



**GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
April 10, 2007
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

APRIL PROGRAM

By Dwight Tipton

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Leonard Gross

Thanks to all who participated in the club fish-out at Coffee Pot Lake March 24th. By my count 14 members braved the cool, damp day. Particular thanks go to Allen Peterson, our Outings Committee chairman, who organized this event. In addition, Allen acted as our short-order cook, turning out some great hamburgers.

Each year the Federation of Fly Fishers gathers to celebrate the sport of fly fishing at their International Fly Fishing Show and Conclave. This year's event will be held in Livingston, MT from July 31st through August 4th. In years past the club has donated 1-2 copies of "Flies of The Northwest" for their auction and raffle fundraising activity. At last month's board meeting it was agreed that IEFFC would make a similar donation this year with one exception. We would also like to send a selection of flies, tied by members, to accompany the donation of a book. I would like to collect these flies at the May club meeting. This book has been a signature production of our club that is widely known. I hope we can further showcase our clubs talent with a generous donation of flies.

In closing, just a reminder that we have the Morning Star Boys Ranch fish-out next month on May 19th. I encourage members to participate in this ongoing tradition. This is a particularly good opportunity for new members to get involved in a club activity. Those interested members can contact Bill McElroy.

I am pleased to tell you that Doug McClelland is our guest speaker for April. He and his family moved to Montana from Maryland when Doug was quite young. Soon after, Doug discovered fly fishing and has been addicted to it ever since. He made money to buy fly tying materials, etc. by practicing law in Boise for several years, then teaching at Bobcat U. for several more years. Meanwhile, he joined Trout Unlimited, became very active in the organization and went through the chairs to end up as president in 1991-1992. Doug has also served on the Henry's Fork Foundation and presently serves on the Yellowstone Park Foundation.

His focus these days, though, is McClelland's Flyfishing, LLC, based in Red Lodge, which specializes in fly fishing trips to Montana, Argentina and Chile. During his presentation on April 10 I'm sure Doug will draw numerous comparisons to the similarities and dissimilarities between the three areas. I have no doubt you'll find him to be extremely interesting and informative.

Our guest tier will be the young and lovely Merlin Heintz. Merlin specializes in biiiiiiig flies, and true to form, will be emphasizing big cone-headed streamers which he uses in big Montana rivers with great success.

A tease for the May meeting: Our guest speaker is a man who knows the Crowsnest country of Alberta like the back of his hand.



FLY TYING SYMPOSIUM IN ELLENSBURG, WA - APRIL 21, 2007

Vern Jeramica, a noted tier of full dress salmon flies, has brought together 56 tiers of all types to fill 100 tying slots. Among them are tiers of classic and new patterns, salmon flies, salt water patterns, trout patterns, steelhead patterns and bass bugs. Janet Schimpf, who ties most of the flies for Swede's Fly Shop, will show some of her tricks and techniques.

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The show runs from 9 am to 5 pm and costs only \$5.00. A Banquet/short annual meeting begins at 6 pm. Captain Eiviind Forseth coordinator for Project Healing Waters will tell us about this program which uses fly fishing and fly tying as therapy for wounded service members. Captain Forseth was wounded in Iraq and has benefited from the program. His presentation at the 2006 FFF Conclave was interesting and inspirational. Banquet tickets are \$30 and includes admission to the fly tying event. Bob Bates has four tickets left so call him, 328-7327, or see him at the meeting. More tickets are available but must be purchased before April 14. More information will be at the meeting, and the lists of tiers and their scheduled tying times are on the Washington State Council FFF web site:

<http://www.washingtoncouncilfff.org/WAFlyTyingSymposium.htm>

BACKCASTS

By Leon Buckles

FISHING PROSPECTS FORTY YEARS AGO

Over 680,000 Washington State residents fished the waters of our state in 1967. What were the fishing prospects forty years ago for these fishermen? Here is what the Game Bulletin had to report on some of our favorite waters.

- Coffee Pot – good fishing is the rule for spiny-rayed fish.
- Browns – Probably the most successful “fly fishing only” lake in the state. Cutthroats are abundant and usually easily caught. Not large but of good quality.
- Amber – should be at its best. Carryover fish 13-16 inches are in good supply and yearlings are of good size.
- Badger – expected to be excellent again this season. Larger fish are commonplace. Most of the catch will be rainbows – the yearlings 9-12 inches and carryovers to 5 pounds.
- Williams – should be outstanding. Last year was excellent. There are large fish of quality. Cutthroat should be somewhat more abundant and there are real trophies. Yearling rainbows are plentiful.
- Aeneas – water level is very low. Yearling rainbow will be 10-11 inches this year with a good number of carryover fish from 13-15 inches. Fly fishing only.
- Chopaka – now a “fly only” lake will provide good fishing for rainbow 11-12 inches with a few carryovers.
- Grande Rhonde River -- ...local anglers enjoy fine fishing for smallmouth bass and channel catfish, with these two relatively new to the Grande Rhonde and showing up in increasing numbers every year.

In the Spokane area, opening-day (April 16) fishermen will find no threat of ice this year. Lakes will be open and fishable on the 1967 start; some years, some of the major producers are still ice-bound.

ROSTER CORRECTIONS

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No Business Phone
Occupation: *Retired*

Chuck Pierce

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Cheney, WA 99004

Please make the changes in last year's roster pending the new one

SPRAGUE LAKE

By Ivan Lines

It looks like the rehab. of Sprague Lake is going through, but it is critical that the Fish and Wildlife Director knows there is a lot of support for WDFW rehabilitation of the Sprague Lake fishery by rotenoning and re-stocking the lake with trout, building a carp and tench barrier in Cow Creek downstream of the lake and re-establishing the waterfowl sanctuary at the west end of the lake. The work should be completed the work by the fall of 2007.

director@dfw.wa.gov

Contact George Potter, Hugh Evans, Al Cunningham or Ivan Lines for additional information.

INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB – SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

FLY OF THE MONTH

Go 2 "Prince" Nymph

April, 2007

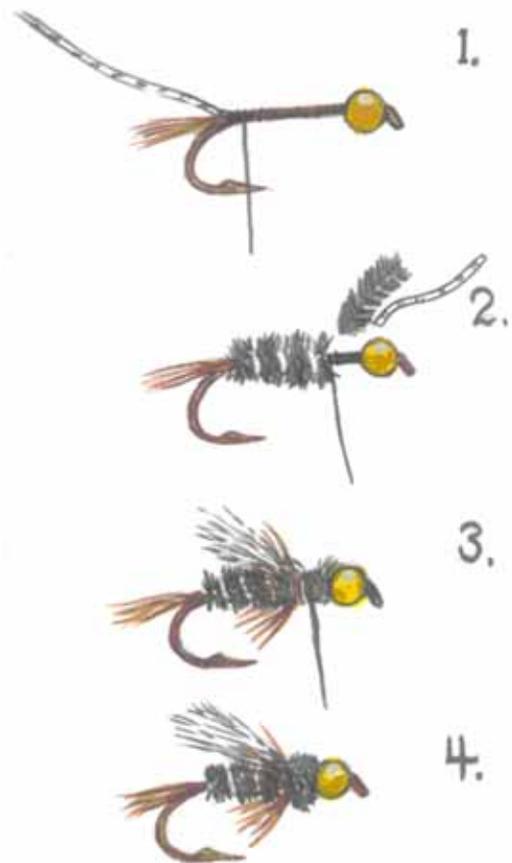
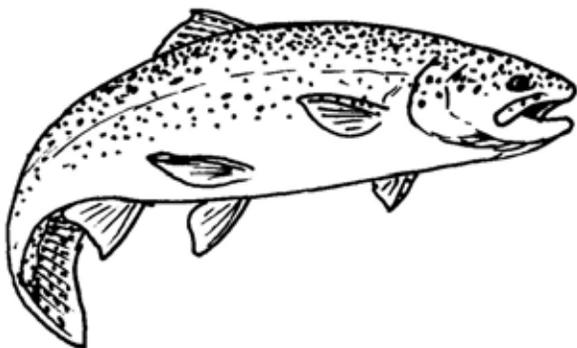
Rick Takahashi

The flyfishing magazines are full of articles featuring new fly patterns that claim to be the greatest thing since sliced bread. Some look very promising, others appear a bit weird. Every once in a while you come across one that lives up to its claims. The March 2007 issue of *Fly Fisherman* magazine contained an article by Rick Takahashi about his Go2 (to) nymphs. The nymphs looked good and his reasons for developing them seemed logical so I tied some of the Prince and pheasant tail versions in different sizes from 18 to 12. Perhaps the addition of the small white wing is the most unique feature of his nymphs. I had occasion to try the Prince version at Amber Lake one cold, rainy evening. There were millions of tiny midges hatching and I spent a lot of time trying to figure out how to take fish by matching the hatch (nothing worked). I finally put on a sinking line and a no. 16 Go 2 Prince. I took around 15 rainbows from 11 to 20 inches and was hooking big fish on every other cast at the access area when darkness ended the fun. Get hold of the article and check out the other nymphs, too. They all look very promising

Hook: #10 - 20 Mustad 3399 or equivalent
Thread: 8/0 black
Bead: Gold, size to fit hook
Tail: Brown hackle fibers
Rib: Pearl Krystal Flash
Abdomen: Peacock herl
Hackle: Brown saddle or neck
Wing: White poly yarn
Thorax: Peacock Ice Dub (or larger peacock herl)



1. Pinch the barb and slide the bead up to the eye of the hook. Line the hook shank with tying thread, and tie in the tail fibers. Attach the rib material at the hook bend.
2. Tie in the peacock herl, wind it half way up the hook shank and tie it off. Trim the excess. Counter wind three turns of the Krystal Flash rib and tie off.
3. Attach and wind three turns of hackle with the barbs slanting toward the rear. Tie in the poly wing just in front of the hackle.
4. Place the thorax dubbing or herl in front of the hackle and wind up to the bead. Tie off and whip finish behind the bead



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NEXT CLUB OUTING

By Allen Peterson

The next club outing will be at Leon Buckle's place in Montana, May 5 and 6, 2007. Plans are to float the Clark Fork from Superior to St Regis. The skwalla stoneflies should be out in good numbers on the Clark Fork. The Thompson River should have some good hatches going also, and it is wadeable. Folks with campers, trailers and tents may stay at Leon's place. There are motels in Thompson Falls for those who don't want to rough it. More information will be available, and a signup sheet will be passed around at the April meeting,

OPENING DAY, APRIL 28

Anglers can look forward to catching more hefty triploid trout this year, thanks to additional funding provided by the state Legislature and approved by the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission. WDFW expects to plant more than 114,000 of the sterile rainbows, averaging 1½ pounds apiece, in 95 lakes this season, compared to 60,000 last year.

Other fish available for catching this season include:

- 6,134,000 "catchable size" trout ranging from 8 to 12 inches that were planted last year as fry into 581 lakes, including 122 lowland lakes
- 11,828,500 kokanee fry, expected to show in this year's catch, stocked in 36 lakes
- 4,057,300 catchable-size rainbow, cutthroat, brown and eastern brook trout now being stocked in 356 lakes and 15 streams
- 38,800 jumbo and surplus hatchery broodstock trout to be stocked in 100 lakes.