



**GENERAL MEETING  
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB  
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE  
COMMONS  
March 11, 2003  
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

## PRESIDENT'S NOTES

By Gary Honeyman

I will take this opportunity to say a little bit about Ed Wolfe and the award. He was an avid outdoorsman and a true gentleman. He loved to hunt and fish. He was very active in the club and was the President Emeritus. He was an outstanding fisherman and fly tier. When he was younger and tying flies, there were no fly tying vises, so the hook had to be held by hand. He modified and developed many patterns. The Ed Wolfe Dragonfly Nymph and the Ed Wolfe Hellgrammite still bear his name and can be found in our Flies of the Northwest. You could ask anybody who knew him and the response you will get is that he was warm hearted, congenial, helpful, generous, accepting, innovative, creative, witty and was always ready volunteer for a project.

The Ed Wolfe Memorial Award is given by the President for a specific, significant contribution to the club. It is not meant to dilute the significance of the Fly Fisherman of the Year award. It is not necessarily an annual award. To be given only when a member is truly deserving of recognition for service to the club. Established by IEFFC board in 1989. This is the list of names that we have. Presented in 1989 Hardy Kruse, Frank Slak, Dave Holmes, 1996- Floyd Holmes, 2002- Harry Faggetter, 2003-Don Chinn. If you know of any changes. please contact Bob Bates.

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## JANUARY PROGRAM

By Pat Kendall

Speaker: Jack Dennis

Our March speaker is well-known to most if not all IEFFC members. Jack Dennis' professional fishing career began at the age of 12 when he sold his first flies. He started guiding at the age of 14 and continued to do so for a number of years. He now runs his guide business whose clients include everyone from U.S. presidents, to sports figures to movie stars, including current Vice President Dick Cheney.

At 19, Jack opened his first fishing tackle business in Jackson, Wyoming, which has become a well-known international fly fishing emporium. *Outside* magazine picked Jack Dennis Outdoor Shop as the best fly shop in America in their 2001 "Best of the Best" issue.

Jack's fly tying books, *Western Trout Fly Tying Manual, Volume I & II*, have sold over 300,000 copies, making them some of the best known fly tying books in the world. He has also produced over twenty fly fishing video tapes that have received critical acclaim throughout the fly fishing world.

His program called "A River Somewhere!" is a video presentation with narration and features some footage of Lee Wolf, Curt Gowdy and Gary Lafontaine never seen before, Jack says, "it's always been my most popular presentation. While it isn't a teaching program, it teaches about life and its relationship to flyfishing."

At the tying table we will have Jack Dennis tying some of his favorite stream and lake flies.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet and hear Jack Dennis.

## FLY FISHERMAN OF THE YEAR

By Donn Chinn

Jerry Harms was named 2002 Fly Fisherman of the Year at the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club's December meeting. Jerry is a longtime club member, former president and most deserving of this honor. Byron Johnson made the presentation.

This is the highest annual honor accorded a member of the club. In addition to a trophy and framed collection of flies which he can display (in his home) for one year, Jerry also received a Gene Lorensen painting of a Henry's Lake Rainbow-cutthroat hybrid trout. The painting is a gift from Gene and the club.

Byron Johnson spoke of his admiration for Jerry's friendly personality and his willingness to volunteer for almost any project. Harms and Johnson are both members of the Inland Empire Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. Jerry is a permanent member of their annual banquet committee. He also helps them trap turkeys in the winter to be tagged and released in new locations. Two years ago the local chapter captured and released over 800 birds! He has joined Byron Johnson on turkeys hunts and has visited his beautiful cabin at Targhee Pass near Henry's Lake. Harms is also an avid hunter of ducks, geese and grouse.

For IEFFC, Jerry took charge of the Christmas Raffle for three consecutive years. Other club projects include: At Bayley Lake he stood on the ice trying to plug the leak, helped build and guard the Bayley Lake spawning channel, helped install signs at Lenice and Nunnally, put gravel in the Spokane River, planted fish in the Spokane River, worked on the Rocky Ford Dam Repair (carp barrier), painted the posts marking closed waters on Lenore, attended Morning Star Boy's Ranch fish outs and helped trap tench at McDowell Lake. He also initiated recommendations for regulation changes for Lenore Lake; they were adopted by WFDW.

He has lived in Spokane all of his 54 years. He graduated from Rogers High, and EWU where he earned a degree in Education with a minor in PE (coaching). Two years of ROTC resulted in a short stint in the Army as an intelligence officer. Harms has coached football, basketball, volleyball, wrestling and track as well as teaching language arts and US history at Sacajawea Middle school for 28 years! He looks forward to retirement in 2 years and hopes to exercise fish in Alaska



Jerry's Dad stimulated his interest in Fly Fishing and gave him a fly tying kit with which he and his brother used to teach themselves how to tie. His first fly was Ed Wolfe's Damsel Fly. Father and sons built a family cabin at Coulee City giving Jerry ample opportunities to fish at Dry Falls, Lenore and Grimes lakes. Hardy Kruse and Bruce Morgan brought Harms into our club.

At his home in Spokane Jerry maintains a Humming Bird garden filled with Flowering Currant, Honeysuckle, Red Monarda, Texas Sage and other plants that attract the Humming Birds. Migrating birds start showing in April and May. Birds wishing to establish a residence arrive in July and stay until the middle of September. Needless to say Harms keeps records of these migrations.

In 1979 Jerry married Gail Knowles with whom he has raised one daughter, Monique. Gail has been very supportive of his out door activities.

**CHRISTMAS ISLAND**  
Excerpted by Fenton Roskelley

The average size of the bonefish at Christmas Island has dropped from an average of 2 to 4 pounds to an average of 1 to 1 ½ pounds and fly fishers are catching and releasing 8 to 10 a day, compared with the 20 to 30 a day a few years ago.

That’s the conclusion of Gil Nyerges of Seattle, creator of the Nyerges Nymph and several other fly patterns. Nyerges led three groups to Christmas Island in January and February. He summarized two of the trips in the current issue of *Creel Notes*, the Washington Fly Fishing Club’s newsletter.

To fish the bonefish flats at Christmas Island, fly fishers have to spend more than \$2,000. Some say they have spent nearly \$3,000. Nyerges’ comments indicate that the fishing at Christmas Island, once one of the most popular destinations for fly fishers to catch bonefish, no longer is worth the big investment. The region’s fly fishers should consider investigating other places where the bonefish are larger.

The following are excerpts from Nyerges’ report:

“We stayed at the Mini-Hotel at London, a sleepy, quiet little village on the shore of the huge lagoon, which is the heart of the bone fishing flats of Christmas Island.”

The first group included 12 fly fishers. They fished from Jan. 12 through 19.

“We all caught bones every day and they were the same speed demons—occasionally—but they averaged only 1 to 1 ½ pounds.”

The second group, consisting of eight fly fishers, fished during the week starting Jan. 19.

“We again caught bones and a few trevally—the same size, same quantity, same hard work, same results, but more rain showers.

“Our same sleepy, quiet little fishing village is no more. There is a lot of residential building—a water system with four windmills going full blast pumping water into their reservoirs. There is a strip mall and a K-mart in town. Everybody and his cousin now owns a motorbike or diesel pickup truck, each equipped with large boom boxes tuned up to the highest level possible. The plus side of this picture is that the native people still don’t hate us.”

“Twenty to 30-fish days still can be had, but they are few and far between. There are a few of us fortunate enough to have fished the flats in the halcyon days of yore. The challenge now is to find one of those 20-fish days and catch a fish over four pounds.”

Chuck Ballard, one of the eight fly fishers led by Nyerges, had this to say about the fishing during the period starting Feb. 12: “The fishing has deteriorated according to Gil and the fishing guides. However, it was very exciting for me as a novice. We caught 6-8 fish most days, but I had good day with 18 fish. Trevally were abundant and were just as much fun to catch as the bones.”

It is a shame to see good fishing go down hill this way.

**LETCHER LAMBUTH AWARD**  
Photo by Bob Bates



Top: Andy Hall & Gil Nyerges Bottom: Del Copcock, Steve Moran & John Propp

## CONSERVATION & FFF NOTES

By Jerry McBride,  
Conservation Chairman and FFF Contact

### Conservation Issues

***IEFFC contribution to Lands Council*** - The IEFFC board vote was two for and two against a contribution to the Lands Council in 2003. President Gary Honeyman cast the deciding vote against so no contribution will be made to the Lands Council for 2003.

***North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene Fish Tracking Project*** - The North Idaho Fly Casters, Spokane Fly Fishers and the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club have all sent in their \$2,000 contributions. The Federation of Fly Fishers has agreed to contribute \$2,000 to the project also. We will have a 15 minute presentation on the project at our April 8, 2003 General Meeting. There will be sign-up sheets for field work. This project lasts a whole year so lots of volunteers are needed. Please sign up. The reputation of the IEFFC is on the line here. On top of that, it doesn't take a genius to figure out that getting familiar with the river and knowing when and where the big fish hang out is beneficial.

***Friends of the Little Pend d'Oreille*** - The IEFFC board voted to continue to be a member of the Friends of the LPO. With Bayley and McDowell lakes on the LPO it makes sense to participate in a group that is trying to make things better.

***North Idaho Fly Casters Fly Show and Banquet*** - This is their second year for this event. It is in Coeur d'Alene Saturday, March 15, 2003. For more information call Kent Setty at 208-765-5020. The North Idaho Fly Casters are very active on conservation projects so if you attend you are helping fund their projects.

***North Idaho Fly Casters March 20, 2003 General Meeting*** - Several of our officers and board members are going to attend this meeting at the invitation of Earl Frizzell, Conservation Chairman of the North Idaho Fly Casters. Getting to know the other two clubs in the area and working with them on mutually beneficial projects holds great potential for all.

***Relicensing of Five Spokane River Dams for Avista*** - Contracts have been made with several firms to gather information needed to determine needs in the future for the operation of the dams on the Spokane River. I am on

the Recreation and Aesthetics work committee, which is one of five work committees. Avista has hired a consulting firm to inventory all of the formal and informal recreation sites from the high water line on Lake Coeur d'Alene to the Long Lake Dam. They also will be surveying use of these sites for an entire year. In regard to fisheries, a firm has been hired to implant transmitters in fish in the river and track their movement for over one year.

***Willow Lake*** - This is the shallow lake on the other side of the causeway from Granite Lake just west of Spokane on I-90. Spokane County has purchased a large tract of land that includes Willow Lake. The county plans to create a park with parking, toilet facilities and hiking trails. Chris Donely fisheries biologist for Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has agreed to take a look at Willow Lake to see if there are any possibilities for a fishery. He said that the lake is alkaline like Granite so Lahontan Cutthroat would be the only fish that could possibly be planted. It is a long shot, but maybe, just maybe, we can get another place to go fishing.

The other possibility is that if the county placed the parking lot and toilet facilities close enough, they could be used by people accessing Granite Lake via the small piece of public land near the causeway on Granite Lake. Again, a lot of work has to be done before fish could be planted in Granite Lake. Another long shot? Absolutely, but it certainly doesn't hurt to give it a try.

### Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF)

***Washington Council of the FFF Annual Meeting*** - WSCFFF will be holding its annual meeting in Ellensburg, April 12, 2003. This is a meeting of the fly fishing clubs from throughout Washington that belong to the Washington Council. Our president, Gary Honeyman and perhaps Pat Kendall will be attending along with Bob Bates and myself.

Gary will bring everyone attending up to date on what the IEFFC is doing. Obviously I am biased, but most of the time our club has more going on than just about any other club in the state. Washington Council member clubs and individual FFF members are invited.

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS

E-mail from Clay Findlay

Remember this? The following were some comments made in the year 1957:

(1) "I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a weeks groceries for \$20.00."

(2) "Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long when \$5000 will only buy a used one."

(3) "If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous."

(4) "Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?"

(5) "If they raise the minimum wage to \$1, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store."

(6) "When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage."

(7) "Kids today are impossible. Those ducktail hair cuts make it impossible to stay groomed. Next thing you know, boys will be wearing their hair as long as the girls."

(8) "I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying damn in "Gone With The Wind", it seems every new movie has either Hell or damn in it."

(9) "I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas."

(10) "Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$75,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday that they will be making more than the President."

(11) "I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They are even making electric typewriters now."

(12) "It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet."

(13) "It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work."

(14) "Marriage doesn't mean a thing any more, those Hollywood stars seem to be getting divorces at the drop of a hat."

(15) "I'm just afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business."

(16) "Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to Congress."

(17) "The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on."

(18) "There is no sense going to Lincoln or Omaha anymore for a weekend. It costs nearly \$15.00 a night to stay in a hotel."

(19) "No one can afford to be sick any more, \$35.00 a day in the hospital is too rich for my blood."

## MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS (FWP)

Forwarded by Fenton Roskelley

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FWP DENIES WAIVER FOR ESPN FISHING CONTEST

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks today denied to grant a waiver to allow ESPN's Great Outdoor Games to stage a fly-fishing competition in the Missoula area in April.

In January, the television sports network asked FWP to waive an administrative rule that prohibits fishing contests for wild trout on streams and rivers. Most trout

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streams in Montana contain wild trout and are not stocked with hatchery fish.

In a letter to ESPN, FWP Director Jeff Hagener explained that the request was denied based on the agency's responsibility to uphold the laws and rules governing fishing contests in Montana and the voluminous and thoughtful public comment.

"Hopefully you will try to understand and respect the perspective that anglers from across Montana and from

other states brought to this debate," Hagener stated. "To these anglers, flyfishing on Montana's rivers for wild trout does not lend itself to the competition envisioned in your proposed contest."

Officials received about 400 public comments, which ran two-to-one against granting the waiver. In the competition, up to 18 anglers would have attempted to win \$200-\$500 by catching the biggest trout in three hours on an assigned stretch of a river in the Missoula area.

## TWO TIERS AT THE WALLEYE SHOW

Photo by Harry Calhoun



Bill Stroup is very intense on tying his guaranteed fly



Our illustrious President Gary Honeyman not only ties flies but also advertises the *Flies of the Northwest*

## ROCKY FORD DAM REPAIR

Photo by Jerry McBride

March 7, 1998  
Jerry Harms is in there someplace.  
My guess is that he is on the far left of the walkway, Ed.



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# FLY OF THE MONTH

Double Bunny

March, 2003

Scott Sanchez

This month's offering comes to us from Scott Sanchez, a tier at Dan Bailey's Fly Shop in Livingston, Montana. Scott Fink came across the pattern and was impressed by the practical characteristics of it. The dark and light rabbit furs portray the coloring of almost all the minnow species. The addition of eyes and Krystal Flash adds appeal to the natural action of the rabbit hair. The fly has a good reputation on the Yellowstone and other Montana streams. It should work anywhere that game fish are feeding on minnows. It can be tied in different colors and sizes for the situation at hand.

**Hook:** Streamer 2 or 3X long 8 - 2/0

**Thread:** Color to match dark rabbit

**Body:** Two strips of rabbit fur, one white and the other dark (blue, green, olive, gray or black)

**Flash:** Several pieces of silver or pearl Krystal Flash

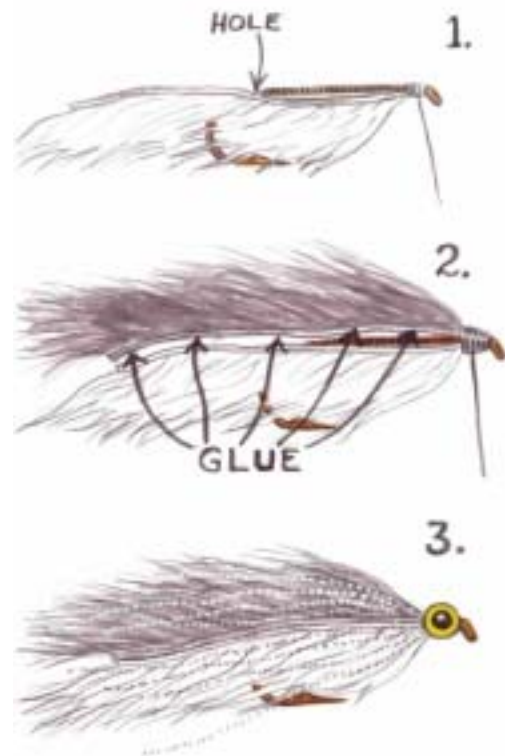
**Eve:** Your favorite eveball size to match the fly.



1. Pinch the barb and line the hook shank with tying thread. Cut a white rabbit strip twice the length of the shank of the hook. Make a small hole in the center and slide the strip over the point up to the bend of the hook. The hair should be pointing down. Tie in the front part of the strip right behind the eye.

2. Cut a dark rabbit strip the same length as the white one and tie it in behind the eye with the hair pointing up. Very carefully glue the two strips together. The two strips will cover the hook shank with half the glued strips dangling to the rear.

3. Add several pieces of the Krystal Flash on each side of the fly. Build up a rather large head of tying thread to form a base on which to glue the eyes. Whip finish and cement. Glue on your favorite style of eyes.



## A FEW PICTURES FROM THE FLY FISHING CLASS

Photos by Harry Calhoun

Ed. Note: The gym lights did strange things to his exposures



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