



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

JANUARY PROGRAM

By Pat Kendall

Our guest speaker for September is Donn Dale, of Donn Dale's Clark Fork River Outfitters. Donn has been an outdoorsman in Montana for 40 years. He is a retired Forestry Professor who also taught college courses in fly-fishing, fly tying, and rafting. In 1988 Donn won the National Fly Casting Championship in West Yellowstone Mt.

Clark Fork River Outfitters provides a blue ribbon fly fishing experience. Donn and his guides will provide their knowledge and understanding of fly fishing and add to your skill and enjoyment of the river.

Donn's Clark Fork River Outfitters is located 10 miles down river from St. Regis, Montana, where guests can stay in log cabin "chalets" on the river.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

By Gary Honeyman

Well, here we are at the end of long, hot, DRY summer. Lets hope that by the time you read this there has been enough rain to drop to fire danger to a minimum.

Also by the time you read this we will have had our summer board meeting. This year it was planned to be at Fernie, B.C. The Elk River runs through it, and I hope the fishing is great.

We just received the aerator for North Silver Lake the second week of August. And it is in the process of being installed. I wish to thank the Inland Northwest Wildlife Council for the work they have done in taking out the docks and old resort, pouring the cement pads for the chemical toilet and aerator, spraying the weeds and installing No Parking signs. Thanks again.

LIVE AUCTION

By Pat Kendall

We will have a live auction at the September Meeting. It is for a Thomas and Thomas 9-foot, 9 weight two piece rod that was donated to us by Jack Dennis. We have a bid of \$200.00 and will open the bidding at that amount.

NEW MEMBERS

Some of you might have met these fellows before, but if you haven't please welcome them to the IEFFC.

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Angler Definitions: Catch - and - Release; one of three increasingly common forms of no-kill fishing practice by conservation minded anglers. The other two, in which fish are never actually caught in the first place, are known as "lose-and-lie" and "nibble-and-fib."

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WE'LL BE MISSING YOU, FENTON!

By Ron Phil

To whom it may concern,

Sentimentality coursed through me when reading your May newsletter. As a young budding flyfisher Fenton Roskelley captivated me with his articles on flyfishing the region's waters in the mid-1970's, he was my spiritual guidance counselor of sorts. I impatiently waited for each edition of the Spokesman/Review and inhaled every word Fenton wrote, each week breathing new life into my imagination.

My parent's drug me kicking and screaming to Spokane from Kansas for my senior year of high school (Lewis and Clark class of 1975). Just before moving in early 1974, Fenton wrote an article published in a major outdoor magazine (Outdoor Life as I recall) about the great fishing to be had within 50 miles of the upcoming world's fair in Spokane (150 lakes?). In short order I discovered I'd landed in flyfishing nirvana and began hanging out at the likes of Two Swabbies and White Elephant, where I purchased one of Fenwick's original HMG graphite rods and a SA Hardy Bros. reel. The Little Spokane, Colville River and a small stream on the hill

across the Hangman Valley from our home (where I experienced my first Salmon Fly hatch) along with Sacheen and Trout Lakes were almost weekly haunts where I'd drag my brother along for adventure. The World's Fair was second fiddle and Fenton's word was sweet music indeed.

It was such a surprise to hear the Mr. Roskelley has still been writing all these years, and somewhat bittersweet to discover this through his notice of retirement. Fenton's influence on me in igniting this passion is something I've shared with many over the years and recent news about his son and grandson's success conquering Mt. Everest resurrected memories of those "wonder years" in Spokane.

Thank you, Mr. Roskelley, and may you enjoy your retirement in the fullest. Your love of this piscatorial calling has been an inspiration to me that has brought me this refuge for life.

Sincerely, Ron Pihl, Lower Columbia Flyfishers

E-mail received: May 24, 2003

Ed. Note: Ross only retired from deadlines; we should see his writing in magazines, etc.

SPEY DAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2003

By Scott Mayfield

A novelty revived from the annals of flyfishing's history, two-handed rods are now commonplace on steelhead rivers. The snake roll, single spey, zip-T, Perry Poke, double spey, overhead and Skagit casting are just a few of the casts used by anglers today. Different rods, lines, casts, and flies make a difference in the performance of a cast and the presentation of the fly. This is an outstanding opportunity to try different combinations and learn new techniques. Beginner or expert - come learn, teach, and catch steelhead.

We will meet one-mile above the confluence of the Snake and Grande Ronde Rivers at the legendary Shadow run. Casting will begin after the morning's fish, sometime around 11:00. Bring your rod, tips, tricks and questions. Randy Shaber and Jim Green have been working on a secret weapon this summer that reportedly reaches out 170 feet.

DENNY RICKARDS REVIEW

By Pat Kendall

Denny Rickards after insulting almost everyone at the meeting went on to give a very interesting and enlightening program. His fishing techniques are tried and proven to be effective for catching large trout, and his fly patterns are used by most serious fly fisherman at one time or another. Denny brought all of his books and lots of flies and other items for sale and by the looks of the line up around the table our members must have enjoyed the opportunity to purchase these items first hand. All in all I feel most of our members enjoyed the program.



A few items of the Spey Casters trade. Much more than these will be discussed. Photo by Scott Mayfield

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FLY OF THE MONTH

Lars Bucktail Minnow

February, 2003

Ray D. Larson

One of the many benefits of attending the FFF conclaves is the opportunity to watch fly tiers from around the world tie their own special creations. At this summer's conclave in Idaho Falls, Bob Bates picked up this month's fly from Ray Larson, a guide from Wisconsin and Minnesota. It is a bait fish pattern that Ray uses for Muskies and other large predator species. It is easy to tie and, in various sizes and colors, it can be used anywhere from freshwater to the big salt.

Hook: Mustad signature C70SD

Thread: Gudebrod G or GX2

Tail: Silver or gold tinsel

Overtail: Bucktail color or colors of choice

Underbody: White yarn

Overbody and head: Super G body tubing or E-Z body (large)

Eyes: Doll eyes



Permanent markers - optional

Weed guard 30 Lb. Mono - optional

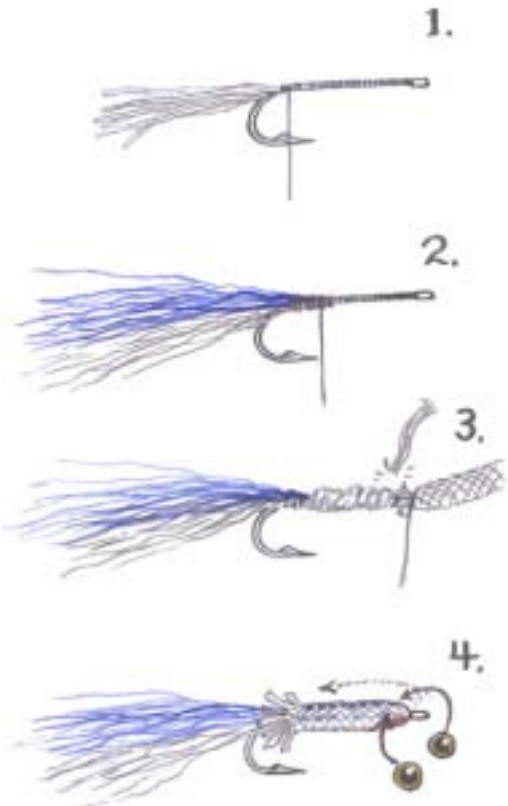
Head overbody coat: 4-6 minute epoxy

1. Pinch the barb and line the hook with tying thread. Tie in 10-15 strands of tinsel for the center flash of the tail.

2. Make the tail by tying in small bunches of bucktail - two white bunches on the bottom and a darker shade for the top. Add a few strands of tinsel along the sides. Cement the ties.

3. Tie in and wrap the yarn underbody just in front of the bucktail. (If you want a weighted fly, some turns of lead wire can be placed around the hook shank before the underbody is wound on.) Attach the body tubing behind the eye of the hook, facing forward as shown. Tie this in very securely, whip finish, cement, and cut off the tying thread.

4. Push the tubing back over the fly to form the overbody. The end can be frayed a bit if it doesn't happen automatically. If you want to add color to the fly with permanent markers, do so now. Attach the eyes with your favorite cement. Apply a coat of fast drying epoxy to the head and overbody. Ray lets it harden on a turning wheel.



Dave Engerbretson passed away on July 30, 2003. He was a well known fly fisherman, fly tier, TV personality and presenter. He gave us excellent programs from his wealth of knowledge. He received the Federation of Fly Fishers Charles E. Brooks Memorial Life Award in 2002. Our condolences go out to his family and friends.

KID'S FISHING DAY

By Bob Bates

On May 10, 2003, about a thousand kids were at the Air Force recreation center on Clear Lake near Spokane, WA. Many volunteers were on hand to make their fishing day happen. Probably the largest work load was on members of the Walleye Club and Inland Northwest Wildlife Council. For days prior they assembled over a thousand rods etc. Fly club members from Spokane Fly Fishers and IEFFC came out when the fun began.

We arrived early for the orientation, assignments, a Fishing Kids cap, coffee and sweet rolls, and then went to our assignments, which were pretty much our choice. Mine was handing out rods, and other IEFFC members went toward the water to help the kids land their fish and re-bait the hooks. Yes, worms, the wiggly kind, and Power Bait were the flies of choice.

Representing the IEFFC were: Frank Faha, Doug Brossoit, Bob Bates, Tom May, Bob Burton, Randy Shaber and his father, former member Bert Shaber.

It is an artificial situation with thousands of fish trapped in nets, but it gives kids a chance to catch two or three fish. This might lead to an interest in fishing that they can pursue with their new rod. Later they might convert to fly fishing. (More pictures on our web site: <http://ieffc.home.att.net/>)

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OWAA MEETING

By Bob Bates

OWAA, Outdoor Writers Association of America, will have a big meeting in Spokane, June 19-23, 2004. At the FFF Conclave in Idaho Falls we learned that OWAA and FFF have been talking about fly fishers helping on their children's program, fly tying and fly casting demonstrations. Everything is in the initial stages so we don't have any details. However, it sounds like a great way to promote the ideas of fly fishing to some of the outdoor writers and their kids..



One of many happy kids at Kid's Fishing Day
Photo by Inland Northwest Wildlife Council



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