



**GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
September 14, 2004
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

By Scott Mayfield

The information supplied by our presenters Dick Lange and Ben Lidner for the September meeting would fill the entire Fly Leaf. There are wonderful images portrayed by statements like: "As the midnight sun slowly ebbs away the light of day, a fish splashes 20 feet away. You can make out the ring of his rise, as you cast a small fingerling streamer pattern where that fish just came up..." What happens next? You will have to come to the meeting to hear and see the rest of the story. As they promise: "This is the beginning of another Alaska River Fly Fishing Adventures trip on the Alagnak River." Many fish species and rivers will be highlighted.

Fly tiers will be presenting some of their patterns for Alaska.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

By Pat Kendall

It has been a great summer with lots of hot weather and enough rain to keep most happy. I have been fortunate to be able to fish in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and British Columbia. We are indeed blessed to have such an abundance of great fishing so close.

The summer meeting (August 28th) on the Elk river was a good time for all. Lots of rain the week prior to our meeting made the Elk River muddy and mostly unfishable, but most of our members were able to find fish in the other streams and lakes in the area. There were fifteen members present for the Saturday night meeting and dinner and the rain held off so we were able to eat outside as a group. A fun time was had by all.

As the late summer and fall approaches our local lakes, the St Joe and the Coeur d'Alene Rivers should give us plenty of fine fishing.

Hope you all had a good summer and I am looking forward to seeing everyone again at our September meeting.

KID'S DAY OUTDOOR WRITERS OF AMERICA ASSOCIATION

By Fenton Roskelley

The Kids' Day program during the opening morning of the annual convention of the Outdoor Writers Association of America (OWAA) in June wasn't nearly the success fly tying and casting instructors, OWAA and the Federation of Fly Fishers, had hoped it would be. The turnout was disappointing.

Two Spokane fly clubs, the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club and the Spokane Fly Fishers, and the North Idaho Fly Casters provided adequate numbers of instructors for a big turnout, but probably no more than 50 kids learned a little about tying flies and fly casting.

The principal reason why the turnout was disappointing was the lack of adequate publicity. Rich Landers wrote an excellent article for the Spokesman-Review and at least one TV station carried information about Kids' Day. However, such a program needed more publicity.



Bob Bates, IEFFC, helping one of the kids tie a Woolly Bugger. Photo by Fenton Roskelley



Bud Frasca from the North Idaho Fly Casters and Spokane Fly Fishers watching the back cast. Photo by Fenton Roskelley

The convention planning committee spent most of its time making sure that events during the convention would run smoothly. However, they didn't communicate with me, as coordinator for the Kids' day program. Also, people didn't return my calls to let me know how much fly tying and fly casting equipment the Silver Bow fly shop would provide and when it would be available. As a result, I didn't know until the convention was about ready to start what equipment would be provided. In the end, fly tiers brought their own vises and tools and casting instructors brought their rods and reels. Silver Bow provided some tying materials at the last minute.

The kids who showed up got lots of individual attention from the fly tying and casting instructors.

Thanks to Harry Calhoun, Ray Kranches, Bob Bates, Leonard Gross and Gene Lorensen for donating their Saturday morning to teach the kids fly tying and fly casting. We had a beautiful sunny day with lots of kids learning our fine art. Thanks again for all your help.

Thanks also to The Spokane Fly Fishers who volunteered for Kids' Day: Louie Martin, Jerry Voelker, Betty Smith Lambert, Dan Ferguson, Stephan Bohrer, and Jack Fruit.

Helping out from the North Idaho Fly Casters were: Ken Setty, Larry Krumpelman, Joel Popham and Bud Frasca. Thank you.

RICH LANDERS HONORED

Rich, outdoors editor for The Spokesman-Review, received three first place awards at this year's OWAA conference. One award in the art/photo category was for his picture "Happiest on the Troll." His articles "Peak of Desire" and "Poor Man's Bonefish" took first-place awards were in the newspaper category: family participation/youth outdoor education and fishing contests. Congratulations Rich from all of us.

FISHING IN ALASKA: Fly Rod vs. Spinning Rod

By Doug Brossoit

Bob Harley and I recently returned from our fishing trip to Sallery Lodge on Kodiak Island. We knew that we would be getting there at the beginning of the Silver run and although the fishing would be great the catching could very possibly be slow. As it turned out the Silvers started to show up on our 4th day and were very skittish.

Our guide had a fun way of explaining what they think these first arriving fish are "thinking". When these first fish show up in the holding waters they're looking around and wondering "GEE" ! Where is everyone! Why did I swim up here, anyway? Did we make a wrong turn somewhere?...and as our fly goes by their nose they think "what was that?... and head for the other side of the hole afraid of their own shadow, let alone anything we were putting in front of them. Then as a few more of their pals show up, they start getting braver and start getting more territorial and aggressive and start to take lures first and fly later on.

My point for all this rambling is that each of us should be prepared to adapt to the situation if we want to catch fish. For some that might mean sticking to our convictions and not using anything but our fly rod and take our chances, or using unfamiliar equipment and hoping for the best, as I did.

The next time I go fishing in Alaska, I will know how to use this equipment and be able to cast accurately if I am forced to give up my fly rod for whatever reason.

Our experience would have certainly fit this rationale and although quite anecdotal it does make one wonder how these early fish can be caught. We tried for several days, making great casts and putting every fly in our box in front of their noses and ... nothing. We were of course disappointed and at that point we had to make a choice of whether to be the die hard fly fisherman and continue our seemingly futile attempts or consider using a spinning rod and lures to see if that would work any better.

After traveling so far and making every effort to catch them on the fly, we decided that we had nothing to lose, except for getting poached... HA! In the last 2 days at Sallery we used the spinning rods and in spite of my very clumsy and pitiful attempts and Bob's significantly better efforts, we landed 5 nice Silvers ranging from 13 to 17 lbs, and hooked at least twice that many that got off.

We need to be prepared in advance if and when we are faced with this situation in the future.

Do you remember this line from a popular movie and what it meant for the star ?? "I said I didn't have much use for one, I didn't say I didn't know how to use it"

Don't get caught not knowing "how to use it". :)

Wishing You All GREAT Fishing this Fall !!

FLY OF THE MONTH

Battle Creek Special

September, 2004

Traditional Alaska Pattern

When the rivers are filled with spawning and dying salmon, it is feast time for rainbows, grayling, and char. This is the time to fish patterns that imitate the eggs or flesh of the salmon. One of the most popular flies in such a situation is the Battle Creek Special. In its smaller sizes it is a good salmon egg imitation and, in larger sizes, it resembles salmon flesh. Outdoor writer, Ken Marsh, former editor of Alaska Magazine, uses it as his first choice for bows, dollies, and grayling during salmon runs. Recently I gave one to a young fly fisherman who used it to catch his first big Alaskan rainbow. If you're heading north, don't leave home without some.

Hook: Mustad #9672; sizes 2-8; 1, 2, or 3 X long

Thread: White

Tail: White marabou

Body: Pink chenille over lead wire wraps

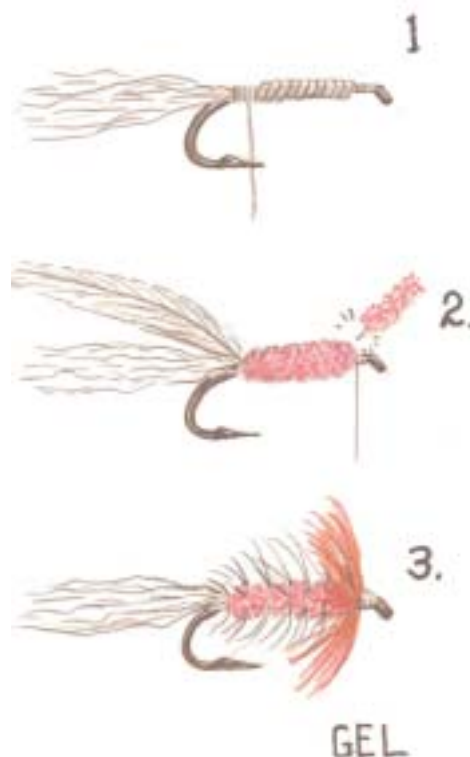
Hackle: White, palmered over body and several turns of orange at head of fly



1. Pinch the barb and line the shank with thread.
Wrap several turns of lead wire around the hook shank.
Tie in a bunch of white marabou for the tail.

2. Tie in the white hackle and let it dangle to the rear. Tie in and wind the pink chenille body.

3. Palmer several turns of the white hackle over the body. Then tie in the orange hackle behind the eye, and wrap three or four turns. Make the head, whip finish, trim the thread and cement.



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BRETT CREEK PROJECT, NEXT PHASE

By Frank Faha

The Brett Creek Restoration Project is about to crank up again. We had a great turnout of volunteers for the June effort, thanks to the participation of a willing membership. Thanks everyone.

During the summer 170 logs, 15 v-structures and 14 angled step-downs were installed. Those of you who saw the size of the logs realize it was no walk in the park. Now we are ready to collect the "Post Work" data. This will consist of stream surveys, collecting photo and GPS mapping points as well as collecting data on large woody debris. How about that.

Our Participation is needed on Sept. 14, 15 and 16, 2004. One to three volunteers per day. All club members who would like to see the final product are also invited to attend. We will meet at the Tesoro gas station, I-90, Exit 15 (Sherman/Fernan) in CDA at 0800. The Forest Service Reps will meet us there.

If you would like to be an official volunteer, call Frank Faha, 448-6605 to sign up.

Ed note: There are pictures of the June work on the IEFEC website
<http://ieffc.home.att.net/brettcreek.htm>

GREG BEVER, An Award
By Pat Kendall

Congratulations to Greg Bever for receiving the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Eastern Washington University. This proves that he can do things besides be our poacher. Way to go Greg!!!

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