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- **FFF Member e-newsletter** –
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- **Something To Consider** –
  Clubs and Councils might consider bringing a laptop to their events (if internet access is available). Open to the FFF Join / Renew page of the FFF site. People wishing to join or renew can do it right there with credit card. This would eliminate paperwork, handling of money or credit card slips, no delays to mailing in to the FFF office. Maybe offer a small item as an incentive for the people who are willing to do this on site.

- **FFF Is On Facebook** –

- **FFF Conservation Corner** – For more information contact [conserve@fedflyfishers.org](mailto:conserve@fedflyfishers.org)

**Conservation News**

**Priorities laid out in Klamath River Science Conference**

A long-standing effort to restore historic trout and salmon habitat with the removal of four dams on the Klamath River has brought stakeholders together to discuss the science priorities and needs in the Klamath Basin. A related goal is to increase basin-wide collaboration and build trust and relationships across science and management entities by bringing together a diverse group of stakeholders from both the upper and lower basins. Read an article about the Science Conference [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1102990908008&s=2571&e=001G6WIYiXY2v_hKW8nV-ClxUXbK18pGaPD53Bwkqg42DZMu-FH_i_Qry6s6BFY72sdQfGiZMzbHMulRNhrceOxAx0RKxENAN1u8AQkT_IEdRz1XWambQ0iz8Yx_8Ah23jTqQDFTP_T-yQWidBxPj994p2njWj9EG1Z9isUsyBJUnt3rOU9J6GaAE-hDKPmPLdIkK4ipOB3YnSjtV_7oz6fuMukw2nTYmQ_KCFrkynjXL1KKnUbvaZIDAD=)

To learn more about the Klamath River basin and efforts to restore salmon in the watershed, click here [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1102990908008&s=2571&e=001G6WIYiXY2v9iHFXxgR8khTIEEB80OnGUFuTVMkdxhQGLo9tOiHzO61HHzuWK1_1CuTKVxJpJOZsYhm7pWXaHK_d2zRLnU4efUyRLTLjw4XDQhtYNkSg7Z4FBeaXcdbEJHMaR_ghE0mdWsn85ATmxXePX1_zNd26070kLlyycKMGkcG-cpaGZSLlW2nZ_eJTSx-FK9slip65l0Jru-twnp0ESgiuvzggs].

**Cold Weather in Florida Impacts on Snook and more** - Last month's record low temperatures in Florida had a devastating affect on the fish, manatees, turtles and other aquatic life. The Florida Wildlife Commission has issued extended season closures for snook, tarpon and bonefish.  [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1102990908008&s=2571&e=001G6WIYiXY2v-...
Read this article to learn more about what anglers think about the closures.

Others speculate on the impact that these fish kills will have on the guiding season - However, the closure still allows for catch and release fishing. Click here to read what guides are saying.

VHS in the Great Lakes
The deadly fish pathogen viral hemorrhagic septicemia has been found in more waters among the Great Lakes and has brought such agencies and others together to address one of the most sinister of fish problems. VHS is troubling because it kills such a wide variety of fish species- everything from trout to pike. Click here if you want more information on the pathogen.

Click here if you want to know what you should do, Wisconsin DNR provides helpful suggestions.

- Wild Trout Symposium X - Second Call for Papers
The 10th Wild Trout Symposium is scheduled for September 28-30, 2010. This is a great event to learn about the state of our wild trout fisheries throughout the world. The deadline to present a paper, or submit a nomination for awards or scholarships are rapidly approaching. To present a paper or just learn how you can participate in this event, click here.

- Big Horn Youth Adventure Still Seeking Applicants –
To see more information about this
http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Portals/0/Education/Youth%20Group%202010%20

- FFF Member To Be Enshrined - Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame –
Frank Alvin Moore, Idleyld Park, Oregon on the famous North Umpqua River, has been elected to be enshrined in the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame, their highest honor, becoming one of 110 persons to receive this honor. Enshrinement refers to persons who have made a lasting National or World impact to the benefit of freshwater sportfishing. Since 1980 the Hall has enshrined/inducted over 300 men and women who have made significant and lasting contributions to the sport of fresh water fishing in the international, national and regional/local areas.

On February 27, 2010, Frank will be presented with this award by Mr. Bruce Holt, (a selection committee member of the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame), at the Lower Umpqua Flycasters - Fly Fishing Expo in Reedsport, OR. The Expo will be at the Highland Elementary School, 2605 Longwood Dr., Reedsport, OR from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM with free admission. The Presentation is scheduled for 3:00 PM. If you need more information on the Expo please contact the Lower Umpqua Flycasters at www.lufc.us. For more information about the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame please visit their web site at www.freshwater-fishing.org

- Fly Fishing Film Tour 2010 Offers Space To FFF Councils & FFF Clubs –
We would love to get the FFF involved with the film tour. We will gladly make space for an FFF table at our events for local chapters wherever space is available. Helping us spread the word to your chapters would be a great help to us.

If you could please send the information out to the chapter presidents and let them know that if they are interested in hosting a table at one of our shows to please get in touch with me. Thad Robison / Mayfly Media - 801-739-3661 - www.flyfishingfilmtour.com - thad@mayflymedia.com

If we are not coming to a town where some of these chapters reside we have a great Independent Promoter program that allows chapters to host their own show. Basically they pay a licensing fee, set up their event and keep all the ticket sales that can be used as a fund raiser for the chapter. We have had several organizations collect thousands of dollars for their local conservation organization. We send them posters, flyers, the DVD’s and help promote their event on our web site. Information about the Independent Promoter program can be found on our web site here http://www.flyfishingfilmtour.com/IP/

Tables are a scarce commodity at the theaters so they will need to bring their own table. We will also give 4 tickets to the chapters for their crews that will be hosing the FFF tables at the shows but I need the name and email address of at least one person who will be attending to send all the tickets to via email.

To see the schedule go to http://www.flyfishingfilmtour.com/Schedule/

- Book & DVD Reviews –

Reviewed by: Bruce E. Harang

**Twenty Salmon Flies** by Michael D. Radencich
Stackpole Books, Mechanicsburg, PA 2010
214 pages, hardbound + DVD, illustrated, Color, suggested price $69.95

Fly tyers take note! Michael Radencich has produced yet another exceptional classic salmon fly tying instruction book. Here are instructions for tying ten types or styles of classic salmon flies given by tying two examples of each type. Specifically, the reader finds detailed step-by-step instruction for tying Simple Strip-Wings; Simple Upright-Wing Flies; Simple Full-Feather-Wing Flies; Simple married-Wing Flies; Complex Full-Feather-Wing Flies; Complex Married-Wing Flies; Multiple-Body-Division Flies; The Traherne Patterns; Modern Flies with a Classic Look; and Free-Form Artistic Flies. The text is superbly written and edited. The photography is simply the finest you will see in a fly tying book. The editing is faultless, the design and production top notch. All of which makes this a very easy volume to follow. And just as importantly the pattern selection provides the reader with some of the most artistically beautiful Salmon flies ever created. Any tyer with the necessary thread handling, materials selection, and general tying skills of an intermediate or advanced tyer will certainly find this volume a wonderful tool box for taking their tying to a completely new and higher level. The author presents everything in a detail seldom seen in fly tying. There are not only the instructions for tying the particular pattern, but tips and hints on how to accomplish desired operations. There are no missing steps, hidden tricks, or forgotten basic manipulations. It is all here in loving attention to detail. And if that is not enough, the book is accompanied by a 128 minute running time DVD containing tutorials covering many of the classic Salmon fly techniques in a movie like production. The DVD is, like the book, superbly produced with excellent sound, lighting, and camera angles. This book and DVD are simply a tour de force in classic Salmon fly tying. At the asking price it is also one of the least expensive fly tying courses from a true master of the craft. Bravo!

**Angler Management** by Jack Ohman
Headwater Books, New Cumberland, PA 2009
214 pages, hardbound, illustrated, B&W, suggested price $24.95

This is a book of essays. The essays are not funny, informative, or instructive. They seem to have no purpose whatsoever. For those that are not fly fishers none of the topics would be familiar. To fly fishers all of the topics are worn out clichés. This book has nothing to offer at any level to any fly fisher. The book ends with a mock book review of four pages. This is clearly 3.9 pages too long. Pass this one by.

**Tomorrow's Fly Fishers** by Fanny Krieger & Friends
This well done DVD is directed to teaching young people about fly fishing and the wonders of the outdoors and aquatic environment in particular. It introduces young people to the wonders and joys of the outdoors, and fly fishing in a manner that aims at arousing interest without forcing fly fishing upon them. Just as importantly, it gives excellent instruction to those who would introduce young people to fly fishing. There is information on methods of providing information without pressure on the student. The DVD also provides the instructor with fun games that can be used to teach fly casting and fly fishing. For a very modest price this DVD provides a great wealth of information for successfully introducing young folks of a wide range of ages to the joys of fly fishing. Just as importantly it provides young people with a fun introduction to what fly fishing is all about in a relaxed manner. An excellent teaching aid.

Casting Tip for TBFFC: 3
By Pat Damico – Taken from the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club Newsletter

The second Essential to cast effectively is dealing with Slack. Slack line should be kept to an absolute minimum. Many casting coaches feel this is one of the most important Essentials. When learning to cast, or while practicing, use only your casting hand and pin the fly line to the cork grip with your fingers. If the line should slip while casting, your cast will usually collapse because of slack. Lefty says that the cast begins when the fly starts to move. Having your fly rod tip down close to the water will allow this to happen and will correct many casting errors. Keep line and rod in a straight line. Most people start their cast with the rod tip elevated building slack into the start of a cast and making a good backcast difficult. Other causes of slack are: movement of the fly line by outside forces such as the wind or water, rough, jerky application of power, and poor timing between the backward and forward cast. Placing your casting side foot a little rearward will allow you to watch your backcast. Make sure you can control and minimize slack before introducing the use of your line hand otherwise you will compound the problem.

Doing It Right In The Rockies
By Stewart Brady – Taken from the Osprey Flyfishers of B.C. Newsletter

The trip started off as an expedition to fish big trout in the Missouri River, Montana back in July 2004. When I pulled into Pete Caverhill’s driveway, he asked if I had a current passport.

Oh damn! So that’s when we decided to fish the Alberta Rockies instead.

Peter’s Green Highlander (really a ’72 GMC ¾ ton pickup truck with an Alaskan camper) was loaded with pontoon boats, mountains of gear and a few beer. Pete had a huge custom roof rack. Hell, you could even chuck a buffalo up there.

We grabbed an evening meal in Kamloops and things were lookin’ good. Then about 6 pm we got a blowout on the highway near Chase. Pete and I did everything and spent hours to get to the spare wheel out from under, then found that the spare tire was seriously under-inflated. So here we are, it’s now 8 pm; on the verge of Sunday when tire stores will be closed, not many vehicles passing now and no cell phone to call a tow truck. While we scratched our heads and swore, I spotted an old man on a bike, half inebriated and weaving all over the road. On a hunch I asked him if he had a cell phone and he did! We managed to reach a tire dealer in Kamloops with a service truck and a just the right size new tire. A well spent $400 and we were damned happy to be on our way.

We camped out near Revelstoke. The next day we got some carburetor work done in Canmore on the old beast as it was running rough. Then we headed south on Highway 40 just east of the Rockies and past the Kananaskis area (Alberta’s Whistler). Soon after the lodges the road narrowed and the pavement ended. It was still raining and we traveled a long way via wet greasy roads through a land of lovely meadows, spruce and winding creeks. We saw a moose, then stopped beside a stream to watch a grizzly grazing on a grassy bank beside the road. The sun peeked out occasionally; we saw lots of mountains and eventually arrived beside the Crowsnest River in the little town of Bellevue. The local fly shop was closed for the day. It was time to fill up on cheap Alberta gas and some steak and beer at the local pub.

Just east of town was the Lumbreck Falls campsite where I’d stayed before. It wasn’t crowded and we found a perfect campsite right beside the river. We were still gearing up when another flyfisher caught a 16” rainbow off the gravel bar right behind our truck.

From camp we walked about 2 km downstream to get away from other anglers and explore. The rolling sagebrush hills smelled tangy after last night’s rain but the sun was out this morning. We had a clear view of the river and couldn’t resist
climbing down to fish a deep double bend. The Crowsnest River spills from the nearby mountains and is a good cast across. It holds some nice clear pools between the rocky riffles. We were in that lovely transition zone between the prairie and the mountains.

Pete was soon into a rainbow on a small nymph and I tied on a beadhead hare’s ear on a floating line. I saw a dimple up against the high bank across the river and covered it. The line snapped tight into a strong rainbow about 16” that jumped clear several times and ran in panic for the head of the run. After releasing the fish I noticed a little kit fox across the river running and nosing along the high bank like windblown thistledown. I sat still but he got my scent and floated effortlessly up that almost vertical 200’ bank in seconds! A bit later a hermit thrush perched above the river treated us to one the most beautiful melodies in the bird world. The song of the river!

We worked our way steadily downstream following the river through the folds of the savannah hills toward the distant prairie. I looked back west and saw the jagged line of snowcapped mountains and thought: I could live here. We caught about a dozen rainbows that first day, some on dry flies, but nothing more than 17” and we had to cover a lot of water to find them.

Next morning we explored further in the truck and I fancied buying a 60 acre patch by the river. However a railway runs through the valley and that can spoil the tranquility. We fished some more that morning but by lunchtime we decided to try the nearby Oldman River. It was an hour’s drive across the rolling prairie to the Oldman. We found a gravel road upstream on the north bank but numerous private, no trespassing signs denied us access to the river. Finally we drove back and tried the south bank road heading upriver. It wasn’t until we got into the mountains that we found some public access. Here the river was wide and shallow and didn’t look very trouty. Hmmm.

We decided to try the Livingstone River to the north and found a great riverside campsite on a grassy meadow with scattered pine. We had the place to ourselves. The river was about 60’ across, ran clear and held promise in its deep runs. We spread out to cover more water. I floated an elk hair caddis along a rock wall and was rewarded by a 16” rainbow, but that was all. Pete got one too but that was it after fishing downstream over 1 km. We trudged back to the truck for refreshments, lit a fire, tied some flies, spun fishing yarns and planned our next river.

Next day saw us passing the Frank Slide heading west through the Crowsnest Pass toward the Elk River. We hit Fernie and headed for the local flyshop. Pete thought I needed some new waders: $500 later I looked like a gentleman flyfisher out of the Simms catalogue. The sun was out; time to test the Elk. After exploring we found a trail to the river and a series of deep runs with trout slashing at midge and caddis. We soon got into some nice Yellowstone cutthroat, some over 17”. This was the best river on our trip and the trout were fat & active.

A couple of days on the Elk and it was time to head home. We stopped at the Mansion restaurant on a hill in Grand Forks for dinner just in time to avoid a huge hailstorm. We watched the storm from a prime seat as we enjoyed a fine meal with Pinot Noir. The old truck got us home with no more problems and this was to be its last major trip. That is doing it right in the Rockies and how all good fishing trips should end.

An All New Game
By Clay Gill – Taken from the Alamo Fly Fishers Newsletter

A new member expressed a desire to learn to tie flies at the January club dinner. He had come to Alamo Fly Fishers looking for help. People who do this get up to speed quickly. It was me many years ago. We have one of the best teachers in the world, and he has all you need. But you must walk the trail to his classroom. That is why we call him the “Guru”! His real name is Bruce Young at the Tackle Box on North New Braunfels St. ---He is the best!

This inquisitive fly tying prospect was acquainted with fly fishing and was ready to create on his own. It seems we have all come down that trail in this club, and been fortunate enough to have someone give us the spark that never dies. Once you make a fly and it works well out on the water --the addiction is forever. The long term value is hard to measure!

This is where you begin to collect supplies. All tiers have boxes and tubs of materials. Natural and synthetic, you hide it
for the next lifetime and hoard hooks and threads. It’s always the same. Then you slow down, and seek anything that has passed you by. Things like making a dubbing loop and spinning Deer hair if you were AWOL that day in class. Sidetracked by life—you never lose the passion. It just comes back into focus again and again as a hobby.

The best way to learn is to start up from the very basics. Thread control and pressure, size and correct proportions, color presentations and more, all begin to make the sum of the whole package. The common denominator is practical application of technique and imagination to give you a total package. It is messy, and scorn may fall on your crime scene if you do not clean up, but once you start, there is rarely an exit ramp. You are busted! Go get some materials bins and a decent rotary tying vise and good tools. You just found something to do beside watch the boob tube. And books—there are libraries full of tying books to read and use.

Does it need to be expensive? It can be. You start out easy and make it fun. Tying a Clouser Minnow and the Wholly Bugg or a small foam popper will actually get you fishing quickly with your own ammo. These flies are the most basic techniques and give you the basics for almost all other advanced techniques that require some practice. Epoxy and paints are not as messy as you might think and produce the bullet proof saltwater creations that withstand sharp teeth. Often flies work better than any lure or spinner bait.

It all comes with time. Expectations should be realistic. In weeks you accomplish many of the various styles and applications utilized in tying flies. You might never learn to spin Deer hair. But once started—you will never look back. Some tiers are better than others, but really, Bass don’t care. The most ugly hairbug ever tied gets whacked—once stranded beside a brush pile in a lake or river. That bug will go under in a toilet flush with a pop, and the fight is on. Bass cannot stand to see hairbugs floating on the surface. All you need to do is twitch it! Pow!---it’s gone! That is my favorite way to fly fish. Top water is highly addictive fishing. You see that Dahlberg Diver get mauled, and many people just simply freeze when it happens!

I was taught by Bruce Young, -many years ago and still have the very first hair bug. I would visit him at the Tackle Box on North New Braunfels. He got me started the “right way”. If you learn the right way—you can rebel later, and spin off to you own variations and techniques. But you will have an eye for proper proportion and solid construction. It makes a big difference! Your flies will not unravel. From adhesives, to finishing knots and sealants, the whole deal comes together once someone takes you through the steps. It is really a lot of fun.

More fun- than necessity, fly tying gives people young and old a chance to create. Just past all basic necessities of life come the desires to create and tinker with stuff. Fly tying is tailor made for filling those needs. Kids usually just go crazy and often can’t get enough of it.

If you are interested and have not tied or seen flies constructed there is still something missing in your fly fishing. You will never learn it all. Something new pops up all the time. That is what makes it fun. Once you get past the funny names for the tools and tying techniques, the difficulty and mystery vanishes. Wide eyed you will say--- “Ohhh-yeah!”!

Should you be inclined, we have the best resource in the whole desert southwest. Or just about anywhere I think. Sign up for his class and you will be changed forever. Bruce will give you a gift that keeps on giving for generations! But don’t be stingy! Pass it on for others to enjoy. That is what Bruce does best of all. Check the web for AFF class info and schedules. Join us soon, -and bring a kid along! Contact Bruce or any club officer to get started. Good luck fishing,—and top of the day to you all!

**It’s Not That Cold! Gearing Up For Winter Fishing**

*By Andy Kitsin – Taken from the St Joseph River Valley Fly Fishers Newsletter*

Winter fly fishing can be extremely productive for both steelhead and trout in our local waters. Keeping warm and safe is by far the most important part of your fishing day. Here are a few things to keep in mind to stay safe and warm on your next winter excursion.

Layering 101 when choosing cold weather clothing, remember mama’s advice and layer up! I think of my attire in three different layers:
1. Base Layer: This is by far the most important, and easiest to ignore. Your base layer needs to be made up of wicking underwear and socks. These substrates are designed to take moisture away from your body on the off chance that you start to sweat. The quickest way to get cold quick is to sweat in cold weather. These fabrics feel great against your skin and will keep you comfortable all day. Personally, I wear wicking socks, long johns, and a long sleeve tee. Mine are all Patagonia, but all the major companies are making them (Simms, Cabelas, Under Armor, Etc.) and they are readily available at your favorite fly shop.

2. Warmth Layer: This might as well be called the “fleece” layer. Depending on the weather forecast, one may choose a micro fleece, polar fleece, or for extreme cold, you may choose a wind proof / water proof fleece such as Simms Wind Stopper®. Be careful, don’t over do it. You don’t want to sweat, or even be “toasty”... just comfortable. I like fleece pants with stirrups, especially designed for waders. Stay away from jeans, they tend to get clammy and will cause excessive wear on your waders. I wear a thick pair of wool socks to finish things off.

3. Protection Layer: This layer protects you from the elements. Now may be a good time to pull out the Wind Stopper®, but I prefer the new soft shell jackets. They are waterproof and windproof, as well as being breathable and they stretch! Once again, all the companies are selling these jackets, and they are worth the money! If freezing rain is in the forecast, I will throw my rain jacket over everything, just for a little insurance. Fingerless fleece gloves are both practical and functional. Wearing full finger gloves or mittens over your fingerless gloves is also a good idea in between fishing stops.

Depending on the weather, choose your hat wisely. Keeping your head warm, without sweating is essential. I usually carry a couple of different options with me consisting of everything from a headband to a sock hat to a Wind Stopper® fleece cap. Changing your hat can often keep your comfort level where you need it for hours.

Keeping some of these ideas in mind can make your winter fishing adventures much more enjoyable. Or, you could head south and chase permit and bonefish around... A boy can dream, can’t he?

Thank You From Gary Howard – Youth Fair 2010
This was the tenth year the CFFU has put on Fly Tying at the ISE Youth Fair. Would like to thank all those that helped with the Youth Fair at the Sportsmans Expo 2010. We had a great time this year tying flies with the youth we tied 247 flies. I would like to thank California Fly Fishers Unlimited Members, Michael Okazaki, Gary Eastman, Mike Miller, Barbara Williams, Jeff Howard, Stan Stolt, Bob Efa, Sam Yee, Ken Gieser, Berry Tang, Carl Lang, Rich Wilson, Richard Camacho, Scott Swindell and John Barris for their great job tying with the youth. I would also like to thank Bill Karr and Western Outdoor News for Sponsoring the Youth Fair. I would like top thank Eagle Fly Fishing and Jay Fair for donation for some of the materials that we used at the Youth Fair. I would also like to thank Eagle Claw Fishing Tackle for donating the hooks that we use at the fair. Thank you all for a great show.

Keep Informed and Spread The Word
We need more clubs to join the ranks to help in the conservation and education efforts of the FFF. If you would like to start a club or know of a club that might be interested in affiliating with the FFF please direct them to the Club Information pages below:


Please send an e-mail to ffoffice@fedflyfishers.org should your club have a fishing / tying event / banquet. We would like to add these events to our web site calendar of events. Provide the date, location, name of your club and a website address that I can link to direct our members for more information. The events calendar is on the following web page [http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4513](http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4513)

If you have great article that you’d like to share with other clubs please submit it to me.
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