



**GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
May 17, 2011
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Robert Harley

I am so thankful that April's weather is over! What happened to March's history of "In like a lion out like a lamb"? I just returned from the Cascades where Doug Brossoit, Steve Dixon, Jason Mulligan, and Lee Funkhouser and I fished three Lakes; Omak, Moccasin, and Big Twin. I must say that there is nothing complimentary we can say about the Wind, the Chill and the hail that complements casting to your favorite trout! Omak was slow and harrowing in pontoon boats and float tubes.

Moccasin had us pinned down most of the day to the shore although Steve Dixon landed 49+ very nice rainbows and Browns, Jason, Lee and I did very well too.

Big Twin wasn't finished with turn over yet so few were caught and the wind was way over the forecasted 5 to 15 MPH. The forecast as I sit here is for high 60's next week, but I'll wait to see if the weatherman really means it this time.

Our meeting in May will be on the 17th. The third Tuesday, as Fort Mukagawa has traditionally used the second week in May for after Bloomsday activities. This will be our last meeting until September. Don't forget the kids Fish out May 7th and the Morningstar fish out on May 14th. This is an opportunity for project involvement and to hook up with other club members.

Thank you to those who showed up at the Spokane Hatchery on Monday May 2nd to clip fins. The new members especially this year I hope will use these projects to enhance their club experience. May and June are prime lake fishing months and after the late run off the rivers will have plenty of water for summer runs.

REMEMBER

The May meeting is on the third Tuesday.

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MAY PROGRAM

By Chet Allison

A gentleman that I have known for 35 years will present this month program. His tying talents wait for no one. His flyfishing expertise is on a par with the best anywhere.

I have seen photos of him with his then 3 or 4-year-old daughter in a backpack so he could fish the streams of Montana. But the May program has taken a big turn from the streams of Montana.

Walt Balek is going to present to us a 2 part program. The first part is Accessible western Washington waters for Salmon, Pinks and Cohos. The second part is Flyfishing Puerta Vallarta, Mexico.

Having never fished either area I am especially interested in fishing the waters of Washington for Pinks and Coho. Knowing Walt there will be more info on this subject than most of us can take in at one presentation. Bring a note pad.

Walt is planning on tying Beach flies for the Salmon so that means there will be some talk about wade fishing for the king of fish

Thank you to all who show up to our meetings, serve on committees and boards, volunteer for tying and projects, and for the friendship that makes this club great. Tight lines!

IEFFC FLY TYING GROUP

By Jim Athearn

The two flies I will be showing are not famous, but the tying techniques offer a couple different wrinkles and, also, I catch fish with them.

I will bring some materials but, if folks want to bring their own, here is a list:

- 1) Mustad R73 (9671) #6 hook, black thread (6/0 or 8/0), 5/32 brass bead, brown & olive marabou, peacock herl, pheasant rump died yellow, and olive ostrich.
- 2) Mustad R50 (98480) #8 or Mustad R73 (9671) #10 hook, black thread (6/0 or 8/0), gray marabou (or scrap filoplumes), fine copper wire, gray dubbing (anything that ties up with a few loose ends here and there), and Hungarian partridge rump hackle.

BIG HORN SHOW

By Tom May

The Big Horn show was a great success due to these fine members: An exceptional slide presentation of our clubs conservation projects, over the years, was created by Leon Buckles. Extra help all 5 days plus setting up and taking down the booth, from Jim Athearn, Lowell Tveit and Leon.

Most important were the greeters and tiers: Harry Calhoun, Mike Garofano, Larry Ray, Lee Funkhouser, Richard Ripley, Ray Kranches, Skip Nelson, Gary Honeyman, Randy Shaber, Gordon Olson, Hugh Evans, Dell Coppock, Will Shaw, Al McLeod, Bob Bates, Doug Pineo, Frank Faha, Bill Papesh, Ward McAuliffe and Dave Bush.

Thanks from our club and making my job very easy.

A LETTER ABOUT THE LENICE GATE PROBLEM

By Lowell Tveit

Mr. Dennis Beich
1550 Alder St. NW
Ephrata WA 98823-9699
March 30, 2011

Dear Mr. Beich,

On a recent trip to Lake Lenice we were again confronted by the total lack of reasonable access due to the placement of a locked gate and the horizontal welded pipe which everyone must somehow get his fishing tackle and floating craft across to go fishing.

The gate is too high to step over and too low to get most equipment under. Lifting equipment over the horizontal bars is the only solution but it takes two or more people.

And then there is the recently installed Handicapped Accessible toilet 40 yards inside the gate which no handicapped person could ever reach. What kind of thinking goes into the placement of a Handicapped Accessible toilet 40 yards beyond the locked gate and 4 strand barbed wire fence? Every fisherman I talked with feels the same as I do but probably won't write and complain.

I would like to think there is someone on the payroll intelligent enough to fix this access problem without spending a ton of money that you probably don't have anyway. At 74 I'm tired of having to manhandle my equipment just to get to the lake.

This is just another example of how Government can screw things up.

Lowell Tveit
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NEW MEMBER

Carl Griffin, (53),

Phone home 465-0783,

Cell Phone 303-903-8890

Rest of the information will be in Roster

WANTED

Ivan Lines is looking for a triangle or pyramid shaped boat anchors.

If you are interested in selling call him at 509.994.3744.

FOR SALE

It happens to all of us eventually, Cliff Slaton is preparing to sell off his fishing gear. He has reels, rods, a small boat and trailer, and other paraphernalia.

Give Cliff a call at 509-328-9341.

FLY OF THE MONTH

Hook-Up

May, 2011

Gene Lorenson

Sometimes we need a little bit of an edge that can make a difference between good fishing and poor fishing. When we have to go deep or in the weeds to find the fish, it can be tough. Fewer hook-ups on the weeds or bottom will enhance our hook-ups by the fish. One way to help solve this problem is to get the fly to swim with the hook-up. A down oriented hook has a greater tendency to hook weeds, rocks, and slime than one pointed up. This month's article shows one way to help the fly swim hook up by weighting the top of the hook shank while tying. It can be used with any of your favorite patterns. Every little bit helps and I need all the help I can get.

Hook: Your choice

Thread: Stout black

Weight: Lead wire or substitute

Tail: (

Body:) Your favorite stuff

Hackle: (



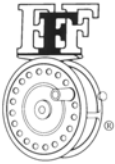
1. Pinch the barb and line the hook tightly with tying thread. Place the lead wire on top of the hook shank as shown and wind it securely in place. Use lots of turns of the thread. Leave room at the head and bend to tie in the tail, body material and hackle.
2. Bend the lead wire back and trim it a bit shorter than the bottom wire. Keeping the folded wire exactly on top of the bottom wire, wrap many turns of tying thread to hold it in place. Using your best glue, cement the whole thing.
3. Let the glue dry.
4. Tie in your favorite materials for tail, body, rib, hackle, etc. and make the fly.



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MORNING STAR BOYS RANCH FISH OUT MAY 14, 2011

By Bill McElroy

First of all, thanks to all of you who have participated in this event and made it such a success. All of you veterans' efforts have been greatly appreciated.

We will meet for breakfast at LindeBee's Diner at 7 am Saturday. The address is 111 Lefebre (Main Street by City Hall). Their phone number is 299-3861. They have the perfect size banquet room, good service and free parking. The IEFFC will buy breakfast for you and the boys.

We are going to West Medical Lake. You will need a small boat, and if you don't have one, boats and motors are for rent at the resort at the lake. Let me know and I will reserve one for you.

They will have no gear and usually little, if any, raingear. Bring all fishing gear for them and raingear if you have extra. Bring your lunch and maybe a soft drink for the boy. The boys will have their lunch provided by the Ranch. Please bring a spare of sunglasses if you can. Life jackets are required and are also available at the resort. We are usually done around 2:30. The Ranch would prefer not to deal with fish, so let's use the opportunity to promote **catch-and-release**.

The tying and casting is on Thursday night at 5:30 on May 12. The fishing day is on Saturday May 14.

This is a function that the boys look forward to every year. Come along and provide a positive role model for a young man.

I have an email list for everyone and provide further information as required.