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Our Next Meeting is ...

Thursday, May 14, 2009 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

At the Tacoma Elks Lodge #174 1965 So. Union Ave. Tacoma, WA

Please Join Us!

Leaders Line

By Al Bessette

I am guessing that most of you have not heard of Simon Gawesworth. Simon is acknowledged as one of the world's leading authorities on spey casting. He has both cast and fished for England in British, European and World championships. He also sits on the FFF board governors.

Simon will be at Sage July 10th thru the 12th. Les has contacted Simon to see if he could be our speaker at our general July 9th meeting. To his surprise, Simon is willing to do that and has also offered to put on a two hour casting exhibition that afternoon at 3:30 pm. Since he will be in the area, he has offered to do this for half his normal fee. The exhibition would include how to apply spey casting techniques to single handed rods.

Carl has seen exhibitions by Simon. He says that "Simon is one of the most amazing casters he has ever seen". "The guy is just mesmerizing to watch". I am not a spey caster, but I am really excited to see how he applies spey casting techniques to a single handed rod.

As amazing as Simon is, the board discussed this at great length. This would be the first time that part of a program would occur during the work day. Many of us were concerned that working members would not be able to participate in the afternoon event. This discussion extended into the week following the board meeting. We want to make all programs available to all of our members. We even asked Les to contact Simon to see if he had any time on the weekend to do the exhibition. Simon said that he was sorry, but he is contracted to Sage for Friday thru Sunday.

Ultimately, the board decided that this is a unique opportunity that will likely not ever be available again, so the board has approved this special program. I hope that those of you who can't make this, because of work, will recognize this special opportunity and support it. If any of you have strong feelings about this, feel free to contact me. This information is important to me, because it will help me, if another event is offered to us during the work day.

I want to thank Dave Alberts for organizing the work party to spread five yards of gravel on the Cady Lake road. Dave was very organized and had borrowed a trailer so that we wouldn't have to wheel barrel the gravel. That is a long road. Mike Clancy, Jerry Freemont, Paul Elsberry, Ed Poppelton, Dave and I represented PSFF. We received help from a couple of non-member young guys. We also got

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Board of Directors Meeting

Please check the PSFF Website Calendar for the most up to date info regarding the next PSF Board meeting

Go to:

<http://www.pdff.org>

And click on **Calendar**

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help from a member of the Kitsap club, who had volunteered to do Cady lake fish survey for the state, but ended up helping us. Thank God for the young guys. We would still be there if not for them. Youth, where did it go! Larry was very pleased that we showed up to help. He had planned to spread the gravel, by himself, using a wheel barrel. We should make this an annual club service project.

I showed up for Les's open free casting session this past Monday night. I was very impressed with the turn out. It was great fun and I learned about a couple of faults in my casting stroke. This is a great idea Les.

Don't forget to renew your fishing License. If you haven't, you are fishing illegally.

I understand from Jerry Freemont that we have 50 people signed up for our Park lake outing. The club will be providing the steaks Saturday night but don't forget to bring a pot luck dish.

Great fishing,

President Al

Bridge Closure Special

Bob Triggs is offering all PSF club members a special deal for May and June trips booked for the days that the Hood Canal Bridge is closed.

This is a two-anglers-for-the-price-of-one offering.

These can be Beach Trips for Sea Run Coastal Cutthroat Trout, on the Port Townsend end of the Peninsula and on Hood Canal, or Forks area River Trips for Cutts and Summer Run Steelhead, (to include the May Gamefish Season on the Sold Duc River). These are still exclusively Hike and Wade, Catch & Release, Fly Fishing Only trips. Picnic lunch, snacks and soft beverages, use of tackle included. Advance bookings with deposit required.

Cost for Two Anglers: \$300.00 (a \$50.00 savings).

Contact: Bob Triggs
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Park Lake One Fly Tye-Catch Challenge

By Steve Kokita

Here's something fun to consider: For Park Lake this year, let's have a fun fly challenge. Bring a bare hook #14 wet and a 12" piece of tying thread and your own scissors.

Ok, here's what we'll do. Friday or Saturday whoever wants to compete, we'll meet at a picnic table with your favorite beverage, each will get a hook and some tying thread. Then for 15 minutes you have to look for anything to tie your fly with. Road kill, feathers, part of your shirt, pet hair, your hair ect. (No hackle found in pockets!) Only items at Park Lake will be allowed (no power bait Mike or real bugs tied on the hook).

Then we'll meet back at the table (another beverage) and tie for 15 minutes. You can stick the hook in the table to tie, use hemo stats, or stick it in your finger? If we have enough participation, I might make a trophy! Any takers?

Newsletter Article Deadlines

I have been asked to post the newsletter article deadline dates.

These will always be on a Sunday and the deadline time will always be

4:00 PM.

- **May 31st, 2009 for June**
- **June 28th, 2009 for July**
- **August 2nd 2009 for August**

\$\$\$ Don't forget \$\$\$
Be sure to wear your badge to the club meetings, or it could cost you a dollar!



Mark Your Calendar

By Larry Gibbs

— Events for May 2009 —

PSF Park Lake OutingMay 15, 16 & 17



— In the Future —

WA Youth Outdoor Adventure Expo.....May 8 - 9

PSF Park Lake OutingMay 15, 16 & 17

Youth Fly Fishing Academy.....June 21 - 27

FFF Conclave, Loveland, CO.....July 28 - Aug 1

Want some dates posted here for future events?
Let me know and I will plug them in!! Larry Gibbs

Free Beginners Spey casting class this spring

By Carl Zarelli

The Puget Sound Fly Fishers recently purchased Spey rods for its education program. The club will be offering a series of three introductory classes this spring.

All classes will occur on the water on the Puyallup River. The Spey classes will be from 5.45 till 7.45 pm on the Puyallup River **Date for group 1 is 5/19 — Date for group 2 is 5/20 — Date for group 3 is 5/21**

The class will be limited to three people and may occur in the evenings if all students can make it. Students will be required to have waders or hip waders and the first class will be partially done with a single handed rod to familiarize the students to the movements.

Should you have any interest in this class please contact Carl Zarelli at carlzarelli@comcast.net.

Spring Flycasting Classes

By Les Rosenthal

Our club offers flycasting classes at the Foundations, Intermediate and Advanced/CCI levels. The classes are \$10 apiece to members.

The next classes are May 23rd, June 20th and July 25th.

Advanced class is 8am, Foundations is at 9:30am, and Intermediate is at 11:00 am.

We meet at Titlow Park. Flycasting isn't easy, but it's simple to learn if you practice and take lessons. Make up classes are available by appointment. Please let me know you are coming.

Questions? Email Les at LesR@comcast.net

Open Casting practice on Monday evenings

By Les Rosenthal

You are invited to Titlow Park, Monday evenings about 5:30-7:30 to enjoy each other's company and practice fly casting. Several CCIs are present for casting hints if you ask. We usually have dinner across the street afterwards. You are welcome to join in the fun!

Questions? Email Les at LesR@comcast.net

Quote of the Month

“As the moon rose higher the night became clearer and colder. We walked slowly upstream. In a stretch shaded by heavy trees a trout splashed, and I peered into the wall of darkness to find him. At first, turning from the white moonlight into the dark obscurity of the trees, I could see nothing. But after a time the shadow became liquid, the darkness was made visible, and I could make out a faint movement on the black velvet of the water. I cast, but in the inky shadow it was impossible to see whether the fly went right.....”

John Waller Hills — “A Summer On The Test” — 1924



Library Corner

by Mike Clancy

I just returned from a very successful “Fly Fishing Fair” in Ellensburg. The event came off very well and the weather agreed with us both Friday and Saturday, while you folks in Western Washington got very wet. The fly tying was exceptional as well as the other events.

I don’t have much to report for the library other than we are going to put out a number of books that don’t fit into our library anymore, either because they are outdated or just haven’t displayed much interest by the members. Some of you might find some value in the books and want to add them to your home collection. See you Thursday at the next meeting.

Mike Clancy – 360-753-1259 – mtclancy@earthlink.net.

May 14th Program

WDFW Program Manager to Speak Program

Our May 14th meeting should be very interesting!

Curt Hughes who is Region 6 (our) WDFW Program Manager

and

Richard Eltrich who is the Hatchery Operations Manager

Curt is going to speak on the management of the program.

They will take questions afterwards.

Recent Postings in the PSFF Yahoo Group Site

Do You Belong to this group?

You Should

By Mike Clancy: TNT Article . This was in the TNT this morning. This was in the TNT this morning. Learn all about fly fishing | The News Tribune - Outdoors | Seattle-Tacoma News, Weather,...

By Dave Alberts: 12' LUND Boat. I have a friend with a 12' LUND boat and trailer for sale. This is a primo boat that has seen very little use--I believe it is about a '96 or so. He would...

By Carl Zarelli: FW: May Steelhead Summit. Subject: May Steelhead Summit Attached is the info on the upcoming Summit. I hope some of you may be able to attend. Carl...

By PJ Hicks: Fishing. Jerry Fremont, John and Kathy Clark, and I fished a small lake south of here on the 21st and the 30th. John's web weather site predicted the weather perfectly;...

Join the group. Larry

Editors Note: René is part of the Fly Anglers On Line family. I 'speak' with him on the FAOL Chat Room site every so often. He wrote this article about the use of red with flies and sent it to me. He does not write in English so he used a computer software to translate his article from Dutch to English. I then asked him if I could edit the article to conform a little more to how we use the English language. He agreed and this is the end result.

Simply Red

By René van de Ruit

A FAOL member

Edited by Larry Gibbs

Why are brothels in red light, and why are red dresses Bold? Why is red lipstick considered exciting? It is because the color Red has an effect! And, with simply red, I don't mean the popular pop group from England. The color red has a big influence on people. But, not only on mankind, also on fish! So, I titled this, Simply Red ... Why then simply red?

To start with, we generally have quite a lot of red around us when we look at fishing lures. Take spinners and plugs for instance, with such a large variety of models and colors available, one of the colors almost always present that is quite striking, is the color red. The same goes with us fly fisherman, we frequently find this color in our wonderful creations of flies, whether wet or dry, nymph or streamers.

Some examples are the classic Red tag, San Juan worm, and a red fluor-Nymphs, and many others.

The Red Tag fly with that small piece of red wool or poly-yarn is pretty easy for us to see at a distance. We can even change the colors to fluorescent, like red-green or yellow. The Red Tag Nymph, what does it imitate? A larva of a mosquito, or something else? Who knows. But the Red Tag nymph works, with a bead or without. The fish strikes, your line draws tight and you know you have a big fish on your hook. Almost everyone has seen it during our fishing hours.

But that red,..... What happens when red is on a fly? Many fishermen among us will have to agree that sometimes when a single form of red is present or even a lot of red is present on our fly or Nymph, that sometimes better results are achieved than when the red was not present.

The question is. Can a fish see colors ... or the fish distinguish colors? A number of factors play into this issue as to the clarity of the water and what depth we fish with our imitation. Research has clearly shown that, for example, the bream takes red imitations first instead of white. What do fish see? A small scientific explanation of this whole is as follows.

What a fish exactly sees depends on the type of sensory cells in their eyes. There are two different types: one type of record weak light and the other strong light and color. Fishing on a larger depth of life, where all the bad lighting conditions is difficult to observe and uniform in color, have almost exclusively sensory cells of the 'weak light type, while fish to the surface or in shallow water life many cells of the second type, they can not only better, but also distinguish colors.

Colors show. What colors a fish (species) can be distinguished depends on the depth and type of habitat. The sunlight has an initial broad composition so that fish in shallow water (to about 10 m) almost always are trichromatic.

In sea water the blue light penetrates (short wavelength, about 400 nm) by more so in fish - as they grow deeper - in the sensitivity to longer wavelengths (red - orange - green, 500-600 nm) are missing.

In fresh and turbid water, it is the other way: blue light is the first to be eliminated in greater depth so fish are more sensitive to longer wavelengths (red and green).

This has nothing to do with the refractive index of water, but by scattering molecules (in salt water (Rayleigh scatter) and absorption by organic matter (in turbid fresh water).

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Young fish and species in shallow water are often sensitive to UV.

Infrared observation. Under infrared in this case means the far-red (remote control, security) of about 800 nm. There are fish species with a greater sensitivity to longer wavelengths than humans can perceive. This sensitivity has to do with a special composition of visual pigment. - Number of rods and cones.

Rods and cones. For most species is that they initially only have cones. During growth, this number is increasing and developing the bars with great speed. Eventually, the number of sticks so much bigger. Numbers of receptors (cones and rods) is therefore with the size of the eye and can vary between species. In addition, the numbers within the retina, where most cones are in that part of the retina of the fish forward looking.

When we fish in fresh water, like many of us do, then that red color is clear to see our brothers and sisters there under the water. To the eyes of the fish, red is very sensitive. Immediately followed by the colors orange and yellow.

Science does not stand still and further research is ongoing. One of the latest studies indicate that fish that are down deep in the sea can indeed to see the color red as the color red. The scientists looked at by a color filter, and saw under water suddenly a spectrum of red around them. Normally, the deep red color is black. This discovery has shocked some scientists in the world of the ichthyologist (fish expert). Further scientific research will become even more 'secrets' disclosure.

Personally, I fish regularly with a red Nymph and/or a small red mini-streamer. Roach (Fish called roach are members of the carp and minnow family Cyprinidae), bass, and even bream are often caught with a little red mini streamer. Yes, bass, a lot of bass have been caught with that little red sock (the mini-streamer). On a warm summer evening, this is really literally a winner.

Anything can be used as red: wool, ibis, and so many plastic materials. Red has an effect! It is known that in Roman times around the 3rd century AD, they used hooks which were bound with red wool.

Here in the Netherlands where I live, I cast my fly line and have great fun with this wonderful sport known as fishing.

I love ... a setting sun, a fighting bass causing rippling waves . Oh, what is it good to be a fly fisherman.

Say, do you think it when you tie? Don't forget the color red. You will not regret it.

Red mini streamer - Tiemco 5230 # 10



Hexe tiemco - Tiemco 5230 # 14



Red mini Nymphe - Tiemco 2487 # 22



May / June 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Future Outings

Leech Lake Outing -- July 17 - 19

PSF Club Picnic at Cady Lake -- August 2

Coldwater Lake/Cowlitz River Outing -- September 18 - 21

Lake Lenice -- October 1 - 4

Hood Canal Cutthroats -- October 17

A Fly Shop Review

By Bill Aubrey

This is a new series for our newsletter in which I will discuss fly shops, some near and some far, all of which I have or will soon visit. Actually, this is an attempt to justify an addiction--I love fly shops. Well, most of them, anyway.



The Fly Fishing Shop

Welches, Oregon

This month's fly shop review gets us on the road. A lot of us fish Oregon, whether the Deschutes, the Sandy or the lakes around Crane Prairie. One of the better known, and best staffed and stocked, is right on the highway to Mt Hood, at 67296 East Hwy 26 in Welches. As you're headed east, it's on the right. Mark and Patty Bachman run a first class operation. Whether you're looking for flies or equipment (the shop is large and the selection, especially on tying material and flies, is out of sight; rods include the usual factory rods and Burkheimer customs), a guide or general information, you will not be disappointed.

Every year in May, The Fly Fishing Shop hosts the Sandy River Spey Clave, the largest such gathering in the country. This year, mark your calendar for May 15-17. The clave is held at the Oxbow Park on the Sandy River and is an opportunity to soak up free classes that run all day and cast just about every spey rod out there, as well as reel and line combinations. All the factory rods, including Sage, Winston, G Loomis, Echo, Beulah, Sierra, TFO, Hardy, and the custom makers, including Anderson, Meiser and Burkheimer, are there. Bring your hipsters or waders to get fully immersed. Mark and Patty even feed you lunch.

Just before Christmas, the Shop hosts an all day steelhead clinic. Classes and demos are held throughout the day, and the Shop runs a 10% off special. And, there's no sales tax. Breakfast pastries and coffee are there throughout the day, and lunch is again provided. Free drawings are also held. Steve Egge and I have gone down the past couple of years and have had a great time.

The Shop is on the net at <http://www.flyfishusa.com>. The phone number is 1-800-266-3971. A weekly newsletter is available via email for free. It is worth signing up for.

The Adirondack Sport Shop

Here is one I dare say most of you have not heard of and will probably not be dropping by soon. It's a shame because it, and its owner, are eastern institutions. Fran Betters has run his shop on the Ausable River near Lake Placed, New York, for probably 5 decades. Fran has created several flies, including the Ausable Wulff, the Haystack and the Usual. Fran also makes rods. I stopped in the shop about 3 years ago and when I left, I had some flies, 2 books Fran authored and an 8 ft, custom 4/5 with a beautiful wooden handle that picks up and lays down 60 ft of line as sweet as can be. I am writing this because Fran Betters is in ill health, suffering from congestive heart failure. Go on line to www.ausablewulff.com and enjoy the site.





In The FFF Corner

<http://www.fedflyfishers.org/>

Five Rivers Lodge Raffle

By Larry Gibbs

Support the FFF and you will be entered to win a 4 days, 5 nights trip for 2 people at Five Rivers Lodge in Dillon, MT. www.fiveriverslodge.com

There will be 15 winners, one from each FFF Council. That means there will be one winner from WA state. In addition to the fishing trip, you will receive a \$1000 stipend for travel expenses. All winners will be picked at a drawing held on June 20, 2009.* The total package is worth \$6,300.

The 15 winners will all be entered into a drawing for a trip of a lifetime to the Cinco Rios Lodge in Chile.

The raffle tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100.

There will be other prizes awarded for 2nd and 3rd place winners from each Council. Our club will even end up receiving some funds back based upon the number of tickets we sell.

You have two more club meetings in which to buy tickets, the May meeting and the June meeting. So, only two more chances for a trip of a lifetime.

I know what this trip is like, I won it about 7 years ago from a FFF fund raiser raffle at the Conclave in Livingston, MT. Trust me, the chance to win this trip is well worth the expense of \$20 or better yet, increase your odds of winning by buying 6 tickets for \$100.

Buy your tickets NOW!!!!!!

*There must be a minimum of 4,000 tickets sold nationwide before the drawing can be held. If that figure has not been reached by June 20, 2009, the drawing date will be extended to a date in the near future.



Romeo's Fly Tying Corner

The McGinty Bee



Photograph by Romeo R

Hook: Mustad 7948A, size 14 - 8 hook

Thread: 6/0 black

Weight: Front half only (Optional)

Tail: Red hackle fibers

Body: Yellow chenille with black in the middle

Hackle: Yellow hackle tied wet

Tied by Romeo R.

Note: This fly is excellent for bluegills and sunfish. For sunfish, you may want to add some weight in the front half of this pattern.

Editors Note:

Romeo Rancourt is a friend of mine and a professional fly tier from Thunder Bay, Ontario. He has many steelhead and salmon flies that are very successful.



About Our WSCFFF

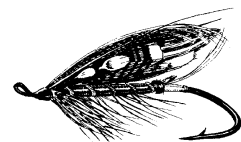
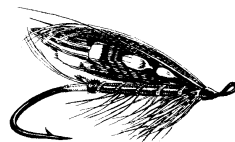
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Conservation Project Update

By Jerry McBride

Selective Gear Rules Signage: Ten signs for Region 2 giving selective gear regulations in English, Spanish and Ukrainian were cosponsored by your Council with fly clubs and individuals.. Eight of the signs were installed several years ago. Recently, the Dry Side Fly Fishers from Moses Lake installed the last two signs at locations on the northern end of Lenore Lake. They had already sponsored and installed two signs so this brings their total of installations to four. Hats off to the Dry Side Fly Fishers.

Chopaka Lake Fish Fund: The balance of this fund was used to purchase 300 two-and-a-half pound triploids which were planted in Lake Lenice.



Dave & Emily Whitlock Clip Art

I want to thank Dave Whitlock for some of the clip art used in this newsletter. Check out Dave and Emily's web site at: www.davewhitlock.com

PSFF Yahoo Group

Join the PSFF Yahoo Group. This site is there to discuss the club and / or fishing issues.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PSFF>

Puget Sound Flyfishers

Club was founded in 1956 and has a long and proud history of involvement, action, camaraderie, and fun. The club's website is located at <http://www.psff.org/>

Aims and Purposes of the Club Are:

1. To improve and encourage the sport of flyfishing by social, educational, and political means.
2. To encourage flyfishing and other selective fishing techniques as a means of conservation and increasing fishing opportunity.
3. To encourage the conservation, enhancement, and quality of sport fishing.
4. To promote "Sportsmanship" in all aspects of club and individual activity.
5. To aid in the eradication of pollution and other practices destructive to fisheries.
6. To actively assist and encourage the public to become flyfishers, and to adopt the club's philosophies.

General Membership Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month (except August). These meetings are for social, entertainment, and educational purposes.

Educational Activities: The club offers classes and instruction in fly fishing, fly-tying, fly-casting, and rod building. The club has an extensive library of books and videos. The club sponsors an annual Spring Clinic to promote flyfishing.

Outings: The club organizes monthly outings to various lakes, rivers, and estuaries. Experienced ghillies provide expert information and instruction on how, when, and where to fish.

Conservation Activities: The club has a long and proud history of encouraging flyfishing (and other selective fishing techniques) as a means of conserving and increasing fishing opportunities. The club is active in many of the important conservation issues of the day and in helping to fund local conservation projects.

Membership/Dues: Membership is open to anyone 18 or over. Dues are \$25.00 per year (Spousal/Family \$35.00 per year), plus a one-time \$10.00 Initiation Fee.

Affiliations: The club is an active member of the Washington State Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers.



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