KELLY GALLOUP

STREAMER FISHING FOR LARGE TROUT

Kelly started his fly fishing career at the age of 13, tying flies for the local tackle shop. He started guiding at the age of 16 and still manages to run a couple trips a year. Kelly owned and operated The Troutsman fly shop and guide service in Northern Michigan for 20 years. He sold the Troutsman in 2001, and purchased The Slide Inn lodge on the banks of the Madison River in southwest Montana.

Kelly has written two books: Modern Streamers for Trophy Trout and Cripples and Spinners, and has numerous DVD’s on tying and fishing. In 2003 Kelly received the living legend award from the IFFF, and was awarded the Charles E Brooks memorial life award in 2007. He has over fifty nationally recognized fly patterns that are sold worldwide, and is currently a signature tier for Rainy’s Flies. He is also a rod and line designer for St Croix rods and Airflo fly lines. Kelly has been published in every major fly fishing periodical in the U.S., and is one of the Editors at large for Fly Fisherman magazine. Kelly is also the host of Fly Fish TV with Kelly Galloup.

As one of the most sought after speakers in the country, Kelly spends much of his winter months speaking for clubs and Sports shows across the country.

Join us for the Wednesday evening program and if possible partake in his tying course (tie-along) in the afternoon.

TIE-ALONG WITH KELLY GALLOUP

This event, for members only, will be held at the Inland Northwest Wildlife Council building located at 6116 N. Market from 2 to 5.

The cost is $5 for the lesson which covers the rent of the facility. Bring your vises and tools. Kelly will be demonstrating how to tie some of his famous streamers and possibly dry flies and/or nymphs.
“Fly fishermen are born honest, but they get over it.” Ed Zern. The conversations at this year’s Christmas party were going hot and heavy most of the evening. It was well attended and I’m sure there were some fishing trips where some of the successes of the past year were stretched some. This year’s program appears to have been one of the most well attended that we’ve had, at least during my tenure with the club. I want to thank Rick and his crew for their organization, hard work, and timeliness before, during, and after the event. I’ll not make any attempt to name names because we had a slew of volunteers helping this year. Speaking of honesty and stretching the truth, I closed the meeting thanking all those who worked hard on the program. I also thanked the quartet “Moon Glow” for their program. However I thanked them as “Moonshine.” Oops! The quartet will never let me live that one down. It’ll cost me.

“An expert is a man who tells you a simple thing in a confused way in such a fashion as to make you think the confusion is your own fault.” William Castle. Our speaker this month is Kelly Galloup. He will also be giving some tying lessons in the afternoon and presenting a program on “Streamer Fishing for Large Trout” for the general meeting. Kelly is known for his straight forward programs and no nonsense techniques...no confusion with his presentations. Plan to be there.

“The great charm of fly fishing is that we are always learning.” Theodore Gordon. The SFF education docket really takes off in January with a class in beginning fly tying and a class titled, “Dry Fly Fishing On Moving Water” at the end of the month. We are also approaching the end of the sign-up period for both the Beginning Fly Fishing course and Intermediate Fly Tying class as both programs begin in January. All are exceptional offerings that focus on multiple skill levels...take advantage of them.

“Fishing, if I, a fisher, may protest, of pleasures is the sweetest, of sports the best, of exercises the most excellent. Of recreations, the most innocent. But now the sport is marde, and wott ye why? Fishes decreases, and fishers multiply.” Thomas Bastard, 1598. History continues to repeat itself. Our Conservation Committee is diligently working on the issue of fish to fisherman ratios at the local level as well as other conservation issues. Please start thinking about donations for the Conservation Raffle in March. By the way, to fully understand the quote I’d suggest you look up the word “marde” on the internet. I couldn’t find it in a modern dictionary.

JUST A REMINDER

Beginning Fly Tying begin Saturday, January 10th, at 1812 W. 10th Avenue. Due tp the interest this year, A 9 to 12 class will be held, instructed by Betty-Smith Lambert and Mary Kovatch. Another class will meet from 2 to 4. This class will be taught by Bob Mielbrecht and Larry Ray.

Intermediate Fly Tying classes begin on Thursday, January 8th, at the Wildlife Council Building at 611 Market (2 blocks south of Francis. The class meets at 7PM.

From Mike Berube: In last month’s Barbless I did not mention that Mary Kovatch is also an integral part of the beginning fly tying classes. Thank you Mary.
2014 SFF CHRISTMAS PARTY AND DINNER
By: Rick Newman

The fly club members were greeted by a cheery HO, HO, HO and a candy cane from Santa and his Reindog as the members entered the well decorated St. Francis School multipurpose room. Each of the tables had a glass ornament ball with a hand-tied fly suspended within. Thanks go to Betty Smith-Lambert for tying all the flies and to Dan Wells for installing them. A Christmas Tree was surrounded by gifts that members had brought for sharing for with others, Fred and Bob Kowal setup the tree and decorated it. Just a short distance away a large table held many toys that members had brought and contributed to Toys for Tots, something that the club has been doing for several years now. Two Marines stood guard over the table and, after a while, shared details about this fine program with the assembled crowd. There were really quite a few nice toys provided, I'm sure that many children will have a better Christmas.

When you moved to the far end of the room a wonderfully decorated table organized by Charlie and Amy Simpson and Norm and Cheryl Scott featured cheese, crackers and other treats. Those that felt the urge could also make a donation and enjoy a libation, be it a fine wine or a cold beer. If you turned slightly to the left you could gaze upon a fine spread of deserts. Club members not only brought deserts, they brought wonderful salads and outstanding side dishes. Nearby was a long table filled with the salads and main dishes. The club purchased hams, turkey and sockeye salmon for the main dishes. A large pan of mashed potatoes stood near a big crock pot of turkey gravy. The smells emanating from the foods were heavenly.

Many folks gathered round the scattered tables and held rousing conversations, hopefully all about fishing! Many smiles were observed and friends that hadn't seen each other for a while enjoyed each others company. A slide show of club members on activities, pictures of fine fish and photos from Project Healing Waters were viewed and Claude Kistler provided Christmas Music CD’s for a pleasing atmosphere.

After we had had a chance to enjoy the excellent foods we were serenaded by the angelic harmonies of the lovely quartet Moonglow. Many beautiful songs were enjoyed by the club. A great addition to the dinner, thanks gals. After this enjoyable entertainment those who brought gifts exchanged with others that had also brought gifts. Tickets were given out at the door and 48 lucky individuals took home the pretty ornaments (flies tied by Betty Smith-Lambert and assembled by Dan Wells). I don't know if a count of diners was made but almost all of the possible 124 seats were filled.

We recognized Mike Forney, Dan Wells and Linda Howe whose contributions to the Spokane Fly Fishers and the community have been exemplary.

The sockeye salmon seemed to be very popular this year, a fifty percent increase over last year didn't prove to be enough as the last of the diners didn’t get very much. Next year there will be more! Rick Newman was ably assisted by many wonderful volunteers that worked diligently to cook and serve the foods. Dan Wells, Harold Waters, Claude Kistler, Sharon Kistler, Dan and Carla Ferguson, Linda and Fred Howe, Gale Allen, Ray Manspeaker, John Melzer, Steve Wright, Norm and Cheryl Scott, Amy and Charlie Simpson, Dan Wright, Hilary Hart, Jodi Fitts and Jon Pool are the names I remember. If I missed someone please forgive me. Not only did this fine crew help with food preparation they setup and decorated the Christmas tree, donated the use of cooking gear, washed and peeled potatoes.
Turkeys were spatchcocked (butterflied) and cooked prior to the evening, while the hams and salmon were readied and baked at the church. Plenty of pans of potatoes were mashed and a great gravy was stirred up. Many dishes were washed while we got ready and afterwards the crew hauled garbage, washed more dishes, then swept and mopped the floors. A quick wipe down with clean washcloths and the church kitchen was ready for the next event.

I cannot thank everyone enough that made this possible. I made a request for volunteers and the response was overwhelming. November and early December were a couple of tough months for my family and I, the support offered by all was and is very appreciated. It was a great team effort, I heard many compliments from club members. It’s great to be a part of the Spokane Fly Fishers!

TOYS FOR TOTS
By: Dan Ferguson

I want to extend a heart felt thank-you to all who helped make our Toys for Tots drive a success. Once again our membership were more than willing to contribute. Having the Marines present was a real plus. Given the number of military retirees in the club, they were very well received.

My plan is to continue doing the T4T event every year and know I can count on your future support. Thank you again, Dan Ferguson.

SFF 2015 FLY FISHING SCHOOL
By: Kurt Tempel

Our Annual Fly Fishing School is scheduled to start in February. Now is the time to sign up before the class is full. Class size is limited to 40 students.

The class truly benefits those who are new or intermediate fly fishers. You will learn: What the Fish Eat (Entomology), Tackle Assembly & Knots, Fly Fishing Past & Future, Fishing Lakes, Fishing Rivers & Streams, Basic Casting Principles & get Casting Practice.

To sign up or for more information, contact the SFF web site at www.spokaneflyfishers.com or contact Kurt Tempel at 509 270-6016.

LOGO SHIRTS
By: Claude Kistler

"The order time for SFF logo shirts has been extended to the January meeting. Four sample shirts will be available for you to preview at the meeting.

Prices are currently $48.00 to $62.00. We are currently at 11 orders and if we can get to 12, prices will drop by approximately $4.00.

Personal items can also receive the logo application at a cost of $10.00. Those items will need to be brought to the January meeting for inclusion in our order."
MARK YOUR CALENDARS
FEBRUARY 11th SPEAKER
By: Kurt Tempel

Our February 11th, 2015 speaker is Rick Hafele. Few fly fishermen have Rick’s knowledge about the world in which trout live. Rick will share his knowledge during his evening presentation, Nymph Fishing Rivers and Streams.

This presentation is for anglers who want to learn more about the world trout live in, what they eat, how they behave, and how to catch them. He will explain what goes on below the surface of a stream and how to catch trout with nymphs. It covers equipment, insect behavior, patterns, and tactics. Everything you should know, even if you don’t want to know it!

Rick is also providing a workshop titled, Hatches & Tactics for Streams & Still Waters. This workshop is for SFF members only: The three hour slide/lecture workshop covers all the key hatches, patterns, and tactics for both streams and lakes in a manner that helps anglers of all skill levels gain new insights into fishing streams and still waters.

EDUCATION PROGRAM CLASS—JANUARY 27th
Dry Fly Fishing in Moving Water
By: Brad Thompson

The first club sponsored education opportunity for 2015 will be held at the Inland Northwest Wildlife Council (6116 N. Market St) on Jan 27th from 3-5PM. Brad Thompson will be giving a presentation on how to select the right fly for the right conditions. Whether it’s a morning at a local river or a week long excursion to Wyoming, Brad will discuss how to best fish dry flies and the best places to fish. This will be a good chance to get out of the house during Winter and it won't break the bank at $5.00 a person.

If you are interested, please sign up at the next meeting or contact Kurt Tempel at 509 270-6016 to be put on the list.

MARCH CONSERVATION RAFFLE 2015
By: Mike Berube

We will soon begin to plan for the raffle. Any inputs or suggestions for the raffle will be appreciated. Donations will be accepted starting in January. The annual raffle will be at our regular meeting in March.

If you have good fishing gear, or equipment that you don’t want or don’t need, keep the raffle in mind.

After Christmas sales? Pick up something you can donate to help our conservation efforts.
LION KING

By: Mike Melmoth

Hook: TMC 5263 size 6 or 8
Bead: 5/32 Tungsten in fl. orange, pink or red
Thread: 6/0 black/ brown/ olive
Tail: Marabou length of hook shaft, black/ brown/ olive
Flash: Holographic fiber ½” longer than tail
Body: Marabou overlaid with Uni-Mohair, black/ brown/ olive to 75% of shaft length
Collar: spun deer body hair trimmed to point of hook
Hackle: black or badger size 12 or 14

Tie in at 75% or shaft and wrap to start of bend. Coat with head cement. Tie in tail and flash with 2 or 3 wraps. Wrap excess material to 75% of hook, spiral thread to that point and wrap 2 or 3 times. Cut off excess materials and spiral thread back to bend in hook. Tie in Marabou with 2 or 3 wraps and advance thread over tail or mohair to 75% point. Wrap mohair evenly to thread, wrap back 2 two or 3 wraps, then back to thread, wrap 2 or 3 times and add a half hitch. Cover end with head cement and advance thread to center of bare hook. Cut a bunch of body hair large enough to fill 25% of hook length as thick as you desire. I make mine relatively heavy. Pinch center of hair to center of bare hook, wrap lightly with two wraps, add third wrap snugly with downward pull on thread allowing hair to flair and spin around the hook. Add 2 to 4 wraps of thread being careful to wiggle thread down through hair to avoid trapping hair. Fold hair toward bend in hook and wrap 2 or 3 wraps snugly. Tie in flaired hackle and wrap 1 or 2 times behind the bead. Whip finish behind bead and add a drop of head cement. I use one bead on the size 8 hook and 2 beads on the size 6 hook for deeper trolling. This is a good fly for bass as well as trout. I had to trim the tail a little shorter for trout as I was getting too many short strikes. Larger hackle can be used, but it is for looks only on this fly and does not represent gills or legs unless you use a wooley bugger hackle. Play with it and you can make it a trout fly or a strictly bass fly. Tied on a 1/0 hook it even attracted pike. For this size several stacks of hair were needed to make the collar.

This is a fly I originated.

It caught a number of bass and a few trout up at Diamond Lake in the spring.
BOOK OF THE MONTH
By: Larry Ray, Librarian

More Tying Instruction. I recently purchased another tying book, Alf Walker’s *Mastering the Art of Tying Flies (1976)*. It is similar to such instructional books of its day and not distinguished, except for an interesting section on tying completely by hand, without the use of a vice. Sounds almost impossible, doesn’t it? Yet it has been done more frequently than one might think. I read somewhere that Partridge of Redditch hook makers once sold flies that were tied by their workers entirely by hand (I don’t know if they still do this). The late Harry Lemire, renowned northwest steelheader and author, used to tie a steelhead fly every morning on the way to work and, again, every evening on the way home, while driving (Aren’t there laws...?)! And, he didn’t use a vice! Anyway, if you’d like another fly tying challenge, check out this volume (which I’ve donated to the Library) and take a crack at tying sans vice, with reference to the drawings and instructions shown.

Some Housekeeping. Our video library has continued to expand due to the efforts of members who have donated time and effort. Our Treasurer, Claude Kistler, recently purchased and donated six fine DVDs from the Scientific Anglers Instructional Series. These are Advanced Fly Casting, Anatomy of a Trout Stream, Basic Fly Casting, Fly Fishing Made Easy, Introduction to Fly Casting, and Strategies for Selective Trout. The instructors are such as Rick Hafele, Brian and Judith O’Keefe, and Doug Swisher. Check them out (figuratively and literally)! Meanwhile, an anonymous donor/member has copied many of our old VHS volumes onto DVDs, which are also now available for check-out.

Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and are enjoying the New Year. Take time to tie some favorite patterns and read.
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR NAME TAGS TO THE MEETING

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