



**GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
October 14, 2003
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

OCTOBER PROGRAM

By Pat Kendall

Our October presenters will offer a program on Douglas Lake Ranch out of Merritt, British Columbia.

Douglas Lake Ranch is the largest working cattle ranch in Canada, and includes some of the finest fishing lakes in British Columbia. Minney and Stoney lakes offer world class trout fishing and varied lodging. Stoney Lake Lodge offers gourmet meals and first class lodging, for a more reasonable price, Minney Lake Ranch House offers great lodging and the chance to fix your own meals.

Leaving from Spokane, you can be at Minney and Stoney Lakes the same evening or drive to Merritt, B.C. and spend the night. Then continue the twenty or so miles to the Ranch the next morning.

Looking forward to the program on a great fishing location.

Gene Lorenson will be tying the Simple Crayfish pattern that is this month's Fly of the Month.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

By Gary Honeyman

Well it's time for the message from the president. This is one of the hardest duties that I have to do. I have a very hard time coming up with ideas to write about.

I wish that I had some outstanding news about North Silver, but as of this writing I have good news and bad news. The good news is that there are two of the aerator heads completely installed and the pump is installed with all the wiring that goes to it. The bad news is that we are waiting for another one hundred feet of aerator hose so that the last aerator can be installed. There is something wrong with the pump as the motor will only run for a few seconds before it kicks the breaker. Other than that the project is going great.

2003 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

By Dick Odell and Leon Buckles

Hi, from your Christmas Raffle Chairmen! You are probably tired of hearing from us, but... we need to keep reminding you – "two months to gather your donations for the Christmas Raffle."

We have received some great prizes already. We have nine (Yes 9!) \$100.00 gift certificates to the Blue Dun Fly Shop. All of these were purchased from Bill with anonymous donations from club members. Several club members wanted to contribute directly to the chairmen to purchase gift certificates or items from businesses or individuals of their or our choice. They wanted these to remain anonymous. At the last club meeting we had pledge cards available for others wishing to do the same. Of course, we think this is a wonderful way to support our conservation projects and a business that supports

our club. Yes, support those who support us. If you wish to pledge dollars anonymously, please call or see us at the next meeting and we will do the rest.

Also, we already have several great trips donated. Please consider donating a trip or contact a guide friend or friend to donate a trip. What better way to make new friends than by fishing with them!

We still need your help. All club members present at the Christmas Raffle will be eligible for a drawing of a significant prize. We plan to continue a raffle prize for the donors. There are two chances to win great prizes without buying a single ticket. But please still buy your regular (or more) number of tickets. **START SAVING NOW!**

Thanks, in advance, for all your help and support.

INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB – SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

REVIEW
By Pat Kendall

Donn Dale's program on fishing the Clark Fork River seemed to be enjoyed by all present, and his Classical Guitar playing was an added pleasure. Donn has generously offered for our Christmas Raffle a day for two of guided fishing including dinner and lodging at his lodge for \$275.00 about half the regular cost. I for one plan to put a few tickets in for this drawing. Thanks to Donn for his generosity and a great program.

NEW MEMBER

Say hi to our new member

Jack Mayfield 926-8017
14816 E 36th
Veradale, WA 99037
Retired Linda

ROSTER CHANGES

Please correct the entry in your 2003 Roster for:

Doug Brossoit

New e-mail:
drbrossoit@hotmail.com

**PICTURES FROM THE SUMMER
IEFFC BOARD MEETING**

Ed. Note: In ancient times the IEFFC Board decided that a summer meeting was needed for continuity of club business. This was well and good and to the benefit of IEFFC. Later a motion was made to hold the summer board meeting in a fishing area; it was quickly passed. Many now forgotten fishing areas were incorporated into the "board meeting." They might go as far back as the Henrys Lake trip that some of the old timers talk about when they have consumed sufficient alcohol. The last two trips have been to the Elk River in British Columbia. Few fishing pictures, none this year, have been submitted to *The Fly Leaf* for publication. Therefore, the assumption is that much work was accomplished. At least a new member was voted in and details for the Christmas Raffle solidified.

A tradition developed over the years is that the President provides the Saturday evening meal. The menu is unknown to the board members: It might be two day old fried chicken from Rosours or fantastic beef steaks barbequed in camp. This year it was pizza delivered hot from Fernie, B.C.

Many thanks to photographers, Frank Faha and Gary Honeyman, who risked much to supply these pictures.



Camp in a Provincial Park near Fernie, B.C., L-R: Ray Kranches, Leonard Gross(I think), Dwight Tipton (partially hidden), Dick Odell (partially hidden), Leon Buckles, Frank Faha, Bob Burton, Scott Mayfield, Pat Kendall and Jerry McBride,

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FLY OF THE MONTH

Simple Crayfish

October, 2003

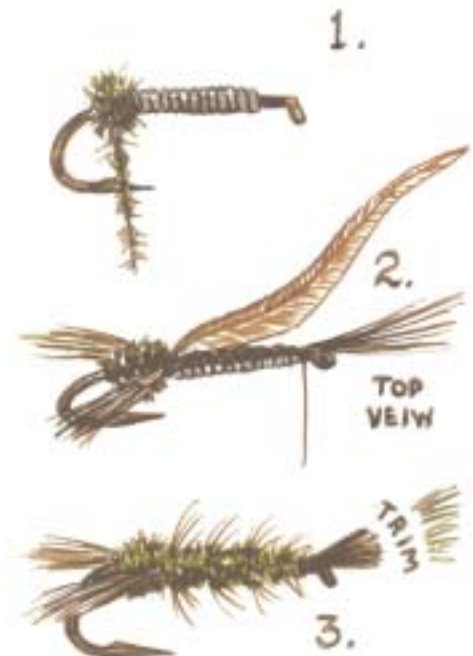
Gene Lorenson

This month's pattern was inspired by watching the "New Flyfisher" on Channel 7 on Saturday morning. The September 13th program featured fishing for smallmouth bass with crayfish patterns. It was an excellent presentation and I gained some good insights about tying and fishing crayfish flies. Most of the crayfish that smallmouths target are the young ones. They are relatively small, 1 – 1 ¼ inches long, and the claws are quite small. The flies are best fished right on the bottom very slowly. No pattern recipe was given, so I came up with one that is close to the ones featured in the program. The lead wire makes the fly move with the hook point up so one can move it over rocks as it is inched backward over the bottom.

Hook: Sproat bend, size 8 or 6
Thread: Strong black or brown
Weight: Ten or so turns of lead wire
Head: Your favorite dubbing in a mixture of brown, olive, orange or black
Claws: Pheasant tail fibers
Tail: Butts of pheasant tail fibers
Hackle: Soft brown hen, palmered
Body: Mixed dubbing like the head



1. Pinch the barb and line the hook shank with tying thread. Wrap the turns of lead wire around the hook shank. Make a small dubbing loop and put in a mixture of dubbing to obtain the color you want. Wind on a fat head as shown. Wind on a fat head as shown.
2. Tie in two bunches of pheasant tail fibers to form the claws. Keep them small. Tie the butt ends of the pheasant tail over the top of the lead wire to extend over the eye of the hook. Tie in the hackle feather just behind the head.
3. Make a longer dubbing loop and form a noodle of multi-colored material. Wind a tapered body over the lead and pheasant tail. Palmer the hackle back to the hook eye and secure. Trim the excess pheasant tail fibers to form a tail. Whip finish and cement.





Jim Turner – “This is good stuff.”
Jerry McBride in background



Scott Mayfield, Bridget Mayfield and Jerry McBride enjoying dinner.
Bridget contributed a fantastic Dutch oven peach cobbler.



Bob Burton, Prez. Gary Honeyman
and Dick Odell



Pat Kendall – Was it too
much pizza or too much
libation?



Dick Odell, Pat Kendall, Dwight Tipton and
Tom Turner in background

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