



## Leader Line

Well, with December's arrival 2021 is winding down. It has been a very difficult year in many ways. The ongoing Covid-19 pandemic was and in many ways still is the most obvious. It has affected everyone. We have not seen each other at an in person meeting for going on two years now. It seems longer than that to me. Not being able to get together with friends and family has been difficult. Thankfully with the vaccines that has changed substantially for the better. We have had to deal with floods and extreme heat, that both effected fishing this year. All in all, it has been very challenging to say the least.

With all that said, people that fish are a resourceful bunch and many of us found safe ways to get out and chase our favorite species of fish as often as we could. I personally had a fabulous trip to the Big Horn River in Montana with club members Dennis Beardsley, Mike Koslosky and friends of Dennis's. I can highly recommend a trip to this tremendous trout factory. I know many of our club members also had great trips and that is a testament to the redemptive power of the pastime of fishing.

In regards to PSFF I am extremely proud to say that with the help of a group of dedicated and giving officers, board members and committee heads we have been able to keep our club operating as required by state laws and still offer to our members numerous outings and great speakers all year long. They all have my utmost gratitude for their support and their commitment to improve and carry forward PSFF into the future. Add to that, the fact that we added a number of new members despite all the challenges, I would say it has been a very successful year indeed.

My term as your President, for a second time, is coming to a close, I want to thank you all for belonging to a great fly club. I have visited a number of clubs around the state and I have to say PSFF is different than most. Are we perfect? No, but no club is. We are however, inclusive, friendly, instructive, fiscally sound, environmentally concerned and just plain fun to be part of. I sincerely hope that we can find a few folks among our 110 members who will step up and help fill the positions needed to keep PSFF the great organization it is. Best wishes to you all.

**Greg Shimek, Club President**

**Next Meeting**  
**12/09/21 7:00 PM**  
**Via ZOOM**

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## Focus Puget Sound

### Public Hearing on the Salmon Spawning Habitat Protection Rule

The Washington State Department of Ecology Water Quality Program has scheduled a public hearing to present draft changes to WAC 173-201A: Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Washington, answer questions about the draft changes, and provide an opportunity for formal oral testimony and comments. The changes include updating the freshwater dissolved oxygen criteria and adding fine sediment criteria.

The draft rule changes will be presented to the public on both Wednesday, December 8th at 5:30pm and Thursday, December 9th at 1:30pm. You can participate virtually using Zoom with the meeting code 24621832124 or by phone at 1 (415) 655-0001.

Written comments will be accepted until Thursday, December 16 at 11:59pm

For more information, go to <https://www.ecology.wa.gov/salmonhabitatrule>

If you have questions, contact Susan Braley at [swqs@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:swqs@ecy.wa.gov) or (360) 407-6414

An article about the Washington State Department of Ecology's Puget Sound Nutrient General Permit, written by environmental reporter Lynda V. Mapes, was published in the Seattle Times last month. As you may recall, some details about this permit were included the August and September issues of the Leader Line. If you're interested in following this issue from various points of view, go to [https://replica.seattletimes.com/infinity/article\\_popover\\_share.aspx?guid=1a5ea8e5-26da-4b88-b419-7bda06ff8c04](https://replica.seattletimes.com/infinity/article_popover_share.aspx?guid=1a5ea8e5-26da-4b88-b419-7bda06ff8c04)



**Geoff Corso**

## Fly Tying

It's winter and that means the air and water temperatures have dropped considerably. It's time to think about some serious nymph fishing.

Let's face it. For many fly fishermen the thrill of casting to and catching fish with a dry fly is where it's at. But at many times during my trips, I have seen very little dry fly action, so I have to revert to the "dreaded nymph" techniques. Yes, fish do take flies on the surface but according to the experts, more fish are caught sub-surface than any other way. Who am I to argue with the experts? As often happens in fly fishing, trends come and go. Euro-style nymphing seems to be the current trend and that means sub-surface fishing with tandem flies and sometimes triples.

I'm on the internet daily, often viewing many videos in a single sitting. One nymph that seems to be predominating these days is the Perdigon Nymph. It was developed in Spain a few years back but has found its way here. The fly is used in many international tournaments because of its effectiveness. It is a simple nymph to tie and can be tied on a variety of sized hooks from #10 to #20. Tied on a jig hook with tungsten bead (you don't really have to), it has a smallish tail, thin body of tying thread and a hot spot. Most are covered with UV resin for shine and durability. The fly can be tied in any number of colors so one can use the imagination to match the existing nymph wherever he or she may be fishing. The effectiveness comes from the quick sinking ability that allows the fly to reach the feeding zone quickly.

The fly can be fished with Euro techniques or below an indicator. It doesn't really matter. What matters is that it is said to be a deadly pattern. You can find tying instructional videos: Google "**Perdigon Nymph tying video**" on your computer. I specifically like the choice "Perdigon Jig Nymph Fly Tying Instructions – Tactical European...". It's a video produced by In the Riffle.

The instructions are concise and easy to follow. The tyer's voice is clear and his explanation is very good. The video itself is well done. Look it up, watch, and then head to the bench to gather the few materials. The internet is currently littered with various versions of the fly and done by many well-known tyers. You might want to watch several to get the gist of tying the fly. Happy tying!



**Steve Saville**

## Outings

### December

Lions Park, Bremerton, Monday, December 13, 7:30 am.

251 Lebo Blvd, Bremerton is the park's address but turn left at Hefner St which takes you to baseball field parking lot where we will meet.

This 17-acre waterfront park has great access and plenty of beach to explore for fishing.

Low tide 6:30 am, 4.5 feet

High tide 1:00 pm, 13 feet

There will plenty of area to fish. If the weather and fish cooperate it should be a fun day.

If fishing or park access questions please contact me, [bake5636@wavecable.com](mailto:bake5636@wavecable.com)

### January - February

These two winter months can be a challenge with windy weather and cold temperatures.

So, no outings are 'planned'. But there will be breaks in the weather to allow for time on the water. I'll post an ad-hoc outing 2-3 days earlier on the 'Forum' for location and time.

Traditionally I use these two months to tie new flies and restock my fly boxes. So, an incentive to get out and test any new patterns next year.

### 2022 Outings Focal

I've had the opportunity to be the Outings focal the last two years. It's been a learning experience, that is for club dynamics, friendships with other PSFF fishers and learning or sharing fishing techniques and flies with members. But I need a break and looking for help next year. Ideally two members are willing to step forward. I'm willing to mentor and assist the next person(s) for 2022. Then we all share the effort and bring more expertise and interest to the table for planning next year. I'm also drafting up a detailed document with the job description and responsibilities to help a new person.

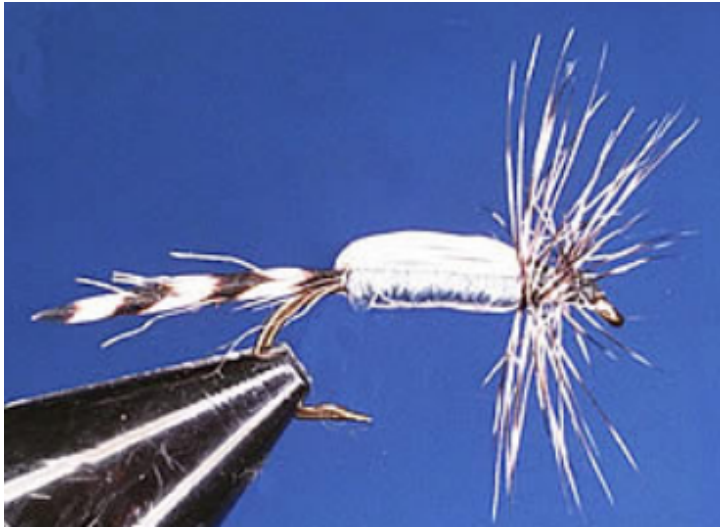
So, with all this offered I expect to have a barrage of volunteers. :>)

Please give it some thought and if questions or interested contact me via email or phone, [bake5636@wavecable.com](mailto:bake5636@wavecable.com) or 253-394-1522.

**Jim Baker**



# Fly of the Month



**LADY McCONNELL**

by **Bob Bates International Federation of Fly Fishers - Washington Council**

Here is a pattern that every stillwater angler should have in the fly box. Brian Chan, Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada developed this pattern in 1979 to represent an almost completely emerged adult chironomid (midge). He named it after McConnell Lake just south of Kamloops, B.C., Canada where he tested it. Trout in McConnell Lake and elsewhere have an eagerness to feed on adult chironomids.

Just about every lake and many streams have chironomids, and fish willingly feed on the larva, pupa and adult stages of the insect. Some anglers note that fish seem to prefer the larva or pupa stages over the adult. However, you should always look for an opportunity to fish the adult. Best times to fish it are early morning and late evening. Chironomids are a nice insect for fly anglers as they might hatch any time there is ice free water. I have seen fish rising to chironomids in the only ice-free water at the outflow of a lake. Unfortunately, it was before the start of fishing season.

One late spring day a visitor to my part of the world talked me into taking him fishing. A difficult task to say the least. After dinner we went to a nearby quality lake. We drifted around a while enjoying the evening, but we were seeing only a few fish. When the evening rise started, I had him put on a size 16 Lady McConnell, and he started catching fish immediately. He was amazed at how fast he hooked (and carefully released) so many nice rainbows.

That evening all we had to do was cast our floating lines, and let the flies sit quietly on the surface for a few seconds. The fish attacked them with abandon. At other times it helps to move the fly with a little jiggle or strip it at a moderate speed to imitate hatching or egg laying insects.

## Materials List:

**Hook:** Tiemco TMC 100, Mustad 94840 or other dry fly hook, sizes 12-18

**Thread:** Black 6/0, 8/0 or 14/0

**Tail:** Grizzly hackle tip over white Zelon

**Shellback:** Deer hair

**Body:** Gray polypropylene, dubbing or tying thread

**Hackle:** Grizzly

## Tying Steps

With prospect of sure casting success, this is a great fly for even a fly tying novice to tie and test a fly fishers skill.



1. Wind thread on rear 2/3 of hook shank, and leave thread at bend of hook (near barb). Attach a few strands of white Zelon on top of the hook, this is a new variation of the pattern that is not on all my flies. Make the Zelon about a shank length long. Tie a grizzly hackle tip on top of the hook longer than needed and pull it to make a shank length tail.



2. Cut a small amount of deer hair. How much depends on hook size. A clump about the diameter of a wooden match stick is about right for a size 12 hook. Clean out under fur and short hairs, cut tips and place tips on hook at a point about 1/3 shank length back from the eye. (Butts should be pointing to the rear.) Bind the deer hair on top of hook without spinning it, wind thread backward to the bend of the hook, and spiral the thread to front of the deer hair



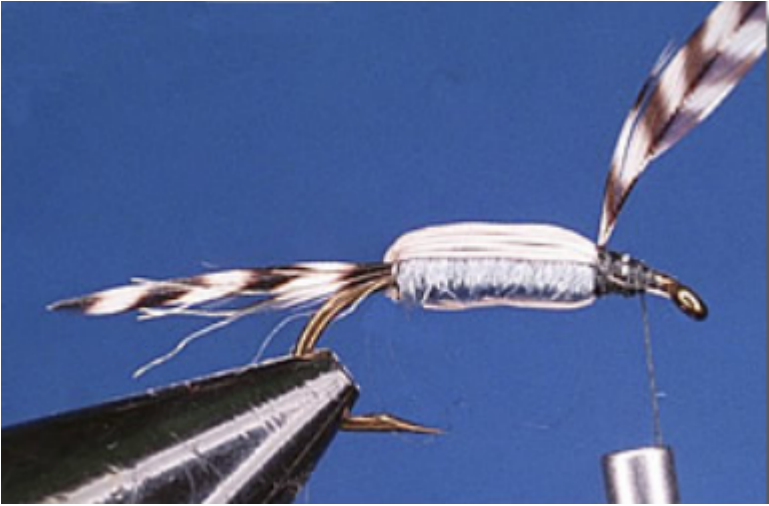
3. Attach poly yarn, wind thread over it to the bend and spiral thread forward to front of deer hair. Wrap poly body to front of deer hair, secure and trim. Keep the body slim to be like a chironomid. (Or the body may be dubbed to match the color of local insects.)



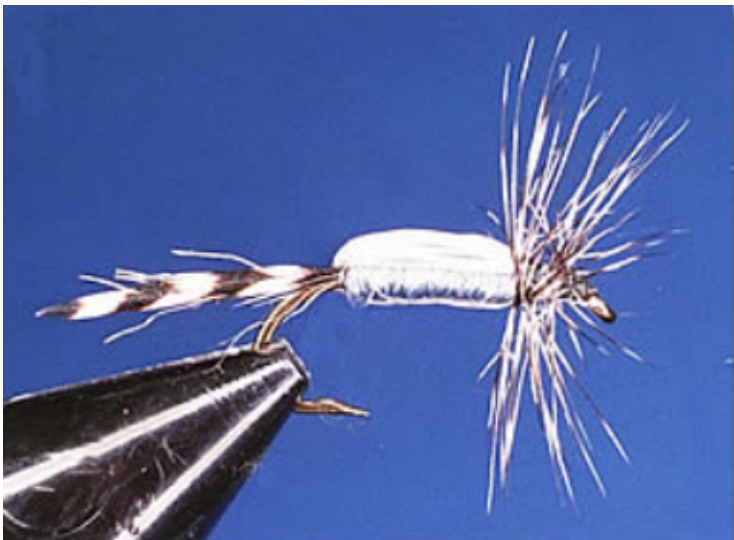
4. Bring deer hair forward and bind it down forming a shellback. Take care to keep the deer hair on the top half of the body and that it isn't twisted out of position from thread torque. Trim excess hair and wind thread over butts. Return thread to front of body/shellback.



5. Select a grizzly feather with barbs that are about 1-1/2 gap widths long. Strip off the fuzzy fibers and other unwanted barbs. Attach it to hook with the dull side of the feather facing forward. Leave a little bare stem showing above the thread, bind down and trim excess stem. Leave thread about one eye width back from the eye. (Some tiers use two feathers to produce a fuller hackle.)



6. Pull hackle forward over eye to kink the stem. This and the bare stem help the hackle wrap properly. Wrap hackle forward to thread, secure and trim excess. Wind thread to make a small head, whip finish, trim and add a drop of head cement.



Closing comments: I tie this pattern with light poly and grizzly as well as the darker body and hackle pictured. It takes a lot less time to tie a Lady McConnell than it does to write or read about it. Those mean trout tend to shred them so tie a lot. I almost never leave home without a bunch of Lady McConnells in my fly box. It has been my consistent producer for many years. Now when the fish start rising and I don't have my Ladies with me I am lost and feel I should go home.

Credit to FFF Website and FFF Clubwire for use of the pattern. You can direct any questions or comments to [flyofthefmonth@fedflyfishers](mailto:flyofthefmonth@fedflyfishers).

 **Kristin Macy**

## Programs via Zoom

December Speaker: Nate Brumley of Dry Fly Innovations on "Advanced Dry Fly Fishing"

"Advanced Dry Fly Fishing," introduces you to some awesome new dry fly patterns, techniques on how to deliver dry flies, and strategies on how to fool big fish. It's a program packed with remarkable fishing footage, unique insight, and concepts that you can immediately utilize at the surface of the water. Both still and video clips are used to show the viewers the concepts discussed.

Nate Brumley is the owner of Dry Fly Innovations and author of two cutting-edge dry fly books: *Addicted to the Rise* and *Winter on a Dry Fly*. The only bugs sold at DFI are dry flies, and he's mastered the use of them in all seasons over all bodies of fresh water. Nate has never sunk a nymph or fished a streamer. His offering is 50 plus years' experience fishing a dry fly exclusively. His

presentations are rich in dry fly technique that include video to connect the concepts. This lecture includes some of the most sought-after events in the industry at present and his breadth of knowledge is truly phenomenal. It's been said that one hour with Nate is like gaining 10 years of dry fly experience. This presentation will change the way you dry fly fish forever.

Please join us

December 9, 2021

7:00 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82351603622?pwd=aiszRmZ3YW85RitCRDdUWWWhGTzVYUT09>

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Passcode: PSFF2020



**Chic Sundahl**

## Membership

THANK YOU to those 56 members who have already sent in their membership renewal before the Jan. 1 deadline. What a wonderful response so far. This confirms my belief we have loyal, committed, interested members of Puget Sound Fly-Fishers who wish to continue its mission "to promote, encourage, support and celebrate its members and the community in the sport of fly-fishing."

I would also like to welcome our new members of 2021:

- \* Dean Ferrel
- \* Steve Fulkerson
- \* Dave Hackett
- \* Julie Kelner
- \* Caleb Petersen

We are grateful to our membership for hanging in there. Our club has been through two years of restrictions due to Covid-19. We anxiously look forward to in-person meetings and socializing with our fishing friends again soon.

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PSFF gives us what we expect of a fly-fishing club. Members belong to PSFF because we want it to exist. It cannot exist without leadership. Be part of the 2022 leadership that steers the future of Puget Sound Fly-Fishers.

Our club by-laws require a full board of directors, no experience necessary! Now is the time for new volunteers to step forward. In addition to the positions of President and Vice-President, the club needs to fill two committee chair openings, Outdoor Activities and Programs. Please support your club. Volunteer for one of the open positions.

Call or email me:

360-265-6833, [tessfrazier@wavecable.com](mailto:tessfrazier@wavecable.com)

I hope is your 2021 Holiday Season  
is filled with gratitude and love.



**Tess Frazier**





## Anniversaries

Jim Baker	3
Stan Elliot	2
Bryce Floyd	2
John Fullerton	6
Greg Gremer	4
Bryan Habeck	7
Steve Hammer	9
Don Harold	8
Frank Hayes	9
Ned Krilich	14
Terry Lueck	9
Kristin Macy	7
Penny Mabie	1
Chuck Tye	14

## Conservation

It was announced by FFI Livingston, the Virtual Expo 2021 was very successful with over 600 participants “internationally.” They viewed conservation and education programs along with fly tying, fly casting and general programs.

The Washington Council is planning a casting event next April at Luther Burbank Park on Mercer Island.

**Alaska**– Alaska is part of the WSCFFI territory.

The following are remarks from Meghan Barker, TU. – On November 17<sup>th</sup>, the EPA announced that it would request a timeline extension to review material related to the Clean Water Act protections for Bristol Bay. EPA now has until May 2022 to add scientific and technical data in its review of Clean Water Act 404(c) protections. ‘The timeline laid out today shows the strong commitment by the EPA to follow through and finish the work started in 2014 to add much needed Clean Water Act 404(c)

protections for Bristol Bay.’ – stated Nelli Williams, Alaska director for TU.

**Washington** – Senator Murray and Governor Inslee announced new details about their next steps. Following on the Governor’s remarks, they agreed to produce a long term plan to protect the recovery of the Snake River salmon no later than July 31, 2022.

In the upper reaches of Washington’s Yakima River Canyon, Western Rivers Conservatory with the support of WSCFFI, have embarked on an effort to conserve the 812 acres of the Yakima Canyon Ranch. The area is just north of Red’s on the Yakima.

**The NWYCFF Academy** – We are conducting zoom meetings monthly and will make an announcement for the 2022 Academy in January, 2022, which will be held the last full week of June. We are using the guidelines from the CDC and TU for overnight camps. So many decisions to make in regard to the rules in our new world.

 **Mike Clancy, WSCFFI**

## PSFF Library

We are not currently checking out any materials and ask that you please keep track of what you do have checked out. Real in person meetings must be on the horizon. If you can still find any borrowed materials gather them up and bring them with you.

Checkout requirements:

- Current Membership
- Up to 3 items at a time

- For 2 months at a time
- Write Month/Year on checkout card
- Return books to the Catch & Release basket

### Missing and Lost books

Take this time at home to peruse your personal library and make sure that none of the pesky missing book had infiltrated and take residence. If you find something, there will be no questions asked – Just return to the Catch and release basket on the library table when we gather next. Our books have a stamp or hand written “Property of the Puget Sound Fly Fishers” inside the front cover.

### Library Organization

I have been working with the library now for about 4 years. Most everyone has stopped by and checked out the books but I wanted to take a moment and let you know how I have everything organized so that you might find that special book that you want to check out a little bit quicker.

Books are setup in the following categories:

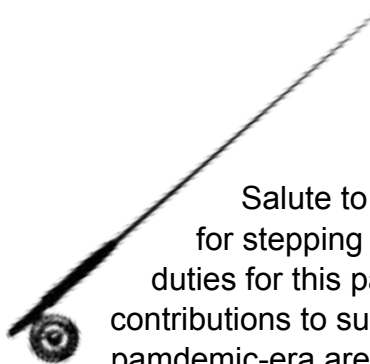
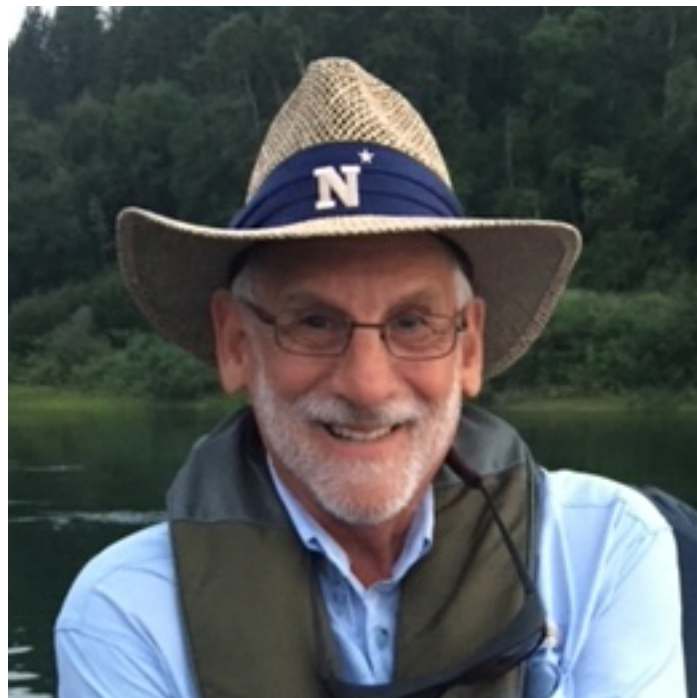
- General Fly Fishing
- Fly Tying
- Destinations
- Novels
- Rod building
- Conservation
- Women’s Fly Fishing
- Reference
- Float Tube / Drift Boat / Kayak
- Knots
- Casting

Videos are setup with the following categories:

- Fly Fishing
- Fly Tying
- Destinations
- Movies
- Conservation
- Knots
- Casting

Please stop by and have a look around – I’m happy to help you find what you are look for.

## In appreciation



Salute to you **Greg Shimek**- our thanks for stepping up and assuming the President duties for this past year. Your example and contributions to sustaining our Club in this pandemic-era are greatly appreciated. May you be rewarded on the water and in the streams.

### And

Our thanks also to **Jim Baker**, 3 years in the Club and 2 years as our Outings chair. Thank you Jim we are grateful for your fly fishing spirit and generosity.

## **The Members Only Forum is Waiting for You. Don't Be The Last to Know.**

Have you ever have a tool that got sharper and more productive the more you used it? That's how the Forum on the Members Only section of our website is. The more we use it the more valuable and useful it becomes.

Even in normal times it has been a challenge for members to stay in touch and communicate with each other between meetings. The forum provides us with a way to stay in touch, ask questions, organize short-notice fishing trips, sell extra gear, and brag about the big ones that did, or did not, get away.

You can find the Forum by clicking on the "Members Only" tab on the home page.

Make sure you log in to the Forum soon and just drop a quick comment on a post or start a new post of you own. The more folks we have participating the more valuable it will become to everyone.

## **PSFF in Action**

On October 30th PSFF members Geoff Corso and Greg Shimek joined TU member John Beard and local landowners on a stream restoration project on Flett Creek, a tributary of Chambers Creek. The purpose of the project was to remove invasive ivy and add woody matter to the stream. Removing the ivy will clear ground that will be planted with native species in the future. A second work party will be held sometime in the spring when the water level comes down. We were treated to a great lunch

after a few hours of manual labor. One again PSFF received many thanks for stepping up to improve the habits of the Chambers/Clover Creek watershed.







One year ago as we approached the Christmas and Holiday Season we looked forward with optimism towards a brighter and healthier 2021. And although still living with caution our lives are ever so slowly edging back to normal. Will it be a new “normal”? Just that it is better gives me hope. In this season and in the new year may you all enjoy good health, may your streams be free of snags and may you savour every fishing adventure. I wish for you all a joy filled Christmas and Holiday Season.

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