Our February 11th, 2015 speaker is Rick Hafele. Rick has a master’s degree in aquatic entomology and a minor in fisheries biology, and has worked as a professional aquatic biologist for over 30 years. Books to his credit include An Angler’s Guide to Aquatic Insects and Their Imitations, Western Mayfly Hatches, The Complete Book of Western Hatches and most recently the two volume set Tactics for Trout and Seasons for Trout which he co-authored with Dave Hughes and Skip Morris. Rick is also well known for instructional DVDs that include the 1983 classic, Anatomy of a Trout Stream. He’s penned the Entomology column for American Angler magazine for over 30 years. 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! He’s also providing a workshop titled, Hatches & Tactics for Streams. This program is for SFF members only: The three hour slide/lecture workshop covers all the key hatches, patterns, and tactics for both streams and rivers in a manner that helps anglers of all skill levels gain new insights into fishing moving waters.

HATCHES AND TACTICS FOR STREAMS WORKSHOP WITH RICK HAFELE

Workshop cost per SFF member is $10.00. Please contact Kurt Tempel at 509 270-6016 to confirm a spot in this class. Class size is limited to the first 20 SFF members who sign up. We will start this workshop promptly at 2:00 PM at the Wildlife Council Building at 6116 Market (2 blocks South of Francis) so show up a few minutes early to pay and get settled in.
“The best fishermen I know try not to make the same mistakes over and over again; instead they strive to make new and interesting mistakes and to remember what they learned from them.”
John Gierach

WOW! Hope you heard Kelly Galloup speak at the January meeting. The information presented was made in rapid fire succession sprinkled with humor between bites. If you weren’t there I highly recommend you engage those that were to get at least a flavor of the myths he broke and the solutions that replace them.

“A trout lives in a secret world. It is a small world in which many dramatic events are played out in watery obscurity, veiled from the keenest eyes and even though he is stalked and pursued relentlessly by the most attentive land creature on earth, his life-style remains much of a mystery.”
Vincent C. Marinaro.

Rick Hafele is our speaker for February. He combines his formal education in entomology with his love of fishing; translating his current research to us of the fishing world in an understandable format that helps to unlock the mystery of trout. For our general meeting he will be focusing on nymph fishing in the underwater world.

“...buying a fly rod in the average city store, that is, joining it up and safely waggling it a bit, is much like seeing a woman’s arm protruding from a car window: all one can readily be sure of is that the window is open.” Anatomy of a Fisherman by Robert Traver.

Equipment for fly fishing is only one of the many topics covered by the SFF Beginning Fly Fishing School. There are only a couple of weeks left to sign-up for the course. Spending your hard earned money on equipment that does not fit you or your needs can be a significant mistake. Take advantage of the opportunity and get off on the right foot by enrolling in the school.

“Treat the earth kindly, my friends, and it will give you comfort, security, and all a man may need.” Louis L’Amour, Comstock Lode.

The SFF conservation raffle is just around the corner. Help support our conservation efforts through donations and your participation in the raffle. The funds go toward habitat improvement and education programs such as the aerator at West Medical Lake and Trout in the Classroom.

Pictures from Kelly Galloup’s visit.
CONSERVATION AND EDUCATION RAFFLE
MARCH 11, 2015
By: Mike Berube

The annual Raffle to support conservation and education activities will be held at our March meeting. For this wonderful program, we contact local fly fishing and sporting goods stores to ask for donations. We also ask you, our members, to donate new or gently used items and/or services which can be raffled off for this good cause. Last year’s raffle included many fishing trips, books, flies, tying materials and a lot of fishing items. We even had a pontoon boat. If you have items to donate, please call the people below to arrange to drop off your items:

Southside:            Fred Howe             448-4707
Far North:             Mike Berube          999-8235
Valley:                Kurt Tempel           270-6016

We’ll also be accepting items at the February meeting. Those who get their donations in early, by March 7th, will be eligible for a special drawing for a $50 gift card.

The actual raffle begins by members purchasing tickets and then dropping them into bags representing each item. You can put your tickets in separate bags for a chance at winning many items or, load up one bag to increase your chances of winning something you REALLY want.

This is a marvelous money maker for the club. It provides the funds for our conservation projects and education programs and makes for a wonderfully fun meeting.

ADVANCE CONSERVATION RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE

Advance Conservation Raffle Tickets will be sold at the February Meeting (to avoid the long lines at the March meeting). The cost for tickets will be the same as last year ($1 for one, $5 for seven, and $10 for 15). The advance purchase will record your raffle number and will allow you to quickly pick up your pre-paid, and pre-numbered raffle tickets at the March meeting. You’ll then be ready to place your raffle tickets for the items of your choice. Visa, MasterCard and Amex will be accepted for presales and at the March meeting.

We are looking for volunteers for various jobs. Signup sheets will be at the February meeting with a list of opportunities. Your help is appreciated.

You may call the chairperson, Mike Berube at 999-8235, with any questions.
FOUND FLY BOX

A fly box, full of flies, was found by Bruce Farr on about December 18th or 19th at Rocky Ford.

Bruce would like to return it to the owner. Contact Bruce at 425 941-147.

MEMBERSHIP
By Jodi Fitts, Chair

Please welcome new members; Dave Sawyer, Alan Scruggins, Todd Taylor, John Hathaway, Rick Friedlander, Fred Timms, Rick Diffley, Dick Brereton and Lacy Crowder.

If you have noticed any errors in the directory, please contact me directly. I will be at the February 11, 2015, meeting. See you all there.

NORTH IDAHO FLY CASTERS SWAP MEET

Wishin’ you were fishin’?
Get your gear at the North Idaho Fly Casters Swap Meet!
February 21, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at the Elks Lodge located on 1170 W. Prairie Avenue in Coeur d’ Alene, ID. Many raffle prizes and a free grand prize drawing for a Loop Fly Rod!

Tickets bought in advance are $20 which include pizza and two refreshments. Proceeds go to conservation projects. Join us for a fun, fly fishing filled evening! Call 208 929 0634 for tickets today!
Catalogue of SFF Library Volumes, by Author. Due to several member inquiries regarding works by certain authors, I created an authors catalogue of our collection which can be perused at our meetings as well as on the SFF website. While doing so, I became enthused at our extensive holdings of some who are considered classic writes in the fly fishing community. We hold nine titles by Lefty Kreh, seven by Dave Hughes, six by John Gierach, five by Randall Kauffman, and four each by noted writers Joe Brooks, Nick Lyons, A.J. McClane, and Dick Steward. Others such as Trey Coombs, Gary LaFontaine, Deke Meyer, and Steve Raymond are also well represented.

Recommended Reading by Dave Whitlock. The extent of our collection was further revealed when I read articles by Dave Whitlock in the two most recent issues of Trout magazine - the quarterly publication by Trout Unlimited. These dealt with traditional wet and dry flies, respectively, providing history and showing artist color plates of what are, in Whitlock’s estimation, the twenty most representative patterns. Whitlock recommends books that the tyer who wants to further examine these two traditional fly types should read. Amazingly, of the six volumes recommended, four are held in our Library - Art Flick’s Streamside Guide, J. Edson Leonard’s Flies, Ernest Schweibert’s Matching the Hatch, and Trout by Ray Bergman. So, if you might delight in tying patterns that were fished (and fished well!) by your grandparent’s, have a look at these.

Another Donation. The Professional Fly Tying, Spinning, and Tackle Making manual and Manufactures’ Guide, by George L. Herter, was recently donated. Browsing it awakened fond memories of a time when I, as a kid, used to dream over Herters mail order catalogue. I used to look longingly at such items as the imported Turkish hunting bows, with their delicate handle inlays, as well as at the extensive fishing assortment. Later, my cousins and I would prowl the Herters outlet in Lacey, Washington.

The volume just received (The revised eighteenth edition!) reveals how the Herter family, as marketers, truly tried to be all things to all fishermen. Indeed, in the frontispiece is a printed claim that “more copies of this book have been sold than any other book ever written in the world on a sporting subject”! True or not, the book provides a fascinating look at promotion of the outdoor business in the bygone, pre-Endangered Species Act era. For example, recommended tying materials such as cedar waxwing, loon, and yellow-headed blackbird feathers would, if found by the warden on one’s flies today, likely generate an appearance before a judge and a hefty fine, if not jail time! Other discussions from stream entomology, fly tying, lure and tackle making, to fish anatomy, various fish species, and tackle marketing, are contained in the book’s 554 pages. There is some strong opinion, including Mr. Herter’s stated preference for brook trout, grainy photos of which are numerous. Other photographs cover everything from blindfolded dolphins navigating underwater obstacles to female workers inside a Japanese fly tying factory. The book does deal extensively with fly types and patterns, some of which are modified from earlier patterns and are unashamedly named after members of the Herter family. All-in-all, this book will provide an interesting read for anyone interested in the history of fishing sports marketing in the middle of the last century.
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As you can see, hosts are needed for most of the outings. If you wish to volunteer or have any questions contact Dan Ferguson. E-mail to nwflyguy@gmail.com or phone 509 325-8885.

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Operator: Rookie to expert, First time pontoon/drift boat owners should start here. Float Tubes okay here only. |
| 2     | Water: Still water: Limited access/River. Comfortable current, some obstacles and small rapids, easy wade.  
Operator: Level 1 accomplished, First river outing with experienced mentor. |
| 3     | Water: Still Water: Difficult access.  
River: Float, faster water, obstacles, rapids, sweepers.  
Wade: Difficult access, fast, slick rocks.  
Operator: Level 2 accomplished and mastered. Good boat handling skills, can read water and react. |
| 4     | Water: River: Faster water, changing conditions, heavy rapids, obstacles, braids, strong hydraulics, sweepers.  
Operator: Level 3 accomplished and mastered. Excellent boat handling skills, can read river quickly and respond. |
| 5     | Water: River: Complex water, changing hydraulics and river path. Complex rapids, falls, scouting recommended.  
Operator: Expert boat handler with a lot of experience in complex hydraulic situations. Must be able to read and react immediately and correctly. |

**IMPORTANT NOTE**

Each time a boat operator enters a new level for the first time it is recommended they go with an experienced mentor at that level.

**MENTORS.........**

When signing up for outings note the rating assigned to the waters. If you have any questions about the waters and the rating, contact the host of the outing or the outings committee chairman (Don Tietz: E-mail don@troutfisher.org or phone his cell: 509 850-5076).

A mentor can be provided to aid in negotiating new waters and help to make your outing experience enjoyable.
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR NAME TAGS TO THE MEETING

NEXT MEETING

FEBRUARY 11, 2015
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RICK HAFELE
“NYMPH FISHING RIVERS AND STREAMS”

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL
1104 W. HEROY

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