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Monarch Butterfly Larva

Photo by Virginia Rivers Copyright 2015



LEADER'S LINE

By Tom Bolender

Hello fellow fly fishers. Summer's half over and that means it's time for the annual potluck. As I've done the past two years I'll be making pulled pork sandwiches. There will be one crock with my special homemade barbeque sauce and one crock of un-sauced. I'll bring Sweet Baby Ray's for those who enjoy a super sweet sauce and a hot one for those who like it on the spicier side. You can use either with the plain pork. Last year I was surprised by the number of people who wanted no sauce at all. There'll be coleslaw to top your sandwich if you so choose. I know it'll be on mine. We'll be offering slider buns, regular buns and onion buns. Soda and water will be provided. Beer is acceptable if you'd like to bring it for yourself. There will be coolers available to keep the drinks cold. Please bring your favorite potluck dish to share with your club members. See you all on the 18th. Tom

Editor's Note – the Club Picnic is at the same time and location as our usual monthly General Meeting. We generally start around 6:30pm at the North Olympia (Boston Harbor) Fire Station. Address is on the last page of this newsletter.

Treasurer's Creel
August 2015 by Dave Field



Hello Fellow Fly Fishers,

"We are haunted by waters, so we choose to make a difference for the fish that live in them."

A portion of your SSFF dues goes to pay for the club's ongoing membership in the International Federation of Fly Fishers (IFFF). You can also become individual members of IFFF. As a member you receive "Flyfisher" the official magazine published by IFFF. It is full of articles and news on every aspect of the sport. Please visit the IFFF website at: <http://www.fedflyfishers.org/>

This month IFFF holds the annual Fly Fishing Fair in Bend Oregon celebrating its fifty year anniversary. The Federation was born in 1965 when the McKenzie Fly Fishers club hosted the first national conclave in Eugene. It was attended by some 200 fly fishers from clubs across the country.

Our state was in the forefront in 1965 as a total of five of the dozen IFFF founding clubs were based in Washington State. Everett, Seattle, Spokane, Sumner and the Tacoma fly fishing club were all original members.

The founding clubs all agreed that linking fly fishing with conservation and political action would help preserve the rapidly shrinking fisheries around of the country.

To this day IFFF and SSFF strongly promote conservation and fly fishing education. This has been the mission right from the start. All affiliated fly fishing clubs endorse the IFFF Motto: *"Conserving, Restoring, Educating through Fly Fishing."*

As members of SSFF you are all doing your part to protect the environment and fisheries for future generations.

CLUB PICNIC
POTLUCK – BRING A DISH
NORTH OLYMPIA FIRE STATION
PLENTY OF ROOM TO PRACTICE CASTING – BRING A FLY ROD
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

FLY TYING CLASS
Sponsored by SSFF
Starts Monday October 12
Taught by Janet Schimpf

Signups are now open for the Janet Schimpf Fly Tying Class. This is always an outstanding class taught by a world class instructor.

Who: The class is at the intermediate level but advanced tiers are welcome. (Note: if you are a beginning tier several club members can help you get up to speed before classes start)

Where: Olympia Community Center Room #103

When: Starting Monday October 12th and the following 4 Mondays

What: Bring your own vice and tools, Janet will provide all materials as part of your class fee

Cost: \$80.00 class fee payable by cash or check made out to SSFF

Sign up/pay at club meetings or mail your checks to SSFF, PO Box 2792, Olympia WA 98507

Do not delay signing-up---class size limited



Photo by Gene Rivers



NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy

by Mike Clancy

One of the rewards of participating in the 2015 Academy is watching the boys and girls develop their skills in casting, fly tying, ethics, etiquette and learning the value of conservation. It is the goal of the Academy to increase the opportunities for the boys and girls to learn and appreciate the sport of fly fishing and the importance of conservation. The quality of the students was amazing. The 20 boys and girls conducted themselves in a mature and responsible manner. Not one Band-Aid was needed the entire week and they had one heck of a water balloon fight, sponsored by our camp director – Matt.



The Academy, which is co-sponsored by the Washington Council of TU, the Washington State Council of IFFF and hosted by South Sound Fly Fishers, the Olympia Chapter of TU and the Puget Sound Fly Fishers, did an outstanding job in their performance.

This event would have not happened without the dedicated support of over 50 volunteers contributing long hours over the seven days. Jim Brosio, Tom VanGelder and I were co-chairs with support from Chuck Tye, Kevin Ryan, Dave Bryant, Joe Spancic, Tom Case, and many other folks that assisted with the casting, fly tying and ghillieing at the Nisqually Pond and the Deschutes River. We were very fortunate with the quality of the instructors and the folks that demonstrated their skills in tying and casting. We were fortunate to have 6 great ghillies that made the staff's life very easy. All six are alumni from previous Academy's.

And it goes without saying, if it wasn't for the financial support from the TU Chapters, FFF Fly Fishing Clubs, Washington Councils of TU and IFFF, plus the private donors, this Academy would not have taken place. I think everyone realizes what the life long experience and values of the Academy has on our children and their future in both their careers and sports.

So now we begin to work on the 2016 Academy which will be held again at The Gwinwood Conference Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey WA. on June 19-26, 2016.

Thanks again everyone. We couldn't do it without you.



Submitted by

Don Harold

Spey Fishing Etiquette

- Don't step in below anybody. This is the most basic rule. All fish are almost always facing upstream, and when you're swinging flies you're gradually working your fly down towards the fish's face. If you step in below somebody you're getting between the fish that they're headed towards – basically you would be cutting them off from any fish below them. Enter a run at the top of the run, above the last other angler.
- Keep moving. We all move at different paces, and that's OK. But everybody should be steadily moving downriver at roughly the same pace, because otherwise it's really hard to maintain adequate spacing between anglers which is very important. Small differences and delays are OK, however big delays causes problems. For example if I'm taking 4 steps each cast and you're taking just 3 that's fine, I just need to be patient and wait a little. If you get a small tangle in the middle of the run, fine I just wait while you untangle it and keep fishing. But if you blow 5 casts in a row and haven't taken a step yet that's not OK as people behind you will be backing up and running out of space. Its time to move on downstream a good few steps to get yourself sorted and allow anglers above you to keep fishing.
- If you hook a fish, you reel up and go back to the top of the run. Most people agree with this one but it is quite often the etiquette rule that's gets forgotten the most. If you've had a solid hookup regardless if you land or lose the fish, you give the water below you to the anglers behind you. (After all it is usually your fishing partner that you have travelled with and it makes for a better holiday if you both are catching fish) In general this only applies to a good solid hookup and not just a missed bite. Other people have the opinion that you only step out of the run if you land a fish, so what is your views on this one.

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General Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month except December, starting at 6:30pm.

Board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month starting at 6:00 pm.

Meeting are held at the North Olympia Fire Station (Boston Harbor Fire Station)
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