



**GENERAL MEETING  
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB  
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE  
COMMONS  
March 10, 2009  
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jon Allen

It is hard writing an article for this month's Fly Leaf when the temperature outside is 23 and it's snowing. It becomes even harder when my son-in-law Mark and I fly out this weekend to fish Belize. As I get older, destinations to warmer climates during the winter months have been a welcome event. Travels over the last ten years have included many salt water destinations and luck has brought catches of bonefish, tarpon, jacks, barracuda, and snapper. But try as I might, I have yet to catch a permit. I've cast to some very nice permit, in fact last year on a trip to Florida two 25 pounders nosed down to my fly with their tails out of the water only to have them slowly swim away without the fly. Luckily the trip wasn't a bust because earlier in the day it included an hour and a half "hook and fight" experience that brought in a 140 pound Tarpon to the boat. But saltwater fishing for permit has become a quest rather than just a fishing trip.

This will be the third trip to Belize and anticipation is high as organization of equipment and tying dozens of new flies fills the cold days. The quest continues as permit have been spotted often on our annual sojourn so maybe, just maybe, I can cross this off the bucket list. If you see a big smile on my face next month, it could mean I finally succeeded.

At the last Board of Directors meeting, the Board reviewed the by-laws and is recommending some small

## MARCH PROGRAM

By Jason Mulligan

We have all had times in our lives when we need to get away! You all know the feeling...the kids are fighting...the wife is scrambling...and work is calling. For me, most days are one of those times. I get out of bed, and race out the door with my cell phone sandwiched between my shoulder and my ear. All the while, my daughter is hanging over my shoulder kicking me in the chest. I strap **her** into the car seat, and quickly make my way through morning traffic to get **her** to preschool on time. In a panic, I jump out of my truck into a fresh pile of doggy doo, when I realize I was supposed to drop off my **son**.

I take a deep breath, and long for the soothing current of the "Turkey Run." Instead, my day feels like the outside of the "Elbow Run." Either way the Grande Ronde takes me away to a place where my wife's 'to do list' is always finished, and there are NO screaming kids.

If you are like me, you spend much of your time day dreaming of your next visit to the Ronde, so until we can each take our next trip, we are fortunate enough to have our own Silver Bow boys bring us their Grande Ronde journey. In March, Sean Visintainer will be presenting state of the art gear and tactics used in 2008 and 2009. This program will contain some valuable insight for those of us who keep going back to this special place.

changes in wording, which are published in this Fly Leaf. You will be voting on the changes at the April meeting. Concerns have been expressed about the recent increase in costs, quantity and quality of dinners at Mukogawa so the board is researching alternative places to hold our general meetings. If you have any concerns on these issues, please contact a Member of the Board.

## FISHING KIDS

By Floyd Holmes

The kids fishing day for 2009 is to be on the 2nd of May this year at Clear Lake

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**PROPOSED CHANGES IN BYLAWS**

Following are the proposed changes to ARTICLE VIII of the Bylaws. Deletions are indicated by a ~~Double strikethrough~~ and additions by *Italics*.

**ARTICLE VIII. Grievance Committee**

1. A Grievance Committee and chairman thereof shall be appointed by the ~~President~~ *Board of Directors* whenever ~~he they deems deem~~ it necessary, or at such time as any member requests in writing that one be appointed. Not less ~~that~~ *than* three (3) members shall comprise the committee, one of which will be the club secretary.

2. NO CHANGE

3. NO CHANGE

4. Upon completion of the hearing, the committee shall make findings, in writing, ~~and recommendations, in writing.~~ Such findings ~~and recommendations~~ shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for action. Any action by the Board shall be appropriate and in keeping with the purposes of the club, it's Articles of Incorporation, it's By-Laws, and/or the laws of the State of Washington, and in addition, may include expulsion of any member or members. Any action taken by the Board shall be final.

5. NO CHANGE

**WDFW INLAND FISH POLICY GROUP**  
By Dick Odell

As a second term member, I attended our first meeting of the biennium for the IFPAG in Olympia on February 21. Interesting and challenging times ahead for the Department! Hopefully, something good can come out of this difficult time. A few highlights follow:

- A \$30million loss for the biennium looks likely (probably more)
- Loss of a possible 150 FTE (probably more) including 10 Enforcement personnel
- Five hatcheries closed
- Keep tuned for more information
- Watch SHB 1778 ( 2 pole endorsement) & SHB 1838 (Spirit Lake Limited Fishery) in the Legislature
- Sportfishing Rules: Live Aquatic Animals for bait prohibited (with modifications) approved, Increased Trout Limit on Selected Lakes not approved, Statewide Opening Day of Stream Fishing approved. These were probably of most concern to us.
- 2009 Kids Fishing Event at Clear Lake scheduled for Saturday, May 2. Watch for information from the IEFFC Chairman (hopefully, Floyd Holmes) to get involved.

For more information on anything dealing with inland fisheries or ideas please contact Dick Odell.

Water Body	County	Surface Acres	Current Management	Season & Special Regs	April	May	Total Triploids
<b>Region 1</b>							
Sprague Lake	Adams & Lincoln	1,860	Mixed	Y-R	2,205	0	2,205
Fishtrap Lake	Lincoln	196	Trout	O. D.	750	0	750
Diamond Lake	Pend Oreille	754	Mixed	O. D.	1,000	0	1,000
Badger Lake	Spokane	244	Trout	O. D.	1,000	0	1,000
Clear Lake	Spokane	401	Mixed	O. D.	1,000	0	1,000
West Medical Lake	Spokane	235	Trout	O. D.	1,000	0	1,000
Williams Lake	Spokane	319	Trout	O. D.	1,500	0	1,500
Deer Lake	Stevens	1,163	Mixed	3/1-10/31 only 2 > 30"	1,000	0	1,000
Loon Lake	Stevens	1,119	Mixed	O. D. only 2 > 20"	750	0	750
Bennington Lake	Walla Walla	52	Trout	Y-R; only 2 > 13"	350	0	350
<b>R1 Total</b>	<b>10 lakes</b>				<b>10,555</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,555</b>

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# FLY OF THE MONTH

Sparkle Snail

March, 2009

Ralph Cutter

A dubious delicacy of French cuisine is escargot, the lowly snail. Trout, as well as Frenchmen, relish them. We have all taken fish from local waters that contained snails, some so stuffed with them that they bulged and rattled. The problem then is how to tie a snail pattern and how does one fish it. In the February issue of *Fly Fisherman* magazine is a very interesting article by Ralph and Lisa Cutter called *Bugs of the Underworld*. It is based on their findings while scuba diving in streams and lakes - a fisheye view of things, so to speak. Part of the article deals with snails. It states that while snails spend a lot of time crawling around the bottom and on weeds, they also are often found suspended near or on the surface of the lake. To do this, they fill their shells with gas to allow them to float. This is when they are easy prey for trout. The snails actually feed while attached to the surface film. As sunlight penetrates their shells, the snails glow incandescently. Trout can easily find and take them. Mr. Cutter suggests a very simple fly pattern to imitate the floating snails. Wrap yellow/olive Chrystal Chenille in a ball around the hook shank. As sunlight penetrates their shells, the snails glow incandescently. Trout can easily find and take them. Mr. Cutter suggests a very simple fly pattern to imitate the floating snails. Wrap yellow/olive Chrystal Chenille in a ball around the hook shank.

**Hook:** 12 – 8 Dry Fly

**Thread:** Mono to match color

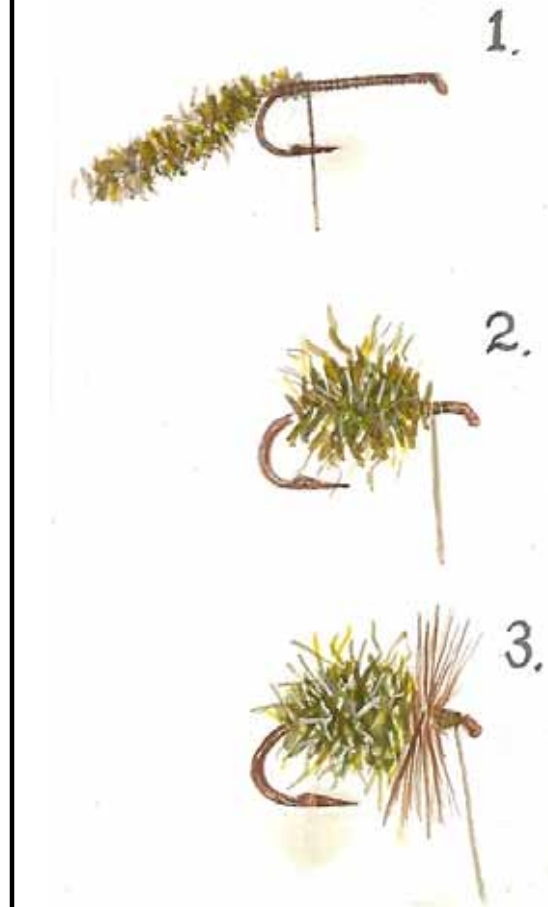
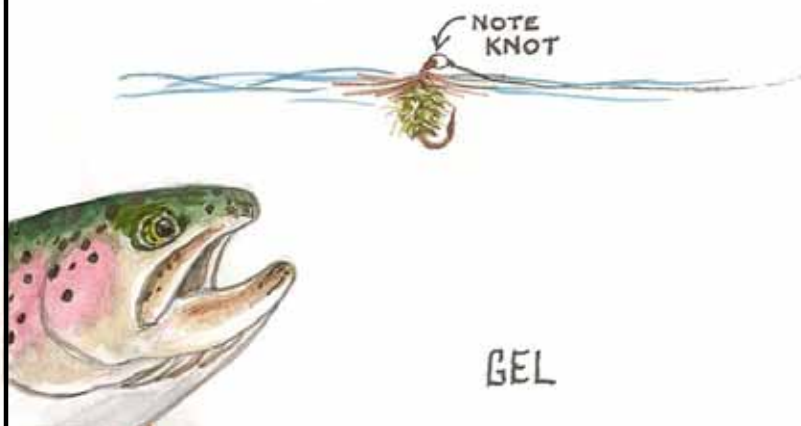
**Body:** Crystal Chenille, Crystal Braid, Firestar dubbing, etc.

Olive to match snail color

**Hackle:** Stiff brown



1. Pinch the barb and line the hook shank with tying thread. Attach the body material.
2. Wind on a fat ball of chenille or dubbing. Leave room for the hackle.
3. Wind several turns of hackle at the eye, whip finish and cement.



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By Harry Calhoun

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**DON'T FORGET TWO EVENTS COMING UP.**

**KID'S FISHING AT SILVER LAKE, MAY 2, 2009**

**MORNING STAR BOY'S RANCH FISHOUT.  
YOUR EDITOR DOES NOT HAVE A DATE YET, BUT LOOK FOR IT.**