



**GENERAL MEETING  
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB  
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE  
COMMONS  
October 11, 2011  
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Robert Harley

Well September was a surprise. We had record great temperatures for our outdoor fun. My wife and I got back from a travel tour of Spain, Portugal and Morocco. Fabulous trip and very educational to learn about ancient history, customs and how the folks over there live today compared to us. We are so blessed to be living in the USA!

After getting home Hugh Evans and I fished for three days on the Missouri River at Craig and Wolf Creek. We had a fantastic trip thanks to the Missouri River Lodge folks. Lots of Big fish! A day after coming home I fished with Steve Dixon, Doug Brossoit, Steve Aspenwald and another friend Mike MacKay at Moccasin Lake and Big Twin up at Winthrop, WA. Wow, the fish at Moccasin are monsters up to 30 inches long and ten pounds of fighting and tail walking fun. Whew, what a week.

Now for fall fishing! Steel headers are either fishing or gearing up to do so. Temps are dropping and Halloween candy is in the stores. Kids are back to school and moms are shuttle queens of the highway taking kids to school and sports activities. Yes the holiday are coming up fast, and our year is over in just three months. We have a great club and a great board and great volunteers for service.

On a more somber note, we will miss Gil Farley who passed away this September. The full obituary

## OCTOBER PROGRAM

By Chet Allison

### 'Summer' steelhead - WA and OR.

Whether it is fly fishing for small mouth bass on the John Day River, Deschutes River summer steelhead fishing with his go to fly *The H&H*, fall steelheading on the upper Grande Ronde River, or riding his horse carrying his float tube to a back country lake in The Pasayten Wilderness, in North Central Washington, Brian is an avid angler with camera in hand.

His photos indicate that he is as comfortable fishing as he is clicking the lens of his camera.

Brian O'Keefe has been serious about fly-fishing for the past 30 years. During the past 20, cameras have played a significant part in his outdoor lifestyle

At age eight, Brian's interest in fly-fishing was born while spending summers in Montana with his grandparents. There he was taught the art of fly casting and fishing by his grandfather, a dry fly purist. His interest in photography began as a means to back up with pictures, what his family thought might be just "tall tales" while on family vacations.

Brian started fishing the world in the fall of 1973. He began with a solo trip through New Zealand and Australia, and a brief trek into the Himalayan Mountains to fish for brown trout. In 1975 Brian spent his summers guiding in the Northwest and Alaska for trout, salmon and steelhead. At age 30, he began his career as a fly fishing tackle rep. , Brian works as a tackle rep for Scientific Anglers in Washington, Oregon and Alaska. Brian is a Master Certified Fly Casting Instructor from the Fly Fishing Federation (FFF).

Brian lives with his wife and fishing partner, Judith in Powell Butte, Oregon. Brian has photographs published in *Field & Stream*; *Outdoor Life*; *Fly Fisherman*; *Fly, Rod and Reel*; *Fly Fishing Salt Waters*; *Fly and Fish Magazine*; *Outside Magazine* and *Mens Journal*. Brian currently is a main contributor to the "*Catch Magazine*".

Tonight Brian O'Keefe will present to us Steelhead fishing at its finest.

is on the last page. He served our country in the military, he suffered from a progressive debilitating disease and was a fly fisherman most of his life. He was pleasant, quiet unassuming man. I hope you got to know him around the dinner table or on the waters.

I am heading into Deaconess for shoulder surgery today as I am writing this letter. Torn rotator cuff repair. My 2011 fishing trips are over but should be back on the water in 2012. See you at the October dinner.



### ELK RIVER REPORT By Dwight Tipton

We just returned from the Elk and in all my years of fishing that river I don't think I've ever seen it better. I'd strongly recommend that if you are having even a notion of heading up there, now's the time to pack your ditty bag and get in a few days fishing before it turns to winter—a dose of which we had during our stay.

Here is proof of Bob's Missouri trip Sept 18, 2011

### EDITOR'S LAMENT By Bob Bates

While others go out and stir up the water with flies and fighting fish I sit at home or go to meetings. One meeting is the Liars Club, Tuesday luncheon at Frankie Doodle's 30 E 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave at 11:15 am or so. Any IEFFC member is welcome to attend. Here you can learn where the fish are hitting and what they are taking.



**INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB – SPOKANE, WASHINGTON**

# ***FLY OF THE MONTH***

Fuzzy Gray Hopper

October, 2011

Gene Lorenson

I just got back from my dream trip to fish Mongolia. My first phone call is, of course, from editor Bob Bates concerning the Fly of the Month. "Don't rush" you have a whole day to come up with one. Fishing for the large Mongolian Taimen was hard work. My son and I fished diligently for six days and managed to catch several but the most fun for me was fishing the 4 weight rod and dry flies for the Lenok trout and the local brand of Grayling. Whenever we stopped and targeted them they provided wonderful action. There were a few mayflies hatching, and a parachute Adams worked great but my favorite was a grasshopper I tied for the trip. (Lots of hoppers around.) They hit it dry and if it went under they hit it equally well wet. A gorgeous setting and hot dry fly action. It can't be better.

**Hook:** 10-8 1x long

**Thread:** Black mono

**Body:** Fuzzy gray dubbing

**Legs:** Black rubber

**Wing:** Pheasant tail fibers

**Hackle:** Grizzly

**Head:** Gray dubbing



1. Pinch the barb and line the hook with thread. Using your favorite dubbing make a nice tapered body two thirds of the way up the shank.
2. Tie in the knotted rubber legs as shown.
3. Tie in the pheasant tail wing and wind the hackle in place. Use short hackle.
4. Add more dubbing and form the head, whip finish and cement.



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**GILBERT J. FARLEY,**

Gilbert J. Farley was born February 12, 1948 in Spokane to Gilbert H. and Irma Kruger Farley. He graduated from North Central High School. He served a tour of duty in Viet Nam and was honorably discharged with a medal of commendation. Shortly after his return home from Viet Nam, his life was impacted by a diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis. Gil was avid reader, specializing in history, the classics, anything about fly fishing or MS, and maps. When he was able, he was an active outdoorsman looking forward to hunting and fishing seasons. He was a long time member of the Fly Fishing Club, and took pride in his successful participation in fishing tournaments. He was a peer support counselor for the MS support group members. Although his physical condition progressively limited his activities, Gil continued to be deeply interested in the world around him. He met each day with hope and courage. Gil died on September 19, 2011. A graveside service will be held on September 29 at 2:00 PM at Riverside Memorial Park, at 508 N. Government Way.

