



**GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
April 13, 2004
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

APRIL PROGRAM By Scott Mayfield

Fly Fishing the Columbia Basin since 1933

Gil Nyerges will present a program on development of the Columbia Basin from 1933 to the opportunities it currently presents fly fishermen today. Gil intends to make this program an open discussion with club members. He will share information on the region's history, today's hotspots, as well as, a few pointers that will give every fly fisherman what he is looking for – the edge. If you are curious to know what fishing Amber Lake was like in the 1950s you will not want to miss this program.

Mr. Nyerges has fished for nearly 79 years, with rich experiences to share from his fresh and saltwater adventures. Perhaps Gil is most notably known for development of the elegantly simple and equally deadly Nyerges nymph pattern. Gil will be at the tying bench and will bring a few of his art projects along for display also.

As a bonus Mr. Nyerges promises to identify a unique fishing opportunity for native Kamloops trout at an untouched, unpopulated lake in British Columbia. He will also report on a recent trip to Belize.

BRETT CREEK PROJECT By Frank Faha

The Board approved IEFFC participation in another project on the North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River. It is on Brett Creek, about 2 miles upstream from Big Hank campground.

Over several years the headwaters of Brett Creek have been rehabilitated by removing 19 miles of road and 42 culverts. However, the lower 1.5 miles of Brett Creek is still unstable due to past removal of woody debris and increased bank erosion. Chronic sediment production from its own stream banks and reduced habitat quality make an unsuitable environment for native westslope cutthroat trout.

A contractor with heavy equipment will place boulders, logs and other structures. A little manual labor is needed to complete the project. Contact Frank Faha if you are willing to help.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES By Pat Kendall

Good by to another long and snowy winter and hello to ice free lakes. It's great to be back on the water fishing and even catching a few nice trout. We are lucky to live in an area where catching a 20" or better trout is not an unusual thing.

People travel all over the world to find what we enjoy in our own back yard. Where could you find better lake fishing, and who could complain about the St. Joe or Coeur d'Alene Rivers or even the less fished Spokane River.

Montana, Idaho and Canada are all close enough that we can be fishing in any of them tomorrow (when open).

Amber is open, North Silver is open, Coffeepot is open so are Lenice, Nunnley and Lenore. GET OUT AND ENJOY!!!

MEMBERS' SALE NIGHT By Pat Kendall

MEMBERSHIP SALE NIGHT: Don't forget to bring your unused items for possible sale at the April meeting. Write up a description of your item with a suggested sale price and see what happens. Don't forget to add your name to the item.

This should be fun for all and possibly work out to aid everyone.

KIDS' DAY AT OWAA

By Fenton Roskelley

Final plans for the Kids' Day program at the national convention of the Outdoor Writers Association of America will be made by the Kids' Day committee either later this month or in May.

Outdoor writers from throughout the United States and Canada will meet June 19-23 at the Red Lion Inn at the Park. As many as 400 writers, broadcasters, photographers and others involved in outdoor communication are expected to attend the meeting. They and their families will stay at the Inn at the Park, the Red Lion River Inn on the north side of the river east of Division and other hotels and motels in Spokane. The Kids' Day program involving fly casting and fly tying instruction for youngsters will be conducted from 9 to noon, June 19, at Riverfront Park.

Volunteers from the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club, the Spokane Fly Fishers and the North Idaho Fly Casters will be the fly casting and fly tying instructors. Earl Frizzell, representing the North Idaho Fly Casters, has assured Fenton Roskelley, coordinator of the event for the Federation of Fly Fishers and the OWAA, that his club will have several fly casting and fly tying instructors available for the event. So far Jack Fruit of the Spokane Fly Fishers hasn't reported the number of instructors his club will provide. Hopefully, the Inland Empire club will provide three to four instructors for each event.

The first fly casting and fly tying sessions, totaling 50 minutes each, will get underway at 9 a.m. The second sessions will start at 10:30 a.m. Later there will be contests for kids.

The fly casting events will be held on the big lawn east of the clock tower. The tying sessions will be staged in the covered building just south of the Inn at the Park.

Instructors will not have to provide their tackle or fly tying vises and tying materials. The Silver Bow Fly Shop will have rods, reels, lines, vises and materials at the park.

Several other Kids' Day events will be held at the same time as the fly casting and fly tying sessions. They'll include general fishing and hunting programs.

The planning committee may make some minor changes at future meetings. Clubs will be informed of any changes that affect them. The committee hasn't decided what to do if it rains. Because the fly tying instruction will be held under cover, fly tiers won't be affected.

Club members willing to serve as fly tying and fly casting instructors should contact club president Pat Kendall.

A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

By Pat Kendall

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We have an unusual opportunity!!

Saltery Lake Lodge of Kodiak Alaska has offered the IEFFC a two for one week at their lodge. Either the week of Aug 22 thru Aug 28 at \$1954.00, or the week of Aug 30 thru Sept 4 at \$2250.00.

This includes lodging in a deluxe cabin, food, guide and round trip from Kodiak to the lodge. FOR TWO PEOPLE!!!

We will auction this trip off at the April meeting, the bidding will open at \$100.00. There will be literature about the lodge at the meeting. This sounds like a great trip for one of our members so come prepared to bid.

2004 ROSTER

By Bob Bates

OK, so I lied last month. Here are two additional changes you should know about before the 2004 Roster comes out late this month or early next month.

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FLY OF THE MONTH

Glass House Caddis

April, 2004

Scot Sanchez

Here is another pattern from Scot Sanchez, an innovative fly fisher from Livingston, Montana. Scot designed this fly to imitate the cased caddis that are so abundant in streams everywhere. They are available to the fish 12 months of the year, which makes this design effective almost any time. The black metal bead represents the head of the caddis and the glass bead part of the body showing from the case. The hackle is tied between the beads which is the correct location of the legs it represents. Give this one a try.

Hook: 16 - 10

Thread: Fine black

Beads: Black metal and clear or light green glass

Rib: Copper or brass wire

Body: Your favorite dubbing in colors to match caddis cases.

Dark browns and olives are good.

Hackle: Soft brown or black hen or equivalent



1. Slide the black bead and then the glass bead on the hook up to the eye. Line the exposed hook shank with tying thread and attach the wire rib.

2. Apply the dubbing material to the thread and wind a plump body up to the glass bead. Counterwind the wire rib and secure body and rib with some half hitches. Trim the tying thread.

3. Separate the beads a bit by inserting your thumb nail or other thin object between them. Reattach the thread between the beads and tie in the hackle. Make three turns of the hackle, secure, and trim the excess. Pull the hackle fibers to the rear and tie in place. Whip finish and trim the thread. Cement very sparsely.



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2004 KIDS' CLASSIC

By Dwight Tipton

To help C.A.S.T. For Kids "...introduce children to the beneficial aspects of fishing as an individual and family activity..." the IEFFC Legacy Committee donated \$200 to them again this year.

The kids fishing day in Spokane will be May 8th at Silver Lake. Volunteers should meet at the Air Force Recreation area restaurant at 7 a.m.

Talk to Floyd Holmes if you didn't have a chance to sign up at the March meeting.

STREAMWATCH

Boyd Matson has agreed to be our coordinator for the Streamwatch program mentioned in last month's newsletter. He and possibly Pat Kendall will be contacting members to participate. Remember it is a non-confrontational program.

LATE NEWS

IEFFC member Allen Peterson just opened a Fly Shop at North 1611 Ash, 323-0500, Spokane. He has great fly tying materials and has been a contributor to our raffles.

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SURPRISE

By Bob Bates

We had an excellent program last month with the professional videos from Canada and elsewhere. However, the biggest thrill for me was receiving the Distinguished Service Award from my club. Being mostly speechless, I can only say Thank You.



Clay Findlay keeps sending some of us pictures like this one. He said, "You don't see many like this. A measured 20" Cutthroat from the Clark Fork taken April 02, 2004 on a Brooks Sanford Skwala pattern."



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