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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
By Jerry Cartwright

**GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
March 14, 2006
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

Ah, the past. Things always seem better looking back. Same goes for the IEFFC. This being our 50th Anniversary year and all, we're looking back a lot. We (mostly Leon and his group Tom C.), are looking at old photos, old minutes, old Fly Leafs, old newspaper articles . . . lots of old stuff that has been pulled together from a number of sources, mostly basements and dens of members who are good about saving stuff and whose wives aren't nutso about them cluttering up the house with old fly fishing club stuff. Anyway, we have discovered that we are lacking material from the more recent years. Fifty years from now, when our successors are planning our 100th Anniversary gala, we want them to have just as much stuff to wade through as we do today. In addition, I often hear that the club seems to have lost track of itself. So, we will be tightening the ship a little on the administrative side. To facilitate this, I am contemplating the following action. I ask your input and before I take this up with the board at our March meeting (5:30 PM, March 21, Swede's Fly Shop).

1. **Finances** – I am going to appoint our Treasurer, Dwight Tipton, as chairman of the Finance Committee. The treasurer shall designate at least two members, who are not officers or on the board to serve on the committee. This committee will publish the clubs' annual budget on or before April 1 of each year and will report to the board monthly on the state of the club's finances. The committee will prepare a finance committee report to be presented at the January general meeting that will outline income and expenses for the preceding calendar year. Persons interested in serving on this committee, please contact me at jpcartwright@comcast.net or 448-4918, or Dwight at Dwight@e-truss.net.

2. **Historical** - Leon Buckles is currently the Chairman of our Historical Committee. He and his group are doing a great job. There is need for succession planning for this committee. We need a group who will stay committed to the committee for a minimum of two years after '06. My guess is Leon would like to be able to step away from

this job after this year and I would like to have his successor picked by late summer/early fall so he can work a smooth transition with Leon. The committee is responsible for maintaining and safely storing our archives and records. These are being gathered and put in order but this will have to be maintained systematically. Contact me if you are interested in serving.

3. **Projects** – I need a volunteer to chair our projects committee. This can be a current board member or member at large. The committee should include the chair and at least three people. The projects committee may appoint sub-committees devoted to specific projects. For example, Bill McElroy is heading up our annual Morning Star Boy's Ranch event again this year. George Potter, Hugh Evans and others are working on a project involving Sprague Lake. There are other on going projects.

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They all need to be brought together under the umbrella of one committee that can keep track of, document and report all that we are doing.

4. **Facilities, Inventory and Equipment** – I propose to appoint Sergeant at Arms, Floyd Holmes to chair this committee. The committee's job will be to take inventory of everything the club owns. Stationery, patches, decals, hats, books, videos, cameras, projectors. . . everything and make a master list that shows what it is and where it is. At the last meeting we could have used our new projector and video camera to project the great fly tying by A.K. Best. However, none of the equipment was on the premises, and I wasn't sure where it was! This will be a big job and Floyd will need at least three people to help him out on this committee. Volunteers?
5. **Programs** – I will appoint Vice President Gross to chair this committee with the hope that the committee members will stick around for two to three years. Again the idea is to implement some long range planning of programs, create some resources and spread out the burden of this significant responsibility.
6. **Membership** – I will appoint Doug Brossoit to chair this committee and ask that he be joined by at least three members. The committee's job will be to process applications and keep the roster up to date. In addition, we would like to implement a guest book where guest will sign in at each general meeting. We also want to be sure new members get a committee assignment during their first year and get involved in some club activities.

Other traditional committees will remain such as the Raffle Committee (headed up this year by Steve Aspinwall). Please contact me or one of the officers or board members soon if you are interested in serving or have any input concerning any of these proposed committees.

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MARCH PROGRAM By Leonard Gross

A Visual Fly Fishing Tour of Western Montana

The guest speaker for our March meeting is Trapper Badovinac. You won't see any poorly exposed grip-and-grin pictures in this guy's presentation. Instead you'll see a quick paced, how-to and where-to tour of a section of western Montana that includes the Smith, Blackfoot, and Missouri rivers, as well as detailed advice on small streams in the area.

Besides being a long-time guide in Montana and Colorado, Trapper is a writer, author, fly tying instructor and commercial photographer. His keen sense of humor and breathtaking photography have educated and entertained hundreds of fly fishing enthusiasts.

As our guest tier, he'll share secrets he's learned from tying 1,000 dozen flies annually. These tips will save you time at the vise as well as make your flies more durable.

His presentation will begin with a short overall tour of the Smith River. This state-regulated, permit-only river runs through a steep 60-mile limestone canyon, and is usually floated in five days. Next will be a five minute tour of the Blackfoot River made famous by Norman McLean's book and subsequent movie *A River Runs Through It*. Then, Trapper will go into more detail about the mostly overlooked small streams in the area. He'll finish with a top to bottom exploration of the Missouri River. A Q&A session will follow the presentation. In 50 minutes you'll see over 250 of his award winning photos.

Personalized copies of his books will be available for sale during the course of the evening.

INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB – SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

DALE VEACH

By Fred Shiosaki

Dale Veach died this winter of Parkinson's disease. It is difficult to comprehend how this vital, happy, talkative guy could fade in an agonizing, slow decline which left him without speech and mobility. His beloved wife, Rosie, with great courage tended to his every need until the end.

The Christmas raffle was originated during Dale's presidency. He and I collaborated by accumulating new and used equipment and some non-fishing stuff from members and local tackle shops. It was a very modest affair. We may have taken in about a hundred dollars--a humble beginning to our current extravaganza.

Over the years, we made many trips into Idaho, Montana and Canada. For several years, fishing the callibaetis hatch at Lake Mary Ronan near Kalispell, Montana was a "must" about the end of May. As many as 12 Club members would get together at Camp Tuffet. On one occasion, we collectively rented a cabin along the shore. We were aware that Dale snored, but on this trip he drove most of us out of the building. It was known as "Sleepless in Mary Ronan."

The callibaetis hatch was usually dependable. We waited until after Memorial Day to avoid the crowds. The hatch came on about mid-day. The mayflies tended to emerge better on dark days. Dale and I were fishing Parachute Adams on such a day. Suddenly, Dale said: "Listen, I hear a train coming." Of course, the nearest rail line was at least 30 miles away. As we looked around, a thunder storm was coming over the ridge above the southwest end of the lake. As the sky darkened and the rain started, the callibaetis came off and the trout began to feed frantically. Rain storm or no, we kept fishing. Our flies were half drowned, but the fish continued to take. As we looked around, lightning struck the surface of the lake. Now, think about this--two very wet fishermen using graphite rods in a lightning storm. We're talking about lightning rods. Suddenly, discretion became the better part of valor. We took off for shore. This is not the end of the tale. Part way in, we passed Mike Runje and George Potter still fishing with carpeting pulled over their shoulders.

For a while, Henry's Lake south of West Yellowstone became a destination for our spring trip. This shallow lake with lots of weed growth was very fertile. We used wooly buggers with various colors, and on at least one occasion did well with dry damsels. One day, we were fishing out of the public launch area at Staley Springs. Everyone headed in for lunch. Dale was the last to come in. He approached the concrete boat ramp in his float



Dale taking lunch by an unidentified lake. Picture from Club archives.

tube and apparently put one foot down on the ramp and missed it with the other foot. Water was a couple of feet deep at the edge of the ramp. Since he was partially out of the tube, he tipped over. In a panic, he flapped with his fins and flailed with his arms. He looked like a harpooned whale trying to escape. In the beginning we thought he was fooling around. It was a spectacular sight and very funny. Everyone laughed hard. Then someone realized he was in trouble, waded out and pulled him up onto the ramp. There was still a great deal of laughter as we got him up on the beach. We did save his rod and hat. The more we teased, the angrier he got: "~~Expletive deleted~~, you guys laughed while I was drowning." Even after several years, he would get upset when reminded of the event.

We'll miss you, Dale. You've gone to fish where the sun is warm on your back, and the trout rise gently to your fly. You will be in the company of Saint Peter and his cohorts as they fish for souls.

BACKCAST

By Leon Buckles

Your 50th Anniversary Banquet committee is still hard at work. Invitation letters for you to make reservations are ready for mailing. You should receive yours before the March club meeting. You may make your reservations and buy your tickets at the March and April club meetings if you choose. Remember, this function is for members and their wives or significant others. Look for Lowell Tveit and his helpers. They will gladly accommodate you.

Place: Red Lion Hotel at the Park
Date: Saturday, May 20, 2006. Leader soaking social hour begins at **6:00 PM**
Dinner: Prime rib or with advance notice, a vegetarian dish will be served for those who do not eat meat.
Tickets: \$35 per person, a subsidized rate.
Entertainment: Tim Behrens, internationally known humorist, will perform a monologue of outdoor comedy written by Pat McManus.

Please note that the social hour has been changed to start at 6:00 PM, **not** 5:30 as previously announced.

Tom Chapman has completed writing the club history and is now putting the polish on it. The book will contain around 83,000 words. Tom said: "The text is completed and cast in concrete. We're just detailing commas and hyphens, making last-minute spell-checks on members' names, making sure we refer to 'Okanogan' for the Washington State area, and 'Okanagan' for the British Columbia area, etc. Photos and line art insertions have all been entered. We're nearly ready for the publisher!"

"I am reading the entire text one last time, searching for a better noun or verb here and there, removing the occasional redundancy, and tightening some sentences."

Keep in mind that those members who buy tickets to the May function will receive one free book. Extra copies and for those not attending the banquet, the book will be available at cost. Former members and/or families may also purchase the book.

The anniversary polo shirts have been ordered. No word on the delivery date. We will let you know when they are available for purchase.

The committee wants to take this opportunity to thank all those members that have supported and contributed to this project. THANKS.

MORNING STAR BOY'S RANCH FISHOUT

By Bill McElroy

First of all, thanks to all of you who in past years participated in this event and made it such a success. All of you veterans have been greatly appreciated.

At present, we will meet on May 20th at Linnies, 1301 West 3rd Avenue, at 7 AM. This is the old Shack Restaurant, and they have brought back the American breakfast menu just like it was. We even have the same private room that worked so well in the past. The IEFCC will buy breakfast for you and the boys.

We are going to West Medical Lake, and you will need a small boat. If you don't have one, they are for rent at the resort, and I will reserve one for you if you like.

For First Timers – The boys are 12 to 17 years old, and they are very well behaved. This trip is their reward for exemplary behavior, so if there is any hint they are a problem, they are left behind. Three or four counselors or staff will accompany the boys and we will also take them fishing if we have enough members. For the most part, in my experience, these are good boys from problem families. We have had from 12 to 20 participants at previous events.

They will have no gear and usually little, if any, raingear. Bring all fishing gear for them and raingear if you have extra. Bring your lunch and maybe soft drinks for the boy. The boys will have their lunch provided by the Ranch. The sunglasses box is almost empty, so bring

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a spare if you can. Life jackets are required and are also available at the resort. We are usually done around 2:30 PM. The Ranch would prefer not to deal with fish, so let's use the opportunity to promote catch-and-release.

I need 4 or 5 members to tie or cast at the Ranch on Thursday, May 18. We start at 5:30 PM and are

McDOWELL LAKE ON LITTLE PEND OREILLE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Submitted by Bob Bates

Lisa Langelier, Manager of the Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge sent e-mails and a press release requesting our help in spreading the word about a proposed rehabilitation of McDowell Lake.

From the Press Release

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), in partnership with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), proposes to "rehabilitate" McDowell Lake and adjacent wetlands by controlling the non-native aquatic plant, Eurasian water milfoil, and the non-native fish, tench.

"Milfoil degrades habitat by forming dense mats of vegetation on the surface of the water, reducing water quality and limiting fish and wildlife foraging ability," explained refuge manager Lisa Langelier. "Tench compete with native trout for food and space. Both invasive species spoil what was once a high quality recreational fishery."

Milfoil is an introduced perennial plant that spreads by fragmentation and rooting of the growing stem fragments and is moved to uninfected lakes by boats and trailers. It was discovered in McDowell Lake in 2001 and within three years infested 100 percent of the suitable habitat in the 48-acre lake and the adjacent six-acre wetland.

Control of milfoil could include chemical, physical, and biological methods, Langelier said. Control of tench would likely entail treating the lake with rotenone, a natural substance that kills fish by inhibiting oxygen absorption. Native redband rainbow trout would be re-stocked in the lake after the rehabilitation. The state will conduct additional public review on the potential use of rotenone for tench treatment in early July as part of their annual lake rehabilitation process. All control techniques must comply with state and federal environmental requirements.

IEFFC Members with e-mail have received a copy of the press release. Members without e-mail may pick up a copy at the meeting. I personally feel that we should fully support this action to bring McDowell back to the great fishing that it once was.

provided dinner. I will provide info and a map.

May 20th was the preferred date picked by the Ranch. There is some concern that it might conflict with our 50th Anniversary Dinner. We will be off the lake in plenty of time to get ready for the big dinner and party. We will talk about it at the March meeting.

FOR SALE, OUTCAST BOAT

By Gary Honeyman

Sale Price = \$395.00 Call Gary at 928-7992



DUES AND ROSTER

By Bob Bates

Those of you who paid their dues are tired of hearing this, and you may skip to the last paragraph. From the bylaws:

"Article I

5. Membership dues are due January 1 and shall become delinquent March 1. Delinquent members shall forfeit all privileges of membership after March 1. Membership may be reinstated by payment of dues, plus any additional costs incurred by the Club in arranging and making provision for payment of late dues, not to be less than \$10.00. Membership can only be reinstated if the membership is less than 135 regular members."

One of the membership privileges is receiving our newsletter: *The Fly Leaf*. The mail lists (e-mail and snail) were not changed for this issue, but the next issue is a different story. Each delinquent member will be receiving a phone call from our Treasurer, Dwight Tipton, or his representative. We really don't want to appear too hard-nose about it, and we hope that you receive enough from the meetings, speakers, newsletters and activities to remain an active member.

LAST PARAGRAPH: Please check the 2005 Roster for any errors in your entry that haven't received a correction in *The Fly Leaf*. This includes phone numbers, address, occupation and wives. Let Doug Brossiot or Bob Bates know, preferably in writing, before April. Their phone numbers, addresses and e-mail addresses are in the Roster.

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PICTURES

Some of these I have not been able to include in past issues because of space limitations. Also some of these fish were being taken for dinner, so don't be critical about gilling the fish.



Clay Findlay and Rufus Woods fish,
file date 11/2/03



Bill McElroy and a Baha Jack



Boyd Matson and a brook trout for
dinner from an unidentified lake



Gene Lorenson on Browns Lake near Usk, WA.
We caught lots of trout: Cutthroat, rainbow and
cutthroat/rainbow cross.

FLY OF THE MONTH

The Scud

March, 2006

Jerry McBride et al

In many of our Inland Northwest waters freshwater scrimp or scuds often form an important part of the trout's diet. Scud-rich waters produce large fish with dark pink or even orange flesh. There are many scud fly patterns around and here is one that Jerry McBride has been having good results with this winter at Pebbly Plymouth Creek (not its real name). He has been fishing it under an indicator with just enough tippet below the float to insure that the bug is bouncing along the bottom. Jerry likes a light olive color but other regulars are having success with pink or orange.

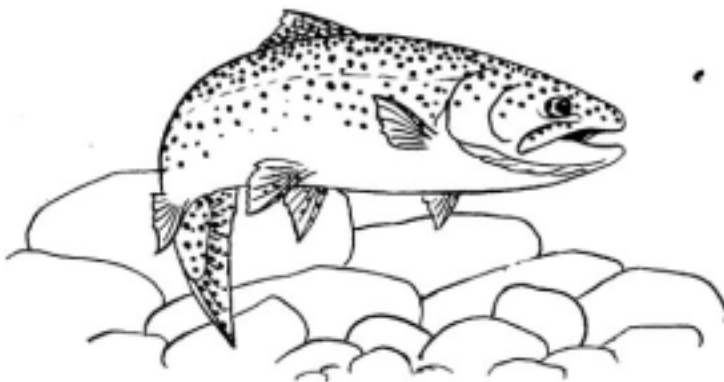
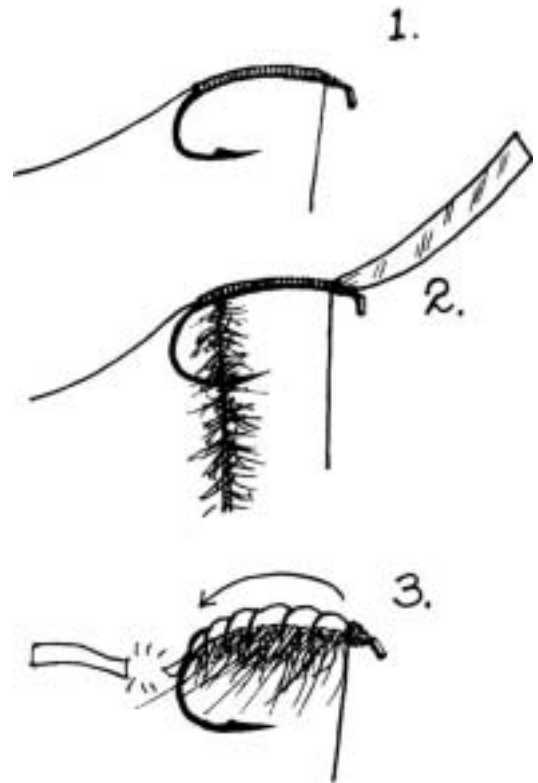
Hook: Regular wet fly or scud type #18 to 12
Thread: Fine, color to match dubbing
Weight: Lead wire tied on top of the hook shank
Rib: Fine gold wire
Shell: Plastic strip
Body: Fuzzy dubbing in olive, tan, pink or orange



1 Pinch the barb and line the hook shank with thread. Place the lead wire strip on top of the hook shank and wind it firmly in place. Attach the rib wire and leave it dangling to the rear.

2 Tie in the plastic strip just behind the eye of the hook. Form a dubbing loop of waxed thread with fuzzy dubbing of the chosen color. Make the loop fairly sparse.

3 Form a nice, plump body by winding the dubbing forward and tying it off at the eye. Next fold the shell strip back over the body. Pull it tight and secure it at the hook bend with a couple of firm turns of the ribbing wire and trim the excess. Wind the rib forward, forming segments and holding the shell in place. Tie off and whip finish. Pick out some of the dubbing to simulate legs.



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FIRST CLASS MAIL



CHARTER MEMBER and McKENZIE PLAQUE WINNER



On Saturday March 4, 2006 there was another Kids Fly Fishing class at Swede's Fly Shop. Here Del Coppock, Tom May and Hugh Evans are helping kids cast a fly line. Bill McElroy helped for a while then went inside to tie flies. Also inside teaching kids to tie flies were Harry Calhoun, who also took this picture, Ray Kranches and Bob Bates. The last of the spring classes will be on May 6, 2006.

Allen (Swede) plans to resume these free classes in the fall.