



Tune-up Casting with Sink-Tips

March 1st 1:00 pm

**Westmoreland Park
On the Water Casting Pond**

Spring Steelheading is around the corner Time to tune-up those sink-tips

- Share ideas with other members
- Demonstrate your technique to cast Sink-tips
- Glean new ideas from fellow casters
- Discuss equipment choices
- Have Fun and camaraderie

the President's Message

This past year has been extremely busy for me as your NSSC President. Co-chairing the Education portion of the Expo 2009 and preparing for the Master's test by studying, casting and teaching CI candidates, I have found myself cutting back on the NSSC duties. I see the light at the end of the tunnel, which means more time to get back to my first love of the dimensional arena of the two-handed world. I have discovered many similarities between the straight-line world and the constant tension world. I must say that the constant world has benefits in single-hand casting. The more I learn about the "ART of CASTING" the more I realize there is so much more to discover.

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Membership

Good news for our club. Terry Lawrence is tackling the duties of our membership chair. A new structure and dues date will be forth coming. This has been need for a couple of years to keep our club on course. Terry is currently going through the national membership records and matching those names to our club's names. A thankless job but never the less an important task to accomplish. Thank you Terry for this time consuming job.

Expo 2009 News Flash

It is time again for some volunteer time at the Expo 2009. The club has volunteered to man the bidding number table at the Expo. This is a very easy job and requires only 2 hours of your time at the Expo. (See below)

I encourage you to sign-up for some classes and attend the banquet at the Expo. A wooden drift with oars, anchor system and trailer (retail \$7900) will be auction off at the banquet along with many great value items. All this and it is FUN.

Looking to a good year,

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Volunteer Time at the Expo

Sit at the Bidder Number Table and assign
bidder numbers to individuals

Easy Job

Call Dwight at 503.390.8997 to volunteer

Quote

*When it comes down to it, how you fish a piece of water really
depends on your mood more than anything else*

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Members Spotlight on

Terry Lawrence

Terry has stepped up to the plate and took on the privilege of chairing the membership portion of our club. Terry has also dedicated time preparing to do the Certified Instructor's test and the THCI. He volunteers often like at the Sandy Spey Clave and the Expo. Terry is a joy to work with, around and by. Thank you Terry



People have devoted large portions of their life and energy in the pursuit of excellence in a particular field of study, activity, or artistic endeavors . Those devoted individuals commonly develop a particular sensitivity to refinement within that field. Their awareness, being constantly refined by continuous exposure to such refinement, and no doubt augmented by a natural love and perhaps natural aptitude, reaches a rare level of performance.

It is from such devotees that we hear one word used to describe a state of aesthetic perfection that is the Holy Grail. The word is "elegant". Wikipedia tells us "Elegance" is the attribute of being unusually effective and simple. It is frequently used as a standard of refined gracefulness.

It goes on to tell us that this quality of "elegance" is found in the highest echelon of any particular group and is highly valued by its peers. I have no doubt elegance can be found anywhere one takes the time and trouble to look deeper. I know with certainty it is found in the field of Spey casting.

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Elegance, "The attribute of being unusually effective and simple".....I can't think of a better way to describe excellent spey casting technique. I also can think of no better way to describe the look of a great cast and the feeling one gets watching a great caster. "Elegance" is the hallmark of a great spey caster.

To achieve elegance, students of spey casting develop a routine of correct practice. I am talking about the process of getting from where one is as a caster to a better place. And that has everything to do with removing all that is "inelegant" about their casting. . When I watch a student cast, I know everything about how they relate to the rod. I know how they think and feel about themselves in relation to the rod; I know how they grip the rod and how their body feels when they do it (even though they may not). Most especially, I know what they do, and don't do, if they have practiced or not. All of that is contained in the visual impression of their casting, and of course, it is contained in the loop as well.

We cannot purchase equipment to make our casting elegant . Great equipment only makes our lack of skill more inelegant. You have to go in there and change the physical structures that are producing inelegant casts. You must break down each element of the cast and start a process of refinement That is what I do with students, I get rid of the crappy physical motion that is producing an inferior casts and replace with a physical response (muscle memory) aiming towards elegance.

Discover the truth of what correct practice is and you will never look back. You will begin to acquire elegance immediately and continue to do so. Work hard to develop a solid foundation with great attention and intention. Elegance will follow.

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Fishing Hint

Carry a chamois cloth to completely dry your hands especially in cold weather

Join the FFF and the North Santiam Spey Casters

NSSC is a Charter Club of
The Federation of Fly Fishers
Membership cost is \$55 for both
the NSSC and the FFF

From Terry Lawrence - Membership Chair

Hello NSSC members and prospective club members. My name is Terry Lawrence and I have taken on the responsibility of Membership Chair for this organization. In order to better facilitate the process of record keeping within the club it has been determined that all new membership forms and payments, renewal payments and membership questions in general should come directly to me. The annual dues will remain at \$20.00 per individual (the \$20.00 covers the whole family). The membership calendar year has been established as being from May to May, with a due date of May 1st for membership fees. Members can also pay their annual FFF dues through the North Santiam Spey Casters by sending an additional \$35.00 (Please include your FFF membership number on your check if you are already a Federation of Fly Fishers member). Over the next few months I will be updating individual member contact information in order to better serve all of you. I plan on using a combination of email, telephone, and regular mail to accomplish this task. I am looking forward to doing my part in promoting spey casting through the North Santiam Spey Casters and recognize that there is an incredible amount of collective knowledge among our membership. As a relative newcomer to the sport, I feel fortunate to be in such company.

Now that Dwight has earned his Master Casting Instructor with the Federation (way to go Dwight!) and has a bit more time on his hands, he plans on holding monthly "Cast Arounds" in different parts of Oregon (rather than just Salem). This month it will be held on Sunday, March 1st at Westmoreland Park in South-East Portland at 1:00 PM. There is also talk about holding these "Cast Arounds" in Medford and Eugene in the months to come. This will be done in order to more evenly distribute the drive time among members when traveling to these get-togethers.

One final note: the North Santiam Spey Casters will once again be holding their annual membership drive at the Sandy Spey Clave (Oxbow State Park) on May 16th and 17th. As many of you already know, this is one of the most exciting and informative Spey events in the country (if not the whole world). We can always use volunteers to man the booth and help with making pancakes. So, mark it on your calendar and let us know if you can put in an hour or two at the booth.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions at:
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Thank you,

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Terry's 1st Fish on a Fly Rod
"Texas Hole"
San Juan River, New Mexico
1/13/05

Fishing Hint

Fish out every cast; you may be surprised by a
fish in an unexpected spots