



Stonefly Maidens Women's Fly Fishing Club

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Sandy River Spey Clave May 14 - 15, 2005, Oxbow Park

What is the Sandy River Spey Clave? It's the most copied spey casting program in the world. It's a gathering of anglers interested in two-hand fly rod fishing. It's a format for the exchange of spey casting & fishing information. It's a free spey casting college open to everyone.

& Dr. Way Yin, Mark Bachmann, Brian Silvey, George Cook, Scott O'Donnell & Mike McCune, Ed Ward, Ron Lauzon & Leroy Teeple, Dana Sturn.

May 14-15 there will be a number of "on-the-water" casting/fishing programs each day. The plan is to provide a week-end that will entertain and inform you.

Of course Bob Larsell and Laura Coblentz will be back with their famous hospitality trailer. If you are interested in meeting other steelhead spey fishers and hope to learn a lot about spey casting and more about steelhead fishing, the Sandy River Spey Clave is for you. The event will start at Oxbow Park on Saturday morning the 14th of May and

conclude on Sunday 15th. Exhibitors may set up on Friday May 13.

This time of year there should be plenty of Summer Steelhead. It is also the peak of the Spring Chinook run. The days are long and the weather is warm.

If you are interested in spey rod casting and fishing, we would strongly recommend that you join this warm friendly group.

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It's a show for your entertainment. It's a place to rub elbows with the best spey casters and steelhead anglers in the world! It has been termed, "The Woodstock of spey casting events"!

This year there will be a number of fly tackle rep groups to put on a show specifically for the spey casting fraternity.

Meet these Northwest fly fishing legends: Simon Gawsorth, Jim Vincent, Steve Rajeff, Andy Murray, Steve Choate

Meeting Information

- May 11, 2005
6:00 pm Social Hour
7:00 pm Business Meeting and Speaker
- Iron Horse Restaurant
6034 SE Milwaukie Ave
Portland, Oregon
(503) 232-1826
- Speaker: Marty Shepard
The John Day River

This Month with the Stonefly Maidens

This month's speaker is Marty Shepard of Little Creek Outfitters. Marty is a guide on the John Day River and will be talking to us about fishing the John Day. The John Day is a great fishery for smallmouth bass and steelhead. This river has been the recent subject of river access rights in Oregon. Marty can give some insight into the current state of river access on the John Day.

This month's fish-a-long is yet to be determined. We will be deciding at the meeting. Note that the fish-a-long is May 21 instead of May 14. Ideas that have been suggested are

Laurence Lake, Harriet Lake, Hosmer Lake and the Deschutes River. These are all trout fisheries with some closer than others. Come to the meeting and let us know where you want to go.

Don't forget the Casting Clinic in June. We still need volunteers to help with registration, to host lunch or to be a casting assistant. Email Tilda if you are interested.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Fly Lines

It's time to get ready for summer fishing. There are lots of places to go and lots of fish to catch. It's a good idea to keep a log of your fishing trips to help you keep track of where and when you fish. You can also record what flies worked and what didn't and what bugs were hatching. A fishing log can help you remember what worked and what didn't for the next time you go to a specific location. Take pictures of your fishing trips so you can share the trip and add to the memory.

Hate to keep begging, but...we really do need more casting assistants for the casting clinic. You really don't need to be an expert caster. You don't even need to be a great caster. You will get better

Tilda Runner

between now and June 11. Learning to spot problems and helping to solve those problems with really do make you a better caster.

Invite your friends to come and try their hand at fly casting. If they don't have their own rods, there will be some extras at the clinic they can borrow.

Don't forget that the casting clinic includes a fish-a-long on Sunday on the Clackamas River. This gives everyone a chance to practice the skills you learn on Saturday and to get the chance to become better acquainted with the gals that attended the casting clinic.

Looking forward to a summer of good fishing.



Name This Fly Contest

Write the name of this fly on a raffle ticket with your name. The first person drawing with the correct name of the fly wins six of them along with the recipe for tying your own. Hint: This is an attractor pattern and can be good on the Deschutes at certain times of the year.

Goings On

BOW



May 7 - 8—Kayaking and Hiking, Cove Palisades State Park, Culver

May 21 - 22—Fly Fishing Workshop, Wizard Falls Hatchery, Camp Sherman

June 25 - 26—Wild Coastal Edibles, South Slough, Charleston

June 11 - 12—Multi-activity Workshop, La Pine State Park

More Information

If you have questions about BOW, any workshop, or the registration process, do not hesitate to call or e-mail the BOW staff:

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Fly Fishing Shops

Don't forget to check out the links on the Stonefly Maidens website for the fly fishing shops that support the club. Many of them have great classes available.

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USFS & ODFW Youth Fly Casting Event Saturday, June 18, 2005, Trillium Lake

Saturday June 18, 2005 Trillium Lake 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Sponsored by USFS & ODFW. Needed 2 or 3 Volunteer Fly fishers to help with youth fly casting event from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Rods and reels will be provided by Ron Lauzon. He will help orient volunteers with what is needed. The actual fly casting contest lasts from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. It would be helpful if volunteers could be at Trillium Lake by 8:00 am to help set-up for event. Prizes are given for the best youth fly casters. Contact: Kaddi at USFS at 503-622-3191, ext. 650; or Ron Lauzon at 503-622-3634 for further details. IT IS A LOT OF FUN AND IS VERY REWARDING.



40th Annual International Fly Fishing Show and Conclave August 11-13, 2005, Livingston, Montana Celebrating the Tie That Binds Us

President's Letter

In 1965 a group of dedicated anglers gathered in Eugene Oregon for the first "Flyfishers Conclave". The goals of this first Conclave included, "to enjoy the fellowship of others who know the joys and speak the language of fly fishing. To learn from those whose experience and abilities exceed our own. To offer assistance to those who seek it, and to define the role of fly fishing as an active instrument of conservation." These goals were so successfully met that this first Conclave became the catalyst for the creation of the FFF and has led to Conclaves being held every year since then.

2005 marks the 40th anniversary of this first Conclave and we are gathering to celebrate in Livingston Montana on August 11-13. While the organizers of the first Conclave might have trouble recognizing the huge event that Conclave has become, they would instantly recognize the fellowship that has strengthened every year since 1965.

This Conclave will be our biggest ever. We have more than 85 workshops about everything from spring creek fishing to tying classic Atlantic salmon flies. More than 50 exhibit booths will feature the latest fishing gear and items to enhance your fly fishing lifestyle. Over 150 fly tying demonstrations will feature every type of fly imaginable. Bamboo rods take a front seat as we feature a rod building class, a special bamboo rod

symposium, and a chance to cast many of the finest cane rods ever built. Nearly 25 different programs will entertain and inform you. Special events include book signings, raffles, live and silent auctions, casting games, special demonstrations and much more to liven up your days.

Many of the biggest names in fly fishing will be at the show. Ernie Schwiebert will entertain us with a keynote talk at the Presidents Banquet. Ernie is among the founding members of the FFF and we are very excited to have him with us. Other notable attendees include Joan Wulff, Dave Whitlock, Mel Kreiger, Scott Sanchez, Kelly Galloup, Craig Matthews, Charles Jardine, and Bob Jacklin. Of course, these are just a few of the talented and dedicated individuals who will join with hundreds of other volunteers to make this the best Conclave ever.

Livingston is a great place for a family vacation and this year Conclave features many activities aimed at providing fun for everyone. Our special two-day youth-only and woman-only workshops provide an amazing introduction to the sport. Besides fishing, activities like bicycling, historic tours, artist studio tours, antiquing, rafting, horseback rides, shopping, and much more can be enjoyed through a FFF organized activity or on your own. This year we have something for every member of the family.

Conclave is one of the great events for those who love fly fishing. It is a place where old friends gather and new friendships are forged. The environment of celebrations and learning cannot be found anywhere else. A trip to Conclave is a cherished memory for everyone. I hope that you will be able to join us for our 40-year celebration. This is sure to be a Conclave that will be talked about for many years to come.

I look forward to seeing you in August!

R.P. "Van" Van Gytenbeek



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Celebrating the
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Our mission is to create opportunities, encourage, educate, and mentor women's participation in the sport of fly fishing.

Our goal is to bring women together who share a love of fly fishing and the beauty of nature to create friendships and lasting memories.

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An Oregon Council-Federation of Fly Fishers Member Club

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Calendar

Date	Meeting (Speakers subject to change)	Fish-a-long Date	Location (Locations tentative)
May 11	Marty Shepard, Smallmouth Bass on the John Day River	May 21	John Day River, Smallmouth bass (Women Only)
June 8	Kathryn Hart, Casting Demonstration & Practice	June 11 June 12	Casting Clinic, Blue Lake Park Clackamas River, Trout (Women only)
July 13	Michael T Williams, Backcountry Fly-Fishing	July 16 July 23	Big K Ranch, Smallmouth Bass (Women only) Merrill Lake, Hexagenia Hatch Bonus
August 10	Andy Pibal, Carp Fishing	July 13	Carp Fishing
September 14	Patty Barnes, Saltwater Fishing in Mexico	September 16-19	Skagit River, Pink Salmon (Women only)
October 12	Judith O'Keefe, Float Tube Fly Fishing	October 15	Hosmer Lake (Women only)
November 9	TBA		None scheduled
December 14	Christmas Party		None scheduled