

## October 06' Newsletter



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

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Sink Tip Casting Day

October 15th

2:00pm

Wallace Marine Park

Old Put-in Gravel Bar

Salem, Oregon

Also

Stan Steele THCI Demonstration

### ***Sink Tip***

#### **"Getting Ready for Winter Steelhead"**

Winter means "Sink Tip Time" for many of us. Brush up on getting the sink tip up the water column ready to cast and also getting the sink tip down after the cast. Sharing ideas on lines and how to handle those lines will be the main focus of the day.

Stan Steele is preparing for a run at the THCI. Stan will demonstrate how to handle the sink tip lines and give a demonstration of all the casts required to pass the THCI. This demonstration will be a great value to Stan preparing for his test. The NSSC supports those individuals taking on the THCI challenge.

## 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

Steep canyon walls, soaring eagles, abundant wildlife, and steelhead moving upstream pulls me toward Central and Eastern Oregon each autumn. Each night in the canyon, sleep comes with visions of the morning fish. Waking up in the middle of the night to - well you know - has the bonus of the enjoying the night sky and moon lite canyon walls. I ponder each time I make the trip to steelhead country. Is the ambiance greater than the fishing experience or is the fish the main attraction? It is a toss-up for me. The tug, the screaming reel, the fight sway me to the fishing experience but then I look up and the ambiance makes me think again. Do I enjoy the fishing experience or the ambiance?

Blessed are we who enjoy the steelhead's home water. Thanks to the steelhead for sharing his realm with us. But, little does he know the added bonus above the water line we get to enjoy! So quickly autumn is slipping away into our memory banks, but then there is Winter Steelheading just ahead. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Steelhead.

## March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>

Put on your Calendars March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> for the Northwest Tyer's and Fly Fishing 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 beginning to advanced fly-fisher. This is the time to watch, pick up tidbits and chat with the best in the Northwest.

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. Watch the newsletter for upcoming topics.

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## Members Spotlight

### Spot light to:

Roman and Olga Koran, Leroy Teeple and Al Buhr who presented demonstrations at the Clearwater spey clave sponsored by Red Shed and to Poppy for putting on a great event.

Congrats to Gary Charles, a member in Southern California, for passing the CCI Test. Way to go Gary.

Tony Branuer has begun a Fly Fish guiding business in the Rogue area.

Steve Buckner has passed the THCI. Steve is also a Captain allowing him to pilot vessel up to 16 tons. Now we can call him Captain Bucky

The Early Morning Casting Crew at the "Willamette Gravel Bar" Casting Crew.



Dell, Stan, Bradley, John, Terry and Max the faithful companion

**Team Gopher**

## “Slow Down/Increase Casting Arc”

When casting “sink tips” one needs to slow everything down. A sink tip doesn’t behave the same as a floating tip. Since the sinker wants to sink, it’s first necessary to get the line near the surface prior to the lift. This is usually done with the roll cast to get the line moving. The casting movements afterwards should be a little slower. Sudden or abrupt moves will shock the tip and end up jerking the tip, sending the fly line to “who knows where”. When this happens, you’ve been moving too quickly through the casting movements. Slowing down tends to smooth everything out a bit and makes casting a sink tip a lot easier. Now, to complete the process, the casting arc must increase to allow the fly line to clear the caster. It is folly to think you’ll be able to cast the tight loops as with the floater. Remember, slow down and increase casting arc.

*Stan Steele*

## **Dana Sturn’s Speypages**

Subscribe to Dana’s Speypages at [www.speypages.com](http://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

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

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

## Quotes

**"Amateurs practice to get it right, Professionals practice so they can't get it wrong". Chevy commercial**

## 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

## Direction to Wallace Marine Park Casting Area

- Follow signs to Oregon Coast in Salem, Oregon.
- On the bridge over the Willamette, get into the far right lane
- This lane then makes a hard right turn and the foot of the bridge and become Wallace Road NW
- At the second light turn right onto Glenn Creek Road NW
- Follow the road into the park and bear right and the "Y"
- At the old train Trussle, park in the parking lot and walk down to the gravel bar.

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