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President's Riffle

Have you been out fishing yet? I had a trip on the Yak during the skwala hatch and caught some nice fish on nymphs and dries, my first time on the river in a year.



I am hoping that Dave Schorsh will be able to organize the Lake Hannan outing this month, but it may be in June. We are awaiting word from the Catholic Diocese that runs their youth camp for approval of the event.

As I mentioned in my April Riffle, we were awaiting word from the April 29th Seattle Tennis Club's Board Meeting on their plans for holding banquet dinners this year. Currently, the club is still holding off starting banqueted dinners due to the current Covid WA restriction group size limitations. We are still optimistic that we will be able to hold the Holiday Fundraiser Dinner on December 14th. Lilly Cutler and I are working on a Plan A and B for this year's Fundraiser depending on if we are able to hold the Holiday Dinner at the Seattle Tennis Club or not.

Plan A – Hold Holiday Fundraiser Dinner: Run the Silent Auction December 7th to 13th virtually.

Have a Fundraiser dinner at the STC on December 14th and hold the Raffle ticket drawings for Fly Boxes, the Raffle Tables, live auction and the Foundation's Raise-the-Paddle donations.

Plan B – No Holiday Fundraiser Dinner: Hold the WFFC virtual Silent Auction and the Foundation Raise-the-Paddle Donations December 5th through the 11th.

Ryan Smith, of The Avid Anglers Fly Shop, will be the May 18th zoom meeting Speaker and will talk to us about fly fishing in Puget Sound.

Stay Safe, get your vaccine shot and Tight Lines

- Jim Goedhart WFFC President

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Reports

Rat Lake

Ron Tscheder and I fished Rat lake on April fools day. We had great weather low 60s and no wind!!! The day started very slow for me as Ron had his first fish in 5 minutes after launch. I didn't touch a fish till early afternoon . Ron had a small yellowish nymph on a slow sink line and when I caught up to him he had caught several including two brook trout. These were coming in from the Whitestone creek that fills the lake.



Club Aims and Purposes

The purpose of this club shall be:

1. To improve and increase the sport of Fly Fishing in the State of Washington.
2. To promote and work for the betterment of trout streams and lakes.
3. To encourage and advocate the conservation and increase of trout, steelhead, and salmon in state waters.
4. To promote a campaign of education against pollution in streams, lakes or Sound waters of the State of Washington.
5. To encourage and assist others — particularly young persons of high school age—to become fly fishers and true conservationists.

I put on a yellow carry fly and a dry line and finally caught 5 in a row and two more later on. Most of these fish were 12-13" with a few 8" planters.

A great way to enjoy April fools day!

Chuck Ballard

Speed Control

I put down my rod this spring to get better at another vocation I enjoy and need more practice: teaching motorcycle safety.

The average class starts in the classroom and then moves to the range for the second half of the day. On the range, prospective permit holders get fitted for a motorcycle appropriate to learners, start with basic controls and over the course of two days (10 hours) learn how to control a tricky machine that could easily kill you.

Aside from the killing part, I have found mastering the vocation similiar to learning to fly fish well in moving water under changing conditions.

A good stream cast that has a high probability of catching fish, not unlike a well executed high speed turn, requires the participant to take into consideration dozens, if not hundreds of variable. Unlike a poor cast, a poorly executed turn doesn't always get a re-do.

Thus I have learned to teach morotcylce with a percision that I have rarely, if ever, applied to a good cast. Typically, I wear the trout down with repetition. I tie on a new fly, add a dropper, adjust my swing, have something to eat, try again, and then finally put on a San Juan worm.

Although a racer will perfect a course through hundreds of repet-

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ions with video and ergonomic feedback, a typical rider, will see a turn, make a judgement, and hope they get it right, or at least right enough to survive.

My point? Learning is fun and keeps me sharp. Getting better as a rider and teacher of riders requires me to tighten up my act; an act that I need to apply to fishing.

David Ehrich

Mayflies: The Sequel

by Roger Rohrbeck

North American Mayflies

As currently classified on Mayfly Central website, which is affiliated with the Department of Entomology at Purdue University, there are (23) families, (108) genera, and (658) species of mayflies in North America.

Washington Mayflies

Of the (658) North American species, based on records maintained on www.flyfishingentomology.com website, there are (12) families, (30) genera, and (114) species present in the state of Washington.

WA Mayfly Common Names

The below table lists the most popularly imitated mayflies for the state of Washington in order of their calendar emergence. The Common Names listed in the table are in the same order as they are in my WA Aquatic Insect Emergence Chart, which can be accessed by one simply copying and pasting -

<http://www.flyfishingentomolgy/WA Hatch Chart.com>

- into the address bar of one's web browser. Doing so will allow to access all the emergence data, which includes the insect's common name, its taxonomic name, whether or not it is present in flowing water, whether or not it is present in still water, time of day it is likely to emerge, and time of year it is likely to emerge. And, if one clicks on the insect name appearing in the Taxon column of the chart, the chart links to photos of the insect in both its aquatic and winged lifestages. And clicking on a photo will take one to the photo's source.

Common Name	Taxon
Mayfly	Ephemeroptera
Blue-Winged Olive	Baetis complex
Western March Brown	Rhithrogena

Brown Dun	Ameletus
Mahogany Dun	Paraleptophlebia
Speckle-Wing	Callibaetis
Brown Drake	Ephemera
Pale Morning Dun	Ephemerella
Blue-Winged Red Quill	Cinygmula
Big Yellow May	Hexagenia
Pale Evening Dun	Heptagenia
Gray Drake	Siphonurus
Western Green Drake	Drunella
White-Winged Sulphur	Caenis
Trico	Tricorythodes
Small Blue-Winged Olive	Attenella
Western Dark Hendrickson	Ephemerella
Yellow Quill	Epeorus
Great Red Quill	Timpanoga
Slate-Winged Olive	Drunella

Adult Mayfly Identification

Entomology texts traditionally rely on a long series of couplets (either this or that) to identify organisms. Frequently, one is not able to successfully navigate these couplets. This may be because one has only a memory or a photo of the insect, and the feature in question cannot be seen in the photo; or because dissection and/or a microscope are required, and one doesn't have that equipment or those skills. So, in order to assist fly fisher identification of adult mayflies, an online query was developed. It is only necessary to enter the easily some easily observable adult mayfly attributes to narrow down the possibilities. However, it is not necessary to enter any attributes in order to use this identification tool, as one can simply click the Lookup button. Used thusly, it is a very effective tool for familiarizing oneself with attributes of the vast majority of mayfly genera inhabiting N. American states and provinces. This tool can be accessed by one simply copying and pasting: <http://www.flyfishingentomology.com/Adult Mayfly Identification.htm> into the address bar of one's web browser.

 Questions about this article emailed to FlyfishingEntomology@comcast.net will receive a prompt reply.

Featured Fly



<https://zoom.us/j/99167285517?pwd=SXk4WFZ3S2x1aWZ0Nmh1OUlYQk92UT09>

Meeting ID: 991 6728 5517

Passcode: 180307+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

Meeting ID: 918 7430 5838

Passcode: 346824

Good afternoon, Fly Tyers!

Our next Forum is Wednesday, May 19th. We will continue with Split Thread Technique. This time we will tie a CDC parachute; that is the wing will be CDC. Below is the recipe. You may substitute as necessary. For example, your wing post can be foam, as noted below, or you can use Poly para post or CDC feathers as we have done in the past. I will discuss both materials. The important element is split thread with CDC. I think you will really enjoy tying and fishing this fly.

Hook: Dry fly BL. Experiment. You may use an Emerger, Klinkhammer. #16 or smaller

Thread: Olive. Must be flat! 70 denier

Body: Thread or material of your choice; duck quills, Polish quills, etc.

Wing post: Wapsi Foam Cylinders 1/16 dia. Substitute as you like. CDC feathers, poly para post, McFlylon, etc.

Wing: CDC. Dun color any shade.

Topic: Neal Hoffberg's Zoom Meeting - Fly Tying Forum

Time: May 19, 2021 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Neal Hoffberg is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.



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May 18, 2021

Our next virtual meeting will feature Ryan Smith, of the Avid Anglers, will be the May 18th zoom meeting's Speaker and will talk to us about and where to fly fish in the Puget Sound.

Ryan brings a background in biology, conservation and photography. Since he can remember, fishing and appreciating the outdoors has been a way of life.

Growing up in Oregon and college in Colorado led to living in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming before moving to the Puget Sound in 2002. Guiding fly anglers has taken a backseat, and you will find Ryan at the fly shop, teaching Spey casting or chasing fish with his young family. Ryan is a certified casting instructor through the FFI.

Meetings have been temporarily cancelled in person at the Seattle Tennis Club, but club life goes on with new members joining, zoom meetings, fly-tying webinars, board meetings, and regular updates to the the club web pages.