



**GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
May 11, 2004
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

MAY PROGRAM

By Scott Mayfield

The nefarious **Dead Fish Twisted** program will be presented by a variety of Fish and Wildlife officials from our region.

Chris Donley will speak on behalf of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. Mr. Donley will update us on the status of Amber Lake, North Silver, Coffeepot and a variety of other fisheries in his region. Mr. Donley will also report the findings from last years stomach content surveys and fish-scale sampling. Ed Lider and Matt Davis, from the US Forest Service - Idaho Panhandle Region, and Joe Dupont of the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Department will report on our North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene cutthroat project, upcoming conservation efforts and the status of some of our favorite fisheries in Idaho.

A number of club members will be at the tying bench spinning their secret flies. Tiers will include Bill McElroy, Hugh Evans, Allen Peterson, Rod Butler, and Doug Brossoit.

If you really want to learn something – bring your tippet and leader materials. Tom May is going to have knot-testing machine there and you can put those knots to the test. Tom's machine ripped some of my knots apart below the line's rated breaking strength. A real eye-opener. Tom will also show us some alternative knots with higher breaking strengths.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

By Pat Kendall

As we approach the middle of my term as president, I would like to thank the membership for all the help you continue to give to our on-going projects. We have loads of things going on again this year, "Stream Watch," Amber Lake and Coffeepot Lake fish sampling with Chris Donley, Boys' Ranch fishing trip and breakfast, Kids Day with the Outdoor Writers, North Silver lake membership fish-out, Elk River Summer Board Meeting and fishing trip, FFF sign program, Brett Creek project, Kids Day at Clear Lake, and the Tongass National Forest project. You have been very supportive with your time and efforts on all of the above projects, and in my opinion this is a sure sign of a healthy and growing club.

CONGRATULATIONS and thanks for your continued support.

SOME THOUGHTS

Contributed by Hardy Kruse

Hardy Kruse offers the following for members to consider.

People over 30 should be dead. According to today's regulators and bureaucrats, those of us who were kids in the 40's, 50's, 60's, or even the early 70's probably shouldn't have survived.

Our cribs were covered with bright-colored, lead-based paint. There was nothing to stop us from sticking a fork in an electrical outlet. We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets, and when we rode our bikes we had no helmets. (Not to mention the risks we took hitchhiking.) As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags. Riding in the back of a pickup truck on a warm day was always a special treat. We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle.

We ate cupcakes, bread and butter, and drank soda pop with sugar in it, but we were never overweight because we were always outside playing. We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle, and no one actually died from this. We would spend hours building go-carts out of scraps and then rode down a hill, only to find out we had forgot the brakes. After running into bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem. We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the street lights came on. No one was able to reach us all day. No cell phones. UNTHINKABLE!

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo 64s, X-Boxes, video games, 99 channels on cable, video tape movies, surround sound, personal cell phones, personal computers, or Internet chat rooms. We had friends! We went outside and found them. We played dodge ball, and sometimes the ball would

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really hurt. We fell out of trees, got cut and broke bones and teeth, and there were no lawsuits from these accidents. They were accidents. No one was to blame but us. Remember accidents?

We had fights with sticks and tennis balls and ate worms and mud pies, and although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes, nor did the worms live inside us forever. We rode bikes or walked to a friend's home and knocked on the door or rang the bell or just walked in and talked to them. Little League had tryouts, and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Some students weren't as smart as others, so

they failed a grade and were held back to repeat the same grade. Again, horrors. Tests were not adjusted for any reason.

Our actions were our own. Consequences were expected. The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law. Imagine that! This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers and problem solvers and inventors, ever. The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all. And you are one of them.
CONGRATULATIONS

PASSING OF A LEGEND

By Randy Shaber

On March 13th fishermen all over the world lost a good friend. Many do not know him personally, but we all have benefited from his life long efforts to improve fly fishing equipment.

Jimmy Green was raised near San Francisco and as a teenager was introduced to fly casting at the Golden Gate Casting Club. A few years later he was selected to the US Casting Team and traveled to Paris to compete in the World Casting Championships. Jimmy won each event he entered and won the Amateur All Around title. He was just 18.

Jim spent four years in the army during WWII, and returned home to California for tournament casting and fishing. He then went to work for Winston rods. Later he worked at the Sunset line company where he experimented with plastic coated lines. Among other things, Jim introduced a better floating line using hollow glass spheres mixed into the plastic. His next job was with Fenwick as a rod designer. In his spare time he continued participating in various casting tournaments, often winning many of the events. At Fenwick he invented the Feralite ferrule used in most fly rods today and introduced the first production model graphite rod.

Jim lived in a golden era. He loved his work and had the opportunity to fish all over the world during a time when much of the fishing was at its best. He developed lasting friendships with fishermen in many countries. He was well respected as a tournament caster, casting instructor, fisherman and his continuing contributions to the improvement of fly fishing equipment.

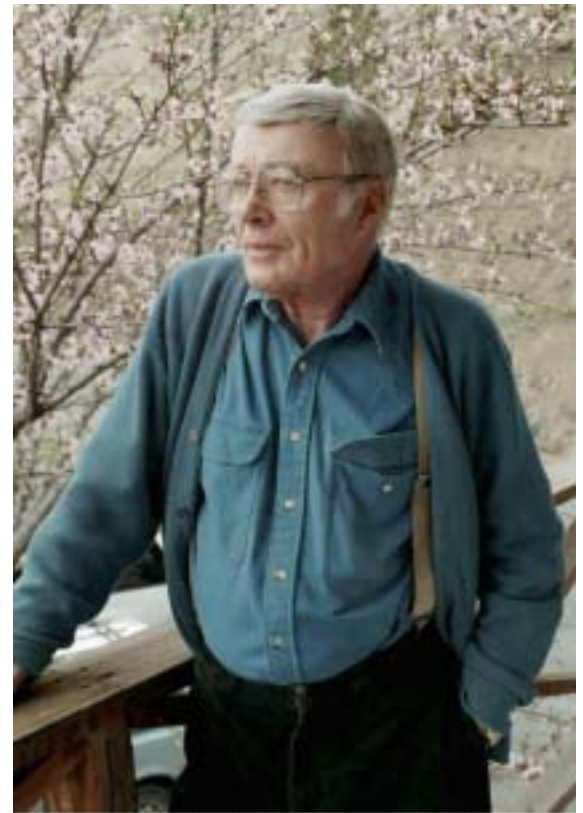
Jim and his wife Carol chose property near the mouth of the Grande Ronde for their retirement home. Gordon Olsen was the first of our club to venture up to Jim's house, and a friendship soon developed. A year or so later I too visited Jim and joined the group of steelheaders who had discovered the wealth of Jim's knowledge and the warmth of his hospitality.

About that time Jim was very interested in the development of two hander rods and encouraged us to try them out. After overcoming our initial apprehension to the idea of two hand rods and the embarrassment of trying to cast the "Big Stick," we slowly began to realize its full potential.

Over the next few years, Jim taught us how to make graphite blanks, continued to school us in the art of overhead and spey casting, and encouraged us to participate in casting tournaments.

Jim is remembered not only for the innovations he brought to fly fishing, but also for the way he interacted with everyone around him. He generously shared his love and understanding of casting and fishing with just about anyone and everyone who sought his advice. We already miss him but are grateful for all that he has given us.

Among his other honors, the Federation of Fly Fishers honored him with the Lew Jewett Memorial Award in 2002 as a proven teacher, fly-fishing innovator and significant contributor to fly fishing organizations.



**Jim Green at his home on the Grande Ronde.
April, 2002 Photo by Bob Bates**

FLY OF THE MONTH

Clay's Tough Bug

May, 2004

Clay Findlay

Fishing chironomids under an indicator has become one of the most popular and productive methods of fly fishing in recent years. Our own Clay Findlay is one of the masters of the technique. This is not surprising since Clay is a master of just about all fly fishing techniques. On two days of fishing a couple of weeks ago, Clay caught 63 rainbows on one chironomid fly. No leader failure, no break offs on bottom, no mishandling large fish. Afterwards, he took the fly and put it back in the box. Who knows how many more fish that one fly will take! Clay shares this rough and tough fly with us this month. Add it to your arsenal of midges.

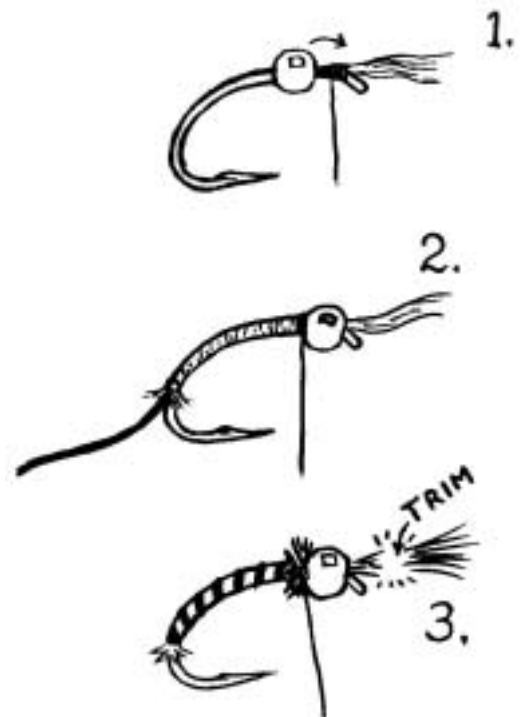
Hook: TMC 2457 #10 or 12
Thread: Black fine
Gills and Tail: Tuft of white poly pro yarn
Bead: 1/8 silver tungsten
Body: Gray floss
Rib: Black super floss
Thorax: Peacock herl



1. Pinch the barb and slip the bead over the hook. In front of the bead, tie in a small tuft of white poly pro yarn. Tie a few half hitches and trim the thread. Slide the bead forward to the eye.

2. Reattach the thread behind the bead and wind it down to the middle of the hook bend. Tie in the black super floss rib and a small tuft of white poly for the tail. Wind the thread back to the bead and tie in the gray floss body material. Wind the floss down to the tail and back to the bead. Keep the body as slim as possible.

3. Wind the rib forward in seven turns and tie off. Add a small peacock herl thorax right behind the bead and whip finish the thread. Trim off gills. Coat the body with one or two coats of Aqua Flex or Sally's Hard as Nails.



SAMPLING REPORT

By Bob Bates

Club members helped Chris Donley, WDFW, collect scale samples from rainbows at Amber and Coffeepot lakes. April 23rd sampling at Amber started out nice, and then a near gale force wind came up. A couple of us had to work pretty hard to get back to the ramp. Bill Stroup caught the only sterile rainbows (3) that could be reported. All fish caught were nice. April 25th at Coffeepot lake was beautiful. Several members ran around the lake a bit, even past the narrows, only to find that two of our members, with insider information, camped in the first bay and caught fish all day. Many fish were 18 inches or longer and strong. An exact count of fish sampled is not available at this time, but guesses put it at over 70.



April 25th Coffeepot lake, guess where the fish are. Photo by Bob Bates



These guys needed to rest after catching and taking scale samples from so many rainbows. Photo by Bob Bates

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