

November 06 Newsletter



To Promote and Enhance the Art and Science of Two-handed Casting

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Spey Casting Clinic Day
November 18th
1:00pm
Westmoreland Casting Pond
At
Westmoreland Park in Portland

Portland, Oregon

**Invite your Portland Friends to attend!
Open invitation to the general public**

Member's nametags available!

Get your nametag for only \$10.50 for the pin type or \$13.00 for the magnetic style. Contact Dwight at 503.390.8997

the President's D-loop

President's Message

The heavy rains from the past few days gave me a few moments to reflect on my fly-casting journey. Studying for both the two-handed and single-handed certificate focused all my energy on accomplishing the task of passing the tests. Many happy hours of practice and study along with the frustration of researching knowledge kept my nose to the grindstone without really realizing the true benefits of passing both tests: I became an effective and efficient fly-caster.

I remember in my early years of fly-casting the frustration and exhaustion of fly-casting all day. My focus became the obstacles around me and not the enjoyment of the fly-fishing. The tired arms and physical exhaustion left me with a feeling – I need to get better at this casting thing. Yes, I enjoy the experience but lack the confidence and abilities of being an effective caster. I mentioned my lack of casting abilities to many of my fishing partners and always got the reinforcement of a headshake and usually, “me too” response.

The day Stan Steele walked into the fly shop where I was working changed my journey for the positive. I joined Stan and his journey to better fly-casting through the FFF Certificate process. Stan wanted to be re-certified and I decided to tag along.

Certification brought along confidence and control to my fly-casting. My recent trip to the Deschute for steelhead was confident, relaxing, effective and very enjoyable. Physical exhaustion, mental indecision and casting uncertainty were replaced with a sweet feeling of fishing confidence. The bottom line to certification has the benefit of confidence, effectiveness and efficiency to one's fly-fishing experience. I encourage you to undertake the journey so your bottom line improves.

Now I just have to figure out how to outsmart the fish with the brain size of a pea!

The club is planning indoor meetings this winter instead of the usual casting venue. Topics and themes will be around tying fishing spey flies, presentation of flies to fish and line skill-building sessions. We have a meeting place in Salem to conduct the winter meeting months. It is a brand new facility and it is free. Watch the newsletter for direction and upcoming topics.

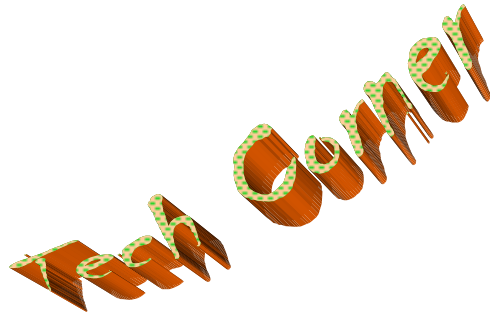
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NW Fly Tyer's and Fly Fishing Expo

March 9th and 10th

Mark your Calendars March 9th and 10th for the **NORTHWEST FLY TYERS & FLY FISHERS EXPO** in Albany sponsored by the Oregon Council Federation of Fly Fishers. The event is designed to promote the art of FLY TYING, FLY CASTING and education through seminars for the total fly fisher. This event showcases the best talents of the Northwest. Seminars will be offered for the beginner to advanced fly-fisher. This is the time to watch, pick up tidbits and meet with the best in the Northwest.

Banquet Dinner Tickets for the NW Fly Tyers & Fly Fishers Expo 07 are on sale now. The banquet will be limited to a total of 250. Be sure to order your tickets early. Contact Dwight Klemin @ 503-390-8997 or Stan Steele @ 503-559-8081.



"From the files of Sam Speyed"

"Matching your system to the prey."

Sam's Case File #3: "Matching the fly line to your rod and fishing objectives." Unlike casting with a single hand rod, the two-hand rod requires additional considerations. For the most part, a 9' 8 Wt single hand fly rod will handle the appropriate line with no difficulty, while on the other hand, a 13'-6" 8 Wt may require some modifications. An 8 Wt line for a single hand rod will weigh 202-218 grains (210) while an 8 Wt for the two-hand rod may vary from 360 to 710 grains. All is simple when rating the single hand rod; the forward 30' is weighed to determine line weight. Here is the catch; there are five different ranges (head lengths) that can be figured when rating a line for the two-hand rod. ALL SERVE DIFFERENT PURPOSES! Although this may be a bit confusing, it doesn't need to be. If the majority of your fishing is in the 60 to 70' range, a shot belly line should do the trick. If, on the other hand, you need to launch casts of 90' and over, you may want to use a long belly. It's important to know which is going to be used, as each requires different line lengths to load the rod. EXAMPLE: If you end up fishing in an area where only 50 to 60' casts are required, you may have some difficulty loading the rod with the long belly.

Line weights and tables will be posted later, Sam's Case File #4, in the December Newsletter.

For those who want to learn more (a lot more) about line building, they should sign up for Al Buhr's Line Class to be held at the 07 Expo. Al brings a lifetime of line design and line building. The class size will be limited to 10 or 12. Contact Dwight Klemin @ 503-390-8997.

Dana Sturn's Speypages

Subscribe to Dana's Speypages at www.speypages.com. The information via the forum talk will help you with your head knowledge and answer many questions regarding the total spectrum of spey fishing. Dana has great videos of all the spey casts. The Speypages are a great source of information. Be informed and take a look at the Speypages' forum. This is a great site so become a member.

Join now and have a chance to win some GREAT spey goodies!!!!

Single and Spey Instructors in NSSC Club

Al Buhr CBOG, THCI and MCI
Dana Sturn THCI and CCI, Canada
Leroy Teeple THCI and CCI
Dwight Klemin THCI and CCI
Steve Buckner THCI and CCI
Ron Lauzon CCI
Keith Burkhart CCI
Stan Steele CCI
Bruce Harang CCI
Gary Charles CCI

Fly Shops

Stop by and say hi and look at what's new in Spey Land

Creekside Fly Shop in Salem, Oregon - Rich and Kathy Younger
Fly Fishing Shop in Welches, Oregon - Mark Bachmann and Patty Barnes
River City Fly Shop, Beaverton, Oregon – Don Nelson
River Run Anglers in Carnation, Washington - Aaron Reimer

QUOTES

THE COLOR OF INTEGRITY

**The soul is dyed the color of its thoughts
Think only on those things that are in line with
your principles and can bear the full light of day.
The content of your character is your choice.
Day by day, what you choose, what you think and
what you do, is who you become.
Your integrity is your destiny.
It is the light that guides your way.**

Heraclitus, around 250 BC

Guides in NSSC Club

Mark McGinnis - Rogue

Steve Godshal - Rogue

Rich Youngers - Coastal, Deschutes

Ron Lauzon - Sandy, Clack, Deschutes

George Hadley – Deschutes, John Day

Tony Branuer - Rogue

Directions to Westmoreland Casting Pond

Google Westmoreland Park to get directions