



**GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
January 14, 2003
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

JANUARY PROGRAM

By Pat Kendall

As usual for the January meeting we will have members presenting some of their most memorable moments. Dwight Tipton will do a piece on fishing New Zealand, and Byron Johnson will present some of his favorite slides. Chris Donely of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will spend a few minutes on what to expect in 2003 and what has happened in 2002.

For the January meeting we will have Bob Harley at the tying table. He will be tying Water Boatman and Seal Buggers.

donations. Be sure to patronize the businesses who donated to our raffle.

The club has an offer that was brought about by Gil Nyerges. It concerns Eliguk Lake which is about 70 miles north of Nimpo Lake. The only way into Eliguk Lake is by float plane. It is a completely natural lake (never been stocked) with Kamloops rainbows. Moe Schiller will offer groups of four or more during this coming season one-half off his normal price. The cost will be \$1300.00 for a full week stay beginning June 1st. This includes the flight from Nimpo Lake to Eliguk and return, and all accommodations (meals, boats, motors, fuel, ice, smoking and vacuum packing your fish). There is hot and cold running water in all the cabins, etc. Anybody that is interested, please get in touch with me.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

By Gary Honeyman

Thank you for accepting me as your president. I feel very humbled as this is a big responsibility. The list and qualifications of past president's is awesome. I am looking forward to a great year, but in the words of Winston Churchill, all I have to offer is blood, toil, tears and sweat.

I was disappointed with the number of fly tyers that signed up to tie at the Walleye Show. This is done mainly to help the kids get interested in the art of (fly) fishing and tying their own flies. One of the main purposes of our club is to HELP YOUNG PEOPLE get interested and involved in fishing. Our club is not only a social club but needs to be heavily involved in young people and conservation issues. So the next time we ask for people to sign up and help, I hope there will be a better response.

The raffle was a huge success, thanks to Dwight Tipton (and elves) and the club members with their generous

DUES DUES DUES DUES DUES DUES

Ok Ok! Ok!! Do you get the idea that dues are now due and payable? Yes they are. Please have your \$30 dues (check or cash) ready for the Treasurer when you enter the hall at the January meeting. We need all the dues paid for the members who wish to remain in the IEFFC as soon as possible so we can start putting together the 2003 Roster. According to the IEFFC By Laws "Membership dues are due January 1 and shall become delinquent March 1. Delinquent members shall forfeit all privileges of membership after March 1." If you can't make the meeting mail your dues to IEFFC, PO Box 2926, Spokane, WA 99220-2926.

CATCH AND RELEASE RECORD BOOKS

By Frank Faha

Chris Donely has asked for the fishing record books that he handed out early last year. These provide WDFW with important information. For some things they take the place of a creel census without the cost of labor, etc. So even if you didn't fish much in Washington or only filled out part of the book, Chris can use the information so bring your book to the January meeting.

THE LANDS COUNCIL

By Jerry McBride, Conservation Chairman

For many years the IEFEC has made a yearly contribution to The Lands Council. In recent years the contribution has been \$500, although one year we gave \$1000.

I will be proposing to the IEFEC Board that they approve a contribution of \$500 for 2003.

Why?

We as fisherman derive direct benefits from the efforts of The Lands Council, and our contribution will help keep them doing what they do.

What do they do?

The Lands Council's primary thrust is through their Forest Watch program. They assist local volunteers in monitoring the U.S. Forest Service timber sales and make sure that laws governing the sales of timber are obeyed.

They have sponsored a public education program called "Get The Lead Out" which raised public awareness of the lead in the Spokane River and its headwaters. I feel that current efforts by government to clean up this pollution are a direct result of the publicity generated by The Lands Council.

How do these efforts benefit fishermen?

The condition of a fishery is directly dependent on the watershed surrounding it. If unsound logging practices are allowed the fishery will deteriorate due to loss of habitat and silting of spawning beds.

We have two streams a lot of IEFEC members fish that provide good examples of the effect of logging practices. They are the North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene and the St. Joe. Extensive logging of the North Fork's watershed has resulted in a significant deterioration of the stream. The North Fork's watershed has the most miles of logging road per square mile of land in the world! If you want a first hand account of what happened to the North Fork talk with IEFEC member Ray Kranches who has fished the river for about 50 years.

On the other hand, the watershed of the St. Joe has not seen the same logging practices. The headwaters of the St. Joe are in wilderness area that cannot be logged. As a result, it is an outstanding fishery. If practices used on the North Fork were allowed we could see a comparable decline in the St. Joe. If you look at the large gravel bar formed by Gold Creek where it enters the St. Joe you will see the initial stages. Gold Creek's watershed has been extensively logged and lots of logging roads built. All of this is quite visible from the road if you come in from St. Regis, MT.

Lead contamination of the beaches along the upper Spokane River has reached a level that warnings to swimmers have been posted. The South Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River is so contaminated that cutthroat trout placed in the river die in less than one day! Lead contamination seriously affects the bugs fish feed upon and the fish themselves. If you choose to eat a fish you have caught the lead will affect you. The current recommendation is that people eat no more than 12 ounces of fish from the Spokane River per month.

2002 ROSTER CHANGES

Address changes for the 2002 roster

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RAFFEL SUPPORTERS

By Dwight Tipton

Our Christmas raffle depends on the generosity of many people. These local and near local folks were especially generous in making our December program a huge success. Please thank them for their help. Also think about them when you need a rod, art work, a trip, fly tying supplies, etc. Support these businesses and recommend the individuals for their skills.

Blue Dun, Bill Marts
Sportsman's Warehouse
Clark Fork Trout and Tackle, Brooks Sanford
Pacific Flyway Art Gallery
Steve Moran
Dan Forman
Gene Lorenson
Mike Runje
Brian Chan
Don Stuart, Kimberly, B.C.

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FLY OF THE MONTH

Zug Bug

January, 2003

Cliff Zug

The first fly of the new year has been around a long time. It is a favorite standby fly for numerous fly fishers. Late one winter at the far end of 4th of July Lake, an elderly fly tosser was catching fish regularly while the rest of us were having a tough time. When asked the secret of his success he replied with two short words, "Zug Bug." It works well in both lakes and streams. The fish attracting qualities of peacock herl are well demonstrated by this versatile pattern. Give it a try.

Hook: Wet fly 1X or 2X long #6 - 16

Thread: Black 6/0

Tail: Peacock sword fibers

Rib: Fine oval silver tinsel

Body: Peacock herl Hackle: Brown

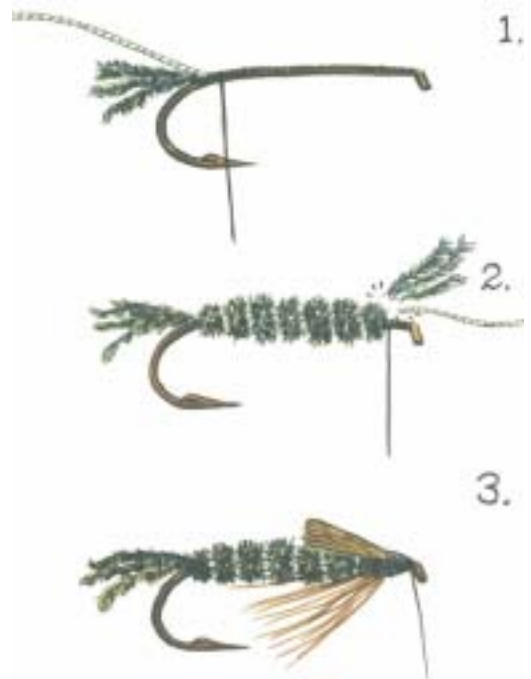
Wing Case: Wood duck flank



1. Pinch that barb and line the hook shank with tying thread. Tie in several pieces of peacock sword fibers for the tail. Tie in the rib tinsel and leave it dangling.

2. Attach several strands of peacock herl at the hook bend. Using your favorite herl technique, wind a plump, tapered body to the head of the hook. Wind the rib forward using 4 to 6 turns. Trim off the excess herl and ribbing.

3. Wind a sparse hackle of brown or furnace hen. Tie the wing case feather on top of the body, compressing the top portion of the hackle. Clip the wing case short as shown. Wind a small head, whip finish, and cement.



Does The Lands Council spike trees and damage equipment?

Absolutely not! The Lands Council does not participate in or condone illegal activities.

What can I do?

Speak up! Encourage your IEFFC officers and board members to vote in favor of contributing \$500 to The Lands Council for 2003. You could also sign up for an individual membership in The Lands Council.

Who can answer questions about The Lands Council?

Talk with Jerry McBride.

ANOTHER CLUB DISCOUNT OFFER

Editor's Note: Jerry McBride received this offer to IEFFC by e-mail. I don't know about these folks, but I had a little space left.

On behalf of River Otter we would like to offer club members discounted float trips here on the many waterways in Western Montana to those clubs/organizations in the northwest region that have and will continue to support the growth of flyfishing.

River Otter's Club Promotion Package

Club Members Float Trip Rate - \$300.00

(Price includes full day float for two people + guide, all equipment, shore side lunch and transportation to and from the river)

Overnight Club Package Rate - \$495.00 per person based on two fishermen per boat! (Price includes two full days of guided fishing, all necessary overnight amenities, all meals and transportation to and from the river)

River Otter Flyshop and Outfitters, 5504 Old Hwy. 93, Florence, Montana 59833 (406) 273-4858 **Full e-mail on piano**

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