



The Flypaper

March/April 2017



On March 2nd, thirteen NFA members and two guests toured the Sage factory on Bainbridge Island. Almost everyone carpooled to the Seattle Coleman ferry terminal to catch the 10:40 a.m. ferry to Winslow. We had time before the 1:00 p.m. Sage tour to eat lunch at the Streamliner Diner in downtown Winslow. The food was great and everyone got a chance to socialize.

The Sage factory folks were very welcoming and arranged for Birgit, Brita, and Aaron to show us the various phases involved in building and repairing a Sage rod. There are approximately 170 Sage employees, and the factory produces around 200 Sage rods and 900 parts per day. It was surprising to learn how much hand labor goes into producing a rod, including the color/coating process, applying the logo, wrapping of components, and quality control. The tour lasted about 45 minutes. Afterwards, the tour guides let us try three types of Sage rods and Rio lines on the pond behind the factory. No trout were caught but the members looked great casting with the test rods.

The attendees were Bill Gibson, Brian Boone, Brett Schormann, Dirk Bartram, Ed Caldwell, Gary Wilson, John Chouinard, Mark Conner, Matt Moore, Michael Sargent, Peter Maunsell, Susan Lahti and her two grandchildren, and Susanne Staats. -Written by Susanne Staats

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This Year's **Outings, Classes, &** **Conservation Trips**

Beginning Fly Tying—January 10 - February 21, 2017
Haller Lake Community Center

Sage Factory Tour—March 2, 2017
Bainbridge Island

Plant a Tree: Cedar River Watershed—March 4, 2017
Cedar River Education Center

Seattle's Green Lake—March 25, 2017
Green Lake

Beginning Fly Casting—April 4- May 9, 2017
Green Lake Casting Pier



Yakima River Canyon—April 7-9, 2017
Yakima River

Lower Deschutes River—May 5-7, 2017
Deschutes River and Beavertail Campground

Local Lake Outing - May 13, 2017
Specific Lake TBD

Coffee Pot Lake—June 2-4, 2017
Coffee Pot Lake



John Day Summer Superfloat—June 26-July 2, 2017
John Day River

Clark Fork Outing—July 7-9, 2017
Superior, MT

Turner Chain of Lakes—July 16-22, 2017
Tweedsmuir Provincial Park, BC

Methow Valley—August 4-7, 2017
Lightning Pines Campground, Methow, WA

Middle Fork Snoqualmie River—August 19, 2017
Snoqualmie (Mentoring Day Trip)

Salt Water Day Trip - September 9, 2017
Camano Island

Central Oregon for Trout—September 15-17, 2017
TBD

Pass Lake - October 7, 2017
Whidbey Island, WA

For details and registration, see the [NWFA website](#)



Northwest Fly Anglers

Seattle's Green Lake

When: March 25, 2017
8:00 AM

Location: Green Lake

Registered: 3 registrants

[Register](#)

Outing Questions: [Peter Rubenstein](#)

Seattle's popular [Green Lake](#) has consistently been rated by the Department of Fish and Wildlife as "excellent" for its rainbow trout. Winter and early spring months provide some interesting opportunities. Over the past several years 12,000 fingerling browns measuring five inches have been planted in Green Lake during the month of March. "In the know" snail fishers and the occasional fly fisher have had success.

[Show details](#)



Beginning Fly Tying

The Beginning Fly Tying class, team-taught by Eric Olson and David Paul Williams, and ably assisted by Jim Higgins and Art Alton, is now in the history books.

The class started with the basics, the ubiquitous Woolly Bugger and Chironomid, before moving on to other fly patterns. Each week the course, designed by Jim Higgins, built on skills learned in the previous week.

New techniques were added. Patterns moved from subsurface to dry flies. Week 5 was a test of class persistence, as attendees got to experience the frustration of working with calf body hair. (We're going to change that for next year.)

In addition to learning how to tie twelve of the most important trout flies for our neck of the woods, folks got some insight into how to fish those flies, all in the context of sparkling repartee and excellent companionship.

-written by David Paul Williams

- photo by David Paul Williams





Top Right: Worker inspecting rod.

Middle: Mark Conner, Dirk Bartram, and John Chouinard

Bottom: Bill Gibson

- Photos by Brian Boone



February Membership Meeting

At the February meeting, Zach Rhoades, who works with both Trout Unlimited and Emerald Waters Anglers, spoke to the club about two matters. The first is the issue of suction dredging in WA waterways. Gold miners use this method and are largely unregulated. Zach told us about legislation being moved through the WA legislature that would restrict this practice. To learn more and take action, go to:

www.tu.org/suctiondredging.

Zach also told us about pack trips to the Mazama high lakes that he leads. These three-day trips, taken on horseback with pack mules, go into the back country where 18" cutts are prevalent and hungry. To learn more, go to: www.emeraldwateranglers.com.

- Written by Brian Boone

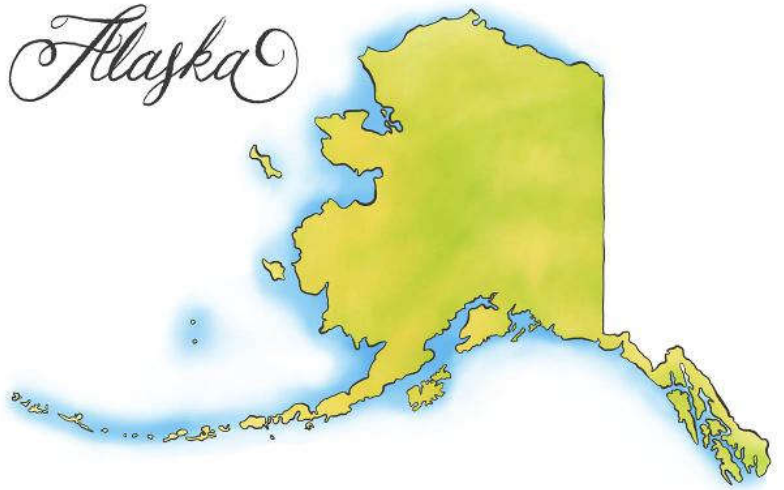


Top Right: Zach Rhoades. Left: Common river gold dredge. Left Bottom: Peter Maunsell. Bottom Right: Zach Rhoades, Jim Morrison, Michael Gallavan

- Photos by Brian Boone



Alaska



March Membership Meeting

The March 16th monthly meeting at Haller Lake Community Center features our own Carl and Maura Johnson who will share about their summer 2016 trip to Alaska. The Johnsons spent a whopping four months in Alaska!

See pictures and hear their stories as they wandered many of the paved roads in Alaska, and some not paved, from the Arctic Circle to Haines.

Carl took thousands of pictures, but he has narrowed down the best for our club presentation.

- Photos by Carl Johnson





President Matt Moore holds a piece of a Sage rod exposing the carbon fibers. Over one million carbon fibers less than the diameter of a human hair make up a rod piece!



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Open Position, Education

Open Position, Raffle Coordinator

Quote of the Month

"Fly fishing is the most beautiful way of trying to catch a fish; not the most efficient, just as ballet is the most beautiful way of moving the body between two points, not the most direct. Fly fishing is to fishing as ballet is to walking."

Howell Raines

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