



**GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
April 11, 2006
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jerry Cartwright

Spring finds the IEFFC board pretty busy this year. We are continuing with the organizational plans outlined in last month's Fly Leaf. I am pleased to say that the membership was very supportive of the plan and your cooperation is much appreciated. Floyd has taken on a pretty big job in trying to track down and inventory all of the club's belongings. If you know where anything is, please let him know. Dwight is getting the books in better order. Leonard (who has been bringing in some great programs for us this year, by the way) will be looking to fill some 2-3 year long positions on the Program Committee so we can establish some continuity and institutional memory in connection with our programs. This committee will include the treasurer and the secretary, since they will be inheriting the chairmanship when they transition to Vice President.

We are trying to track down any old records that might be out there, so if you have a box or a folder somewhere that contains documents you acquired while a board member or officer, bring them to a general meeting or board meeting so Leon can have a look at them. One item that is of particular concern is the whereabouts of the agreement between the club and Amato Publications concerning publication, sales and royalties in connection with *Flies of the Northwest*. If you have the original or a copy of this agreement or know where the original is, please bring it to the meeting, give me a call or drop me an e-mail (jpcartwright@comcast.net).

The board is doing a pretty good job of spending money lately, too. The club will be subsidizing the upcoming 50th Anniversary program to the tune of about \$5,000, when it's all said and done. That's a chunk of cash, but this is to be a memorable and enjoyable evening to

APRIL PROGRAM

By Leonard Gross

Dave Ames was born in 1954, the same year Eisenhower proposed the interstate highway system, and Dave has been on the road ever since, traveling the world as an itinerant fly-fisherman on a shoestring budget. Fly-fishing has been a reason for him to travel to some of the most beautiful places on the face of the planet, and a way to interact with the locals once he's arrived, and Ames has described these adventures in a trio of books widely recognized as cult classics.

His first book "True Love and the Woolly Bugger," was described by Tom McGuane as "a perversely informative look at fly-fishing in several of its most mutant forms," and first edition copies now sell for over two hundred dollars. His second book, "A Good Life Wasted," a novel based on his life as a fishing guide, has been described as "thought-provoking, moving, sometimes powerful, and always entertaining, a welcome and necessary addition to the literary side of the angler's world." His third book, "Dances With Sharks," a collection of novellas, has been called "inspirational" and "hands down one of the top five fishing related books of all time."

Dave Ames has done slide shows for fly-fishing clubs all over the United States, and his shows, like his books, are meant to entertain as well as inform. Dave believes that fishing is suppose to be fun, and since fishing is always more fun when you catch fish, there's a wealth of practical fish-catching information based on his guiding and teaching experience in this show. Topics range from piranha to trout to teaching Mayan Indians how to be bonefish, tarpon and permit guides. There's music, jokes and even a story about a giant Golden Dorado that saved his life in Argentina.

commemorate the founding of a fine organization and I'm sure that all who attend will consider the money well spent. In addition, the board has agreed to contribute \$2,000 to help rehabilitate McDowell Lake. The lake will be treated with an herbicide to kill off some of the troublesome grasses, treated with ----- Continued next page

Roetenone to kill tench and then replanted. We hope to keep the tench out of there this time!

The board has approved \$5,000 funding of a project that our own member Ross Black will be spearheading in conjunction with the WSDFW. Ross and one of his Lake Biology grad students at Eastern Washington University will be undertaking a comprehensive study of the habitats of 20 eastern Washington lakes for the purpose of identifying conditions that are most conducive to the growth of stocked rainbow trout. The report at the end of the study will be most instructive to those of us who like to fish the lakes around here. In conjunction with this project, the club is applying for a grant to fund a "stable isotope assessment" of the same 20 lakes. Ross will have to fill you in on the details, but

what he says in the grant application is that "the stable isotope data generated from this project will identify energy sources and food chain position of each cohort of rainbow trout within each lake. Further, it will provide managers a rare opportunity to compare trout ecologies across the 23 lake landscape and identify key factors which affect planted trout productivity." This study would cost us nothing other than the time (considerable) Ross is donating to do the work. Our thanks to Ross for bringing the projects forward and for all the time devoted to this work.

Finally, please remember to get your tickets for the Anniversary Dinner, support George in the kids fishing project and help Bill M. with the Morning Star fish out.

BACKCAST

By Leon Buckles

The date of the club's fifty year anniversary celebration is rapidly approaching. Remember that the function is by reservation only for you and your spouse or significant other. At \$35 per ticket you will get a prime rib dinner and a floor show with Tim Behrens doing a monologue of the outdoor humor of Pat McManus. Dick Odell is putting together a display of fishing tackle and club memorabilia covering the last fifty years. Our own Hugh Evans will also delight us with his wit and humor. Amnesty will be granted to all that attend and the Poacher will be powerless to impose any fines. And don't forget, each club member attending the function will receive a free copy of the book *Rise Forms From the Past, The Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club's First 50 Years*. The April meeting will be your last chance to buy your ticket in person. See Lowell Tveit at the meeting to pay for and pick up your tickets. You may also send in the reservation form with your check and we will mail the tickets to you.

We have received the polo shirts with the anniversary logo embroidered in the left pocket area. The shirts will sell for \$20.00 each. This is \$5 below retail. The club will make a small profit on each to help defray the setup

costs. They will also be on sale at the April club meeting. We have sizes from small to 2XL.

Tom Chapman has done an excellent job of writing the club history. With the writing complete, the book has been put to bed and by the time of the club meeting we should have a proof copy in our hands. The manuscript is 187 pages of type written text on 8 1/2 x 11 paper without the photographs and artwork inserted. Individual photos will be scattered throughout the text and the book will contain 14 pages of photo montages. Eight of the pages will be in color. We estimate that the finished book will contain approximately 135 pages.

Tom and I want to thank everyone that has cooperated and helped with this project. It could not have been done without the inputs from club members. We also want to thank the board of directors and club officers of '05 and '06. Without their approval, this project would have not gone forward.

SEE YOU AT THE APRIL MEETING AND AT THE MAY 20 CELEBRATION OF OUR FIFTY YEAR ANNIVERSARY.

FISHING KIDS

By Fred Shiosaki

The Fishing Kids event will be held on Clear Lake at the Air Force Recreation area May 6, 2006. Volunteers should be there by 7 AM for free coffee, sweet rolls and orientation. It is a lot of fun for the kids and the adults, so sign up when the list gets to your table at the meeting

ROSTER CHANGES

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FLY OF THE MONTH

Baby Crawdad

April, 2006

Gene Lorenson

Crayfish inhabit a large proportion of the streams and lakes in our area. Some are large enough to catch and eat. These big ones grow from little ones and the small fry are the ones preferred by the trout. This month's pattern is an easy to tie representation of the baby crayfish. It can be tied with bead eyes or leaded body, but the plain version works fine. Try the pattern in a dark olive or burnt orange color.

Hook: Mustad 3906 #12, 10, 8

Thread: Fine black or brown

Claws, body and tail: Pheasant tail fibers

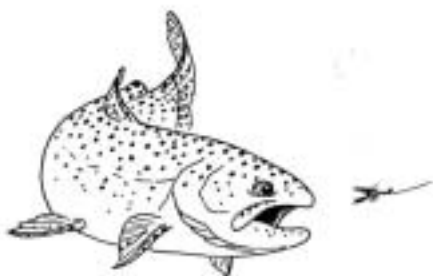
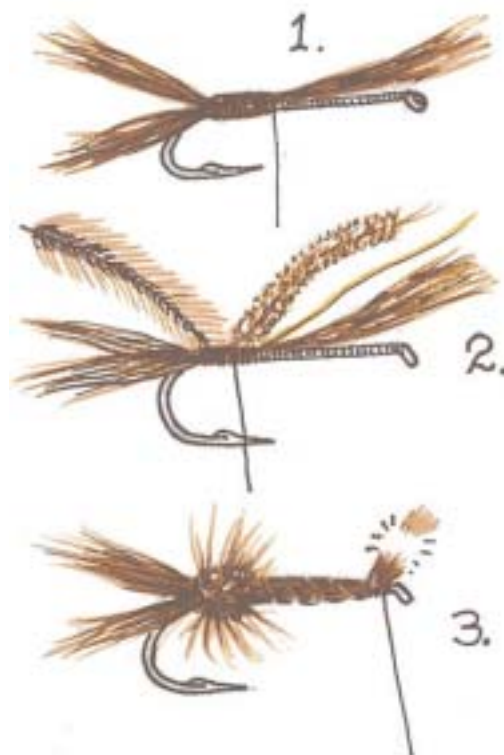
Thorax: Small brown chenille

Hackle: Brown

Rib: Gold or copper wire



1. Pinch the barb and line the hook shank with tying thread. Tie in a fat bunch of pheasant tail fibers at the bend of the hook. Leave the tips extending to the rear. Divide the tips into two equal parts and cross wind the thread to make the claws extend at about a 45 degree angle from the hook shank.
2. Tie in the hackle, chenille, and rib materials just behind the claws.
3. Make 3 turns of chenille to form the thorax, tie it off and trim the excess. Wind three turns of hackle palmer-style over the chenille. Tie it off and trim. Form the body using the remaining pheasant tail fibers by winding them around the hook shank to the eye of the hook. Tie off and trim the excess, leaving a short tail extending over the eye of the hook. Counter wind the wire rib and tie it off. Whip finish and cement.



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MORNING STAR FISH OUT

By Bill McElroy

DATE CHANGE

There was a conflict with May 20th. The new date is Saturday, May 13th, and fly tying at the Ranch will be Thursday May 11th. Please mark your calendars. All of the other information in *The Fly Leaf* last month is correct.

Thanks to everyone for responding. I know some of you still have schedules to work out. Please let me know as your availability changes. I would also appreciate your talking to your fishing buddies and finding others to fish with us.

I will reserve boats and motors if you need them, let me know, 838-3255.

Questions, please ask.

OUTCAST BOAT FOR SALE

By Gary Honeyman

An electric motor or small gasoline motor can be used with this boat, and a motor sure makes it easy to move around a lake.

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