



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

JANUARY PROGRAM

By Scott Mayfield

Permits!

The fish? No, the fishing trips that require the permits. Club members who have taken these trips will share their experiences, big fish pictures and the procedures to get tickets for these trips. Rivers such as the Deschutes, the Smith, the Dean, the Karluk and others require permits to fish or stay. With snow flying, January is the time to tie the flies, to make plans with your fellow fisherman, and to file the papers to get on these famous waters. Learn tips and tricks from Leon Buckles, Gordon Olson, and Walter Balek who have done the research and been there. Bring your pencil and paper, you will never remember it all.

Gordon Olson will be tying flies.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

By Pat Kendall

As your incoming president for 2004, I want you all to know that I feel privileged just to be part of this fantastic organization. In my short time as a member (eight years) I have met, fished with, and become friends with some great people and some very talented fishermen. These friends have generously shared with me their favorite fishing locations, their secret flies, and their local knowledge. I look forward every month to our meetings and enjoy our programs, our dinners, and our social hour. We have a great mix of members who are totally involved with the club and are willing to give up their time to benefit our club projects. Thanks to all of you for making the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club what it is today, a great place to meet friends and add to your fly fishing knowledge.

Congratulations to Dick Odell and Leon Buckles for all their efforts in putting on a great raffle. Thanks also to all the helpers, Jack Mayfield, Paul Coopwood, Allen Peterson, Ward McAullif, Mark Hensley, Steve Aspenwall, Lowell Tweit, Ray Kranches and Bruce Morgan. We had a very good turn out and the donations from the membership and outside sources was as good or better than ever. Thanks again to all for a great Christmas Raffle. FISH ON!!!

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Dues are due. Be sure to bring your cash or check book to the January meeting. Credit cards not accepted. Dues are still only \$30 per year; you can hardly beat a deal like that. Our Treasurer, Jerry Cartwright, will be looking for YOU at the front door.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE THANK YOU

By Dick Odell and Leon Buckles

The Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club would like to thank past and present donors for their continued support of the IEFFC Annual Christmas Raffle. We will not attempt to identify Club members as so many donated and contributed that we are not willing to risk missing someone. Every club member donation contributed to our success. At least, we think it was a success. As of this writing, we have receipts approaching \$6000.00. Hopefully, you remember to thank a club member, either personally or by note, for the donation you may have won. Please do your best. We don't have a total list of club donors because so many came in that evening. However, we would like to thank the following individuals and businesses who have graciously donated to our 2003 Christmas Raffle and ask you to thank them and support them. Please notify us of any other names that should be on this list.

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To all club members who made this a huge success, please accept our **“thank you”** even though we haven't recognized you individually. We apologize for that!

FLY OF THE MONTH

The Bonny Red Heckle

January 2004

An ancient Macedonian

Happy New Year! May 2004 be filled with fine fishing and all the associated joys that accompany our favorite pastime. With all our space age equipment, new fly fishing techniques, and sophisticated patterns, the fish don't have a chance. Or do they? In the more than two millennium of fly fishing history, presenting an acceptable fly to a receptive fish has always been the name of the game. Could we catch a trout using a pattern 2000 years old? Over two hundred years before Christ, Theocritus wrote about fishing with "the bait 'fallacious' suspended from the rod." In the third century A.D., Aelian described angling with rod, line and a fly made of red wool and brown cock's hackle feathers. This is the first, known fly dressing. The pattern remains much the same until the present. In medieval times, Dame Juliana recommends the same basic fly as a choice for fishing for "trought and grayllyng" in the month of "Maye." Red wool body, black silk rib and brown cock's hackle. Two centuries later, Izaak Walton speaks of it in his *Compleat Angler*; "The body made of red wool wrapt about with black silk, and the feathers are the wings of the drake; with the feathers of the red capon also, which hang dangling on its sides next to the tail." Walton's successor, Charles Cotton, mentions variations of the pattern including the Palmer hackle version. It remains the oldest fly known and used today. One little fly has held its name and form from century to century. An old *North Country Fisher's Garland* contains in the following verses a pretty tribute to:

The Bonny Red Heckle

Away frae the smoke an' the smother!
Away frae the crush o' the thrang!
Away frae the labour an' pother
That has fettered our freedom sae tang!
For the May's i' full bloom i' the hedges
And the laverock's aloft i' the blue,
An' the south wind sings low i' the sedges,
By baughs that are silvery wi' dew.
Up angler, off wi' each shackle!
Up, gad an' gaff, an' awa'!
Cry 'Hurrah for the canny red heckle,
the heckle that tackled them a'!

So here is the challenge! Tie up a few copies of the Bonny Red Hackle and take a few fish with them this year. Take a picture of your best catch on the Bonny Red Hackle, and give it to Gene. He will paint and frame a picture of the best one submitted this year by a member. Connect with fellow fly fishers that go back over 2000 years.

Note: I haven't included directions for tying as they should be simple for any experienced tier.

Some red hackle variations:



Thanks to Mary Orvis Marbury for some of the information about the Red Heckle in her book, *Favorite Flies and Their Histories*, published 1892.

Mary Orvis Marbury, in her book *Favorite Flies and Their Histories*, asked fly fishermen throughout the country to report on which flies were the favorites in their area. Here is one of the reports from Spokane Falls that is included in the book.

“J. O. Bingham, Spokane Falls, WA:

My favorite flies are Coachman, Professor, Brown Hackle, Red Hackle, Scarlet Ibis, about in the order named; Coachman and Professor in the morning, and the others for evening fishing on the lakes; Scarlet Ibis and Red Hackle on the river any time during the day, morning or evening. The latter is always the best time for fishing in this country, say from six P.M. until quite dark. The most striking instance of the superiority of above flies that I can recall is a trip taken by eight of us on Lake Coeur d’Alene last summer, in July (late). Four took one bay with two boats, and the other four another, also with two boats. The other boys used some “mongrel” flies, with a few Coachmans and Professors among the lot, and in eight hours took something like fifty trout. We used the above flies almost exclusively, and caught in the same time something over four hundred and eighty trout, averaging at least one pound each, and probably much more. Some of them weighed six and seven pounds, and we kept none shorter than about eight inches.”

Notice that the Red Hackle (this month’s Fly Leaf pattern) is one of the preferred flies for cutthroat fishing on Coeur d’Alene Lake and the Spokane River around 1890.

Dues are due: mail them in or see our treasurer to remain a member in good standing.
Also make sure your entry in the roster is correct.

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