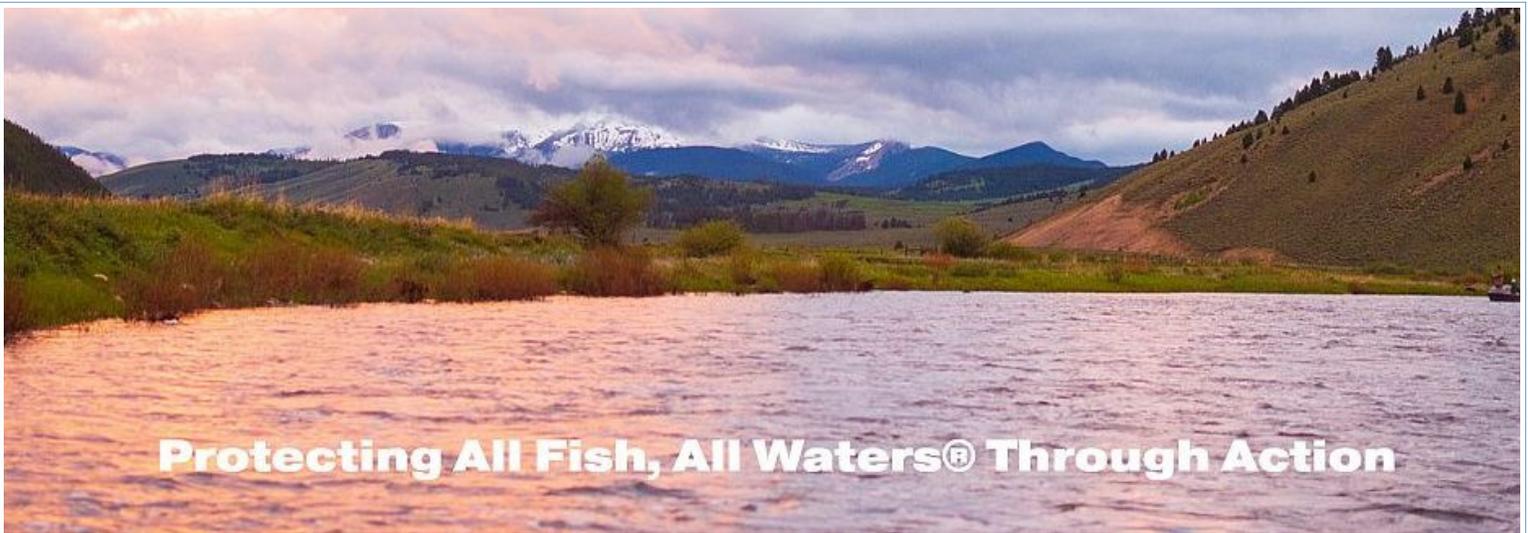


What makes the world go round?

Children Fishing



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CONSERVATION

FFI Website

Fly Fishers International has long played a role in conservation of fisheries and their habitats. The organization has developed several projects and programs to support the mission of conserving our fishing resources for future generations. Click any of the links below. Program and projects include:

Conservation Grants

Providing grants to clubs, councils and other organizations to complete conservation and restorations projects.

Conservation Scholarships & Internships

FFI provides scholarships and internships for graduate students, based on a application and selection process.

Monofilament Recycling Projects

Build a monofilament recycling station at your favorite fishing access location. Pick up the line and send it in for recycling.

Whitlock-Vibert Box

The Whitlock-Vibert box is a patented plastic box that is use to plant in streams. Fish eggs are placed in the box and are protected until they hatch. The fry swim out of the box thereby giving it a little time to grow in the protected area.

Cuttcatch Award Program

This program focuses on catching 4 species of trout and releasing them back into their habitats once the catch is documented. Fly fisherman who accomplish the goal are given a certificate and recognized in the Flyfisher magazine.

FFI International News

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Kastine Coleman Joins FFI as International Ambassador

Fly Fishers International is excited to announce Kastine Coleman as its newest International Ambassador. Based in Corner Brook, Newfoundland Canada, Coleman operates Tight Loops Tight Lines. Her work incorporates a fly casting school, guided salmon fishing, and a fly fishing show currently airing on Sportsman Canada and the World Fishing Network.

Coleman is also a two-time IGFA World Record holder for Atlantic salmon. She holds a board seat with the Atlantic Salmon Conservation Foundation, and has joined the board of Fly Fishers International.



Fly Fishers International continues to lead the growth of fly fishing around the world, continuing its mission to inspire a growing community of fly fishers, and fly fishing for all fish in all waters.

Patrick Berry, Fly Fishers International President & CEO, is thrilled with addition of Coleman.

Said Berry, “Kastine is an excellent representative of Fly Fishers International. Her work to support Atlantic salmon in eastern Canada and her educational work to grow fly fishing combine to make her a leading voice for the global fly fishing community. She will represent our members well as an International Ambassador, and provide a valuable point of view to the Fly Fishers International Board of Directors.”

For more on Kastine Coleman’s fly casting school and conservation efforts, visit tightloopstightlines.com.

Here is an example of a page from the FFI Knots and Rigging PDF that you can download from the FFI website.

NON-SLIP LOOP

The Non-slip Loop is also known as the “Kreh Loop” as it has been popularized by fishing legend Lefty Kreh. As its name suggests it forms a non-slip loop at the end of a fishing line. The loop connection to a fly can give the fly more natural action.

1. Make an overhand knot in the line about 10 inches from the end. Pass the tag end through the hook eye and back through the loop of the overhand knot.

2. Wrap the tag end around the standing part 3 to 5 times.

3. Bring tag end back through overhand knot, entering from same side of the loop it exited from before.

4. Moisten the knot then pull slowly on the tag end to cinch the wraps loosely together. Pull the loop and the standing line in opposite directions to seat the knot.

5. Cut the tag end



**Washington State Council
Affiliated Fly Club Conservation/Education Activates/Outings
Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club
&
Spokane Fly Fishers**

New Signs for Medical Lake City Park 2022

By Jerry McBride, Chairman of IEFFC Projects Committee

They say that it takes a village to raise a child. Well, it doesn't take a village to put some new signs up, but it did take the efforts of two governmental organizations, two fly clubs and quite a few people.

During a Zoom program presentation to our club *Jolynn Beauchene, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Officer* mentioned the need for a sign at the Medical Lake City Park that spelled out fishing rules for Medical Lake. The sign would be placed at the park on the southwest end of the lake. She had come up with a sign concept that was more pictorial and thought it would be more effective.

Scott Duncan, Facilities Manager for the City of Medical Lake was a strong supporter of placing the sign in the park and coordinated the schedule and determined the location of the sign.

Spokane Fly Fishers partnered with the *Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club* and contributed half of the cost of the sign.

Jolynn emailed the graphics for the sign to me and I forwarded them along with some verbiage to *IEFFC* member *Lee Funkhouser* who put the graphics and verbiage together for a 48" wide by 42" high sign in digital form. I then forwarded this to National Barricade & Sign Co. that produced the sign.

After the steel was acquired for the frame, *IEFFC* club member *Bob Johnson* took the lower cross member piece into the machine shop of his former employer and notched out the ends so the cross member would fit into the frame. I took the frame pieces to the home shop of *IEFFC* club member *Floyd Holmes* who welded and painted the frame. Floyd and I then pop riveted the sign into the frame.



Due to the generous donation by the Spokane Fly Fishers there was enough money left in the Projects budget to "resheet" the other two signs at Medical Lake with the new version of the sign. The signs were pulled out of the frames and taken to National Barricade to be resheeted. To resheet a sign, a new sign is printed on plastic film and applied over the old sign. This allows the reuse of the aluminum backing plate saving about \$100 per sign. *Phil Beck and Jerry McBride* repainted the sign frames and installed the new resheeted signs August 1.

At the end of the day there is a totally new sign at the Medical Lake city park plus updated signs with the current pictorial style at the boat launch and at the north end of the lake. Hopefully the new signs will improve compliance with the Select Gear fishing rules. The signs are there because of the efforts of two governmental organizations, two fly clubs and a whole lot of people.

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Spokane Fly Fishers, LLC

In early September the Spokane Fly Fishers wrapped up their Spring – Summer club outing schedule with a final outing on the Kootenai River in Montana, Sept. 9 – 11. August and September Outings were held on the St. Joe, Clark Fork and Kootenai Rivers.

Regular club meetings begin again in-person on the 2nd Wednesday of each month with September Speaker Lee Davison. Lee is the designer and owner of Ballistic Fly Lines and founder of Snake River Outfitters. Lee is a FFI Certified Master Casting Instructor, FFI Certified Master Casting Two-Hand Casting Instructor and an International Spey casting competitor (Spey-O-Rama Senior Champion 2015 and 2017.) Lee will be addressing Steelhead Fishing on the Clearwater and Snake Rivers.

The club partnered with the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club in July with a jointly sponsored project (cost and installation) to install new signage at Medical Lake at the request of the WDFG. The sign was created and installed to emphasize fishing rules for Medical Lake. Our September project will be a two-day activity supporting the Spokane Fish Hatchery by clipping fins on 60 thousand rainbow trout.

Several club committees are starting to move ahead with plans for our November Fly Auction fund raiser, our March Conservation and Education Equipment Raffle fund raiser and the mid-February start-up of our annual eight week Fly Fishing School.

The club is looking forward to resuming our in-person meetings, fund raisers, conservation, education and fly school activities for club members and the public.

Claude Kistler
WA State Council Board of Directors
Spokane Fly Fishers

On July 12, 2022 a team consisting of two members from the Spokane Fly Fishers (**Ken Moore and Chet Allison**) and two from the IEFFC (**Phil Beck and Jerry McBride**) installed the sign.



Washington State Council

Award Winners

May I have the envelope, please

The 2022 Washington Council Award Winners

*WSCFFI congratulates our 2022 award winners
Amanda Winklemen, Jim Brosio & Alpine Fly Fishers
Extraordinary examples of living the mission*

With their efforts, each of our award winners has embraced the Washington State Council's mission to support, enhance and preserve fly fishing opportunities. Fundamental to this mission is environmental stewardship and education. We are proud to recognize them.

Washington State Council Fly Tying Hall of Fame Award: *Amanda Winklemen*

Given annually to the person who has made a significant contribution to the art of fly tying. This award was presented to Amanda Winklemen for her skills as a fly tier and efforts she has made in teaching other women, both FFI and non-FFI members how to tie flies.

Pat Herdt Education Award: *Jim Brosio*

Awarded to an individual that has made extraordinary contributions to the education of fly fishers, including youth education. The award recognizes people who have contributed to learning about our fisheries resources, including regulations. This year's recipient is Jim Brosio. He was recognized for his involvement with the Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy since its inception in 2004. In 2008, Mike Clancy and Jim assumed the leadership of the Academy where upon Jim distinguish himself as the "go to" volunteer and advocate for the Academy and the importance of bringing youngsters into our sport. The Academy could not happen without Jim's strong participation, as well as the approximately 50 volunteers he helped organize to put the academy on each year.

Club Education Award: *Alpine Fly Fishers*

Presented to an FFI Club or other organization that has made extraordinary contributions to the education of fly fishers, including youth, and education about our fisheries resources, including regulations. This year's award goes to the Alpine Fly Fishers, under the strong leadership of their president Larry Gibbs. Adapting quickly to respond to the challenges of the COVID pandemic, the Alpine Fly Fishers continued to hold regular meetings using "Zoom". Their various programs ranged from classes with member presenters as well as named fly tying experts and guide presentations about possible fishing opportunities. The Alpine Fly Fishers has created an environment of continual learning.

The Washington State Council FFI awards nomination process ran from Mid March until the end of June. During August, the nominations were reviewed and discussed at our Board Meeting where the Officers and Board of Directors approved the awards. Our sincere appreciation to all those who participated in the process through nominations and selection. And, congratulations to our 2022 award winners!



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Washington State Council FFI joins the Amazon Smile Program



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You can donate to the state FFI council with every purchase at [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile)

Reward programs are everywhere these days. From the grocery to airlines everybody is rewarding a purchase by giving you credit for future purchases or contributing to a cause. Now the Washington State Council of Fly Fishers International is one of the groups you can help when you purchase goods through Amazon Smile.

Amazon Smile donates 0.5% of the price of every purchase to the non-profit of your choice. It doesn't change the price you pay for goods. Amazon takes a sliver of its earnings from the transaction to donate to the non-profit you choose.

Washington FFI supports a range of education and conservation efforts every year from cash contributions. We support Casting for Recovery for women cancer survivors and Project Healing Waters serving wounded veterans. For years we've backed the annual Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy that has introduced a generation of teens to our sport. Last year we helped organize and fund a successful effort to preserve public ownership of the Ebsen Fishing Access on the Grand Ronde and we helped fund new signage for fishers on the Yakima River.

It takes cash to sustain these efforts, cash we usually raise through our annual Fly Fishing Fair and other events. That hasn't been possible lately. But everyone still shops. Many FFI members shop online at Amazon. Directors of the Washington State Council have joined the Amazon Smile program to help fund our work. You can help by shopping through Amazon Smile.

To join follow these steps:

Visit [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com)

Sign in with the Amazon.com credentials you ordinarily use to shop at Amazon.

Search the list of charities and select **Fly Fishers International Inc. Seattle WA**. Make sure it says Seattle!

Bookmark [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) on your computer to make it easy to return to the charity site.

Every time you shop through Amazon Smile a portion of every purchase you make will help fund FFI education and environmental stewardship in Washington. Several FFI councils nationwide participate in the program so be sure to select Fly Fishers International Inc. **Seattle WA** when you sign up.

Since our founding 56 years ago, Washington FFI has worked to support the 22 FFI member clubs in Washington and Alaska and design ways to promote and conserve fly fishing for all fish in all waters. Washington FFI pursues projects and partnerships that educate the public about our sport and the habitats that sustain salt and freshwater fisheries. We have a track record of success creating innovative education programs, sound conservation efforts and a strong community of fly fishers statewide. Help Washington FFI continue that success by signing up at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and selecting:

Fly Fishers International Inc. Seattle WA as your non-profit of choice. Thank you.

Editors Note: I already had a link to Amazon on my computer but it did not open to Amazon Smile, so I copied the URL to the Smile site and opened up my link and pasted the new URL in it. Now I open to Amazon Smile when I click the link. It doesn't cost me any more money and the WA State Council FFI gets a donation from Amazon.

I call that a Win-Win

Larry

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HEALTH OF FLY FISHING AROUND
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THE FUNDS RAISED BY THE FFI1K ARE VITAL to providing a solid foundation on which to continue to grow and expand our mission, and to support:

- **SPEARHEADING PROJECTS** that improve our fisheries and protect our fishing opportunities
- **THE FFI LEARNING CENTER's** wealth of fly fishing knowledge and resources
- **CAMARADERIE AMONG ANGLERS** built at our annual fair and other events

JOIN US IN SAFEGUARDING THE LONG-TERM HEALTH OF FLY FISHING AROUND THE WORLD BY BECOMING ONE OF THE **FFI1K**.

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OR CALL 406.222.9369 TO JOIN TODAY!**

*See enclosed card envelope for payment options.
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FFI1K - BECOME A MEMBER OF 1000 STEWARDS OF FFI

You have a unique opportunity to invest in the sport you love.

Fly Fishers International (FFI) has been an organized voice for fly fishers around the world since 1964. We represent all aspects of fly fishing – from the art of fly tying and casting, to protection of the natural systems that support healthy fisheries and their habitats so essential to our sport. Today, our mission is to ensure the legacy of fly fishing for all fish in all waters continues by focusing on CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY.

Join us in safeguarding the long-term health of fly fishing around the world by becoming one of the FFI1k, by committing to donate \$500 per year for 5 years (total of \$2500).

The funds raised by the FFI1K are vital to providing a solid foundation on which to continue to grow and expand our mission and to support:

- Spearheading projects that improve our fisheries and protect our fishing opportunities
- The FFI Learning Center's wealth of fly fishing knowledge and resources
- Camaraderie among anglers built at our annual Expo and other events

Join the FFI1K Now

FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL (FFI) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit with the distinctive mission to preserve the legacy of fly fishing for all fish in all waters. Formed by some of the most influential luminaries in the world of fly fishing and conservation back in 1964, and dedicated to innovative strategies to inspire a new generation of fly fishers, providing FFI members the opportunity to leave a legacy in the sport we love.

FFI continues to focus on conservation, education, and community as the underpinning of our work. Our commitment to these principles provides the rock-solid foundation as we lean into the challenge of unprecedented times, and ascend to meet the needs of the evolving demographics of fly fishing.

JOIN FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL TODAY to help ensure that fly fishing can continue to instill the kind of passion it does today in so many of us.

WHY JOIN FFI? TOGETHER WE:

- **PROTECT THREATENED WATERS AND HABITATS** for current and future generations.
- **BRING TOGETHER EXPERTISE** in fly casting, fly tying, fly fishing skills, and conservation education and development programs.
- **ADVOCATE FOR POLICIES** and initiatives for conservation issues.
- **STRENGTHEN THE FLY FISHING COMMUNITY** by sharing knowledge and experiences.
- **PROVIDE RESOURCES** for fly fishing educators and professionals.
- **INSPIRE A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND CONSERVATION ETHICS** in people of all ages.

MEMBERS RECEIVE

- Access to an unmatched repository of knowledge through the FFI Learning Center
- Special offers and discounts • Recognition for special skills or achievements
- Access to a network of like-minded outdoor enthusiasts
- A chance to help make a positive impact on the sport

We've got momentum— Help us keep it going as a member of FFI. As participation in fly fishing has grown, FFI is providing enhanced opportunities to learn, sustained our commitment to conservation, and offers new and exciting opportunities to expand our community. JOIN US!



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**ALL FISH,
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Clearwater Flycasters	Pullman	https://www.clearwaterflycasters.com/
Cowlitz Fly Anglers	Longview	Cowlitz Fly Anglers Facebook
Evergreen Fly Fishing Club	Everett	https://evergreenflyclub.org/
Fairbanks Fly Fishers	Fairbanks	Project Healing Waters FF
Fidalgo Fly Fishers	Anacortes	https://www.fidalgoflyfishers.com/
Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club	Spokane	https://ieffc.org/
Lower Columbia Flyfishers	Longview	http://www.lowercolumbiaflyfishers.org/
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Learning, Sharing, Inspiration...it's Our Mission

To create a community of women fly fishers where learning, sharing and inspiration are offered in a safe and non-intimidating environment, to develop and improve fly fishing/ tying skills and, offer new opportunities in a creative and fun manner.

FFI Women Connect encourages female leadership in FFI Clubs and the fly fishing industry as a whole by creating a platform where women can develop fly fishing skills and build confidence.

If you want to join the FFI Women Connect or sign up for the e-mail list, please contact us by e-mail at womenconnect@flyfishersinternational.org.

FFI Website





Editors Notes

By Larry Gibbs



The **Fly Casting Fair** we had in August was a hit with all those who attended. I really wish more fly fishers could have been there but it was our first in-person event in a long, long time. The open grass areas at Lake Ballinger Park allowed for some great casting classes and demonstrations. We had some very good fly tyers in the main building all day long. The Board of Directors for the Washington State Council Fly Fishers International is already starting to lay the ground work for events like this around the state in 2023.

I worked the membership table and we had some new members join our great organization. I had a special raffle for the new members who joined that day and one very happy fly fisher from Seattle won an Orvis Encounter fly rod outfit, yes, outfit, rod, reel, backing and line.

Peter Maunsell worked the merchandise table and he was able to sell a lot of neat items including some really good fly tying and fly fishing books. Rolf Mogster of the Olympic Fly Fishers of Edmunds help us at the tables all day.

I will make sure you all will be notified in plenty of time to attend our event(s) in 2023. If there is any way you can show up you will be glad you did. Naturally since we called this the Fly Casting Fair the main emphasis was on casting and those who took the classes and/or attended the free clinic, were able to really improve their casting abilities. That is something that many of us need to or should do. Did you know that there are times when you actually want a large wide loop when casting? Or when you want the fly line to stop in mid-air and gently fall to the water? How about how to cast around a stump or pile of brush. Speaking of brush, how about improving your casting when you have nothing but tall trees or high brush behind you so you can't make a normal cast. Things like these can be something you can pick up when attending one of our casting events.

You may have noticed that on page 3, I had a whole page about the **FFI President's Club**. I really hope some of you decide to help out the FFI by signing up on this program. You can become a member of the President's Club for as little as \$43 per month. You won't even notice it missing but the impact it will have on the FFI is unbelievable. This is such a great organization that spearheads the effort to continue to be able to fish all fish and all waters. Please consider becoming a monthly donor.

November is right around the corner. You know what happens in November? The **FFI Virtual Expo** on November 4 - 6. This will be the FFI's second Virtual Expo. Last November was the first one and they put on a great show. They had all kinds of speakers about anything to do with fly fishing and destinations. Silent auctions (I really won a lot of nice 'stuff' last year in the silent auctions). Some great items for myself and a lot of items for future raffles for my club. You really should sign up for this event and check out what they are offering, you will be amazed.

Request for Club Reports: Did you read the article about how the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club and the Spokane Fly Fishers worked together to raise funds to put new regulation signs at Medical Lake? I really would like to have other clubs here in WA send me articles and pictures about some of their conservation & education activities.

I hope you read Carol Anderson's article on "**Go Fishing With Your Kids**". As far back as I can remember, and that is over seven decades ago, are memories of fishing with my father out on Puget Sound or on many lakes and some streams. I have to agree with Carol, regarding our recent Fly Casting Fair, held on a Saturday. There were very few children there. We would really like to change that and start having more kids practicing fly casting. If you belong to a fly fishing club, check with them about having a day set aside to show the children how easy it is to get into fly fishing. I guarantee that our next fly casting fair will be promoting a youth class and I will make sure there will be a special drawing for some neat fly fishing 'stuff'.

Speaking of clubs, I had a sheet of paper listing all of the **FFI affiliated/charter clubs** in Washington State at the table I worked at the Fly Casting Fair, so I included the list in this newsletter. Check it out and see if there is a fly fishing club near you. Look up their websites and give it some serious consideration about going to a meeting to check them out. I did just that way back when the dinosaurs still roamed the earth and I joined a club. Give it some serious thought.

It is almost time for some serious winter fishing for those who can brave the elements. Remember to dress warmly, we don't want you getting hypothermia. Take care out there.

Larry