



**GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
March 8, 2005
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

FIRESIDE CHAT By Scott Mayfield

Each fall a loose association of steelheaders meets on the banks of our anadromous rivers. They form camps. Typically, the hard-core guys arrive early and leave sometime after the rivers ice up. They gather wood, trade stories, come well-stocked with food, fortified with strong drink, favorite smokes and secret flies. Others come and go as time and interest permits. Each evening all meet around flames to stare and chat. It is where they learn from and about each other. Steelhead camps are known for the characters in them and the legends that grow out of them.

The IEFFC is no different than a fisherman's campfire, a gathering of legends present and to be. For the majority this is a social gathering, an opportunity to learn about other fly fishermen, to hear tales of recent outings, to share techniques and must-have patterns. It is the place seeds of future adventure are planted. Some come and go. Others are hardcore. Because we are so social, management of club meetings and administration of the by-laws has reflected our casual attitude.

At the recent board meetings we have been reviewing the by-laws and are learning just how visionary the club forefathers were and how well thought out the origins of the club were. More importantly we have identified several rules, mostly pertaining to membership that we have let slide. Despite the fact we are a social club, in the future we will enforce the bylaws as written. The purpose of this enforcement is not to remove the "fun-factor" from the club, but to make it more efficient for all involve. IEFFC membership is not so much a right as it is a responsibility and an earned privilege. To paraphrase, 'Annual dues are owed January 1 and shall be delinquent March 1. Members can be reinstated by paying a late fee of \$10 only if membership is less than 135 members.'

'Individuals seeking membership must attend 3 consecutive meetings and be sponsored by two active IEFFC members.' A sponsor's responsibility does not end once they have penned

MARCH PROGRAM By Jerry Cartwright

The March program will be presented by Canadian fly fishing expert Bob Sheedy from Manitoba. Bob is the author of "*Bob Sheedy's Lake Fishing Strategies*" and "*Bob Sheedy's Top 50 Stillwater Fly Patterns*." Bob tours the U.S. and Canada presenting programs and fly fishing clinics.

His program, called "Seasons on the Water," will feature his secrets from 50 years on the water, how seasonal progression effects minnows, insects and other forage and unique new fly fishing presentations for still waters. Lake fishing enthusiasts should look forward to this entertaining program.

their name to an applicant's application. As a sponsor your responsibilities are to see that the new member becomes active in the club by attending meetings, participating in outings and conservation projects and to see that the new member joins committees as the opportunity becomes available. Additionally, we encourage the sponsors and new member to collaborate on a brief article of introduction for *The Fly Leaf*.

Admittedly, avenues for new and old to participate in the club have been somewhat limited; however, in the future we will be working on means of increasing participation opportunities. In the interim, I offer these possibilities for participation: volunteer to tie flies at one of the general meetings, write an article for *The Fly Leaf*, or ask someone in the club you haven't fished with to go fishing.

Gentlemen there are few clubs like the IEFFC. We are a diverse group of men bound together by our affection for and ability to take fish with fur and feathers on a hook. The IEFFC is legendary and for me being a member of the club continues to be a privilege.

EYES IN THE WOODS By Boyd Matson

Finally things are beginning to happen concerning Eyes in the Woods and Stream Watch. Kyle Wintin with Eyes in the Woods has set up a tentative training date for our club: April 14th at 7-9PM. The training is one two-hour session. A location has not been decided.

Last spring about 25 of you signed up for the training. We can have 35 or more per session. I hope that we can fill this session. More information at our meeting on Mar 8th.

Also, check their web site: www.eyesinthewoods.org

INLAND FISH POLICY ADVISORY GROUP

By Dick Odell

It's my privilege to represent Spokane and the IEFEC on this Advisory Group. Hopefully, I can affect all Inland fish and their waters and specifically, speak to cold-water fish and fly fishers. I attended my first Group meeting in Olympia on February 12. This will surprise you, but I listened a lot. I offered little input as most topics didn't require it and/or they dealt with state regulations relating to tournament fishing. My input would not have been helpful.

Both the Department Director and the Deputy Director were present. Their input provided me with needed information on budget and Department operations. The Group is chaired by Bob Gibbons, Inland/Steelhead Resources State Manager, by the way, an excellent fly fisherman.

This year is the adoption year for the 2006-07 Sport Rules (Major Cycle). Following is the adoption timeline:

Timeline for 2006-07 Sport Rule Adoption Process (Major Cycle)

April 1	Mailing to staff, Tribes, other governmental agencies, and public describing process, guidelines
May 27	All proposals due to WDFW
June 6	Proposals distributed for review (regions, species specialists, etc)
July 14	Meet with Advisory Groups (one large meeting with all groups invited)
Early August	Program, Agency approvals
Aug 15	Approved proposals mailed to public for comment
Sept	Regional public meetings to discuss proposals (if desired)
October 7-8	Commission Workshop (Oly) - brief Commission on proposals
Nov. 18-19	Commission Workshop/Meeting (Vancouver or Stevenson) - public hearing - public testimony on proposals
Dec. 12	Meet with Advisory Groups (one large meeting with all groups invited)
Mid-Dec	Program, Agency final decisions on proposals
February 2006	Commission meeting - adoption of rules
May 1 2006	Pamphlet available - rules take effect

The presentation on the Kid's Fishing Programs was excellent. A special thanks goes to our own Fred Shiosaki for his excellent leadership. I was proud Fred was my friend.

I can also discuss additional information with interested Club members or the Board if desired.

Our next meeting is May 24 in Ellensburg.

New Member

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Fly Fishing Instr. & Guide (Mary Jane Willard)

The Fly Leaf is Electronic Also

By Bob Bates

This is being repeated for the benefit of the new members. Also, for those "older" members who recently moved into the confusing computer world.

Since 2002 IEFEC has made electronic versions of *The Fly Leaf* available to all members who wanted them. There are advantages. The electronic version is in color. You receive it 1 to 1-1/2 weeks sooner than the snail mail copy. It has saved the club a lot of money, and will save more in the future as prices escalate.

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From *Fishing Lessons* By Paul Quinnett

Paraphrased by Pat Kendall

A chironomid fishing Nazi is someone who believes there is only one way to fish properly, and that is with a chironomid. The worst kind of elitists, they consider any other type of fishing unacceptable, and strongly suggestive of questionable paternity and room temperature IQ. Such people tend to be full of themselves, high-toned pompous asses who, when you really get to know them, you wish you hadn't bothered.

It comes to you as a file attachment to an e-mail message. The file is in PDF format and easily opened by Adobe Acrobat Reader. The Reader usually comes with a new computer, or can be down loaded from the internet for free.

Over half of our members receive *The Fly Leaf* electronically. If you want to join, then send an e-mail to bob-bates@worldnet.att.net

FLY OF THE MONTH

Dr. P's Jiggy Leach

March 2005

Mark Pinch

Jerry McBride's jig-type fly pattern in the January bulletin has prompted another stalwart fly fisher to come out of the closet. Mark Pinch admits that he has been using jig hooks for a leech pattern that has proven very successful for a long time. It is very easy to tie and, fished properly, it imitates the slow, pulsing movement of the leeches. Mark suggests several points for fishing the Jiggy Leech to best advantage. Use a big enough strike indicator to keep the fly suspended at the right depth. The right depth is a couple of inches above the bottom or weed growth. It works best in water about 6 feet or less deep. It is most effective in low light situations, i.e. early or late in the day or on overcast days. Fish the leech very slowly. It is less effective in choppy water. Strikes are often vicious, so set the hook softly to avoid break offs.

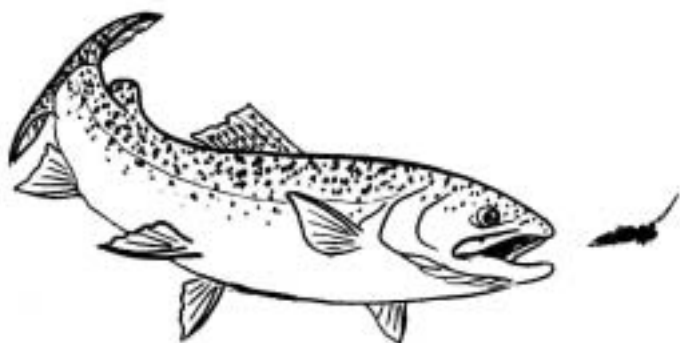
Hook: 1/16 oz. #8 or 6 jig hook

Thread: Black monocord

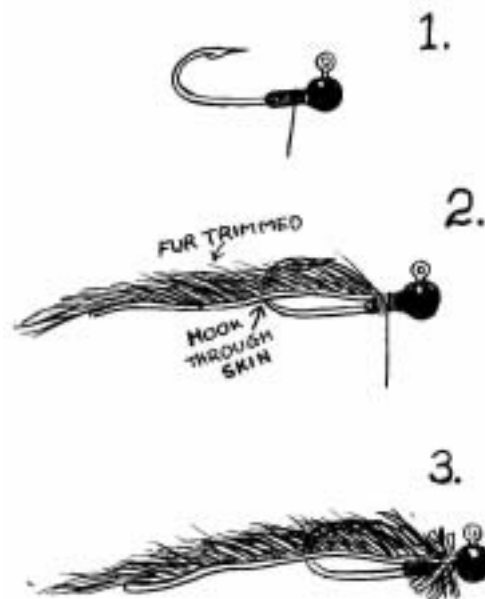
Body - Tail: Strip of rabbit skin and two turns of sparkle chenille. Black, olive, brown, purple are the best colors.



- 1 Pinch the barb and line the hook with tying thread just behind the head.
- 2 Trim the rabbit fur to 1/4 to 3/8" long. Put the hook through the rabbit skin with enough left dangling for the tail. Tie in just behind the lead head.
3. Tie in a couple of turns of sparkle chenille just behind the lead head. Whip finish and cement.



GE LORENSON



HOW MANY RECOGNIZE THIS GENTLEMAN?

By Leon Buckles

He was a produce grower in the Spokane Valley and operated the Vera Gardens produce business for 30 years. This individual was also an avid bird hunter and kept two Brittany spaniels for that purpose. He retired in 1952 and enjoyed every minute of it. Like most of us, he found that the good Lord did not make enough time in a day for retirees. He tied his own flies. Also, he built and fished with his rods. Notice that he is fishing with a cane rod in the photo.

I had the honor and pleasure of fishing a few times with FRED SHARDLOW. In 1962 he was the first and very worthy recipient of the FLY FISHERMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD.

ROSTER CHANGES

These will be in the 2005 roster

Lowell Tveit: New cell number. 509 389 2955

Bob Glaza: New e-mail address bobglaza@comcast.net

Hardy Kruse: Should have an "H" after his name.



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