



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

**February 11, 2003
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**



FEBRUARY PROGRAM

By Pat Kendall

For our February program we have, Harry Smith from Orange County, California. Harry is a long time fly fisherman and tier and the originator of "The Bird Fly." Harry's program will include "More Adrenalin Rush For Your Time On The Water," "The Bird Fly," "Shortlining," "Hookless" and "Teethmarks On My Rod Tip." I look forward to the program which should be as entertaining as it sounds.

At the tying table prior to the meeting we will have Harry Smith tying "The Bird Fly."

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

By Gary Honeyman

I wish to thank all the former officers and board members for their service and dedication to the club. I also wish to thank all the club members who volunteered their time and skills to make club projects a success. It has been suggested that it would be very nice if the club had a permanent place to display the archives. It would also be a place for our video library and books. It would need to be secure and readily available. It would be

a great place to display fly fishing memorabilia. Please share your thoughts and ideas.

As you know North Silver has been rehabbed and the Fish and Game is going to stock 10,000 fry-5,000 catchables, and 350 one pound and up. They have asked us to put in 650 one pound and up. The aerator should be in by May. There needs to be a chemical toilet at the site. This is an exciting project that is becoming a reality.

JOHN PROPP

By Leon Buckles

John Propp was awarded the Letcher Lambuth, Angler Craftsman Award. In the history of the award, it has only been received by 18 anglers. The first angler to receive this award was Roderick Haig-Brown in 1975. Never before has it been given posthumously. Dick Odell and Leon Buckles traveled to Seattle and attended the January meeting of the Washington Fly Fishing Club to accept the award on behalf of John. Dick spoke to the club about the accomplishments and achievements attributed to John. A display consisting of some rods and fly plates that showed John's craftsmanship was set up. The video of fishing at Brabant, featuring John fishing for Pike, was submitted with the recommendation for the award. The WFFC showed clips of this video and was the highlight of the presentation. The award will be on display at the February meeting.

PAST WINNERS OF THE Letcher Lambuth Award

This is a truly impressive list of people
Past recipients and year of award.

1975	Roderick Haig-Brown
1976	Enos Bradner
1977	Al Knudson
1978	Ralph Wahl
1980	Syd Glasso
1982	Walt Johnson
1984	E.H. "Polly" Rosborough
1985	Dawn Holbrook
1986	Ken McLeod
1987	Wes Drain
1988	Steve Raymond
1990	Alan Pratt
1991	John Bockstrom
1995	Andy Hall
1997	Del Coppock
1998	Gil Nyerges
2000	Steve Moran
2002	John Propp

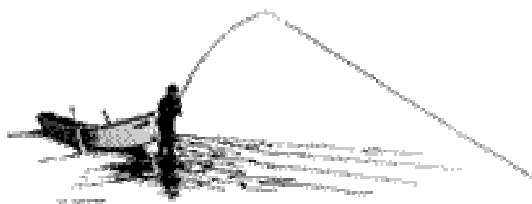
FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS By Jerry McBride, FFF Club Contact

Washington State Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers

The annual meeting will be held in Ellensburg on
April 12, 2003. All members of the FFF and
representatives of council clubs are invited to attend.

FFF Annual Conclave

The FFF Annual Conclave will be in Idaho Falls, ID
August 4 through 9 of this year. Now is the time to
make plans to attend. You can find more information
on the FFF website.



CONSERVATION REPORT By Jerry McBride, Conservation Chairman

Update on Coeur d'Alene River Cutthroat Study

The project to monitor the movement of cutthroat
trout in the Coeur d'Alene River is progressing.

Recently the Spokane Fly Fishers signed on with a
commitment of \$2,000 and manpower. This
makes all three area fly fishing clubs involved.
Grant requests to the Federation of Fly Fishers and
Trout Unlimited have been submitted.

A presentation on the project will be made at our
April 8, 2003 General Meeting. We will have Joe
DuPont from Idaho Fish and Game, Ed Lider from
the US Forest Service and Earl Frizzell from the
North Idaho Fly Casters making the presentation
and answering questions. There will be a sign-up
sheet circulated for volunteers. This project
requires a lot of manpower so please sign up! If
you want to learn more about the Coeur d'Alene
River and where the larger fish hang out this is a
great way to do it.

Conservation Committee

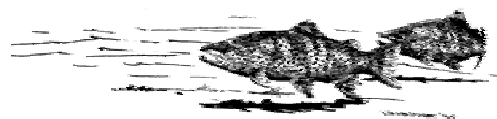
Do you have an interest in conservation issues?
Would you like to get involved on behalf of the
IEFFC in issues that affect fly fishing? If you do,
get in touch with me.

More Details on the Coeur d'Alene Cutthroat Study on the IEFFC Website:

<http://ieffc.home.att.net/>

Floyd Holmes By Gary Honeyman

Floyd Holmes had a snowmobile accident and
broke several ribs. After a week in the hospital he
is home and recovering nicely.



FLY OF THE MONTH

Chromie

February, 2003

Phillip Rowley

In his book, *Fly Patterns for Stillwaters*, Philip Rowley calls the Chromie his number one still water pattern. He has observed that Chironomids use trapped air and gasses to facilitate their rise to the surface for hatching. This makes them shiny and luminescent in spite of what their actual body color might be. The red ribbing on many chironomids is left over hemoglobin from the larval stage. The Chromie works well no matter what color the naturals are. A number of our Club members are using the Chromie to very good effect on our local still waters. It is definitely a pattern to include in our arsenal of flies for lakes.

Hook: Tiemco 2457 #8-14

Head: Black metal bead

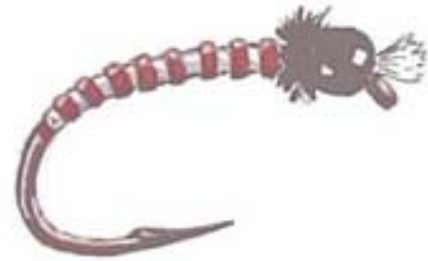
Thread: Fine black

Gills: White sparkle yarn

Rib: Fine red wire or red holographic Flashabou

Body: Silver Flashabou

Thorax: Peacock herl

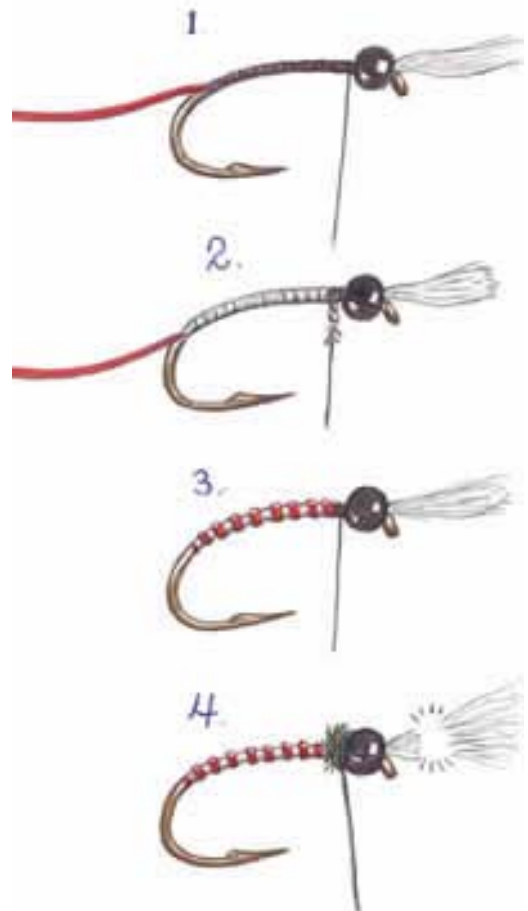


1. Pinch the barb and slide a black bead onto the hook with the small opening facing forward. Attach the thread behind the eye and tie in a small bunch of white sparkle yarn extending over the eye. Cut off the tying thread. Slide the bead forward to the eye. Reattach the tying thread and tie in the rib material right behind the bead and secure it all the way down the shank.

2. Return thread to the bead. Take two strands of silver Flashabou and double it around the tying thread. Secure it just behind the bead and wind it smoothly down to the rib and back forward to the bead. Tie in and trim the excess.

3. Counterwind the rib over the body and tie off.

4. Tie in two strands of peacock herl and attach them behind the bead. Make three wraps of herl covering the thread wraps. Whip finish right behind the bead and trim the thread. Carefully put a dab of head cement on the whip finish. Trim the gills as shown. Apply a smooth, thin coat of clear nail polish over the body. This adds more shine and strengthens the body.



DO YOU HAVE AN OLFACTORY HANDICAP?

By Jim Abbs (FFF ClubWire)

Up near the south shore of the Shining Big Sea Waters (Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's name for Lake Superior) lives a psychiatrist by the name of Gregory Bambenek. Dr. Bambenek has some interesting ideas that not only have made him rich, but also are of importance to fly fishers.

Those who have read the "Guide to Aquatic Trout Foods" know that Dave Whitlock argues strongly that the chemical senses play an important role in fish feeding. For example, Whitlock notes that "Trout rely heavily upon their sense of smell to confirm the edibility of a food object. The fly tier and fly fisher should give careful consideration to how his flies smell to a trout. For example, when I fish subsurface imitations of aquatic food forms, I will rub the fly with the bottom of a rock or a piece of vegetation taken from the stream. There is no doubt that a fly so treated performs better than one that carries human or chemical scents."

According to Dr. Bambenek's research, fish have one of most sensitive olfactory systems in nature. A good hunting dog can smell about 1,000 times better than his master and a fish can smell 1,000 times better than a hunting dog. If you put one drop of something in Lake Erie, some fish are so sensitive they can smell it anywhere in the lake. As a fly angler, you should know that if your perspiration contains high levels of L-serine, a mammalian amino acid offensive to fish, your fishing success may be restricted.

On the other hand, fish find other scents attractive. There apparently are unique scents emitted by wounded minnows, insects and crustaceans going through metamorphic skin changes or freshly laid fish eggs. These scents announce that dinner is served to every fish around.

As fly anglers, we have elevated our fly designs to the highest level with respect to their visual properties. Perhaps it is time we realized that no natural organism relies on a single sense to the exclusion of all others. The optimal and more realistic fly design would incorporate natural features of how a fly looks, feels (touch/texture) AND smells. Perhaps avoiding scents on flies is sort of like over zealous adherence to the fly fishing rules of 19th century England to only fish dry flies upstream---foolish and a little rigid.

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