

Midnight Sun Flycasters

GRAYLING GAZETTE

March 2005

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Annual banquet to feature Redding Fly Shop Professional

This year's annual joint Midnight Sun Flycasters/Trout Unlimited Banquet is slated for 7 p.m., Friday, March 25 at the Elks Lodge in Fairbanks. The menu includes halibut and prime rib. Tickets are \$35 a person and will be available at J&L Sports, the Alaska Fly Shop or any MSFC Board member. This year, Ryan Peterson Lifelong Alaskan and Travel Specialist for the Fly Shop in Redding, California will be the featured speaker. He plans a riveting talk about fly fishing on the Kamchatka Peninsula.

Ryan was born in Fairbanks, grew up in Anchorage and attended college in Edinburgh, Scotland, where he graduated 2001. He worked four summers during and after college for Katmai Sportfishing Adventures



(Nanci Morris) in King Salmon, Alaska doing fly-outs throughout Bristol Bay and jet-boat fishing on the Naknek River. Peterson also worked two years between Juneau and Anchorage as an aide to former Governor Knowles, then State Representative Les

Gara both ardent fly fishermen/conservationists.

Ryan has fished all over Alaska, Kamchatka, Scotland, New Zealand, Belize. In January 2005, he began working for The Fly Shop as a travel specialist to Kamchatka and Alaska. So buy your tickets before they sell out at the Alaska Fly shop or J&L Sports for this exciting evening.

As an added bonus, Bill Bubbel will host a special dinner at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 26th in the Pumhouse where Ryan Peterson, the premier booking agent for fishing trips world wide, will again be the speaker.

“The price for this evening will be \$50 a person. Contact Bubbel at the Pumhouse at 479-8452 for reservations.

2005 MSFC Dues are Due!

If you have a red dot on this and/or the back page of this newsletter, then it's time for you to renew your membership for 2005! It's so easy to drop us a check or money order in the mail or see one of the officers or board members at the next meeting. So, please help support the many programs we sponsor for youths and adults including Kids' Camp, rod building classes and other exciting events for the entire family!

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Meetings:

Held the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m., October through May in the Tom Rowinski Banquet Room of the Fairbanks Elks' Lodge, 1003 Pioneer Road Street, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701 (near Fairbanks North Star Borough offices and Fairbanks Rail Depot).

Speak Your Piece

I came, I saw, I Conquered **By Hubie Griffin**

I recently stepped to the garage to retrieve my fishing vest just to renew old acquaintances. Its weight puzzled me, so I examined the vast labyrinth of pockets and pouches to discover if one contained an anvil. I didn't find one but unzipped one pocket to glare at a little jewel from Finland the every fly fisherman should tote: a Fiskars saw. Its very sharp blade retracts within a seven-and-a-half-inch plastic handle, and I use the saw to show aggressive limbs that attack my backcasts that, "I'm mad as hell and not going to take it anymore." Sometimes I use the saw to dress up paths to favorite spots along the Chena and Chatanika. The saw came from Sears' garden section and is certainly recommended for every misdirected fly caster.

2005 UAF Sport Fishing Spring & Summer Schedule

UAF Intro. Fly-fishing & Fly Tying—Mon. & Wed. 5:30-8:30 p.m., March 22 - May 4

Women's Fly-fishing—Ryan Junior High, May 11, 6 - 9p.m. and May 14, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Denali Institute—Science of Alaska Sport Fishing open workshop, June 3-5

UAF Fly-fishing Weekend—June 10, 6-9, June 11-12, 1-8 p.m. afterwards **Fundamentals of Fly-fishing**—continues Tues. & Thur. 6-9 p.m., from June 14 - 30.

All classes presented by:

Shann Jones, UAF Lecturer

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ALASKA FLY SHOP

Sage One Day Fly Fishing Schools and Intermediate Casting Clinics

1) Friday, May 20, 7-10 p.m.—**Intermediate Casting Clinic**
Course fee: \$40; Primary Instructor: J.J. Pilgreen

2) Saturday, May 21, 9 a.m.- 6 p.m.
One Day Fly Fishing School
Course fee: \$85; Instructors: J.J. Pilgreen,
Howie Van Ness, Jerry Hallberg and Jim Perkins

3) Sunday, May 22, 9 a.m.- 6 p.m.
One Day Fly Fishing School
Course fee: \$85; Instructors: J.J. Pilgreen,
Howie Van Ness, Jerry Hallberg and Jim Perkins

4) Friday, June 3, 7-10 p.m.—**Intermediate Casting Clinic**
Course fee: \$40; Primary Instructor: George Cook

5) Saturday, June 4, 9 a.m.- 6 p.m.
One Day Fly Fishing School
Course fee: \$85; Instructors: George Cook,
Howie Van Ness, Jerry Hallberg and Jim Perkins

6) Sunday, June 5, 9 a.m.- 6 p.m.
One Day Fly Fishing School
Course fee: \$85; Instructors: George Cook,
Howie Van Ness, Jerry Hallberg and Jim Perkins

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Business Hours:
Monday - Friday—noon to 6:30 p.m.
Saturday—noon to 5 p.m.

2005 MIDNIGHT SUN FLY CASTERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MSFC is a non-profit group of fly fishers, whose chartered goals include promoting the sport of fly fishing, education, and youth involvement in outdoor activities.

Each member will receive our monthly newsletter.

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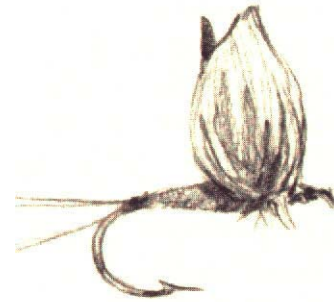
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