



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Scott Mayfield

Tradition has it the December President's message is all about thanking club members who make the club run. This year is no different. From my view point as Grand-poo-h-bah, the efforts of certain members have been particularly pellucid and deserve our heartfelt praise. To be completely honest, the work everyone puts into the annual operation of the club is somewhat shocking and unbelievable. Obviously, I cannot name all who have contributed time and effort into this seemingly innocuous beast, but a few demand recognition for their outstanding efforts year-in and year-out.

First of all Bob Bates, editor extraordinaire and our artist in residence, Gene Lorenson, are always there with this newsletter. As far as I know, there isn't an award for "Best Fly Club" newsletter, but if there was, these guys would have their fireplace mantles covered with awards.

Our education committee of Leon Buckles and Dick Odell along with everyone else who participates in teaching the classes and casting deserve a big round of applause. If I have learned anything about what our members are passionate about, it is get the kids involved in fishing. Leon has stepped up to the plate as our Historian and his direction of the Historical Committee as we drift toward our 50th Anniversary has become a monumental effort to which, I am happy to say, we have answered with a Captain more than equal to the task.

Of course, I can't forget the boards members, past and present. These guys are pillars of our community. Their patience and guidance has been priceless. Hugh Evans, now one of the working retired, is toiling away as a board member and we have all suffered through his term as Poacher. We nominated Hugh to the State Fisheries Advisory Board, where he is now an advisor. He is on the Christmas raffle committee and floated part of the raffle last year on his own dime. Hugh purchased the balance of John Prop's legacy donation and then gave the tying material to the junior tying classes at Swede's Fly Shop. He is on the historical committee and has just recently agreed to serve on the Conservation Committee to review and comment on the WDF&G proposed rule changes that may affect our interests. Mr. Evans is also serving on the Sprague Lake Committee, with the ever-present George Potter.

Mr. Shiosaki, is another tireless representative of our interests. Earlier this year I had the privilege of awarding Fred the Ed Wulff Award for his long-term dedication to our sport and service not only to the club, but to the greater fly fishing community in general.

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

December 13, 2005
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

DECEMBER RAFFLE

This is a members only meeting. All members are welcome particularly if they bring lots of money. Profits from the raffle will help fund our 50th Anniversary Party. If you don't come or don't bring money our Anniversary Party will be poorly funded, but I will have better luck with my raffle tickets. Your Editor: Bob

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You have seen them at regular meetings, but say hello to them as official IEFFC Members

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NEW SIGN AT LENICE LAKE

By Jerry McBride

We finally got the sign in the ground!

As I have written in previous editions of *The Fly Leaf*, our club cosponsored a sign for Lenice Lake with the Washington Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers. The sign spells out the regulations for Lenice in English, Spanish and Ukrainian. Four IEFFC members went down to Lenice Lake and installed the sign on November 10, 2005. The weather was beautiful and the ground was soft sand so it was easy to pull the old sign out and put the new one in. We brought back three old signs, two that had been at Nunnally Lake and the one we pulled at Lenice. The old frames will be reconditioned and used again.



L to R, Jerry McBride, Floyd Holmes, Gary Honeyman and Pat Kendall



A Rogue Pirate

BACKCAST

By Leon Buckles

The historical committee is working feverishly on the history of our club. Tom Chapman has rough drafts of three chapters completed and is working on the fourth at this time. This endeavor is a work in progress and we can insert material up until publication in early April, so don't be afraid to contribute. We still need more pictures of members, club outings and some just plain fun pictures. One of our objectives is to get all of our present members mentioned in the publication in a meaningful way. This can only happen with inputs from each and everyone of you. Material that is not used in the history book will be put in the club archives for future members to enjoy.

Besides the pictures, we need anecdotes to make the book a little lighter read. Frank Slak, an excellent writer of humor, is working on collecting these stories and getting the facts to Tom Chapman. He needs your input. If Frank has not given you a call, please call him or drop a note to him in the mail. Let him know that you have some interesting humor to be included.

We have a pretty good collection of Fly Leafs, however, some holes still remain. If you have copies of the Fly Leaf, don't throw them away. They are a great starting place in keeping track of our history along with minutes of dinner and board meetings. We will put all contributions in the club's record files. We are in need of the following copies at this time: Nov. 1985, Nov. 1976, and anything in the '60s. If you have any of them and do not want to give them up, please let us make a copy and we will get the original back to you.

The anniversary committee is also at work planning for our golden anniversary. Mark your calendar, May 20, 2006 is the date. Remember that the profit from the raffle will go to making our 50th anniversary celebration a grand affair.

Also, many thanks to George Potter for taking on some of the research duties for the book. This is in addition to being cochairman of the 50th anniversary planning committee. Please give him your full support.

VERY IMPORTANT – We need a great title for our club history book. If you have an idea please suggest it.

FLY OF THE MONTH

The Jolly Roger

December, 2005

Felix Martinez

The Jolly Roger fly was born on a mid-October trip to the Rogue River near Medford, Or. I was invited to join two friends who live there for a few days of steelhead fishing prior to the Rogue River Flyfishers Annual Steelhead Derby. We would enter the derby with the team name "Pirates of The Rogue." My friends, Jay Beckstead and Steve Godshall, are very good fly fishermen. Although they like to swing flies to steelies, the low water conditions, warm year, and low fish counts have made for a tough 2005 steelhead season. Nevertheless, as spey rodders with Pirattitude, they have plied low water runs and riffles using nymphs and dropper flies under yarn indicators and dead-drift techniques with great success. After a day of fishing like this, I wanted to have a pirate fly to offer that would have an X somewhere in its profile to round out the pirate theme of the team ("X marks the spot, Matey ... Bury these crossbones in yer jaws, ye buggers"). Hence, the Jolly Roger! We caught several nice steelhead with the new fly, and Jay won the largest fish prize for the tournament using a small caddis nymph as a dropper fly off of the J R. I later caught two fish on November 16 on the Grand Ronde using the Jolly Roger.

Hook: TMC 9395 or Mustad 36890, size 6

Thread: Black 6/0

Legs and Tail: Round rubber, size M or L, red or black

Body: Black yarn

Rib: Red wire, medium gauge

Thorax: Dubbing of black Antron or rabbit mixed with Lite Brite

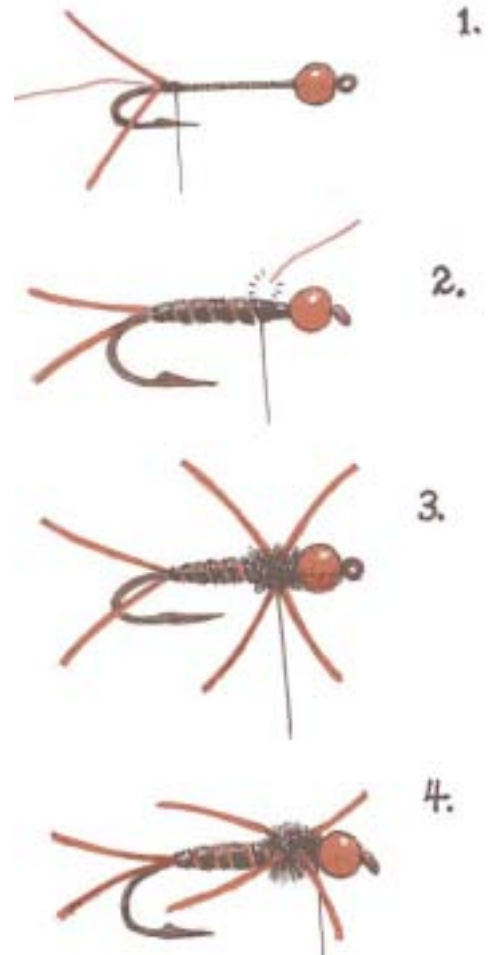


1. Pinch the barb and slip the orange bead on the hook up to the eye. Line the hook shank with tying thread and tie in the rubber tail as shown. Attach the red wire rib and let it dangle back.

2. Tie in the black body wool and wrap a tapered body 2/3 of the way up the hook shank. Reverse wrap 5 or 6 turns of the red wire to form the rib.

3. Twist a slim noodle of dubbing material on the tying thread. Cover the thorax area with a layer of dubbing. Tie in the rubber legs on each side as shown.

4. Place more dubbing on the tying thread in a thin noodle and wrap an enlarged thorax behind, on top of, and ahead of the legs. Whip finish just behind the bead.



INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB



Watching Stann Grater's slide presentation.
This slide is on the 'Molting Dun.'



Fly tying session. Each participant tied at least one fly. Next time we will have casting pictures.



Editor Note: These pictures appear only in the electronic version of *The Fly Leaf*.

CHARTER MEMBER and MCKENZIE PLAQUE WINNER

KIDS CLASS AT SWEDE'S

By Bob Bates

November 5th was a great day for several of us. We helped with the first kids Fly Fishing Class at Swede's Fly Shop. Allen Peterson wanted to set up the class particularly for kids who don't have the opportunity to learn about fly fishing that others have. Club members jumped on his bandwagon pretty fast. Some were up front with volunteering to help. Hugh Evans bought the left over stuff from John Propp's sale. The club then bought vises and other tools for the classes.

The 10 am to 12:30 pm classes are limited to 8 kids, but on the 5th two called in sick. They first had a ½-hour slide show on insects and fish by Stann Grater. Then 3 of them went outside to learn fly casting while the others stayed to tie flies. In about an hour the groups switched. Besides learning to cast a fly line and tie flies the kids took home a vise, scissors, hackle pliers, bobbin and some tying materials

Allen commented: "ALL the kids were wonderful and went home very happy and excited. Wish you all could have been there to see the sparkle in their eyes!"

Club members included Harry Calhoun, Hugh Evans, Stann Grater, Leon Buckles, Bob Bates, Pat Kendall, Dick Odell and ????????

The next class will be the first Saturday in January 2006.

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Another club member to recently join the ranks of the working retired is Gordon Olson, AKA Santa Claus. Mr. O was also nominated to and now serves on the State Fisheries Advisory Board. Additionally, he is serving on the Historical Committee and is redressing one of our fly plates. Mr. O is still looking for Christmas raffle donations from members at large. Remember this year's raffle profits go toward our 50th Anniversary Party, May 2006.

Speaking of looking for things, Harry Karas is still looking for those flies with your name on them. If you have flies in the Flies of the Northwest, please tie up four of them and get them to Harry at the December meeting or drop them off at Swedes...as you know we are incorporating these into our 50th Anniversary fly plates.

A friend once told me, "I do my best work for others." Without a doubt, these gentlemen subscribe to the same philosophy.