



**GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
March 13, 2007
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

MARCH PROGRAM

By Dwight Tipton

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Leonard Gross

As I sit down to author this short missive, I look out my window to witness a white world. With temperatures having approached 50 degrees recently, I was ready for spring and the early fishing opportunities that follow. Oh, well. We can always use a good snow pack to get us through the dog days of summer.

There has been a lot of discussion recently regarding issues surrounding the Spokane River. As anyone who has been following these discussions knows, there are differing views on how to best address the various issues surrounding this resource. Everything from stream access to minimum water flows to the quality of the fishery.

Mark Pinch took time to meet with IEFFC Board members during our last meeting. He provided an important synopsis of the club's extensive involvement with conservation efforts related to the Spokane River over the last several years. As someone who has been intimately involved with these various efforts, he also made his personal views known.

Stann Grater also took time to address the Board at this meeting. In addition to being a club member, Stann also represents the Hunting and Fishing Conservation Coalition. On some issues Stann has a different view and perspective than that expressed by Mark. On others, general agreement.

As an officer of IEFFC I appreciated learning more about the history of the club's involvement. Having taken all this in, it became apparent to me that the IEFFC

How does a painting of a trout become as lifelike and beautiful as the trout itself? When and how does a blank of dual modulus graphite become a work of art? Should a bamboo rod be pentagonal or hexagonal? Vastly more important, at what point does a bunch of glued together bamboo become capable of sending sublime messages to the users brain? These questions and more will be answered by three of our club's finest artists on Tuesday, March 13, so I have no doubt you'll want to attend the March meeting.

I'm constantly amazed by the amount of artistic talent we have in the Club. It's also amazing, though, how seldom men with these various talents are recognized for the artists they are, other than by the occasional, "Oh yeah, thanks for the donation." Having had the opportunity to watch each of them create art from mundane materials, I always come away awestruck by what I've seen, and yes, more than a little jealous that I don't have a prayer of imitating them. Maybe, just maybe, while most of us merely applaud what we see and hear Tuesday night, a few others will say to themselves, "I can do that, I know I can, and I'm going to learn how." Wouldn't that be something?

has a significant legacy with respect to this body of water. As the population of Spokane increases and development continues, management issues surrounding the Spokane River become significant. I believe it is important that the club continue to be a strong advocate for maintaining the quality of the river as evidenced through our historic conservation efforts. In order to continue being effective we all need to become better informed as to the issues confronting this natural resource.

I encourage the membership to ask questions and express their own individual perspectives and views to club officers. The more information that is disseminated the better our decisions going forward will be.

MARCH TRIP TO LENICE – YOU ARE INVITED AND A DATE HAS BEEN SET

By Jerry McBride

Pat Kendall and I have gone down to fish Lenice in March for the last five years and we are planning on going again this year. We plan to leave for Lenice on Sunday, March 18 and go home on Friday, March 23, 2007.

There have been as many as nine IEFFC members on the March trip and several years just Pat and I.

Here is a repeat of information furnished last month that might be helpful:

Accommodations: You will need an RV with heat. It gets pretty cold at night. One year we got up and there was four inches of snow on the ground. Some people stay in a motel in Vantage and drive back and forth.

Food: It will be up to you to bring your own food. If you stay in Vantage there is a restaurant that serves pretty good food.

Boat/other: You will need something to fish from since the shoreline of Lenice is lined with cattails. Lenice is about a ¼ mile walk from the parking lot on a gated gravel road so you will need to transport whatever floatation device you fish from to the lake. No motors of any kind are allowed on Lenice.

Fishing Success: Some years have been fantastic and a few utterly dismal. There are rainbows, tiger trout and browns in the lake.

Flies: At this time of year chironomids are the main food item so flies imitating all three phases work. Woolly Buggers are always good.

Other fisherman: Most years the Evergreen Fly Club from Everett shows up in March. They are really good at fishing Lenice so pay attention to what they are doing.

Questions: Call Pat Kendall or me and we'll try to answer your question.

CLUB OUTING TO COFFEEPOT

By Allen Peterson

Twenty-six (26) people have signed up for a club outing to Coffeepot Lake on March 24th. We will be there if it is ice free. We will not fish through the ice or do a Boyd Matson dance. The club will provide a few burgers and condiments. Bring your own beverages.

We need a fairly accurate head count. Call me, 323-0500, if you signed up and now find you can't make it or if you want to be added to the list.

DUES

By Bob Bates

This year I haven't pestered you about dues being due.
I hope that you remembered if you plan to remain in the club.
Members become delinquent on March 1 of each year.

This year you can pay at the meeting or by mail in the next two weeks and still be in the Club's good graces.

Make out \$30.00 checks to IEFFC.

Mail to IEFFC PO Box 2926 Spokane WA 99220-2926

We are talking about publishing the names of delinquent members in next months *The Fly Leaf*.

We would hate to lose the 30 members who haven't paid (3/3/07)

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FLY OF THE MONTH

Balanced Beadhead (Raucous Red)

March, 2007

Jerry McBride

In the January 2005 Fly of the Month, Jerry showed his balanced bead concept for fishing a fly under an indicator in a horizontal orientation. He said it works very well in a sparkle leech pattern at Rufus Woods Lake. This February, Jerry proved its effectiveness again by landing a monster Rainbow (est. 20 lbs.) on this glaring red version. (See the January 2005 Fly Leaf for more details.)

Details on tying other versions of the Balanced Beadhead are on the Federation of Fly Fishers website. <http://www.fedflyfishers.org/flytying.php> and scroll down to Fly Author, type Jerry McBride in box and click on button at bottom to send request.

Hook: Mustad 3906 or equivalent 10-6

Thread: Red mono

Bead: 5/32 hot orange brass bead on a straight pin lashed to the hook

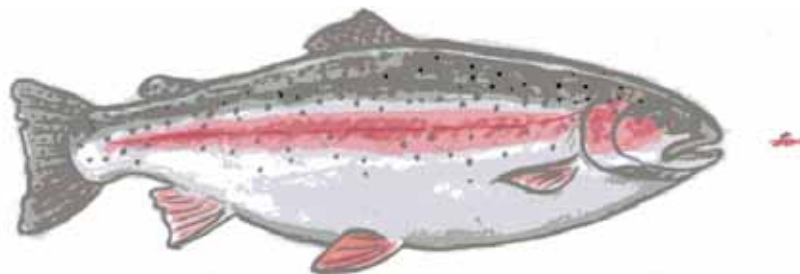
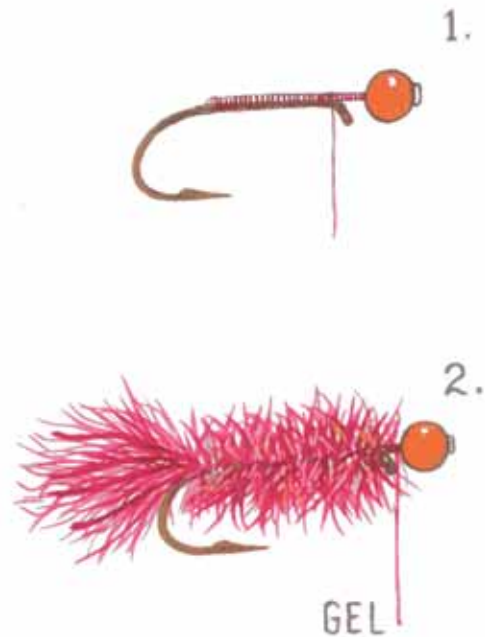
Tail: Red Marabou with 4 strands of red Flashabou

Body: Red sparkle chenille



1. Place hook with barb pinched down in the vise, start thread and line hook with thread. Select a straight pin and cut it to a length of approximately 1/8" less than the hook shank length. Select a bead and slip it on the straight pin, small hole first. Place the pin on top of the hook with the bead about one hook-eye diameter beyond the eye and lash it to the hook with tight wraps. If your bead/ hook combination requires it, wrap lead substitute wire on pin shaft between bead and eye of hook to achieve balance. Wind thread forward and wrap between eye of hook and bead with sufficient wraps to secure bead so it will not slide back on the pin. Leave thread hanging at the bend of the hook. Apply super glue to the thread wraps lashing the pin to the hook and those holding the bead in place on the pin. Clear out any glue that wicks into the eye and the gap between bead and eye.

2 After the glue is dry, tie in the Marabou and Flashabou tail and chenille body material. Wind the thread forward and leave it hanging just behind the bead. Wrap the chenille forward to the bead, tie off, trim, and whip finish behind bead. Clear material away between the bead and eye with a bodkin to make threading a tippet into the hook eye easier.



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WASHINGTON FLY TYING SYMPOSIUM

By Bob Bates

If you didn't get a chance to go to the Oregon Fly Tying Show, you have a second chance to see some of the tiers. Several will be at the Washington Fly Tying Symposium in Ellensburg, WA April 21, 2007. Tying skills will range from artists tying Atlantic Salmon flies to skilled tiers showing us new fish catching trout and steelhead flies.

Tying is from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. There are 100 time slots. A few tiers will tie all day, and others will tie for only two or four hours. Get there early to decide who you will watch.

A banquet meeting starts at 6:00 pm with a reception and no host bar. The buffet dinner of London Broil and Salmon Fillet will be served at 7:00pm. Following dinner there is a short business meeting to introduce candidates for positions in the Washington State Council Federation of Fly Fishers, an auction/raffle, and an excellent speaker.

Fly Tying: 9 am to 5 pm Hal Holms Center, 209 N Ruby St
Cost \$5.00

Buffet dinner: 6 pm Ellensburg Inn, 1700 Canyon Road
Cost \$30.00 (includes admission to fly tying)

I have four \$30 tickets, and more can be acquire. Please contact Carl Johnson (425-308-6161) flyfishalso@verizon.net or send your payment to: Carl Johnson, WSCFFF, PO Box 1206, Monroe, WA 98272



Inaugural
WASHINGTON FLY TYING EXPO
and Annual Meeting

9am - 5pm
Ellensburg, WA
Hal Holms Center
209 N. Ruby Street

WSCFFF Annual Meeting/Dinner 6pm
Ellensburg Inn

Guest Speaker
1st Lt. Elvind Forseth

A participant in Project Steadfast
Waters (PSW) at Walter Reed
Hospital in Washington, DC,
Lt. Forseth was injured in Iraq,
and is currently coordinator
for Project Healing Waters.
PSW teaches wounded
service members fly fishing
and fly tying as emotional,
cognitive and physical
therapy. Lt. Forseth delivered
this keynote address at the
FFF 2006 Conference in
Norman, MT.

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