



**GENERAL MEETING  
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB  
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE  
COMMONS  
December 14, 2010  
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jason Mulligan

This year the Christmas meeting has a different feel for me. It has been a pleasure to fill the shoes of your 2010 president. I have truly enjoyed getting to know many of our members more personally through this experience. I will in some ways miss the experience, and know it will be an empty spot in my schedule for some time.

In 2011, I will be staying focused on my plans as usual. There will be fishing followed by Spring turkey hunting. Then there will be fishing followed by Early elk season. Then there will be fishing followed by late deer season. I will somehow have to squeeze in some time to chase birds with Copper. In the mix of my busy year I will be continuing my fly tying efforts and of course I'll try to squeeze in some work. So, in short as I pass the torch I will be missing the bustling activity of life on the board.

This is going to be a tough winter. Many will not survive the Cabin Fever. I encourage everyone to open their doors and invite each other to share some tying secrets or other sporting activities. Please contact members of the board to stay active over the winter months. I know without the input of our members the board of directors would otherwise be flying blind. I have said it before; our members make this club special. So, be kind to each other, learn from one another and have a wonderful holiday season!

## DECEMBER PROGRAM

By Bob Harley

HO HO HO is almost upon us. I hope you are planning to come to the Dec. Christmas Raffle. Please bring your "bucks", items for the raffle, and oh yes remember "Toys for Tots" too.

## TOYS FOR TOTS

By Jason Mulligan

This year we will continue our new tradition. A special thanks to Jon Alan for presenting this opportunity to the club last year. I know we will all be looking forward to having an opportunity to win the new Winston BIIMX 4pc. 5wt. The same rules apply one unopened, unwrapped toy for one ticket. I am looking forward as one of my final duties to present these toys to the Toys for Tots program. This is a great cause. Thank you all for participating!



*Jon Allen with the toys collected at the 2009 December meeting. Let's see if we can make it a bigger collection this year.*

## GORDY OLSON 2009 FLY FISHERMAN OF THE YEAR

By Gordon D. Olson

I was born in Chewelah, Washington on September 17, 1941. I lived there until I was 10 and then moved to Colville where I graduated from high school. I caught my first fish in Chewelah Creek at age 6 on a worm. I was introduced to fly fishing at the age of 8 by a neighbor who had several bamboo rods and he would take me fishing on weekends.

By the time I was in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade my friends and I were fly fishing every chance we had. I purchased my very own fly rod when I was 14 at Rambles Sport Shop in Colville. It was a fiberglass rod made by Fenwick. Little did I know at that individual who designed that rod would later in my life become one of my cherished friends, Jimmy Green.



*Gordy with his 32.4-pound Kispiox steelhead*

After graduating from high school I headed off to WSU. I attended WSU for three semesters and decided WSU was not for me, no offence to the Cougar table.

After working a couple of years in engineering I decided to go back to school. This time I chose Montana State University in Bozeman. Talk about your fishing opportunities. I believe I fished every stream and river inside and outside of Yellowstone National Park. In those days you would see very few other fishermen,

After graduating from MSU with a degree in Civil Engineering I moved to Spokane and began a career with the Department of Transportation in 1970. I retired from there in 2003

In the early 1970's I met Jake Gahlke one of the best fly fisherman and fly tier I have ever known. We fished together all over the northwest and Canada until his death in 2009. He was the one who started me steelhead fishing in 1980. I have been addicted ever since. Due to the crowded rivers in our area we started fishing the rivers of British Columbia in 1990. The size and strength of the steelhead are phenomenal. My longest steelhead caught in B.C. was on the Kispiox River, and measured 42 inches in length with a girth of 24 inches. According to the Sturdy Formula, the official weight determining formula, the fish weighed 32.4 pounds.

One day on the Grande Ronde after fishing the shadow hole with Jake, I drove up the drive where Jimmy Green lived. Jake said: "Where are you going?" I said to meet Jimmy Green. "Why?" he said: "He doesn't know any more than we do." "Oh yes he does." I replied.

I nervously pushed the door bell not knowing what I would say when or if he did open the door. Before we could say anything he said: "I wondered when you two would come up here I wanted to meet you." Wow! It wasn't long after that we were there at least 30 weekends a year, building rods in his basement and designing two handed fly lines. Randy Shaber joined us and the three of us helped Jimmy work on his new ideas until his death.

I unretired in the summer of 2009 and currently work for URS Corporation. I am now working on Construction Management and Inspection for the expansion of the Spokane International Airport.

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# FLY OF THE MONTH

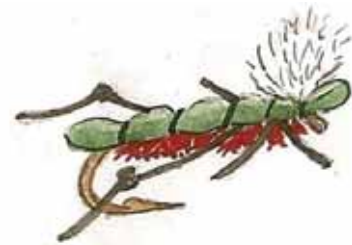
Santa Hopper

December, 2010

Saint Nicholas

The "Jolly Old Elf" has a job we all can envy. He works one night a year! Of course there is lots of work — planning, assembling, organizing and investigating. Enough to keep him and all his crew busy throughout the year. Nonetheless, as the world's northernmost fly fisher and possessing a faithful team of deer that can whisk him anywhere on the earth, he manages to enjoy lots of great angling. He is also a skilled fly tyer and his patterns have been featured several times in this column. He never lacks for flies, as his loyal elves keep him well supplied. Santa's hopper pattern uses his favorite holiday colors in classic grasshopper format. Will it catch fish for you? Well, that depends on whether you've been naughty or nice

**Hook:** 10 — 6 2X long  
**Thread:** Fine black mono  
**Shellback:** Bright green foam  
**Segment thread:** Green thread  
**Body:** Scarlet yarn or dubbing  
**Legs:** Black rubber  
**Indicator:** Polar white shimmer yarn

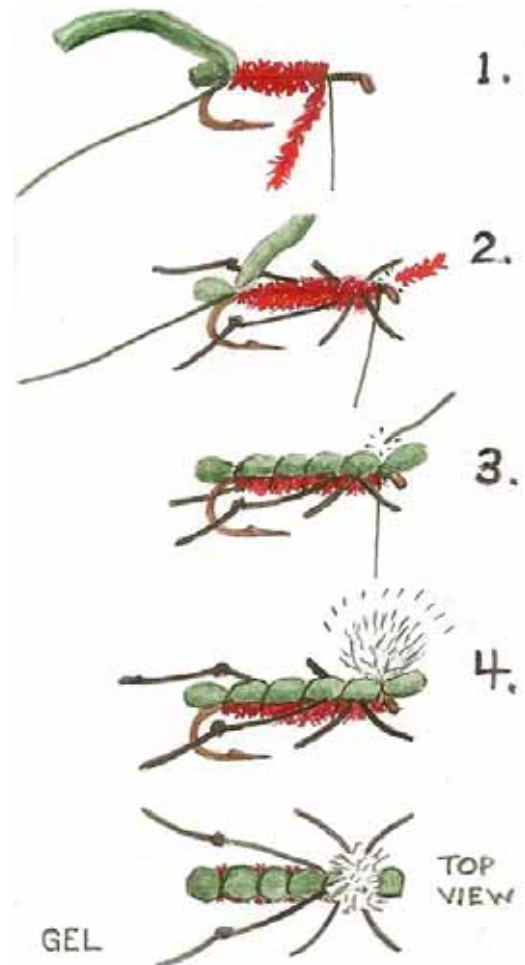


1. Pinch the barb and line the hook shank with thread. Tie in the foam for the shellback at the bend and also the segment thread. Attach the red body material and wind a plump body up to the point where the back legs will be placed.

2. Knot the back legs and tie in on both sides. Wind some body material over the base. Tie in the front legs and wind the body material forward to the eye, using it to keep the legs in position. Trim the excess body material.

3. Bring the foam shell forward and secure behind the eye. Form four body segments with the segment thread. Secure with the tying thread and trim the excess.

4. Form the indicator at the end of the last segment. Trim the indicator yarn and the tail and head sections of the foam.



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### **NOVEMBER FLY TYING SESSION REPORT**

By Robert Harley

Last week we had eight fellow members tying flies at my house. Most of us tied Seal Buggers first, and then Bob Bates showed how to tie quill body flies. We had a memorable two hours of learning new techniques and yes some BS too! Some members asked if this could be a monthly event during the winter months. Location to be determined.

Years ago Don Chinn held tying events at his house, then later at Leon Buckles house when he spent more time in Spokane. If this is something you new and beginning tiers want to get involved in, let us know and we'll start a signup sheet every meeting. As demonstrated by the session at my house, even experienced tiers can learn something.

Well, 2010 is coming to a close really fast. Snow and cold weather are already here for a White Christmas. When you are toasting your loved ones and friends remember the great year of fishing our beautiful waters, friendships at the club meetings and on the water.

I sincerely wish you all the Merriest of a Christmas Season and a wonderful New Year. May God Bless us everyone!

### **FLY TYING WITH PAT DORSEY**

By Chet Allison

The Jan 11 meeting will start with a fly tying class at 3 PM. The cost for this two-hour class is \$25. Pat Dorsey said to bring your vise and tools. The money can be paid to me in December or at the tying class if you give me your name so I can hold a slot for you. The class is limited to 8 tiers. I have 2 slots spoken for. Please reserve your spot early. Again, there are only 8 openings. The flies will be tail water patterns which will relate to his presentation at the meeting. All this will be at Mukogawa Commons.

### **DON'T PAY DUES IN DECEMBER**

By Chet Allison

Merry Christmas tight liners. Bring your check book for the silent auction items and dinner. **I will NOT be collecting dues for 2011: Way too much to keep straight.** As usual I will not have the funds to cover large sums of change, dinner fees only. Have a great time, and I hope you get the items that you hope for.