



**GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
December 9, 2003
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

DECEMBER PROGRAM
By Dick Odell and Leon Buckles

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE-2003 STYLE

Here's hoping all of you had as wonderful a Thanksgiving as I had. We had 18 family members and 2 friends for Thanksgiving to help us say thanks for all we have. We are trying to recover from yesterday, but you know Bob Bates. Our editor and task-master has a schedule to get you *The Fly Leaf* on time. So:

Yes, the Christmas Raffle is going to be fun and a great chance to win lots of prizes. Everybody has a chance to win a gift that retails for \$250 for just being in attendance (no tickets to purchase) as this will be drawn from dinner tickets. All donors' names will be entered to win a price that retails for \$125. Bring a donation and be present at the drawing to be eligible for gifts worth \$375.

Now it is up to you, Club members, to push us over the top. We need your donations to be brought to the meeting and to purchase tickets to make this not only a fun evening but a success financially to support our Club activities and projects. We've done all we can do!

We promise great donations, fun and some new ideas to speed up the process and equalize chances to win.

THE TWO ANCHORS INCIDENT
By Gene Lorenson

Rumors of this strange happening have been quietly circulating since early June. At last a full disclosure comes to light. It seems that two of our illustrious members were fishing Coffeepot Lake under rather difficult conditions - hot weather, breezy, heavy weed bloom, etc. Fishing was slow but our stalwarts had managed to land a dozen and a half of the wonderful Coffeepot rainbows up to 20 inches long. Late in the afternoon they were anchored in 15 feet of water,

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES
By Gary Honeyman

Here is my last article for The Fly Leaf as your president. Just a quick update on the aerator at North Silver. It was started on November 3rd and it ran great until the 20th of November. That is when we had our windstorm and then the cold snap. The electricity momentarily went off and kicked the breaker off, but it has been restarted and seems to be working fine.

Good news for the raffle. In order to try and make it so that there is not so many of the multiple winners, instead of putting the tickets in a coffee can and shaking them up, the tickets will be turned in a ticket tumbler. That should give everybody an equal chance of getting their ticket drawn. Hope to see you at the raffle. **Remember, this is a members only meeting.**

I want to thank everybody who has given me advice and encouragement over the last four years, because without your help I never could have done it.

Tickets will be \$1 apiece and available in large quantities, or even less if desired. We will have 2 crews with 3 tumblers working the drawing. Hopefully, this will achieve some results we are hoping for. Please bring a pen as you will need to write your membership number on the ticket, and **REMEMBER any bent ticket drawn will be discarded!** We want all tickets to have an equal chance to win.

Our goals are to raise some money for the Club, but even more important to ensure all in attendance a wonderful evening to start the family Christmas season. **Please** join us!

Thanks, Dick and Leon

working chironomids near the bottom. A couple of nice fish were taken before the action slowed to a halt. Time to try somewhere else, and both of our heroes simultaneously began to lift the anchor at his end of the boat. Up came the ropes with no weight. Both the ropes were neatly undone, leaving the two anchors on the bottom. There was no resistance indicating anchors fouled in rocks with ropes breaking. The ropes had been attached to the anchors for a number of years with many successful ups and downs. When one anchor parts company with its line that is not particularly unusual - most of us have lost an anchor. But to have two anchors disappear with no apparent reason at exactly the same time now that becomes a bit mysterious to say the least.

The two puzzled fly tossers were at a loss over what happened. They motored back to the boat launch since you can't fish chironomids in a wind without anchors. After much hard reasoning, they eventually came up with the only logical explanation for the bizarre coincidence: A German U-boat left over from World War II!! Planted there in secret to disrupt Allied shipping on Coffeepot Lake, it lost communication with the Third Reich and has been waiting for orders these last 60 years. Finally losing patience, the commander has decided to act on his own. The first act of defiance was the loosening of both anchor lines on Doug Brossoit's boat. When Doug and Gene Lorenson tried to retrieve the two anchors, they became the first victims of the sub's evil campaign. Be warned fellow fly fishers!! If you are fishing Coffeepot Lake and see a bubbly wake heading toward your boat, get out of the way fast! Or better yet, avoid the obvious danger and let Doug and Gene risk their necks confronting the U-boat's menace (as well as the magnificent rainbows). They are willing to sacrifice for the common good.

As an afterthought, another strange happening has come to light involving the dynamic duo of Gene and Doug who, like other great teams such as Laurel and Hardy or Abbot and Costello, seem prone to incongruous behavior. They had just finished loading the last item in the back of Gene's pickup for a trip to Montana. This item was Doug's new float tube loaded with reels, spools, flies, etc. Both men saw to the fastening of the holding ropes and proclaimed them secure. Heading down I-90 on the other side of Mullan Pass, Doug looked back and saw ... no float tube! They retraced their steps and found nothing ... not a trace. They proceeded to fish as best they could and, on the return trip, Doug called his wife on his cell phone, who informed him that a lady in Kellogg had picked up the tube, found his phone number and called Doug's home. She had the lost items at her Kellogg home waiting for the blundering buddies to drop by and pick them up. Her kindness rather restores our faith in human nature, doesn't it?

FRIENDS HELP WITH FISH REMOVAL

By Tricia Woods

Eurasian milfoil, a noxious weed that grows thick in local waters, had taken hold in Potter's Pond. If allowed to continue growing, the weed would completely clog the water and no fish would survive. It became necessary to eliminate it.

One method of killing the milfoil is to completely drain the water from the pond, letting it dry out and later freeze. On October 24, Potter's Pond was drained and a group gathered to save as many fish as possible by transferring them to Bayley Lake. Friends Tricia Woods and Jackie and Bob McGregor joined several LPO staff, along with, Washington Fish and Wildlife personnel who brought a fish transfer truck, to catch and remove the fish.

All that was left of Potter's Pond was a small, very muddy spot of water. With hip waders and hand nets, we squished into mud resembling chocolate pudding. A quick charge of electricity brought the fish to the surface. Many of the fish were very large, and we transferred them from nets to buckets. Then they were

transported in the fish truck to Bayley Lake.

There were over 200 fish; everyone was netting, filling buckets and transferring them to the holding tank very quickly. Not all the fish were cooperative with this procedure, and some gave their handlers a mud bath. Consequently we should have great complexions from the mud packs!

Fishing should be great in Bayley Lake now. Unfortunately, this procedure might have to be repeated in McDowell Lake next year, as the Eurasian milfoil has grown into big mats.

This experience proves that volunteering at LOP can be exciting.

Ed Note: If LPO has to drain McDowell Lake next year maybe they will let some of our club members "play" in the mud.

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FLY OF THE MONTH

SST

December, 2003

Dave Sellers

Leon Buckles came up with this pattern and shared it with some tying cronies a while back. Here are some thoughts from Dave Sellers about his pattern. "The SST is a 'hook-up' pattern which makes it fairly snagless and the epoxy coating makes it very durable. The unique weighting pattern gives a darting movement to the fly as it is retrieved. If the weight is placed farther back behind the bend of the hook, the darting action will be increased. This is a fly 'style' and can be tied in myriad colors using many different materials. Saddle hackles, marabou, or synthetic fibers can be used for the tail as well as bucktail. Tie your fly to match the shape and colors of the bait fish you wish to imitate." The first illustration shows the basic configuration of the fly, hook, wire, and lead. The tying instructions show one of Dave's favorite versions. This one is a challenge.

Hook: Eagle Claw EC 413,60 jig hook #1-3/0 or a same sized conventional hook with front bent to match

Thread: Red and white, stout

Tail: White, yellow, brown bucktail and Krystal Flash

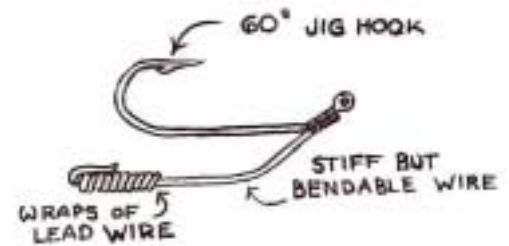
Body: Red tying thread

Weight: 3" piece of florist's wire, 12-16 wraps of 0.035 lead wire, small pearl Mylar tubing

Head: 10-15 strands of pearl Krystal Flash

Eye: 3-D Spirit River eyes or equivalent

Overbody: Devcon 5- minute epoxy



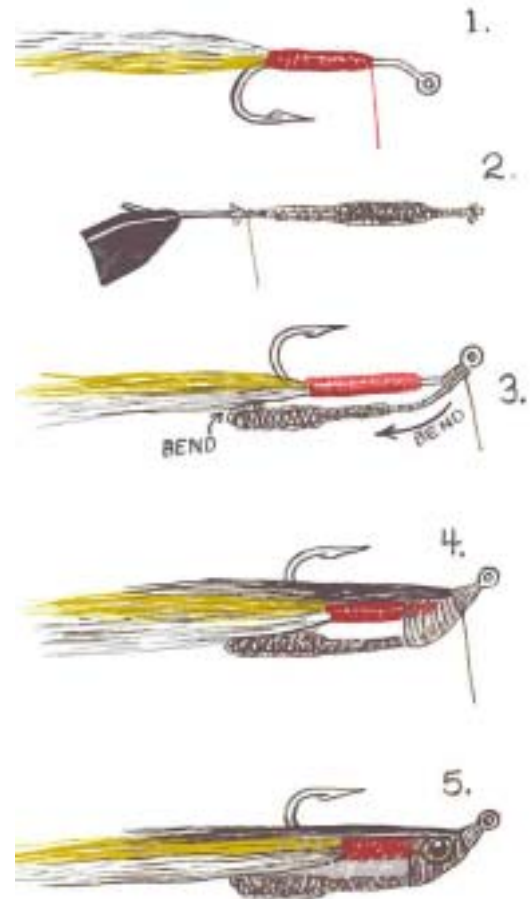
1. Place hook in vise in the regular way. Using red tying thread, tie in a small amount of yellow bucktail followed by several strands of Krystal Flash. Tie in a larger portion of white bucktail on top of the yellow. Form the body with the red tying thread.

2. Clamp a 3" piece of florist's wire in the vise as shown and wrap it with 12-16 wraps of lead wire according to the hook size. Leave a 3/8" section of wire exposed at one end. Next slide on a length of small, pearl Mylar tubing over the lead wire. Tie off the tubing at both ends using white thread.

3. Bend the end of the florist's wire (short side) up over the lead wire. Leave plenty of Mylar length on the long side, as this will represent the gut section of the baitfish. Place the hook in the vise so the hook points up. Now size the length of the wire so the lead wraps begin just under the barb and extend beyond the bend. This placement is key to the fly's unique action. Cut the long end of the wire to the correct length and tie it to the 60-degree bend as shown. Bend the wire to form the shape of the baitfish.

4. Next tie 10 to 15 strands of pearl Krystal Flash near the eye using a maximum of 10 wraps of white thread. Trim excess and then wrap the material around the hook shank and wire to form a broad head; trim neatly. Do not wrap so tightly as to compress the wire toward the hook shank. Tie in a sparse amount of dark bucktail, being sure the hair is long enough to reach well past the bend. Make sure to split the hair equally on each side of the hook bend.

5. Using Devcon 5-minute epoxy, coat the body area of the fly. Be sure to cover all the lead wire and Mylar piping and work the epoxy thoroughly into the material. Rotate the vise frequently and allow the excess epoxy to drip or be scraped off the belly of the fly. Use a bodkin or a length of wire as a tool to keep the hair in place and to manipulate the epoxy. Once the epoxy begins to set, use saliva or water-moistened fingers to shape the fly. Push the topping down flat and shape the belly. Once the first coat of epoxy is nearly dry but is still tacky, add the eyes and another thin coat of epoxy over the first coat, covering the eyes. Note: A rattle tube can be inserted between the wire and the hook shank before the head-flash is wrapped if you want a rattling SST.



COMMENT ON LAST PROGRAM

By Pat Kendall

Our November program by Jack Mitchell of The Evening Hatch Fly Shop & Guide Service was well done and just the type of program that fits our club. Lots of good information on where and how to fish the Yakima River. Of the eight or ten members I talked to I did not get a negative comment.



↑ Diffuser pads on aerator
9/12/03 Photo by Bob Bates ↑

Hoses were assembled on shore and pulled out to their destination. Fellows on shore and on the rocks guided the hose as it was pulled to three waiting boats. Occupants of a boat would pile a bunch of hose in their boat, and then pass it to the relay boat which pulled it to the next boat.
9/12/03 Photo By Bob Bates

North Silver Lake Pictures



Gallon jugs served as floats for installing the aerator line. You can see, in the background, how the aerator, concrete blocks and wooden pallets were arranged. After a hose was pulled, a pallet with concrete blocks wired to it was dumped overboard. It usually landed upside down. A diver turned over the pallet and concrete and then was handed the aerator to wire onto the concrete. 9/12/03 Photo by Bob Bates



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