



**GENERAL MEETING  
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB  
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE  
COMMONS  
October 10, 2006  
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

## OCTOBER PROGRAM

By Leonard Gross

Ed Engle has been an avid fly fisherman for the past 30 years. He has fly fished throughout the continental United States, Alaska, Mexico, Chile and in Europe for a variety of game fish species with a special emphasis on trout.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jerry Cartwright

The value of the gold in Gold Creek would pale in comparison to the value of the fish that frequent that Methow Valley stream if one Okanogan County man had gotten his way in court recently. The citizen brought suit in federal court in Spokane claiming that the state's removal of 125 juvenile Cutthroat, Brookies, Salmon, Steelhead and Sculpin from an irrigation ditch flowing across several properties, including his, violated his private property rights.

According to the suit the fish, which the state Departments of Fish and Wildlife and Ecology say were illegally routed into the irrigation ditch by a non-regulation diversion dam, belonged to the plaintiff and the state's removal of the fish from the ditch amounted to theft of his property. According to the plaintiff the value of the 125 fish was **seven hundred million dollars**. That's not all. Citing "law" set down in the book of Exodus, the plaintiff claimed double damages for a total of \$1.4 billion.

Last week federal judge Bob Whaley agreed with the state that all wild fish in state waters are the property of the state and dismissed the case. An appeal will surely follow but in the mean time, handle those Methow fish carefully. They're valuable. Oh, and maybe somebody ought to buy the brilliant assistant attorney general who defeated this claim a drink the next time they see him!

Leon Buckles showed up at the board meeting a couple of weeks ago showing off his large framed certificate declaring that he is now an achiever of the much sought after "Cutt Slam." According to Leon, and the certificate, he landed all four species of Cutthroat Trout during a specified period of time. Leon is to be congratulated for his dedication and effort. Now he is expected to celebrate in some fashion.

We need help with the fly fishing school. The school is set to go beginning in January, but we need members to teach the

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As a fly fisherman Ed is especially interested in small fly tactics and techniques. His small fly fishing research has taken him to a many of the West's famous tailwaters and to spring creeks across the country. He is also dedicated to fly fishing small streams and high country lakes for wild trout. Ed lives west of Colorado Springs, Colorado within 40 miles of the South Platte River, one of Colorado's premier tailwaters, where he guides and instructs fly fishers.

Ed is currently the Southwest Field Editor for *FLY FISHERMAN MAGAZINE* as well as the Strategies for Streams Columnist for *FLY FISHING & FLY TYING JOURNAL*. He is a regular contributor to *AMERICAN ANGLER*. Ed is also the author of several books, most recently, *TYING SMALL FLIES* and *FISHING SMALL FLIES*.

Ed's presentation is titled: Nymphing: The Art, Science and Mythology of Catching Trout Under the Water's Surface. "Nymphing" offers a comprehensive look at the sometimes confusing game of catching trout on subsurface fly imitations. After defining the term and giving a short history of the art, he will introduce us to the elements of modern dead drift nymphing practice including strike indicators, weighting, lines, rods and dead drift nymphing rigs.

Short line and long line dead drift nymphing are discussed in detail including how to mend line and tricks of the trade for more productive nymphing. Suspension nymph rigs and how to fish them in moving water and stillwaters are discussed. "All natural" nymphing tactics where only a weighted nymph imitation is used without weight on the leader or a strike indicator are also covered. Also he discusses how to nymph fish various water types and presenting a nymph to visually spotted trout

Ed will be offering a fly tying demonstration where he explains and demonstrates the art of tying some of his favorite small flies prior to his slide presentation.

I look forward to welcoming Ed and learning more about his productive techniques.

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class! The aforementioned Leon B. has handled this in the past but says his wife is insisting that they do some traveling this winter so Leon is not available. If you are interested and have questions, please contact Leon. He can fill you in on what will be required.

We are turning back the pages on the membership process. Time was, I'm told, we used to be pretty careful about making sure new members understood that we are as much a service club as a social one and that members would be expected to take part in club activities and projects. Once upon a time prospective members were interviewed by a membership committee and presented to the board in person, by their sponsor(s), for final approval. Well, we are returning to those thrilling days of yesteryear. I am in the process of designating the membership committee. Along the same lines, we will be breaking out the old guest book and guests will be signing in as they pass the treasurer's table on the way in. The idea here is not to be too snooty or exclusive but to give members, both new and old, a sense that membership in the IEFFC means more than just paying dues.

Sticking with the yesteryear theme, members have been expressing a desire to get back to having several club outings during the year. From what I hear, members used to congregate fairly regularly, spouses and families in tow if they wanted, at area fisheries and campgrounds. We are in the process of organizing right now, but what we have in mind is asking members to "sponsor" outings. Sponsorship would simply mean checking out a suitable site then notifying members of the date and location of the outing and letting everyone know about campgrounds, fishing opportunities and other attractions. We should have a plan worked out by the November meeting. If you are interested in helping us get this off the ground, let me or one of the other board members know.

### A TRIP REPORT

By Bill Stroup

Just returned, (September 5<sup>th</sup>) from a week at Saltery Lake Lodge on Kodiak Island, Alaska. Won this trip at the Christmas raffle and can report that it was a truly wonderful experience. My wife and I were met at Kodiak airport by one of the owners, transported to the seaplane basin where the other owner flew us to the lodge.

The lodge, consisting of a main building and several cabins is in a beautiful setting and the accommodations are comfortable and pleasant without being pretentious. The lodge is staffed by a group of people in their 20's and 30's who make every effort the insure you made to feel welcome.

Fishing was terrific. Daily catches in the 80's and 90's per person were common. Because of the tides my wife and I fished for Dolly Vardens each morning with light tackle, then after a great lunch our guide would take us down close to the river's inlet where we would fish the incoming tide for pinks and silvers. Because these fish are just leaving the sea they willingly take a fly and are really hard fighters. Each silver

### BACKCAST

By Leon Buckles

I was going to let you know what the club did 50 years ago this month, October 1957. The minutes are very silent with only an entry of "next meeting Oct 9 second Tues". I will take this opportunity to recap the year, fifty years ago.

The club came into existence on February 2, 1956. During the meeting in the Stone Room of the Spokane Hotel, the club name was chosen and Terry Bryant elected the first president along with a slate of officers including a Poacher and Purist. It was moved and passed to hold meetings on Tuesday nights. At the April 10, 1956 meeting, VP Ozzie Laitinen let the club in on a "real hot fly," the Silver Nymph. See *Rise Forms From the Past* for the dressing. Don Earnest became the first honorary member of the club at the May 8, 1956 meeting. In June, the membership met at Decker's Resort at Amber Lake.

How was the fishing? Here is what the game department had to say about a few of the local lakes. Amber-- should be at its best. Carryover fish 13-16 inches are in good supply and the yearlings are of good size. Badger-- Larger fish are commonplace...the yearlings 9-12 inches and carryovers up to 5 pounds. Silver-- growth has not been as good as in past years, probably due to increasing carp population. Coffee Pot--good fishing is the rule for spiny-rayed fish. Aeneas--water level very low. Rainbow will be 9-10 inches. Chopaka. now a "fly only" lake; will provide good fishing for rainbows 11-12 inches.

### LINE ART FOR THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY BOOK, -RISE FORMS FROM THE PAST

By Gene Lorenson

At the October meeting, the matted drawings from our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book will be available for purchase by Club members. The money received will be used to help defray the cost of printing and other expenses for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. The prints will be matted and signed by the artist. The cost will be from \$5 to \$25, depending on the size. Here is a chance to have a bit of the Club's history hanging by your fly-tying desk.

took us into our backing and gave us and our #8 rods all we could handle.

A good endorsement for the lodge, all the other 6 guests were returnees, and all excellent anglers, 2 of whom were professional guides. I have already booked us and our son and his wife for 2007. If you would like more info their telephone is 1-800-770-5037 or [www.salterylake.com](http://www.salterylake.com).

### 2006 ROSTER CORRECTION

Jon Allen mailing address: PO Box 116  
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**INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB – SPOKANE, WASHINGTON**

# FLY OF THE MONTH

Hippety Hopper II

September, 2006

Gene Lorenson

Sometimes we come up with a fly pattern that we think will really work well. Last month's fly, the Hippety Hopper, proved to be a successful creation. I tied several variations of it and took them down to the Spokane River for a field test. On a slow mid-day, the Hopper brought up four nice rainbows. The version that worked the best as far as floatability, casting ease, visibility, and fish preference was one a bit different than the version in September's newsletter. I found that the rubber legs version is better. The pheasant tail legs also seemed to cause the fly to twist the leader when casting. Looks like a good skating pattern for steelhead. So here is the new, improved model ... the Hippety Hopper II.

**Hook:** 12 - 6 1X or 2X long

**Thread:** Fine mono, tan or grey

**Head, body, and wing:** Antelope hair

**Legs:** Rubber

**Hackle:** Dry fly mixed grizzly and brown



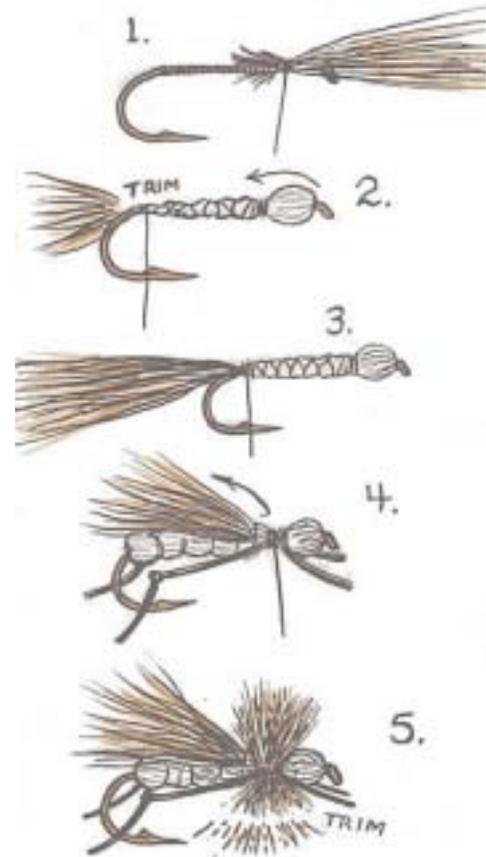
1. Pinch the barb and line the hook shank with tying thread. Tie in a bunch of antelope hair with the points facing forward.

2. Pull the hair back and secure in back of the eye of the hook to form the head of the hopper. Wind the rest of the hair tightly back to the bend of the hook. Trim the excess.

3. Take another bunch of antelope long enough to form the body and wing and fasten it to the hook shank in back of the head with the points facing to the rear. Tightly wrap it back to the hook bend, leaving the tying thread at the bend.

4. Bring the hair forward and loosely wrap it to form the body of the hopper. Fold the tips of the hair back to form the wing. A couple of looser wraps of the thread will help keep the sing in place without flaring it too much. Tie in rubber legs in back of the head.

5. Add the hackle; one grizzly and one brown. Wind and secure. Trim flat under the body. Whip finish and cement.



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### **A FLYFISHERMAN'S MEMORIAL**

By Dwight Tipton

This memorial was found above Oldman Falls in a place where nobody normally walks. The only reason I found it was due to a glimpse of unnatural color which made me curious.

Mr. Teters was a coal miner who died in November 2004. I would speculate that the Oldman was one of his favorite rivers and that he was a passionate flyfisherman. His wife/someone is obviously taking very good care of the memorial because the picture is fresh and attached to it is a BWO. There was a blue wing hatch the day we fished the river, coincidentally. I can't help but wonder if Mr. Teters requested this memorial, or whether his family

came up with the idea, or perhaps the flyfishing club he belonged and/or buddies he fished with honored him in this way. Regardless, I'll wager Mr. Teters is smiling.

### **MOVING**

By Frank Faha

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Phone and E-mail remain the same, but  
please hold E-Mails until the Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **KID'S FLY FISHING CLASS AT SWEDE'S**

By Bob Bates

This season's first Kid's Fly Fishing class at Swede's Fly Shop will be on Saturday November 4, 2006. We need IEFCC members to teach kids how to cast a fly line and tie flies. The class will be 10:00 am to 12:30 pm, but the volunteers should arrive before 10:00. After the equipment and entomology overview half of the kids go outside for casting practice and half stay inside to tie flies. In half an hour the groups switch.

Call Swede at 323-0500 if you can help. You will find it worthwhile and rewarding.