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

**October 8, 2002  
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

**PRESIDENT'S NOTES**

By Jim Turner

There is a picture on my wall of a group of men who shared a fishing experience in Canada a couple of years ago. That picture was made possible because a few of us took the time to get together and "just do it." Memories that picture invokes were not made doing yard work, at a job, or painting the laundry room. This experience that we have shared is one that I know we all appreciate.

Unless you've been at an isolated location for the past couple of weeks, the news that John Propp passed away will come as no surprise by way of this column. A number of us attended his memorial service. He will be missed.

I never shared a stretch of water with John. There are no pictures. He always invited me to go to Brabant with him and his group. Regretfully, I did not go. So, my fellow anglers, when you can, seize the opportunity to hang a picture.

At the September board meeting, we heard a proposal by members of the North Idaho Fly Fishers, along with a representative of the forest service. Attending the meeting were: Joel Popham, President NIFF, Earl Frizzel, Conservation Chair NIFF, and Mr. Ed Litter of the forest service. They are asking

**DESCHUTES FISHING TRIP**

By Dwight Tipton

President Jim Turner, accompanied by serfs/rod-bearers Steve Wittstock and Dwight Tipton, and three other buddies from the Tri-Cities, floated Oregon's Deschutes River from June 11--14.

Although not all of their stories can be believed, it does seem reliable that they were lucky enough to hit the salmon fly hatch right on, so had really good fishing for rainbows ranging from 10 to 18 inches and a few (they say) even stretching to 19 and 20 inches. These "Redsides" are STRONG, and not shy at all about

**OCTOBER PROGRAM**

By Gary Honeyman

Our speaker for the October meeting is Troy Cowles. Troy is the son of Larry Cowles. At the age of 13, Troy took his skiing money and bought a Jack Dennis book, vise and tying materials. By 1984 he was hooked on fly fishing and tying.

He started calling lodges out of fly fishing magazines and got a job guiding at Wood River Lodge in Alaska. In 1987 at Wood River he met Fred Yule who was looking for a guide for his new fly fishing camp in southern Chile. After 3 years of guiding for Fred, he started his own guiding service in Chile. He is still running his guide service in Chile, guiding fly anglers in Alaska and hunting elk and deer in Montana.

Troy will be tying some of his favorite patterns at the tying table.

that we participate in a project to determine why adult cutthroat trout densities are not increasing in the Coeur d' Alene River basin. This yearlong study would give the IEFFC the opportunity to be active in an area where many of us fish. At the request of the Board of Directors, we asked that a more in-depth analysis of their objectives be forwarded for our consideration. Having just received the information we asked for, I am unable to report any decisions as of now. However, the board is unanimously enthusiastic about our potential involvement with this project. We will keep the members updated.

Enjoy this beautiful time of the year and don't forget your cameras.

Tight Lines, Jim

slamming a huge salmon fly pattern and then heading out to fast water, ripping tippet, jumping like they're possessed.

The Deschutes is a big, fast flowing, brawny river that cannot be fished from a boat. Large rocks, trees, shrubs and near vertical banks make casting difficult. Those conditions also make for tired fishermen at the end of the day, and it is at this point that Turner, et. al. were positively effusive in their praise for John Judy and his staff. (John, you recall, was our featured speaker at

the March meeting where he gave an excellent presentation on the Deschutes.)

Besides being truly expert fly fishermen, John and company do a great job of delivering fishermen to the fish, but then when those fishermen are so tired they can hardly walk, John and crew deliver them to a first rate camp and treat them to a first rate

dinner. Their service doesn't include a mint on the pillow at bedtime, but they do just about everything else.

Jim, Steve and Dwight say they'll be telling tales about this trip for years to come, but that they'll keep strictly to the facts--facts validated by numbers of photographs taken on the trip. You don't suppose John Judy's exceptionally good service includes a ready made packet of pictures, do you?



Steve Wittstock releasing a fighting Deschutes fish



First class accommodation for Jim Turner and Steve along the Deschutes river

**MORE AUGUST BOARD MEETING PICTURES**



Steve Wittstock and Tom Turner getting ready



Steve: "If you can't beat them join them"



Tom still getting ready



Sometimes I worry about our leaders when they leave town

# FLY OF THE MONTH

Tri-color Flesh Fly

October, 2002

Larry Hagen

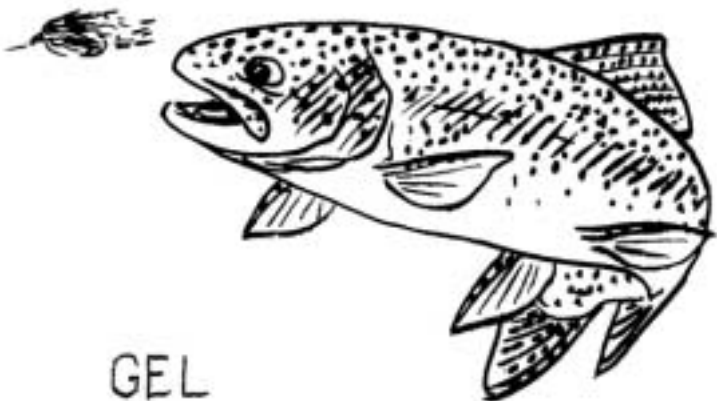
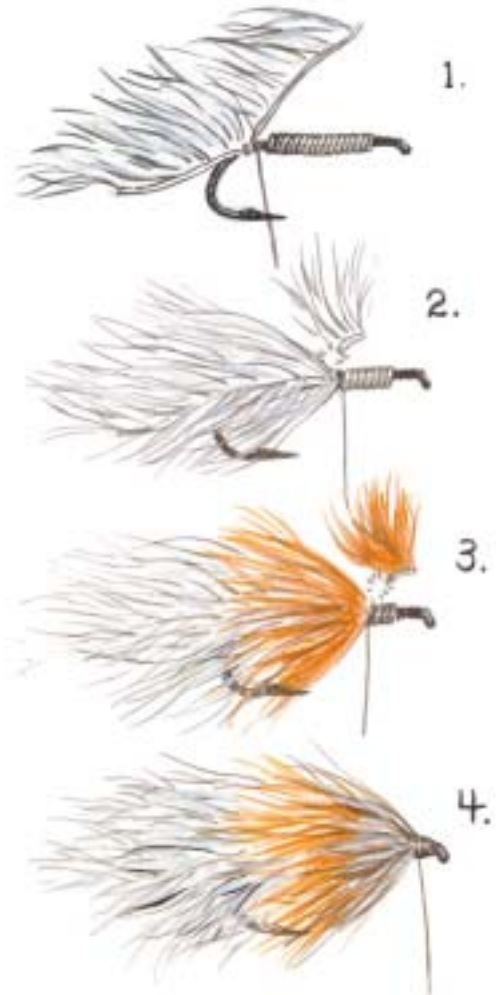
When fishing an Alaskan river in the latter part of August when the stream is loaded with spawning kings, reds, chums, and humpies and is receiving fresh-run silvers, there are certain flies you better have in your arsenal. A variety of egg patterns is a must. Another essential is a good supply of flesh flies. When there are dead, decaying salmon in the water, the flesh fly is your best choice. This month's pattern was given to Larry Hagen by Aaron, a biologist at the Togiak Wildlife Refuge, who recommended a new river out by Bethel. Larry asked me to tie up a bunch for our float trip on a that river. The tri-colored flesh fly took more 2-6 pound rainbows than we could count plus an equal number of grayling and many fine dolly varden. We were targeting rainbows and found the best rainbow fishing we've ever experienced. The flesh fly also took silver salmon when fished like a streamer. It was by far our most successful fly on an extremely successful float.

Hook: #4 or 2, 2x long and 2x heavy  
Thread: Stout monocord, black or red  
Body: White, orange or rust and natural gray rabbit fur strips over lead wrapped hook

Note: I have substituted dubbed marabou for the rabbit fur or combined marabou and rabbit fur with excellent results.



1. Pinch the barb and line the hook shank with tying thread. Cover most of the hook shank with lead wire. Tie on a piece of white rabbit fur strip, leaving a 1/2 inch part dangling to the rear.
2. Wind 3 or 4 turns of the white fur strip forward, making sure that the fur fibers point backwards. Tie off and trim the excess.
3. Attach an orange rabbit fur strip and make 3 turns with the fur pointing back, secure, and trim the left over.
4. Attach a strip of natural colored (gray or brown) bunny fur ahead of the orange and wind it forward about two turns, leaving room for the head. Tie it off and trim. Wind a smooth head, whip finish, and cement.



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## FLY FISHERMAN OF THE YEAR

Every year in the 47-year history of the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club the Board of Directors deliberated in secret. They never considered asking members for ideas of who they thought would qualify as the Fly Fisherman of the Year. This year is different. If you have a candidate, secretly tell one of the officers or directors.

## TROUT FISHING IN MINNESOTA

By Bob Bates

To my surprise there is trout fishing in Minnesota. I thought that fishing there was limited to bass, pike and so forth. However, when we went back to attend son Hillary's wedding I learned that the Department of Natural Resources has worked toward developing a trout fishery.

They found streams with cold water flowing from limestone caves, and planted them with browns. Go to a DNR office, and ask for a trout stream map. Some of the streams are fairly short, 0.6 mile or 2.6 miles, but many are longer. Access has been arranged by DNR.

Our plan was straight forward: Land in Twin Cities, drive to Rochester, send the ladies north to Lake Superior and go fishing. My son cautioned me to keep my expectations small as we approached 5- to 10-foot wide, waist deep Hay creek. The first fish was a 10-inch brown. I lost two or three more, on a size 16 Parachute Adams. The next day we fished North Branch creek, 10 feet or more wide. It was full of fussy brown trout and surrounded by trees. I landed a 15-inch brown, and Hilary said: "It usually takes two summers to get one that big." We landed and lost a few others before heading north to Cornucopia, Wisconsin where the wedding took place on the south shore of Lake Superior.

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