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MEETINGS

General Meeting – 4th Tuesday of the month, 7 pm (6 pm Wet Fly hr.)
January: The Flying Pig Restaurant
Board Meeting – 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7 pm (6 pm dinner) Village Restaurant
Conservation Committee Meeting – 3rd Thursday of the month, 7 pm Village Restaurant

Happy Holidays To All



President's Message By Mark Edson

As this is the December Swirl Tips, this will be my final message as president. I may still post from time to time, but I would like to take this particular message to thank you for your help and dedication through this year. Our club members are some of the finest people I know, and you make this club what it is. I'm proud to be a part of it.

Speaking of club members, there is some sad news this month. On Dec 9th, Jack Hutchinson died. For newer members who didn't know Jack, he was the EFFC librarian for many years and helped build the library to its present status. He also was an ardent historian of Northwest angling history and had an amazing collection of fly-fishing memorabilia. Over the past couple of years he has donated many of his books and other items to the Fly Fishing Collection at Western Washington University. He will be missed. At the holiday celebration on Dec 13th we had a moment of silence in honor of Jack. The Gleneagle's music was still playing in the background, and I said after our moment of silence that Jack would forgive us for the music. Some of the people that knew Jack better than me said "no he wouldn't!". It's good to know that his friends were there to speak up on his behalf. There is no word yet on a memorial service, but I will notify the club as details arrive.

As I mentioned above, the club's holiday celebration was held on Dec 13. It went wonderfully with 77 individuals present (40+ club members and their better halves). We had some banjo picking during the dinner by a neighbor of Doug Nordstrom, a fun raffle hosted by our in-house entertainer George Henry and mini live auction wonderfully done by Mr. Bayes.

Again, it's been a great year, capped off by a fun year-end event. See you all in January if our cars thaw out by then...



Membership By Mark Simpson

Hey fellow anglers – pay your dues this month and win big!! Send them in today for your chance to win the drawing for a new 7-8 wt Ross reel. Our 2008 dues remain at \$30 for members or \$25 for associate members. Our annual “dues incentive” raffle will be held for members that pay (postmarked) by December 31st.

Please do not send your dues to the club’s post office box or to other club officers. The membership chairman needs to receive your dues directly, preferably by check in the mail.

The membership committee also keeps the master club roster up to date including your address, phone, e-mail, etc. Please complete and send the attached renewal form with your dues so we can verify the current record of your information before the next calendar/roster goes to print.

Your dues are important to the operating budget of our club so please pay them on time, preferably by December 31, but no later than the January regular meeting.



PAY YOUR DUES!

Before December 31

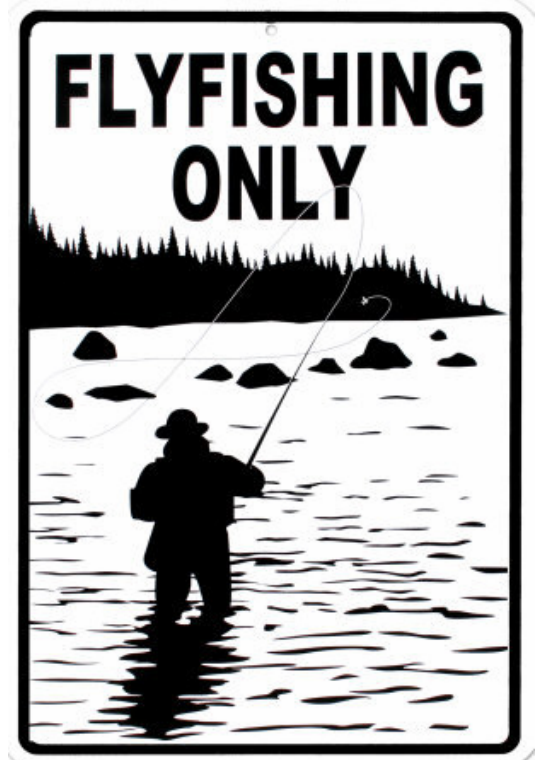


Senior Membership By Carl Ditto

A year ago the club changed the by-laws modifying the requirements for Honorary Life Membership and creating a new category of Senior Members.

Any member with at least ten years of continuous membership, with the sum of years of membership and age is equal to 90 or more may elect to become a Senior Member. A Senior Member does not pay any dues but will receive all club notices and other communications and may attend all meetings and participate in all club activities with the exception of the right to vote. Any member meeting the requirements must make the request in writing to the membership chairman.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Simpson, membership chairman.



FFF
By Barbara Wuebber

- FFF Enters National Anglers' Legacy Partnership –

FFF has entered an exciting national partnership with the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) – launching a national Anglers' Legacy pledge drive. Anglers' Legacy encourages avid anglers to share their passion for both fishing and our cherished aquatic resources, by taking the Anglers' Legacy "Pledge" and becoming Anglers' Legacy ambassadors.

Becoming an Anglers' Legacy ambassador is very easy – it is free, and takes less than a minute. In "taking the pledge" – and becoming an Anglers' Legacy ambassador -- we promise to introduce at least one new person to the sport of fishing each year:

<http://www.takemefishing.org/community/anglers-legacy/take-the-pledge/promo/FEDFLY08>

In this simple commitment to pass on and mentor someone new to fishing, we can do much for our sport, our home waters and conservation efforts as well as for FFF and our local clubs. We should all take time to pass on the legacy...after all, someone did that for us during our lives...It's time for us to share our sport with another person.

FFF has set a goal of having 8,000 members and fellow anglers "take the pledge" to introduce someone new to fly fishing. To achieve this, we need local fly fishing clubs to step up and help with this campaign to pass along our beloved sport to the next generation of anglers.

Please consider taking time to communicate this campaign -- and our Angler Legacy discount (\$15) membership incentive -- to your club members, and encourage them to "take the Pledge." The attached news story (below) can be readily used by fly-fishing clubs in their member communications -- and it outlines, in detail, the FFF membership incentive that can help those clubs earn additional free fly rods.

If you need any additional information or materials, please feel free to contact Josset Gauley at the FFF office josset@fedflyfishers.org , or Jeff Sedor at RBFF jsedor@rbff.org .

Many thanks for your support.



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Federation of Fly Fishers Legacy Pledge Drive

Federation of Fly Fishers Launches National Anglers' Legacy Pledge Drive

FFF Sets Goal of 8,000 Members to Take Pledge; Member and Club Incentives Included In the Pledge Drive

The Federation of Fly Fishers has teamed with the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) in a national campaign to introduce newcomers to fly fishing. Anglers' Legacy encourages avid anglers to share their passion for fishing and "[Take the Pledge](#)" ---a promise to take at least one new person fishing during the coming year. FFF has set a goal of having 8,000 members and fellow anglers take the Anglers' Legacy Pledge between now and March 2009, and has developed an incentive program to reward members and the newcomers they introduce to fly fishing.

"The Anglers' Legacy Pledge aligns perfectly with FFF's mission of education through the sport of fly fishing," said FFF President and CEO R.P. "Pete" VanGytenbeek. "It's fitting that we're the first national fly fishing organization to participate in this important endeavor that promotes fishing, specifically fly fishing, to future generations."

According to a 2008 [survey](#) of Ambassadors, most take more than four people a year fishing and also purchase 3.2 fishing licenses. To date, the Anglers' Legacy program has signed on more than 75,000 Ambassadors nationwide.

Special Incentive Program Rewards Ambassadors and Newcomers

To help boost the pledge drive, FFF is offering an incentive that is beneficial to current and potential members, newcomers and local clubs. Once FFF members pledge to become an ambassador, they can offer a \$15 discounted FFF membership to those friends and family they introduce to the sport. FFF will also extend the \$15 discount membership to all new Ambassadors (who are not currently FFF members) and the newcomers they take fishing.

"Becoming an Ambassador can also help increase membership in our local fly fishing clubs because FFF-member Ambassadors can use the opportunity to recruit their newcomers to join their local clubs" said VanGytenbeek. "This also increases their club's ability to earn additional free fly rods through the existing incentive program to have more FFF members represented in local fly clubs."

In order track FFF's progress towards the 8,000 ambassador goal:

Members are encouraged to access the Anglers' Legacy Pledge site directly through the FFF Web site. Visit www.fedflyfishers.org and click on the Anglers' Legacy logo -- located on the home page -- which takes you directly to the Anglers' Legacy Web site.

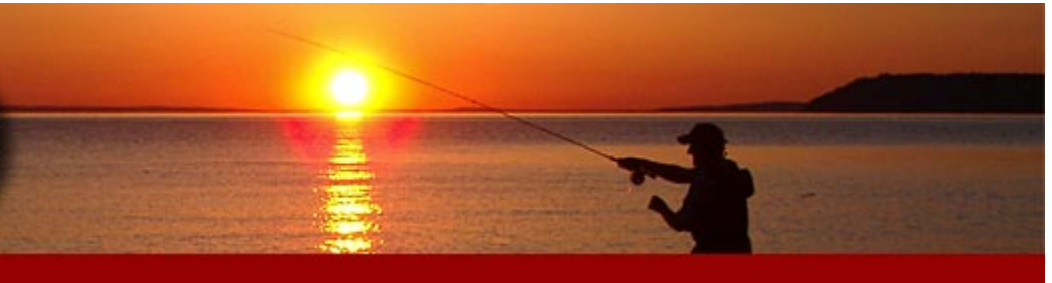
To obtain the half-price membership, members must do the following:

Once you take the Pledge, print the "thank you" message (which appears onscreen after the pledge has been submitted online) and retain it so your newcomer can receive the \$15 membership. Then visit <http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4971> and print out the membership form & attach the printed "thank-you" page to the newcomer's FFF membership form and a \$15 check and mail it to FFF.

If a newcomer decides to join your local club, be sure to record your club's name on the membership form in order to receive credit towards free fly rods.

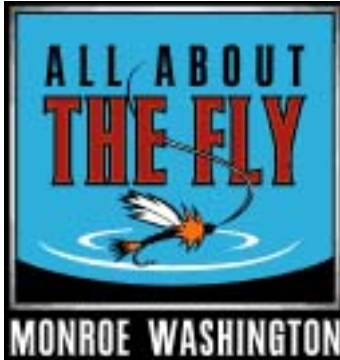
Remember – when taking the Pledge directly from the AnglersLegacy.org Web site, one must enter this promo code: FEDFLY08. This way, FFF gets "credit" toward its goal.

"Becoming an Ambassador is very easy, and at the same time, can do so much for our sport, our home waters and conservation efforts as well as for FFF and our local clubs," said Van Gytenbeek. "We should all take the Pledge to pass on the legacy...after all, someone did that for us during our lives. It's time for us share our sport with another person."



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Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Member's Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Telephone Number including area code: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Committee Interests: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make check payable to EFFC, fill in the Membership Renewal form, & mail both to the following address:

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