



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

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

By Bob Harley

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jason Mulligan

I would like to thank my two beautiful daughters for attending the August board meeting. We arrived at Long Lake Campground on Friday afternoon. They were very open to new ideas such as; fishing, swimming, going for drives, watching Dad change blown tire, swimming, eating cookies, building a fire, having a hot dog, cooking S'mores, hiking, building a fire, eating hot dogs, fishing, swimming, reading, throwing sticks for Copper, hiking, eating more stuff..... I woke up Saturday morning refreshed and ready to repeat this whole process. Needless to say my little girlies wore me down. We had a great meeting attended by Steve Dixon, Bob Harley, and Lee Funkhouser. Lee's lovely wife and father entertained my little princesses while we discussed the future of our great club. Needless to say Bob, Lee, and Steve wore me down. Afterward I heard a report from Lee that he experienced one of his best fishing trips ever that very weekend. So, good for you Lee! May I offer you a rubber ducky, a fire roasted hot dog and a S'more. Thank you fellas for making it a great meeting!

The pace of the past three months has been so furious, that I truly am counting on fielding club members concerns. I am also looking forward to

September's program will be a Spey Casting clinic hosted by our expert members Mike Beasley, Gordy Olson, and Randy Shaber. The weather and daylight should be just fine for an outdoors clinic on the College grounds. For those of us not interested in Spey casting, bring your best summer fishing stories, and poaches for Jon Allan. We will try again to get Lowell Tviet to demonstrate his welded leader that night indoors.

elk hunting, whereupon I get no sleep for two weeks, live on beans and rice, and shower just enough to get the dirt off while leaving behind the precious elk urine scent. Shortly following my homecoming, I will resume household maintenance, possibly a 'quick' remodeling project and some miscellaneous other honey do's that have been neglected. After all of these items are completed and properly inspected by my lovely spouse I will be allowed a quick shower to get that smell off!

All of the mayhem spells one thing for me, F-A-L-L. It is almost here gentlemen so brace yourselves for record breaking steelhead and Chinook numbers. Try to squeeze in some time for yourself between deer season, chasing birds, and all of the family time to come. Most importantly, save your best for our upcoming Fall Schedule. Bob Harley has some good presentations booked, Chet Allison is excited to pay for such events, Mike Beasley can't wait to take notes and Jon Allen has something embarrassing to reveal about everyone else.

RUNJE RELEASER REPORT

By Jason Mulligan

This Summer I used the Runje Releaser with success many times, and I photographed many underwater fish battles. It has become a passion to film underwater play on trout while picking the opportune time to put the camera aside and fumble for the releaser. Usually, somewhere in the mix I pelt my skull with the camera, rod butt, or both. It seems the whole experience is much more tragic for me than the fish. I remind myself that the point is to release the fish with as little harm as possible.

During my quest to document the use of the Runje Releaser I have learned that releasing fish unharmed can be very rewarding. Yes, it is nice to occasionally get a beautiful trophy picture out of water. We all know how to get a quick shot without molesting the fish to a point of harm. So, do we need a picture of every fish? I think most of us would agree that we don't. Although the real reward is catching the fish at a later date, the affordability and challenge of underwater photography has created a new way to record our prize and still release them almost untouched. I urge everyone who can, to give it a try. If you do, please support the Runje Releaser project.

We will have releasers for sale at our regular meetings until further notice. All of the fishers I have spoken with that are willing to use a releaser have said the Runje is their favorite.

INLAND FISH POLICY ADVISORY GROUP (IFPAG)

By Dick Odell

IFPAG held a meeting at the WDFW Ephrata Region 2 Office on Saturday, August 21. The first agenda item was on proposed WDFW Fee Increases for the 2011-13 biennium. Craig Burley, Inland & Marine Resources Division Manager, presented the budget outlook with proposed solutions. The WDFW budget received \$35 million cuts over the last two years. For the coming biennium the budget will receive a \$10 million reduction in the SGF (State General Fund) contribution and another \$10 million cut in the SWA (State Wildlife Account). The anticipated total is \$20 million dollars. The proposed WDFW budget is \$327.1 million dollars in all accounts, with 50-70% from SGF & SWA.

Some solutions are being investigated including: Reduce reliance on SGF dollars, continue to create efficiencies (e.g. standardize collection of fees, discontinue Migratory Bird Stamp), find additional ways to increase revenue (e.g. increase cost of WDFW personalized license plates, change vehicle use permits cost & purchase) and strategically price recreational & commercial fees. These are just some examples; please visit the WDFW web site and more should be available soon. Take your opportunity to inform yourself and offer suggestions and comments to help in this difficult time. You can also correspond at future@dfw.wa.gov.

We will need to find creative ways to fund the **Kids Fishing Program**.

We also discussed the lead ban proposal on 13 lakes, the Columbia River Predation Study, & the Pend Oreille River Pike Management study/plan.

I can provide additional information if desired.

ROSTER CHANGES

During the summer members changed their e-mail addresses and found errors in the 2010 Roster. Please make these changes in your roster.

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FLY OF THE MONTH

Renegade

September, 2010

"Beartracks" Williams

We continue the classic patterns of Everett Caryl's 1974 fly tying class with a truly great fly, the Renegade. It is a Cutthroat favorite on both lakes and streams. It's easy to tie and the white front hackle makes it highly visible, even in rough water. It doesn't imitate anything in particular but suggests a lot of bugs. One time on Marshall Lake, I was having a tough time matching the tiny chironomids that the cuffs were taking in the surface film. Hits were few and far between. I noticed another fly tosser who had a fish on every time I looked in his direction. I finally paddled over to find out his secret. He was using a size 8 Renegade and having a take on nigh every cast. Be sure to have some along!

Hook: 94840 Mustad or equivalent #18-8

Tag: Gold tinsel

Rear hackle: Brown neck, small

Body: Peacock herl, thick

Front hackle: White neck larger than rear hackle

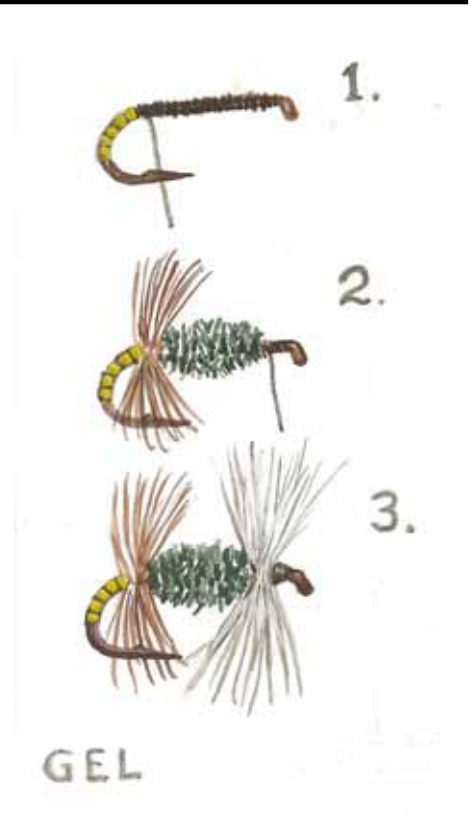


1. Pinch the barb and line the hook with thread. Tie in and wrap the gold tinsel halfway down the hook bend.

2. Wind the brown rear hackle at the hook bend with the shiny side facing forward. Make a plump peacock herl body.

3. Wind the white front hackle behind the eye with the dull side facing forward. The front hackle should be one size larger than the rear hackle. Make a small head, whip finish and cement.

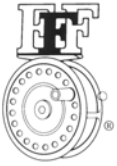
Note: If you don't have quality white feathers, grizzly works very well.



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