



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

By Dwight Tipton

Frank Faha, Tom May, Steve Griffith, Steve Aspinwall, Jerry Mitvalsky and Steve Wittstock will all be going to great pains in the next several days to ensure they have themselves properly cleansed, cloaked and coiffed by the post meridiem sequence of December 10. Indeed, Faha may have to go through the cycle twice, as I'm sure we who know him can understand.

But why are they doing this, you ask? Well, to be properly turned out Elves, totally at your beck and call during the Christmas Raffle, of course.

Such a treat you are in for! Table after table of glimmering, shimmering goodies and gadgets. Rods...Reels....Discount certificates....Artwork from the hands of our own and outside artists....Carvings to melt the heart of the most jaded fly thrower....Vests....Flies guaranteed to catch fish when no others will....Fly tying materials....Vest tools....Books....Magazines. Verily, a treasure trove of unimaginable proportions certain to leave you agape and agog while fumbling hastily for your billfold, perchance to win articles of your desire.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

By Jim Turner

Nine little words put in the form of a question were asked of me four years ago. "How would you like to go through the chairs?" I know many of you have been asked that same question and responded as I did, "Yes." Now, after you've said yes, is when it gets interesting. Questions arise such as: Am I ready or even qualified to take this on? Four years!!? Treasurer? Programs? President for crying out loud!? No was the obvious answer.

But, somehow, the business of the club was accomplished. There was the challenge of being treasurer during Y2K. There was the stunned disbelief and sadness on 9-11. Our speaker from Canada didn't make it that night. And, finally, as president there was that (#%\$*) poacher. I had to refinance my home to pay the fines.

GENERAL MEETING INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE COMMONS

December 10, 2002
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Here too you'll have opportunity to help Jerry, this time by giving him fair opportunity to recoup lost fly fishing gear. This you do by putting his badge number (#96) on whatever quantity of raffle tickets you wish, then depositing them wherever you wish. Whenever his number is drawn, he wins--and so do you in a manner of speaking.

While the Elves and I are putting the finishing touches on this year's raffle I certainly hope you are at work on your own donation. First, last and always it is the members who make or break the Christmas Raffle. Last year we had a good turnout and as a result, put a goodly number of dollars in the treasury destined for some worthwhile projects. It would be great to top that this year. Remember this meeting is members only.

However, it did get done and I hope to all your satisfaction. My sincerest thanks go to those of you who have assisted with this journey by lending your sage advice and wisdom when asked. Believe me, I asked because it would have been a mistake not to tap the resources (the membership) of the IEFFC.

Lastly, it's important to recognize the contributions made by my fellow board members. Your dedication has made a profound impact on the longevity and well being of our club. Gentlemen, it's been an honor and a privilege to serve with you.

Remember the December meeting is for members only.

Tight Lines, Jim

A KAMPA TRIP

In furtherance of our wish to help Jerry Kampa recover from the disaster of his house burning down we will have a very special drawing at the Christmas Raffle.

One of our corporate benefactors was gracious enough to donate a \$300+ full day guided trip for two on the Clark Fork. And not just any trip on the Clark Fork, I hasten to add. This one will be hosted and guided by Brooks Sanford, of Clark Fork Trout and Tackle. Those of you who don't know Brooks need to be aware that he is an engaging young man with an incredible storehouse of knowledge on the Clark Fork, having worked for Idaho Fish and Game for several years before buying his business in St. Regis. Best of all, though, he is a bona fide, puffed-up, foamin' at the mouth, silver and black, VANDAL! He is also a consistent supporter of our Club.

The drawing for the trip will occur about midway through the regular raffle. ALL the raffle tickets deposited in the Kampa bucket will be turned into cash shortly after the raffle and given to Jerry.

I don't know about you, but I'd be tempted to spend my whole month's allowance on a chance at a trip with Brooks under any circumstances. Add to that an opportunity to help Jerry at the same time and yeeehaww, I'll be buyin' a heap of tickets. How 'bout you?

2002 ROSTER CHANGES

Corrections and additions to the 2002 IEFFC Roster

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One of many fish Dr. Robert Kendall caught in Kamchaka August 2002
It is a Zhupanoba (If I am reading my notes correctly Ed.)

ELECTIONS

At some time during the evening festivities there will be a very serious period when we elect the officers and directors who will guide us in the coming year. The slate put forth by the nomination committee is:

Officers

President	Gary Honeyman
Vice President	Pat Kendall
Treasurer	Scott Mayfield
Secretary	Jerry Cartwright

Directors

Frank Faha	(2003)
Randy Vanhoff	(2004)
Leonard Gross	(2005)

FLY TIERS NEEDED

By Gary Honeyman

We have been asked to tie at the Walleye show in January. The goal of this is to have the kids that are interested to have a "hands on" experience tying their own flies. We need tiers to do 1 hour, 2 hour, 3 hour, or 4 hour shifts. This is a great chance to get kids interested in fly tying. There will be a sign up sheet at the meeting.

WANTED

By Pat Kendall

Trailer for 12-ft or 14-ft aluminum boat. 924-5613



Ever notice the concentration when guys go for the long cast? Bill Marts May 2002
Longest cast 101 feet

FLY OF THE MONTH

Black Sculpin

December, 2002

Gene Lorenson

Sculpins are a juicy mouthful for many of our favorite trouts and other game fish. They are found in many aquatic environments through the fly fisher's world. They come in many shades of color, but many are very dark. This month's featured fly imitates the black sculpins in the St. Joe and other nearby streams. The rabbit fur tail produces lots of wiggle, the cactus chenille adds sparkle and the spun, trimmed deer hair provides the shape of the wide, flat head and large front fins. I like to add eyes to give added strike appeal. The lead underbody takes it to the bottom quickly. Fish it deep near the cover of rocks and logs.

Hook: Alcock sproat #4, 3X long, 2X stout (or equivalent)

Thread: Strong black nylon

Tail: Black rabbit fur strip

Body: Medium black cactus chenille over lead wire

Head and fins: Spun and trimmed black deer hair

Eyes: Spirit River 3D molded eyes 2.5 silver

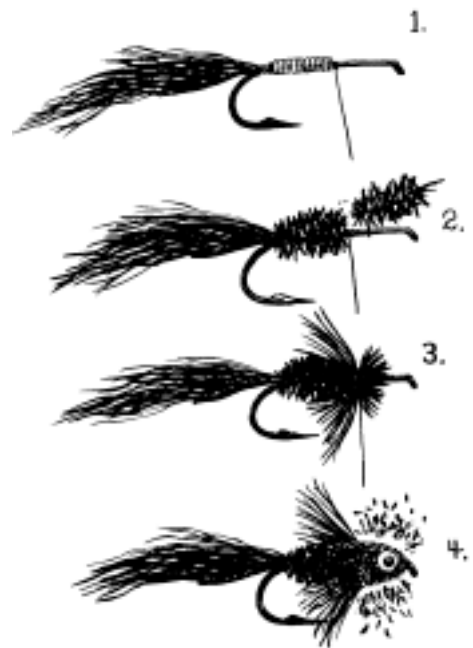


1. Bend the barb and line the back half of the hook with tying thread. Tie in a piece of rabbit strip leaving a 1/2-inch strip dangling to the rear. Wind lead wire from the hook bend to the middle of the hook shank.

2. Cover the lead wire with the cactus chenille.

3. Take a bunch of the black deer hair about the thickness of a pencil with the points of the hair left on. Even the points in a hair stacker. Trim the butt so the bunch is about an inch long. Spin the hair around the hook shank right in front of the chenille body as shown. The pointed ends should be longer. Repeat this step with another bunch of hair. Push the bunches back as tight as possible. Now take 1/2-inch long bunches of hair with the pointed ends trimmed off and spin as many bunches as you can get on the front of the hook shank. Pack the hair back tightly. Whip finish a small head and trim the tying thread.

4. Now trim the deer hair to form the wide, flat sculpin head. Trim a small flat spot on each side of the head where the eyes will go. Put a small blob of Shoe Goo on the back of the eyes and firmly press them in place.





Doug Brossoit with a 30-pound Sheefish, one of the largest caught on the Kobuk river trip by Dick Odell, Gene Lorenson and Leon Buckels. Aug. 21 to Sept. 3, 2001



A Sheefish taken for food. It tasted like Halibut.
Photo by Gene Lorenson

Cabins provided real comfort at start and end of trip. Dick Odell, Leon Buckles and Gene Lorenson.



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