



**GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
May 10, 2005
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

MAY PROGRAM By Jerry Cartwright

“Fun at the Beach”

Leland Miyawaki will show us how much fun he has had fishing for salmon and sea-run cutthroat on the surface with a dryline, his innovative poppers and on foot off our south Sound beaches. He will show us his flies, show how to tie them, hand out tying instructions and talk techniques. Questions are encouraged at any time during the presentation.

Leland has been fly-fishing for over 50 years for trout, salmon and steelhead in most of the usual places in the West. Fourteen years ago, he began fishing on the surface for salmon and sea run cutthroat off his local Puget Sound beaches. Since then, he has been redesigning his “Miyawaki Beach Poppers” to their current sizes and colors and perfected his technique. He catches salmon, and sea-run cutthroat consistently, whether they are showing or not — all on a dryline and all on the surface. He says it is “the most fun you can have on the beach with your waders on.”

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

By Scott Mayfield

Earlier in the year I defined this club as a social club. As a member of the club’s historical committee, I have been able to interview a number of the club’s founding members, and they too said we are a social club. To be fair, I believe this is a partial definition. We are a fly fishing club. We are, in fact, one of the preeminent fly fishing clubs, I dare say, nationwide. To meet this definition -- a fly fishing club -- we have to be more than a social club. We have to be a service club and a conservation club also. This requires member participation and maybe a little sacrifice too, or does it?

May is perhaps the club’s busiest month of the year. We have Kids Fishing Day at Clear Lake on May 7th and fly tying, May 12th, and fishing with the boys from Morning Star on May 14th. In addition, we have the Annual Fishout coming up Tuesday, May 23rd at Amber Lake. We also have a small sign project coming up that will require the involvement of four members.

Currently, we have seven members signed up for Kids Fishing Day and eleven members and one guest signed up for Morning Star. That is right, a guest. If you have any questions about who my nomination for Fly Fisherman of the Year is, you shouldn’t. We hope more club members will show up at Clear Lake on May 7th to help the kids hook a few fish and to hook a few kids on fishing. Honestly, I don’t see why someone couldn’t tie a fly on a kid’s rod and dunk it in the pond to see what happens.

Bill McElroy is heading up the Morning Star outing again and deserves many thanks for this. We still need a few volunteers for this outing. If you haven’t done it, give it a try. What better way to get to know someone than to catch fish with them?

Note 1: Morning Star Boy’s Ranch fishout meets 7:00 AM May 14th at the old Shack Restaurant for breakfast (Club pays) then go to West Medical Lake with your boy.

Our signage project consists of removing the sign at Amber Lake, salvaging the reusable material and re-hanging the sign at Coffeepot Lake. The club will provide the needed materials and a new sign for the project. We estimate this will involve four club members. Please notify me if you are interested in completing the project. The sign is no longer needed at Amber because the study it refers to is done. A sign is needed at Coffeepot to inform anglers they are to release any fin-clipped fish they catch.

And one final note: Our attendance at the Eyes in the Woods or CORT (Crime Observation and Reporting Training) class was significantly lower than expected. Out of 24 individuals expressing interest in attending the class, 3 showed and 2 non-registered club members also attended. Boyd Matson put a lot of work into coordinating the class and made promises to WDFW regarding attendance. At this point, my inclination is to pull the plug on the program; however at the last board meeting one board member said we should give the program another chance, “If we don’t take a stand, then who will?”

Indeed, who will? At the May meeting, I will ask the general membership who is interested in this project and others. It is member participation that defines our club, not my words.

Note 2: Kids Fishing Day, 7 AM, Air Force Rec. area, on Clear Lake

BACKCAST

By Leon Buckles

April 10, 1956

Meeting in Stone Room, Spokane Hotel

“By laws discussed decided to convert by example rather than political pressure

True principals not to condemn others
Because they do things differently. Act
Like human beings in other words: try
to help others.

Statement of principals of things we
are for rather than what we are agin

Suggested; moved dues be 3.00 dollars per
year. ‘can be adjusted by fature legislation
junior membership discuss latter. Vote
to accept 3.00 dues.”

By the way, Ozzie gave all attending a real hot fly,
“Silver Nymph.

Hackle: grey hackle

Body: silver

Tail: marabowé”

Ed. Note: As recorded, spell check not used.

YAKIMA TRAGDY

Submitted by Randy Vanhoff

Yakima Herald-Republic (WA)

April 23, 2005

Woman dies when raft overturns in Yakima River

Mark Morey

ELLENSBURG - A 57-year-old Bellingham woman died Friday afternoon in a rafting accident on the Yakima River, Kittitas County sheriff's deputies said. Linda Sherman was pronounced dead at the scene about a mile south of Ellensburg, Undersheriff Clayton Myers said.

The pontoon-based raft, with a rowing frame, became caught in a log snag, which caused the watercraft to capsize.

Friends in her flyfishing group brought Sherman to shore and tried to revive her, but she died about 2:45 p.m. after rescue crews unsuccessfully continued efforts to save her, Myers said.

She was not wearing a personal flotation device. Myers did not know whether she knew how to swim.

She showed no obvious injuries. The sheriff's office and the county coroner will conduct an autopsy.

Myers said Sherman was a single mother of three children.

FLY TYING DEMO AT SWEDE'S

Reported by Bob Bates

Here is your chance to see and talk to a real expert fly tier. Janet Schimpf, who ties most of the flies at Swede's Fly Shop, will be there on May 28th. From 10 AM to 4 PM she will be tying flies, answering fly tying questions and showing us some of her tying methods.

She has tied flies for many, many years, and given demonstrations at fishing shows and conclaves. Three years ago between November and April she tied 15,000 dozen flies. Allen said that he saw her tie an Elk Hair Caddis in 30 seconds. She will slow down for us so we can see her steps and techniques.

Swede's Fly Shop is at 1611 N Ash, Spokane, WA, 323-0500.

FLY FISHING YELLOWSTONE HATCHES, DVD

A Review by Bob Bates

If you are planning a trip to the Yellowstone area you should check out the DVD “Fly Fishing Yellowstone Hatches with Craig Mathews and John Juracek.” There is such a fantastic amount of information on this disk that you will want to watch it several times. Three chapters highlight the major hatches on different rivers and lakes for spring, summer and fall. You can start at the beginning and view all 160 minutes of playing time. Or if you want, go directly to “Midges - Hebgen Lake” or “PMD's – Henrys Fork – Last Chance” and watch just part of the disk. Menu capability is a nice advantage of a DVD over tape.

While a nymph angler can expect good Yellowstone fishing any time of the year, Mathews and Juracek admit they prefer the visual surface action. Hatch charts for mayflies and caddis flies are given but they caution that in drought years the hatches come earlier and in high water years they are delayed. *Baetis* and *Rhithrogena* start hatching early in the lower Henrys Fork and midges anytime. They prefer using the Latin names, but admit you really don't need them, especially for caddis, to fish the hatches properly. They made one point several times – “overcast, rainy or even snowy weather makes for good hatches.” When many anglers are in for lunch and a warm up there can be a great hatch in progress.

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INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB – SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

FLY OF THE MONTH

Night Stalker

May, 2005

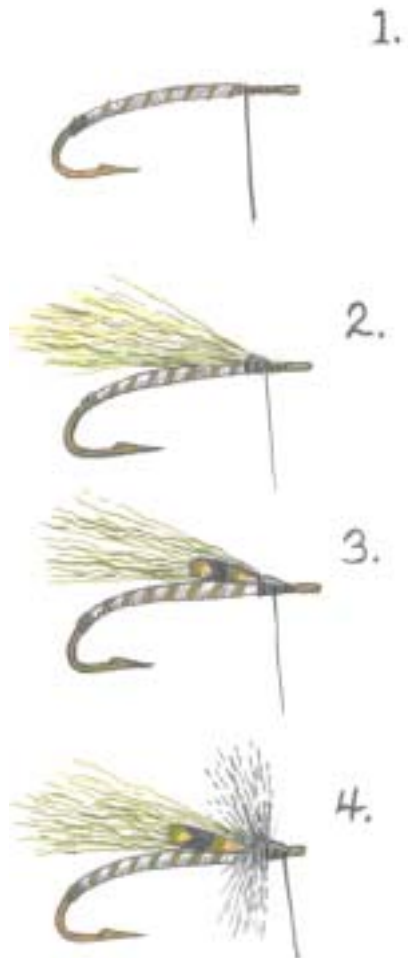
Bill Stroup

Bill Stroup came up with this lovely streamer pattern. Its classic minnow shape is enhanced by the use of glo-yarn in the body and wing. As day fades into night, its effectiveness should increase. Be sure to have a flashlight handy to recharge the glow-in-the-dark when you fish it in low light or darkness. I'm sure it can be useful in larger sizes also.

Hook: TMC 2340 #8 6X long
Thread: 8/0 black
Body: Uni-Glo yarn
Tag & rib: Gold Mylar
Wing: Glo-yarn blended 50/50 with light olive llama hair (or equivalent)
Eye: Jungle cock
Collar: Grizzly hackle



1. Pinch the barb and line the shank with thread. Tie in the gold Mylar ribbing at the bend of the hook. Form a slender, tapered body of glo-yarn. Make a small tag and then wind 7-8 turns of ribbing up to the front.
2. Blend the glo-yarn and llama hair for the wing and tie it in.
3. Tie in the jungle cock eyes.
4. Wind a fairly sparse collar of grizzly hackle. Wind a small tapered head, whip finish, and cement.



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Caddis flies are important and an angler must be alert to fish sometimes preferring them to the PMD's or stoneflies that are hatching. They also point out several situations where the fish start on one insect and switch to another one. As an example, Slough Creek fish in one early season day might feed on Gray Drakes, PMD's, *Baetis*, a couple of terrestrials, midges and caddis. Another time to be particularly alert is when there are several hatches on the water, they give some suggestions for this situation.

Salmonflies and other stoneflies get their share of attention. They start hatching in May in the lower Henry's Fork, but they hatch into late July in other rivers. The Firehole River has an interesting emergence pattern. It starts upstream and progresses downstream to Madison Junction. Stoneflies in the Madison below Quake Lake follow the usual pattern of starting downstream and moving upstream. They caution however, that fishing might be great at the head of the hatch, then drop off for a few days and finally pick up again toward the tail of the hatch. Apparently the fish eat too much at the head of the hatch.

Note 3: Last month we had a problem between my sending *The Fly Leaf* and the printer publishing it. Folks who were supposed to get it by regular mail received nothing. If you want a copy of last months fly there will be a few copies on the piano. We have changed the process so this should not happen again.

Note 5: The 2005 Roster will be mailed to members of record sometime in May. When you receive your copy please check it over. If you find any errors notify either Bob Bates or Doug Brossoit. There appears to be a dozen openings for new members.

As for flies, they use Sparkle Dun's in various colors, emergers, spinners, X-Caddis, CDC Caddis, Stimulator and others. Many are shown as an inset while they are fishing. Except for the stonefly imitations sizes range between 14 and 22.

Something I liked about the video, with one exception, were the good examples of releasing fish. My one negative comment is that one angler, I think it was Craig Mathews, lipped all his fish. The jaw wasn't bent enough to cause injury, but the vertical position put improper stresses on internal organs.

There are a lot more details on the video. Be sure to observe where and how they present their flies. It is certainly worth watching several times. I might have to put this DVD on my Christmas list along with the complementary fly tying DVD.

No. 101 in the IEFFC "Video Tape" library. You can keep it only 5 days each check out.

Note 4: We will celebrate our 50th anniversary next year. One of the many things being discussed to commemorate it is building two or three special fly plates. The exact details haven't been laid out. However, Harry Karas is collecting flies that members have created and have been included in some issue of *Flies of the Northwest*. A significant modification of some other pattern for local waters might qualify. Each fly should be tied by the originator.