

Jeff Currier *global fly fishing*

RIO's Fantastic Advisory Team

Introducing Jeff Currier, Our Newest Member

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RIO Products is acclaimed world-wide for its evolutionary leader, tippet and fly line designs. RIO is at the forefront of the fly fishing industry in its creativity and dedication to creating products that solve problems and enhance fly fishing. A number of fly line designs and ideas have come from the remarkable RIO Advisory Team. These guys are on the water more than most and really know what a fly line should do. Their ideas, testing opportunities and experiences help make RIO fly lines the best there are.

Barry and Kathy Beck



Barry and Cathy Beck need no introduction to the fly fishing industry. The Becks are often referred to as the “first couple of fly fishing”, they are on the pro staffs of: Rio Products, Sage Rod Co., Redington, Tibor Reels, and Smith Optics.

As photographers their work appears regularly in fly fishing magazines, books, calendars, and catalogs. Their own books include Cathy Beck’s Fly Fishing Handbook, Seasons of the Bighorn, Fly Fishing the Flats, Pennsylvania’s Blue Ribbon Fly Fishing Guide, Outdoor Photographer’s Handbook and Fly Waters Near & Far.

The Becks spend their lives in pursuit of fish and photographic opportunities. Cathy Beck has a fly fishing school in Benton, Pennsylvania, and has been teaching fly fishing for 20

years. They regularly appear at sport shows and sporting events around the country giving casting demonstrations and presentations on photography and fishing.

Barry on the RIO Grand

<http://www.barryandcathybeck.com/>

Mike Lawson



Mike was born and raised in southeastern Idaho and has fished the local trout streams in Idaho all of his life, especially the Henry's Fork. In 1977 he and his wife, Sheralee, opened Henry's Fork Anglers fly shop at Last Chance, Idaho.

Mike is an accomplished author having written "Fly Fishing the Henrys Fork" in June 2000 and "Spring Creek's, in September 2003. He has also written many articles on fly-fishing in several national magazines and is a contributing editor for Fly Fisherman Magazine. Mike is also featured in several fly fishing videos and his latest video "Tying Flies for Spring Creeks and Tailwaters" was released in 1998.

During the off season he conducts slide programs and fly fishing seminars for sports shows, fly fishing clubs and fly shops throughout the country. Mike is on the advisory team for: RIO, Sage, Columbia Sportswear Pro Staff and Clackacraft and has also been a contract fly tier for Umpqua Feather Merchants since 1979.

Jeff Currier



Jeff Currier resides in Victor, Idaho where he bases his career in fly fishing. He is a well known fish artist and gives fly fishing lectures and presentations throughout the USA and Canada. He has taught the skills of fly fishing, guided fly fishers throughout Wyoming and Yellowstone National Park and escorted anglers to fishing destinations throughout the world. He has fished in over forty countries and caught more than 225

species of fish on the fly!

His articles, photographs and artwork have graced the pages of magazines, catalogs, brochures and books. Jeff is the author of Currier's Quick and Easy Guide to Saltwater Fly Fishing and Currier's Quick and Easy Guide to Warmwater Fly Fishing guide books. Jeff has made many television appearances including Fishing the West, Fly Fishing the World, In Search of Fly Water, Reel Adventures, Fly Fish TV and Fly Fish America.

Jeff's most recognized accomplishment was leading Team USA to its first ever top-ten finish in the World Flyfishing Championships in Jaca, Spain. During the competition Jeff managed to fool fish on every venue met and place third in the individual standings, becoming the only American ever to take home a medal in the twenty-eight year history of the event.

Jeff brings a sense of humor, enthusiasm and over thirty-five years of fly fishing experience to wherever he goes.

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John Barr



John lived his first 12 years in the Pacific North West where he discovered the joy of fly fishing. After spells living in Oregon, Washington and California, John moved to Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado. He fell in love with the state and never left, and now resides east of Boulder in an area called Gunbarrel.

The trout streams and creeks of Colorado proved to be inspirational for John and lead to John creating such famous patterns as the "Copper John" and "Barr's Emerger". Even though John is known for his trout patterns, he fly fishes for all species from cold water, to warm water to salt water and enjoys the flats and blue water fly fishing as much as he does fly fishing his local trout streams.

John is currently working on a book (to be published by Stackpole Books) discussing some of his philosophies regarding fly fishing. The chapters include some of his famed fly patterns with their foundation in entomology, how the pattern evolved, and how and

when to fish each pattern.

Landon Mayer



Landon Mayer is a fly fishing guide in the Colorado Springs, CO area, calling the South Platte his home waters. He has been guiding on these waters for more than ten years, as well as spending one year guiding in Alaska with Nak Nek Anglers.

Passion and love for the sport of fly fishing is what motivates Landon. His success in catching trophy trout is fueled by an addiction for pursuing large trout with small flies and lightweight fly fishing equipment. Landon also displays enthusiasm in teaching and demonstrating his techniques and on-river knowledge to fellow anglers. Through trial and error and perseverance, he has developed innovative techniques for hooking and landing trophy trout. He is sharing these techniques and secrets in a book titled, "How to Catch the Biggest Trout of your Life" published by Wild River Press and released in the spring of 2007.

Landon is a contributing writer for High Country Angler Magazine and has published articles in national fly fishing magazines such as Fly Fisherman and American Angler. He currently teaches several fly fishing classes and gives presentations on his techniques. As well as joining the RIO advisory Team in 2007, Landon is an ambassador for Cloudveil fly fishing apparel and is a member of Ross Reels pro staff.

Tyler Befus



Tyler Befus is 11 years old and has been fly fishing with his parents since he was old enough to go along in a child backpack. He started fly casting and fly tying at the age of three and landed his first fly caught trout on his own shortly before his third birthday.

He is the youngest member of several manufacturers' pro staff teams and is a Signature Fly designer for one of the industries largest fly manufactures. Tyler frequently presents kids fly fishing programs at numerous fly fishing shows around the country. He has fished the Rocky Mountain region extensively for trout and warmwater

species and his fishing travels have taken him to Alaska for northern pike and sheefish as well as Japan for Yamame, Iwana and Japanese sea bass.

Tyler recently authored his first book “A Kids Guide to Fly Fishing” and is working on a kids fly fishing instructional DVD. He currently holds I.G.F.A. Junior World Records for sheefish and kokanee salmon.

Brian Chan



Brian Chan has been an avid fly fisher and fly tier for almost 40 years. Brian is a professional fisheries biologist who for many years managed small lake recreational fisheries for the province of British Columbia. Brian recently joined the Freshwater Fisheries Society of B.C. where he is the VP, Sport Fishing Division and responsible for the marketing and promotion of freshwater fishing in the province.

Brian is also a fly fishing author, video producer and lecturer. Some of his more recent works include the book “Morris and Chan on Fly Fishing Trout Lakes” and the DVD “Expert Techniques for Stillwater Fly Fishing with Brian Chan”. He also writes a regular “Stillwater Strategies” column in Fly Fishing and Tying Journal.

Brian’s favourite fishing haunts are the many trout lakes surrounding his home city of Kamloops but he can often be found wading rivers in other provinces and states as well as making forays to the North West Territories and the Yukon for big lake trout and pike.

Brian has a number of professional fly fishing industry affiliations including Sage fly rods, Mustad hooks, Rio fly lines and Outcast pontoon boats.

Phil Rowley



At the age of 6 Phil Rowley was introduced to coarse fishing in England and has been hooked ever since. For over 20 years Phil Rowley has been fly-fishing stillwaters almost exclusively. His love of stillwater fly fishing has taken him all over British Columbia and Washington in the pursuit of trout and char. A former commercial fly tyer Phil has written

for almost every major fly fishing publication in North America. His contributions also include books and numerous feature articles 2 regular columns on fly-fishing with particular attention towards stillwaters and stillwater fly patterns. Phil's book Fly Patterns for Stillwaters has become a best seller.

In addition to Phil's shows and seminars he has had the good fortune to appear on such T.V. shows as Sport Fishing B.C., Fishing Alberta, The New Fly Fisher and Fishing with Shelly and Courtney. Recently Phil became one of the co-hosts of the New Fly Fisher, a television production dedicated to fly fisher education.

Barry Reynolds



Barry specializes in fish that are often overlooked by today's fly anglers. He often gives pursuit to warm and cool water species such as carp, pike, muskies, bass and walleye. His motto is "if a fish is willing to eat a fly then it is worth pursuing!" Barry also travels extensively around the world in pursuit of all types of fish both fresh and salt water alike. From peacock bass in the Amazon Jungle to bonefish on the flats of the Bahamas to carp in local neighborhood ponds Barry likes them all.

Barry has authored/co-authored four books including Mastering Pike on the Fly, Pike on the Fly, Carp on the Fly, and Beyond Trout. His current projects include a fly fishing DVD that focuses on "Carp on the Fly" and a new TV series called "Barry Reynolds Fly-fishing Journal".

Captain Brian Horsley



Captain Brian Horsley is a fly fishing photographer and author and charter captain on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. His work can be seen in such publications as Flyfishing in Saltwaters Magazine, Saltwater Sportsman, and Sportfishing Magazine.

As a 25 year fly fishing veteran Brian is one of the pioneers of saltwater fly fishing in the Mid-Atlantic region. He runs several popular saltwater fly fishing

schools including a sailfish schools in Costa Rica. He has been a regular presenter at the popular Fly Fishing Shows.

Captain Sarah Gardner



Captain Sarah Gardner is a lifelong angler who made the transition into fly fishing, almost 20 years ago. She is a fulltime charter captain on the Outer Banks of North Carolina who also finds time to write, photograph, teach and demonstrate at a variety of sportsman's shows throughout the US.

Sarah met husband Brian Horsley while she wrote a weekly fly fishing column for Fisherman Magazine. She has several current and past International Gamefish Association fly tackle world records to her credit.

Diane Rudolph



Diana Rudolph grew up in the western suburbs of Chicago. Much of her youth was spent vacationing in the Florida Keys, where she began fishing at a very young age. Her father introduced her to fly fishing on the flats of Islamorada, and her first encounter with a tarpon left her trembling with excitement.

After receiving her B.A. in biology and attending graduate school, she returned to her passion. She has since fished several flats and offshore tournaments in Islamorada and in 2004 won the Hawley Invitational Tarpon Tournament, a male dominated event. In addition, she holds seven I.G.F.A. fly division records.

She is a contributing writer for Fly Fishing in Saltwater magazine and travels to sport shows, clubs and fly shops throughout the country sharing her enthusiasm for fly fishing and instructing. She spends her winters and springs exploring the flats of the Keys, and her summers and falls wading the rivers and streams of Montana.

John Cave



Jon Cave is an author/photographer/lecturer and a USCG licensed guide based in Central Florida. He has been a professional fly casting and fly tying instructor for over 25 years. As a guide, Jon pioneered shallow-water sight-fishing in his home waters of the Mosquito Lagoon, Indian River, and Banana River. The world-class bass fishery on the nearby upper St. Johns River continues to be another focus of his attention.

Jon is the author of *Fly-Fishing Odyssey, The Pursuit of Great Gamefish*, an insightful book about the techniques needed to catch a variety of the world's premier marine and fresh water gamefish with fly gear. Furthermore, his articles, casting tips and photographs have been featured in most major fly-fishing publications.

Jon can be contacted via his website at www.joncaveflyfishing.com

Nick Curcione



In addition to his former 35-year career as a university professor, Nick is an internationally recognized outdoor writer, instructor, lecturer and tackle consultant with more than 40 years of angling experience. Nick is especially noted for his casting expertise and instructional clinics and is one of the country's leading authorities on sinking lines and shooting heads.

Nick has been on the sport fishing show circuit for over 30-years and his fishing travels have taken him to a variety of locales and include all the coastal waters of the continental US, Alaska, Canada, the Caribbean, Mexico, Central and South America, New Guinea and the South Pacific.

His writing credits have been extensive with numerous articles in local, national and international publications and he has authored three fly fishing books, *The Orvis Guide to Saltwater Fly Fishing*, *Baja On The Fly*, and *Tug-O-War, A Fly Fishers Game*. Over the years Nick has served as a consultant for a number of major tackle manufacturers

and is presently working with Rio Products, Thomas and Thomas, Tibor and Renzetti.

Captain Gene Quigley



Capt. Gene Quigley is considered one of the top fly tackle captains in the Northeast. A native of the New Jersey Shore, Capt Gene has been fishing the inshore and offshore waters for over 25 years. He is the co-owner and operator of Shore Catch Guide Service, New Jersey's largest fly and light tackle guide service, located in Manasquan, New Jersey.

In addition to guiding, Capt Gene is also a noted outdoor writer, photographer, and seminar speaker. He is on the editorial staff for Fly Fishing in Saltwaters Magazine, and contributes regularly to Saltwater Sportsman Magazine, Fly Fisherman Magazine, The Fisherman Magazine, Sport Fishing Magazine, Boaters Digest, and is a featured speaker on the Sport Fishing Magazine's "Learn From the Experts" Seminar series. Gene on the Leviathan lines

Scott O'Donnell



A transplant to the Pacific Northwest, via the U.S. Navy, Scott O'Donnell settled on the banks of the historically rich, North Fork Stillaguamish River. It was there, in 1987, he was first introduced to the spey rod and has been in the thick of the spey casting revolution ever since. His contributions to spey rod and line design (Rio's Skagit heads), spey fishing techniques, and his exceptional abilities as a casting instructor has made him one of the most sought after steelhead guides in the West.

Scott currently resides in Seaside, Oregon where he guides fly casters on the coastal rivers in the Winter and Spring. In addition to guiding Alaska for the past sixteen Summers, he also guides Oregon's Grande Ronde River each Fall.

Scott on the Skagit lines

Mike McCune



Mike McCune is a full time fly fishing guide and lives on Oregon's north coast. Born, raised, and educated in northern California, Mike is a life long steelhead "junkie" and has fished and guided the majority of their indigenous range. A devotee of two-handed angling methods, Mike has been involved in the development of spey lines, and is a member of the Sage and RIO advisory teams.

Mike spends his summers in Alaska, fall on the Grande Ronde, and winter/spring in his home in Oregon.

Lani Waller



Lani has been fly fishing for forty five years and was inducted into the Fly Fishing Hall of Fame in 1997. He has pursued trout and steelhead for all of that time and has twenty five years experience in salt water fly fishing, both on the flats and blue water. He is one of the leading proponents of fishing for wild steelhead, including trophy British Columbia steelhead, and has appeared in an award winning series of steelhead films that are entitled "Lani Waller's Steelhead Legacy."

Lani has also written two books- "A River of Dreams," published by West Rivers Publishing in 2004 and "A Steelheader's Way," published by Headwaters Books in 2009.

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