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MEETINGS

General Meeting - 4th Tuesday of the month, 7pm (6pm Wet Fly) Flying Pig Brewery
Board Meeting - 1st Thursday of the month, 7pm (6pm dinner) Cookbook Restaurant
Conservation Committee Meeting - 3rd Thursday of the month, 7pm Village Restaurant

Meeting: June 22nd, 2004 @ Flying Pig Brewery
Wet Fly – 6:00 p.m. Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

June Program –

by Don Scott

This month's presenter will be Nathan Keene, doing a show for us on tying and fishing flatwing streamers in Puget Sound for cutthroat and salmon.

Flatwings are still relatively unknown on the West Coast. Developed by Kenny Abrames of striper fame, these flies are tied with saddle hackles tied in flat instead of up and down as on a deceiver. The movement and blending of colors that you can obtain are excellent and the fishing results are nice too!

Nathan's bio:

Nathan is one of the owners of the Avid Angler's Fly Fishing shop and is the store manager. He has been fly fishing and tying for 15 years and has fished extensively throughout the Northwest and British Columbia. He has also fished in Montana for trout, Cape Cod and the Northeast for Striped Bass, Belize for Bonefish and Permit, and Baja for Roosterfish and Dorado. After a career shift from the accounting world, he spent two summers running the Orvis Cape Cod Saltwater Fly Fishing School, before joining The Avid Angler. He currently teaches the following classes: steelhead fly fishing, steelhead fly tying, spey casting and occasionally the Puget Sound saltwater class. On his day off, he can generally be found swinging flies for steelhead or playing a local beach for cutthroat and salmon.

President's Message

by Jim McGauhey

Where did half the year go? As we come into the last half of 2004 our major events are coming up. June 26th is the Stilly Cleanup. July 25th the meeting will be at Gordy's place on the river with the same meal of steaks, salad, and beans as we had at the Spring Outing. August is the Unofficial Cutthroat Fishout. In September, on the 12th there is the Official Cutthroat outing. October is the McKenzie outing on the North Umpqua River in Oregon.

October is also our auction. Please look now through the garage and attic for items you can donate. Invite your friends and don't forget to ask your favorite restaurant for a donation – even a 2 for 1 or gift certificate. Now is the time to be asking and planning. Also in October is the Unofficial Dry Falls Fishout. See your EFFC calendar.

Then we end the year with our Awards Dinner and Winter Raffle on December 4th.

I'll be helping prepare the July meeting steak dinner. Please sign up at the June meeting, or call me at 800-498-6123 and let me know you'll be there. Price will again be about \$10. You can pay at the meeting, and if you sign up you're committed to paying.

I'm happy to see the Conservation Committee active. They're choosing the youngsters to attend Conservation Camp, coordinating the Stilly Cleanup, working with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to adopt the Foundation Property, and working with WDFW and the owners around Lone Lake on Whidbey Island to clean the weeds from that lake.

The last half of the year is always the busiest and the best. See you at the events.



Fly Tying Contest

by Ken Lease

Congratulations to the winner of the May contest, Bruce Swanson and to the other eight who entered with their version of a favorite chironomid. The fly for the June contest is the Damelfly Nymph which, like a chameleon, takes the color of the contrasting surroundings. Colors in various shades of olive, tan, brown and green seem to be the answer. This nymph should be tied on a #8-14 hook, Wet Fly, 2XL.



What you're imitating



Marabou Damselfly Nymph



Seal Fur Nymph

May Raffle Items

by Mike Benbow

It's starting to shift from lake season to time to hit the rivers, so June prizes will focus on stuff you can use on the stream.

For starters there is a really nice Fishpond wading staff that telescopes down for easy use and up for easy storage. There's also a nice Mayfly lanyard for people who don't want to wear a vest in hot weather. You can stick a fly box in your shirt pocket, then add your nippers, forceps, floatant etc. to the lanyard that goes around your neck. There's a nice streamside thermometer to check on stream temperature. And there's even a nice summer T-Shirt from Simms with a great color drawing of a N. Umpqua River steelhead.

New FFF Cheif

The Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) is pleased to announce that R. Peter Van Gytenbeek has been hired as Chief Executive Officer. FFF Board of Director's President Gary Grant made the announcement stating "Pete (Van) has proven business, leadership, and development skills. He is currently a member of the Fish and Game Commission for the State of Washington. He is a past president of the Federation of Fly Fishers and served as the Executive Director of Trout Unlimited. His business wisdom coupled with his knowledge of the Federation of Fly Fishers and its membership will serve him well as he guides us in charting the course of fly fishing."

As the former publisher of Fly Fishing in Salt Water magazine Van Gytenbeek brings to the FFF a deep understanding of all aspects of fly fishing. Long known as a dedicated fisheries conservationist, Pete was a founder of the Wild Trout Symposia series and serves on the Board of Directors of the Trout and Salmon Foundation. His recent advocacy for wild steelhead in Washington State has led to new conservation actions that will benefit all anglers.

Van Gytenbeek has assumed his new duties and will operate from the FFF's Bozeman MT headquarters beginning in mid June.

July Meeting and Fishout

by Jim McGauhey

Shine up your rods – July 25th – a Sunday – is our annual Summer Fishout and EFFC meeting at Gordy Swanson's riverfront property on the North Fork of the Stillaguamish. We hope you'll fish during the day, then meet at the property no later than 5 pm. We'll serve dinner shortly thereafter. Bring your own beverages, a chair or even a table.

We also have a Clear Creek reel case that can hold up to five reels, a couple decks of trout playing cards for when the fishing slows down and a copy of Steelhead Fly Fishing by Trey Combs. This is not a new book; many of you may know it well. But I added it to the prize list because it's a must for the library of any fly angler. Even those who don't fish for steelhead can enjoy reading about the local folks, include some members of our club, who have contributed to the tradition.

Thanks again to all who have contributed to the club by buying raffle tickets. If there's a prize you'd like to have, let us know. To those who recommended some fly lines, I'll try to have one next month and another this fall.

River Cleanup Coming Up

by Jesse Scott

The annual cleanup of the North Fork of the Silly is scheduled for Saturday, June 26th. We'll meet at Charlie Ricketts for breakfast at 7 a.m. then team up and hit the river. After the trash is picked up, we'll regroup at Charlie's to consolidate the loads. Charlie has even agreed to feed us lunch. So come on out and meet Mr. Charles and enjoy his hospitality.

Here's a great chance to share fishing stories over breakfast and meet other members. Don't worry if you do not have a truck, you can pair up with someone. Remember we will cover all the drifts, so if you are not familiar with the North Fork now is your time to learn. A stick with a nail in it is handy for picking up the nasty stuff and knee boots are recommended. The river will be open, so bring a rod and spend the afternoon fishing those drifts. There is a map to Charlie's [on the back of this newsletter](#). Hope to see you there.



Many of us will be there most of the afternoon, so I hope to have some company – like yours!

Sign up at the June meeting to commit to a steak dinner at the July meeting on the river. (Don't forget – the June meeting is still at the Flying Pig in Everett.)

We'll have many of the features of a regular meeting – like a raffle, a short meeting, dinner, and lots of fun and comraderie. Carpool if you can, but there's lot of parking. See you July 25th on the River!

EFFC 2004 Schedule of Activities

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
June 26 th Sat	NF Stilly Cleanup - <i>Breakfast</i>	Charlie Ricketts' place
July 25 th Sun	Summer Fishout & Meeting	Gordy Swanson's – NF Stilly
Aug 7 th Sat	Unofficial Saltwater Searun Cutthroat Fishout	
Sept 12 th Sun	Cutthroat Fishout	Stillaguamish River
Oct 1-3 rd	EFFC-McKenzie Fishout	North Umpqua River, Oregon
Oct 9-10 th Sat-Sun	Unofficial Dry Falls Fishout	Dry Falls Lake
Dec 4 th	Awards Dinner & Winter Raffle	To be announced

Unofficial Saltwater Searun Cutthroat Fishout Update

Reminder...reminder! The saltwater searun cutthroat fishout has been changed from ~~August 21st~~ to **August 7th**. The fishout will take place from the Ebey Slough boat launch in Marysville.

WSCFFF Fund Raiser

by Carl Johnson

The Washington State Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers (WSCFFF) is raffling for two days of fly fishing for Coho Salmon at Weigh West Resort at Tofino on Vancouver Island. The Fly Fishing package includes:

- All accommodation based on standard rooms, double occupancy (room upgrades are available).
- All meals from the menus of our Blue Heron Waterfront Restaurant or Dockside Marine Pub. These waterfront facilities offer a wide range of delicious meals including local seafood.
- Use of our specially designed fly fishing boats, including all fuel and safety gear.
- Services of a Fishmaster to show you local hotspots and offer advice.

- All applicable taxes.

***Package rates are based on double occupancy in the rooms and boat.

** Fly fishing packages do not include alcoholic beverages, gratuities or fishing license.

For more information on Weigh West Resort, visit their web site: <http://www.weighwest.com/>



Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each and the proceeds will be used to support the activities of the WSCFFF. The drawing will be held in March 2005. Carl Johnson will be selling tickets at the meetings until the drawing.

Fishing Video Review

by Bruce E. Harang

“Streamer Fishing for Trophy Trout”

by Kelly Galloup

Cascade Mediaworks, LLC

Portland, OR 2004

1 video tape or 2 DVDs

suggested price \$29.95 VHS & \$34.95 DVD

Kelly Galloup is a legend among those that seek truly large Brown trout. His techniques and fly patterns are radical but they are also extremely productive. Kelly has distilled years of trial and error into two hours of some of the best instructional information available on catching trophy trout.

The information is available in both VHS video tape format and DVD disc format. I would highly recommend the DVD format as it allows you to go directly to the section of the information you want. Both formats cover the same material however, so you will get the same informational value in either format.

The information is broken down into nine chapters or sections. These chapters are The Predator Theory, Rigging for Streamers, Holding Water, Fishing the Far Bank, Wade Fishing Streamers, Jerk-Strip Retrieve, Boulder & Pocket Water, Mid-River Holding Water, and Streamer Flies for Trophy Trout. Literally everything you need to know to be successful at catching trophy trout in moving water is covered and covered well. Two of the most interesting and important items presented are the author's Jerk-Strip Retrieve including the logic behind this particular streamer presentation method, and the fly patterns developed by the author and his system of fishing these patterns. Once you view this production you will have been exposed to a master's system of catching very large fish on stream-

ers. If you have an interest in learning to fish streamers effectively or to improve your streamer fishing this production will give you the tools necessary to do it.

The production is well done with excellent cinematography, sound, and script. The author's style produces an easy to understand and fun to see production that clearly presents the information in a useable manner. The only small distraction is the fact that the navigation of the chapters on the DVD is a bit eccentric, not a big deal, but a bit frustrating until you figure it out.

This is a well-done production in all aspects and presents tested information to allow the viewer to have a jump-start toward successful streamer fishing. A must have for any serious large trout fly-fisher.



Bodkin Cleaning

by Lars Christian Bentsen

from www.sexyloops.com

This tip is one that I've often read about in books and magazines. I've just never bothered to try it out for myself. Bodkins are always full of dried varnish, or even worse, set epoxy or superglue. Cleaning a bodkin from these substances is quite a nuisance and can be quite difficult, especially with epoxy and superglue. But Last month I held a fly tying course and one of the participants had done what I'd never gotten around to.

Filling a 35mm film canister with steel wool and drilling a small hole in the lid. Now, all you have to do is stab the bodkin into the steel wool and run it up and down a few times, and it's clean. The steel wool will remove anything including epoxy and superglue. Try it out if you tie your own flies - it works great!



