



**GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
January 9, 2007
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

JANUARY PROGRAM By Dwight Tipton

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By Leonard Gross

I want to start by recognizing the tremendous work done by Gordon Olson, Hugh Evans, Steve Aspinwall and every one else who participated in our December raffle. The outstanding success of this years raffle has provided a welcomed infusion of money to the club's coffers. Gordon will report as to the specifics of the raffles performance when the final accounting is complete. Again, many thanks to these gentlemen for their contribution in time and effort.

Hopefully, everyone had an opportunity to read the terrific article Rich Landers published in the December 17th issue of the Spokesman Review titled "50 Years on the Fly." After having read this article I was struck by two things.

One, that the opportunity to serve this fine organization in my new capacity is truly an honor. Moving through the various chairs has been a wonderful way to get to know not only individual club members but a great way to familiarize myself to a good deal of club history. This history was never more apparent than during the past year while preparations were being made and discussed for IEFFC's Fiftieth Anniversary celebration.

Second, that there exists a certain responsibility to carry-on the vision on which this extraordinary club was founded; that of service in the furtherance of the sport which we all cherish. It is a responsibility that I don't take lightly. In fact, given the club's history, it's more than a little intimidating. I just ask every ones forbearance as I attempt to fulfill the duties with which I have been entrusted.

What better way to start the new year than by spending an hour or so listening to three of our oldest and most traveled members entertain us with stories of their far flung journeys? Lowell Tveit and Leon Buckles will lead off the evening with pictures and commentary concerning their pursuit of the Wyoming Grand Slam last summer. Everyone who has not yet tried for the slam will be amazed at just how much of an effort it really takes and how rare a couple of the species comprising the slam really are.

Next up will be arguably our most traveled member of all, Byron Johnson, who besides making all of us insanely jealous, will talk about the highlights of a few of his most recent expeditions. Byron assures me he is going to have his son-in-law operate the computer, so there is little or no doubt that his presentation will be seamless as well as having words and pictures certain to make any fly fisherman's jaw drop in amazement.

Several members have asked for information sooner concerning upcoming speakers, so here is a little tease for you: February's program will be put on by three of the finest artisans I have ever known. These three distinguished gentlemen will combine to provide us a show and tell presentation you won't want to miss.

A topic of discussion at our monthly board meetings the last few months has centered on the need for all members to shoulder a portion of this responsibility. Of particular concern has been communicating clearly to new members the underlying fact that, more than a social club, we are a service organization. Too often it has fallen on a handful of regulars that continue to volunteer for various club projects. These members' ongoing contributions in time and effort are greatly appreciated. However, as the club continues to take on new members it becomes critical that these new members involve themselves in club activities.

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The time has come to redouble our efforts and to rededicate ourselves to the underlying service-oriented goals of IEFFC. I would ask that if you are new to the club, look for opportunities to get involved in as many club projects or activities as you possibly can. The

2007 OFFICERS, ETC.

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Leonard Gross, President
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Number in () is year current term ends
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Gordon Olson (2008)
Bob Harley (2009)

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Artist-In-Residence – Gene Lorensen

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-- Jon Allen
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-- Bob Bates
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Fly Fishing School – Gene Lorensen
-- Pat Kendall
Video Library – Harry Calhoun
Nominations – Leonard Gross
-- Jerry Cartwright
-- Scott Mayfield
-- Pat Kendall
Christmas Raffle – Gordy Olson
Hugh Evans
Stephen Aspinwall
and Others

opportunities are there. It's important that more of the membership become involved and participate in club projects and activities. The next fifty years will depend on it.

HELP KEEP THE CLUB HISTORY

By Bob Bates

Our official Archivist, Leon Buckles, sent e-mails to several of us and made personal appeals to help keep the club history alive. If you have pictures of club activities, projects or happenings send them to Leon. If you have original pictures you want back he can copy them and return them to you. If the files aren't too big you can also e-mail them to Leon or one of us with broadband we can burn a cd for Leon. That way whoever does the 100th Anniversary will have a lot of great stuff to assemble. I doubt that many of us will be around to enjoy it. Lets see in 50 years I would be only 126 years old.



Bob Harley Spring 2006 Corbett lake Lodge, Merritt, Canada

PROTECT OUR RESOURCE

By Bob Bates

New Zealand Mud Snails, Zebra Mussels, Whirling Disease, Eurasian Milfoil: It seems that everywhere you look there is another article about an invasive species that is threatening our fishing. New Zealand Mud Snails were identified in the Lewiston area. I think Zebra Mussels were found on the coast. Whirling Disease was first reported by WDFW in 1996. The parasites were found in rainbow trout in the Grande Ronde River and a tributary, Cottonwood Creek. In 2002 the pathogen that causes whirling disease was found in brook trout in Pend Oreille, Stevens and Ferry county streams. A bunch of money and effort was just spent killing Milfoil in McDowell Lake north of us. McDowell should provide us with great fishing again. The latest one is **Rock Snot**, a disgusting slime (algae) that smothers everything and makes fishing all but impossible.

Anglers can help stop these invaders by cleaning, drying and freezing their gear before going to another stream or lake. See February, 2006 *Fly Leaf* for killing Mud Snails.

INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB – SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

FLY OF THE MONTH

Think Big

January, 2007

Gene Lorenson

Happy New Year, may all your piscatorial pleasures be fulfilled in 2007. I suppose one of our fondest fantasies is the 20# Brown trout taken on a #20 or smaller dry fly. But let's go the other way and think BIG. There are fish out there in both salt and fresh water that are big enough to eat small children. So forget the #22 blue winged olive and tie up some foot-long baitfish flies with a #4/0 lead hook and a 2/0 trailer. Let's catch some fish with teeth large and sharp enough to give you nightmares. Some of these swim in the tropical salt but others are within a couple hours from Spokane. Good luck and a bit of skill, too.



Hooks: Mustad 34068 4/0 0"Shaughnessy Gamakatsu 5515 2/0

Thread: 3/0 white Uni thread

Hook connector: 20 or 30 wt. Nylo Strand wire leader

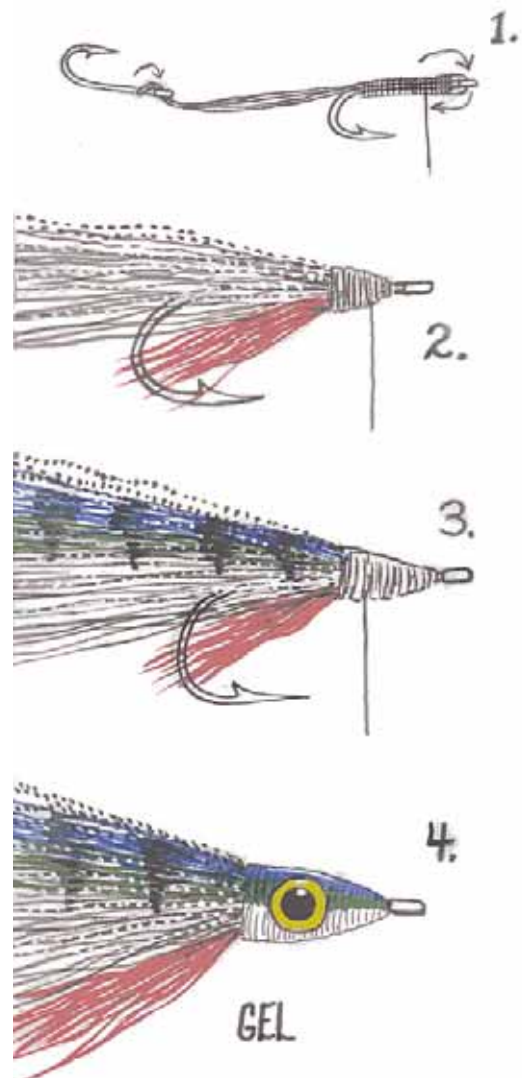
Throat: Red marabou or hair

Body: Artificial hair (fish hair, Spirit River super hair) in white. Green, peacock, blue. Krystal Flash or other sparkle Tinsel in pearl and green, blue or black. Colored Marking pins for accents

Head: Large, built up with white yarn or floss and set with Soft Body plastic resin.

Eyes: Large eyes - Spirit River 3-D molded eyes in gold or Prismatic eyes in chartreuse 9/32

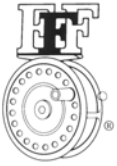
1. Prepare the tandem hooks by doubling the wire leader and passing it around the shank and through the eye of the trailing hook. Wrap the shank of the larger hook with tying thread and secure the leader to the top of the hook with enough extending forward to go through the eye of the large hook and double back under the shank. Do this and tightly wrap the wire to the underside of hook shank. Cement
2. Start forming the fly body by tying in the white hair, half under the shank and half on top. Make the hair as long as you want the fly, 6-12 inches. Tie in the red throat under the white hair, Add ten or so strands of Pearl Krystal Flash on each side of the white hair.
3. Continue the body building by adding a couple of small bunches of The darker colored hair on top of the white. Green topped by blue Is a good combo. Take a dark permanent marker and make stripes If you wish. Add the darker Krystal Flash to the sides and top of the Dark hair. Cement after each hair addition
4. Build up the head of the fly using fine white wool or floss. Color the top half of the head with dark permanent marker to match the back of the fly. Stick the eyes in place. Cover the entire head with two or three layers of Soft Body resin, making sure to cover the eyes with the resin. Let dry.



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When asked to volunteer ---- Are you painting lines?