



**GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS**

**November 14, 2006
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jerry Cartwright

It suddenly feels like winter around these parts, which means the end of the year approaches quickly and there is much club business which needs our attention in the coming weeks.

First, the annual Christmas Raffle is right around the corner. Be sure and get your donations lined up soon. Looking at the figures over the last several years we note that, no matter what the outlay for raffle items, our receipts are about the same every year. We speculate that this is because we all budget a specific amount to spend at the raffle each year and stick to that amount year after year.

As a club we spent more than usual last year with our contributions to the Eastern Washington lake survey project being conducted by Ross Black and his grad student, rehab at McDowell and financing of the 50th Anniversary bash, so we're asking everyone to buy more tickets than usual this year to help fatten up the treasury. Please do the best you can.

It is nomination season and I will be convening the nominations committee in a couple of weeks to consider nominees to fill positions on the board of directors. If you are interested in serving or know a member who is, please let me know by the next general meeting.

At our last board of directors meeting George Potter updated us on the progress of the many projects involving the club. Dr. Black's lake project is progressing better than expected. We hope Ross might be able to give us all an update at the November meeting. The sign at Coffeepot Lake was installed.

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NOVEMBER PROGRAM

By Leonard Gross

Our guest speaker is supposed to be Stann Grater. His presentation will be on streamside entomology. I haven't spoken to Stann since he's returned from Georgia so I don't have much in the way of a biography. Stann's presentation was highly recommended to me by Allen Peterson. Stann sets up Orvis displays at fishing shows, does some workshops for Orvis and is an Orvis certified guide.

BACKCAST

By Leon Buckles

Fifty years ago this month the club met at the Desert Hotel. The minutes of that meeting are on the short side as the secretary arrived late. The featured speaker was Don Earnest reporting on the recent poisoning of Williams, Fish, and Silver Lakes. It was noted that the public has now come to realize the importance of rehabilitating our local lakes. The club also agreed to send Ozzie Laitinen to the quarterly meeting of the Washington State Sportsman Council in Ellensburg. This was the club's first participation and representation with other organizations. The IEFFC is now on the map.

The club still has a limited amount of polo shirts with the 50th anniversary logo. We will have them at the November meeting for anyone who would like to make a purchase. Twenty bucks gets you a comfortable, good looking shirt. It would make a great gift for that son or grandson. The club publication Rise From the Past is sold out. If anyone desires a copy or additional copy, the club will have some printed at the end of November. Place your order with Leon Buckles, Lowell Tveit, or Dick Odell along with a check payable to the IEFFC. They are \$15.00 per copy and if you wish to have them mailed please include \$3.50 S & H.

SIGN SPONSORED BY IEFFC INSTALLED AT COFFEEPOT LAKE

By Jerry McBride

Last year Region 2 Fisheries Biologist Chris Donley mentioned a need for a sign at Coffeepot Lake. He needed the sign to explain his study on wild fish production in the lake.

With IEFFC board approval, we agreed to provide the sign. Cost to the IEFFC was less than \$200. The plan was to recycle the sign at Amber Lake that was no longer needed. Gary Honeyman, Pat Kendall, Jerry McBride and Dick Odell worked on the project.

The sign was installed October 19, 2006 with help from Glen Paulson who works for the BLM and lives at Coffeepot Lake.

If you go out to Coffeepot Lake next season please read the sign and fill out a questionnaire on your catch for the day. This is critical to Chris Donley's study and could lead to even better fishing.



A typical construction project with a worker, a supervisor and a "leaner" L.R.: Pat Kendall, Gary Honeyman and Jerry McBride
Photo by Glen Paulson



Another Successful IEFFC Project.
L.R.: Guard dog, Jerry McBride, Gary Honeyman and Pat Kendall
Photo by Glen Paulson

NEW DVDs IN CLUB LIBRARY

By Harry Calhoun

We have two new sets of DVDs by Don Freschi and Grant Fines for the IEFFC Library.

LAKE SHOWS VOL I is a two(2) DVD set which contains eight(8) complete shows with fly tying instructions and extra segments. Lakes covered are: Arrow Lake, Whitetail Lake and White Lake with Brian Chan.

Fly patterns included are: MFB, Sno Cone, English Booby, Holographic Chironomid, White Marabou Muddler, Ultimate Boatman and Maroon Beadhead Chironomid.

RIVER SHOWS VOL I is also a two(2) DVD set and contains eight(8) shows with fly tying instructions and extra segments.

Rivers covered are: the Upper Bow, Columbia, Kettle River and the Elk River.

Fly patterns included are: Extended Body Green Drake, Flying Black Ant, Ultimate Alevin, Olive Comparadun, Parachute Adams and Cutthroat Candy.

There are many more patterns with tying and fishing instructions in our library.

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FOR BETTER FISHING.**

ROSTER CHANGE

Bob Bates

New e-mail: bob-bates@msn.com

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The rehab at McDowell Lake went well. The report was that only a few trout were found when the fish kill was completed. Hopefully that fishery will be back real soon. Up the road at Bailey, the inlet/spawning channel is deteriorating, but we are working on fixing it. New gravel for the spawning beds has been ordered, and George recruited some labor to get it placed on Saturday Nov. 4th. The proposed sale of the North Silver Lake property apparently fell through and any worries about losing public access have evaporated. Mr. Butler is reportedly having documents prepared that will protect our public access easement for good. Our interest in restoring the fishery at Sprague Lake continues. It looked like this effort would be sidetracked for quite some time while the DFW conducted a 2-year long creel census. The most recent report is, however, that virtually no one is fishing the lake these days, and we hope the creel census will be abandoned as an exercise in futility. Perhaps this will pave the way for the much needed (but very expensive) rehab of Sprague.

The club by-laws haven't been formally amended in quite some time. For example, according to the written by-laws, the poacher fine is fixed at a quarter. We figure its time to get things up to date before some oft fined member hires a lawyer and sues the poacher for

overcharging. Actually, there are a number of items to address and we hope to have the amended by-laws ready for your consideration in the next month or two. If there is a particular area you would like to see addressed, please let me know at the November meeting.

Finally, as previously reported, Mrs. Buckles is insisting on a winter vacation this year, which means Leon won't be around to conduct our fly fishing school which is scheduled to begin in January. We need two or three instructors to step up and take on this important project. You will have lots of help with the fly casting instruction. Leon has all the materials ready to go, and we have a contract with the community college. No one has shown interest so far and unless we get a commitment by the November general meeting from someone willing to take on teaching this class we'll have to cancel the contract and the class. If one or more members are willing to take this on, please let Leon and/or me know at or before the meeting. The Monday evening class meets for six weeks starting in January, with a break for Presidents day weekend.

That'll do it. Remember to please dig a little deeper for the raffle this year!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

By Raffle Committee

Once again the December meeting will concentrate on our annual raffle. Year in and year out, our most profitable items are those donated by the membership. Please start tying, negotiating, begging or whatever it takes to get your donations ready for this historic event. Also, please let the committee know if there are particular items you would like to see purchased for the auction. Committee members are:

Gordon Olson	467-6944
Stephen Aspinwall	922-7434
Randy Shaber	747-8657
Hugh Evans	326-3911

FLY CLUB MEMBERS DISCOVER OPEN HOOD CULT IN BC ?

By Jerry McBride

In mid September Pat Kendall and I went to our favorite lake in BC for a few days. Upon arrival we found that all of the Canadians in camp had the hoods of their vehicles propped partially open with sticks. Was this just another thing that Canadians do when they go camping? Any Canadian worth his salt will have a giant campfire going 24/7 and his entire campsite covered overhead with tarps. Maybe having your hood open was just another thing that Canadians do when they go

camping. But, neither of us had ever seen this done before. Had we blundered into some kind of open hood cult?

We puzzled several days about this and on day three made up our minds that we were going to ask why everyone had their hoods open. I convinced Pat that he should ask since he had the most experience asking hard questions in his long career as a salesman.

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Pat was just about to go off and ask when we heard a knock at the door. It was Ralph, one of our Canadian friends. Ralph said that he had come over to help us prop our hood open. He even brought a stick. Why, we asked? "Pack rats" explained Ralph. In the fall pack rats are feverously looking for a place to nest for the winter. What better place than under the hood on top of a motor. It's nice and dark under there so it makes a good place to sleep. All they have to do is haul some moss and leaves for bedding and they're set for the winter. In addition, there are plenty of plastic coated wires and rubber hoses to chew on.

We went out and opened the hood of my truck. Sure enough, there were pieces of moss and pack rat excrement all over in the engine compartment. Fortunately they hadn't done any chewing on the wiring or hoses. We cleared out the mess and propped the hood open. Every day after that I looked and no new stuff appeared.

Several days before we left, the camp host Jill came back from a trip into town late in the evening. She forgot to open up her hood. Next morning she opened her hood to find a bushel basket of moss and leaves packed in on top of the motor. On top of that the pack rat was still in there! This wasn't the first time Jill had encountered a pack rat. She had Ralph come over with his pellet gun and they pulled away the moss and leaves until Ralph had a clear shot at the pack rat. It was as big as a small dog! He shot the pack rat between the eyes and Jill reached in and pulled him out from under the hood. She threw it on the ground and administered the coup de grace with her foot. How many women do you know that would do that?

So, if you go up to BC in the fall and camp out prop your hood partially open with a stick so the pack rats won't move in. The Canadians will be impressed. If you really want to impress them make sure you also have a large campfire and put up lots of tarps.

NORTH SILVER ACCESS CLEAN UP
By Pat Kendall

Weed whackers, pitch forks, rakes, and a chain saw were all put to good use in our clean up of the North Silver Lake launch area on October 28th

The area was getting heavily over grown which made it very difficult to launch there. We will clean it up again in the spring and stay after it better in the future.

With the help of Bill McElroy, Boyd Matson, Floyd Holmes, Bill Stroup, Dick Odell and my self, the effort was done in about one hour.

THANKS TO ALL FOR THE EFFORT!!!
FISH ON !!!



Way down the tunnel a hard working crew is laying waste to the vicious weeds. You have to look carefully to see them. They are making life easier for us to fish N. Silver. Photo by Pat Kendall

The stalwart crew at their goal. L.R.: Dick Odell, Bill Stroup, Bill McElroy, Boyd Matson and Floyd Holmes
Photo by Pat Kendall

FLY OF THE MONTH

Bonny Boatman

November, 2006

Gene Lorenson

One of my favorite fly fishing activities is fishing a waterboatman pattern. Usually in the spring or fall when the trout are keying in on these migrating little critters the action can be fast and furious. Takes are not subtle as the fish strike fast to get the escaping bugs. I have used several good boatman patterns over the years. Here is the latest version that has worked well this autumn. On a couple of lovely October days, I took over 20 fine Rainbows from 12 to 16 inches on it. Half of them took the boatman instantly when it was dropped a foot from the shore reeds in less than two feet of water. Don't leave home without good boatman flies — they can save the day!

Hook: #12 wet fly hook

Thread: Fine black mono

Beads: 1/8" black bead and 1/8" Scintillator Bubble

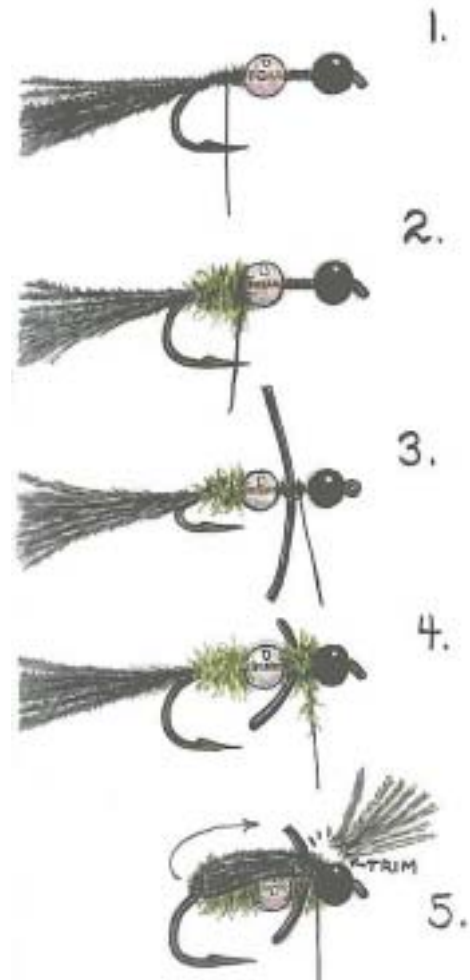
Shell: Peacock herl or pheasant tail fibers

Body: Green, olive or tan dubbing
(ice dub works well)

Legs: Dark rubber



- 1 Pinch the barb and place the black bead on the hook shank next to the eye. Put the Scintillator Bubble in the middle of the hook shank. Wrap the shank with tying thread, putting a couple of half hitches fore and aft of the Bubble to hold it in place. Tie in several strands of peacock hen or pheasant tail fibers and leave them dangling back.
2. Using your favorite dubbing material, form the rear part of the body. Secure with a half hitch. Move the thread in front of the Bubble and half hitch. Tie in the rubber legs as shown.
4. Add more dubbing to the thread and form the front part of the body, using the wraps to secure the legs in proper position.
- 5 Bring the peacock or pheasant tail forward to form the shell and tie it off in back of the bead head. Trim the excess and whip finish behind the bead.



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INVENTORY

The board ask Gary Honeyman and Floyd Holmes to take an inventory of anything that belongs to the IEFFC. If you have anything that belongs to the club, purchased by the club and given to you so you could do a better job for the club or otherwise acquired club property please call Floyd at 509 487 7224 or bring a list of items to the next meeting

KIDS FLY FISHING CLASS AT SWEDE'S

By Bob Bates

Saturday, November 4, 2006, we had another kids fly casting and fly tying class at Swede's Fly Shop. Pat Kendall, Hugh Evans, Bob Bates and Allen Peterson took part. The mother of one kid took a lot of pictures, several are shown below.

