

# Garden Hackle

## Leader's Line

### From the Club President

Landing your first trout. No, landing your first *steelhead*. A MAJOR steelhead ! The folks on the banks go wild, showing their appreciation for your success. Remember those moments – remember how you felt at an accomplishment so incredible, that exceeded your wildest imagination how it would actually feel?

That must be how Myron Saikewicz and his banquet/auction committee must feel. Simply incredible.

This year's banquet was the most attended, most successful in the club's history. Thank you guys, for giving us a GREAT evening. The energy in the room was tremendous. A giant magnetic field of fun and excitement drawing us in. EVERYthing went spectacularly due to the combined efforts of a great committee head and great committee efforts. The table decorations, the auction items all laid out and well described, the program brochures, a projected video show, Andy Hill's one-of-a-kind rapid-fire laugh-a-minute style to gain bids. I'm talking fun here folks, pure fun. As much fun as you can have outside your waders.

Financially I couldn't be more delighted. In meetings with Myron I wished him that the returns would exceed his goals. Let's recap: in 2004 the auction netted the Club over \$5,000. Myron's goal for this year was \$6,000.

As of our last Board meeting, a few outstanding transactions were pending, but it is clear the committee netted well over \$7,000. That is a significant return, an incredible increase, one of which the entire membership should be extremely proud. Everyone, give yourselves a round of applause.

Folks that deserve front-page recognition are Myron for heading up that night and all the work that went into leading the planning and execution. Decorations were led by Henry and Audrey Ganno; Promotions led by Joe Uhlman, Auction led by Ron

Smorynski, Video presentation by Sherwin Cotler. Other committee folks that worked in those and other responsibilities included Bill Aubrey, Irene Boldt, Gary Kellogg, Judith Oliver, and Ginger Sarver. Andy Hill joined us from Puget Sound Fly Fishers as auctioneer – a very entertaining auctioneer.

A special thanks goes to Dave Spiller, who could not attend the banquet due to family commitments. Dave worked late hours to produce the label sheets describ-

ing each auction item as well as the program brochure. The program drew many compliments and you should be very proud of the finished product, Dave. Many thanks.

Of course, all banquet efforts were on the heels of the passing of our dear friend and devoted Club member, John McKenzie. Much discussion went into the decision making whether to proceed with the banquet. Not to disrespect John, the general sentiment was, "John would want us to go ahead



## Programs

**Where:** Salmon Club

**When:** Tuesday June 20th, 2006

**Time:** 6:15 Doors Open

6:30 Fly Tying

7:00 Brief Business

7:20 Program

**June 20** program is "Coho on a dry fly". Burt Sarver, club member, will be talking about a trip he and several club members took to Dondas Island in BC. This is an excellent opportunity to see the "secret" places where club members go to see the beautiful sights and catch large salmon on a fly.

**July 18** program is "Fishing Montana Rivers". Joe Uhlman, Dave Field, Tom Case and Gary Kellogg (club members) will be making a presentation on a number of rivers they fished this spring in Montana. Especially interesting will be the information about the river put-ins and take-outs, flies used, guides and places to stay along some of the most productive Montana Rivers.

**August 15** will be our annual picnic and "what floats". Instead of a formal program, the August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a picnic with "show and tell" on what members

use to float the rivers and lakes. This is an opportunity to see the variety of options out there and some "tricked-out" float crafts. Joe Williams and Myron Saikewicz have gracefully delayed their program to 2006 so we can do our picnic thing.

**September 19** will be "Fishing the Yakima". Jim Voss, club member, who has fished the Yakima River for over 25 years will share some of his secrets about the challenging and wily Yakima. This presentation is especially timely as our annual Yakima outing is scheduled for later in the month.

**October 17** will be "Fly fishing for Salmon in BC". Martin Paish, professional guide and resort owner, will be presenting a program on fly fishing opportunities in British Columbia targeting the salmon fishery. Denny Lewis will do his "Fishing my way South" program in 2006.

**November 21** will be "Life saving skills night". Eric Olson, paramedic and licensed CPR instructor, and Jay Johnson will be giving us "hands on" CPR training and some basic first aid skills to take with us when we are in the "out-back". This is a great opportunity to refresh those skills we learned way back when – methods have changed guys! Feel good about having the skills we hope we never have to use but can when called upon. Joe Uhlman will do his "totally Yakitak" program in 2006.

**December** – no meeting.

## Definitions

### WADING:

Wading, the most common means through which a dry fly-fisherman is transformed into a wet fly-fisherman.

### CANOE:

Long, narrow, sharp-ended boat in which the typical lake fisherman passes through the most dramatic portion of the metamorphosis that began with his emergence from his cocoon like sleeping bag at dawn. At first huddling in the unfamiliar craft as he adjusts to his new environment, he rises unsteadily to his feet, extends his fishing rod, and then goes into a brief flying phase, followed by a long aquatic or swimming stage.

## International Fly Fishing Show and Conclave

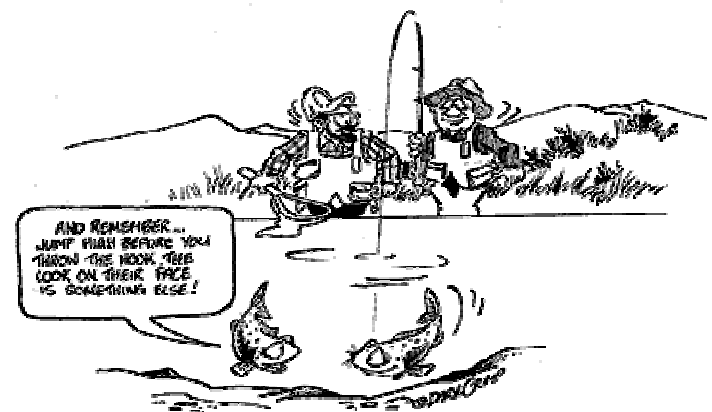
### FFF News

**Clear sunny days, bright blue skies,** amazing fishing opportunities in every direction, classes, programs and instruction on the subject of every aspect of fly fishing, and don't forget, the company of your best friends! If this is your idea of a great environment I invite you to join me from July 25 - 29 at the FFF's 41st Annual International Fly Fishing Show and Conclave. The Show is to take place for the first time in Bozeman, Montana, and I believe that this will be a great city for us. Bozeman is one of the outstanding fly fishing cities in America, nestled between mountain ranges and the Madison, Gallatin, and Yellowstone Rivers – all within a short drive. Yellowstone Park is just down the road and Bozeman offers all the services of a big city with a small town attitude. Our friends from the Headwaters Fly Fishers, a Bozeman-based FFF Charter Club, are working to insure that your visit will leave you wanting more. These are some of the friendliest folks you will ever meet and they are anxious to show you why they choose to live here. The Show itself will be great! There will be more than a hundred workshops, 150 fly tying demonstrations, traditional and inventive fly casting games, a large exhibit hall with more than 50 exhibitors, and hundreds of other demonstrations, programs and other learning opportunities. Our Show Committee has worked very hard to create opportunities for you to learn, fish, and enjoy. I'm sure you will love being here. If you have ever considered visiting the

Show as a part of a family vacation, this will be the ideal year to do so. Bozeman offers excellent family activities and the area is one of the top vacation destinations available. Between Yellowstone Park, the outdoor recreation opportunities, the unique shopping opportunities, and the museums and attractions, Bozeman has something to offer for every member of the family. Add a couple of days at the Show and this will be a trip to remember forever. Great fishing, great learning, great surroundings and great friends are just the tip of the Conclave iceberg and I hope that you can join us this year as we "Celebrate Fly Fishing Under the Big Sky"!

R.P. Van Gytenbeek

CEO/President FFF





# Outtings

Bill Aubrey

Outtings Report—June 2006

There will be a joint outing at Walupt Lake with the Alpine Club on July 21-22. We will also have Coldwater Lake on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any ideas on an outing that you think would be fun please contact any of the board members. If you don't want to be in charge of it we may be able to find someone who will. But we will not hold you back if you want to run the show. The success of our outing depends on the membership. The more ideas and involvement we have, the more opportunities there will be for others to learn.

## Tips for Beginning Fly Tiers

- A stable vise, with good jaws to hold the hook firmly, provides the basic starting point for good fly tying.
- Always tie or wrap your thread in a motion over the top of the fly away from you.
- Sharpen all larger hooks (size 10 and up) before they are used to tie a fly.
- Before using a hook, check and make sure it is sharp and will not straighten out under pressure.
- A common problem with new fly tiers is breaking the thread. To get a feel for how tight to wrap your fly, intentionally apply force on the thread until it breaks.
- To avoid sloppy heads, do not tie too close to the hook eye.
- Tie carefully and correctly from the start. Speed will come with practice and repetition.

For dry flies:

- Avoid all unnecessary wraps of thread. Don't wrap three times when two will do.
- Use the lightest weight materials
- Use the least absorbent materials
- Choose the best quality hackle

Wet flies or nymphs should be constructed with materials as water-absorbent as possible.

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*President's Message*

and have the auction." Dedicating the proceeds on his behalf is a fitting tribute this year. For the tribute to John inside the program we especially thank Gene Sterbis and Gary Kellogg for their reflections on fishing and knowing John. At the banquet we were pleased to have in attendance John's wife, Christa; their daughter, Carrie, and her children Patrick and Melissa, and his brother-in-law and sister Tom and Dody Williams.

The Club started work on a memorial display we will present to John's family. We displayed it at the banquet and the last general club meeting. We are mounting photographs of John on a presentation display board and we need contributions from the club members. If you would please spare a copy of a photo we'd really appreciate your contribution to this montage. Photos can be digital, or if not, we can borrow your photo and scan it, returning your original to you. Gary Kellogg has the board and is coordinating the effort. Please call on him (see phone number under "Officers" this newsletter) or phone me to make arrangements.

On behalf of the entire Board, again, congratulations and thanks to the banquet / auction committee for a job very well done. Until next month, get those photos in, narrow loops, and tight lines !

Membership Committee—**Chuck Pfeil**

Membership continues to grow each month. Please join me in welcoming two new members: Kenneth Downing and Deborah Gallaher.

## Other News

### Newsletter Missing?

If you know of any members that tell you they did not get their newsletter have them check to see if they have paid their dues. Dues should have been paid 2 months ago. Jim our treasurer is still happy to take money.

**For Sale**—Several rods & Fish Cat float tube. See Denny Lewis at meeting or call 360-791-2620.

### **WEBSITE**

We have a marvelous new resource for the club. Check out the club web site Dave Millard worked so hard to set up. Also, sign up for the yahoo group. Go to Yahoo groups and search for "southsoundflyfishers". These groups are amazing. I joined Puget Sound's group "PSFF" and we got together an outing for steelies on the Kalama

In a day. We had 6 fishermen!. Unfortunately, the fish did not read about the outing, but at least we got together and went fishing!!!!

There are limitless possibilities with the group—from get togethers to fly tying info to fishing reports to—well, you get the idea. The group is limited in membership—Dave is the moderator and has to approve people. In other words, we will not be bothered by spammers or solicitors.



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**General Meetings** are held on the third Tuesday of every month except December. The meetings are held at the American Legion Hall (Salmon Club), 3201 Boston Harbor Road NE Olympia, WA.

When --- The third Tuesday of every Month.

Where --- American Legion Hall (Salmon Club)

3201 Boston Harbor Road NE

Time ----- 6:15 P.M. Fly Tying Demonstration

7:00 P.M. Meeting and Program

**Board Meetings** are held the first Tuesday of every other month at Apollo's Pizza & Pasta 2010 Harrison Avenue NW Olympia (phone 754-7444) at 6:00. Our next meeting is Tuesday, August 1st. Everyone is welcome, and encouraged to attend.

**Website:** [www.southsoundflyfishers.com](http://www.southsoundflyfishers.com)

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