



**GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
December 11, 2007
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Leonard Gross

As I, for the final time, face a blank page, waiting for some spark of inspiration, I can't help but reflect back on my previous years spent serving on the board and working my way through the chairs. My greatest reward in service has been in getting to meet and know several of the members in ways not possible by simply attending the monthly meetings. I appreciate having had the opportunity of working with these individuals and am thankful for all of their support over the years.

As a reminder, this month's meeting is the annual Christmas Raffle. Gordon, Hugh, Steve and Randy have once again done a great job of organizing this event. This effort represents our primary fund raising activity of the year. I encourage everyone to participate fully with the realization that the funds raised make it possible for the club to continue funding the many projects IEFEC involves itself in each year. I also want to encourage our newest members to contact Gordon Olson (467-6944 or bigfish4224@comcast.net) and volunteer their services in support of this event.

Finally, a reminder to all that a one-dollar price increase goes into effect this month. This applies to both the dinner and bar service.



DECEMBER RAFFLE

By Hugh Evans

The always popular Christmas raffle and auction will be held during the December meeting on the 11th.

The committee has been busy begging for donations and buying items that you won't be able to resist. As a result this year's raffle should be one of the best ever.

While we have many fine items for you to win, the success of the raffle always depends in large part on the prizes contributed by our members. Please get out the vices and start tying.

If you don't tie, use your imagination. One of our members just donated a beautiful eight foot raft that he no longer used.

Of course your most important contribution to the success of this annual event is to show up and bring lots of money.

ROSKELLEY REELS

By Bob Bates

In one of the e-mail communications about Pete Pagnutti, Ross mentioned had he had 3 or 4 Pflueger Medalist reels, 10 Hardy reels, 2 dozen 3M reels and some lesser known models. He is in the process of selling them. So if you are interested call him. 325-9953.



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PETE PAGNUTTI

By Bob Bates, Fenton Roskelley and Hardy Kruse

Longtime IEFEC member Peter Pagnutti passed away November 12, 2007, about six weeks before his 100th birthday. He was a strong supporter of IEFEC and very energetic contributor to club projects. On trips, business and personal, he always took copies of *Flies of the Northwest* and sold them to the people and shops he visited. For many years he was the club's major distributor. BB

Pete Pagnutti was a great believer in Pflueger Medalist fly reels. He even fished for bonefish on flats of Belize with them. He and Karl Paulson teamed up on one trip that included several fly club members. His reel of choice: a big Pflueger Medalist. A 3- to 4-pound bonefish Pete hooked took off over the flat at a speed so high that the spinning spool flew apart. Pete didn't give up on the reel. He made some adjustments and continued using the reel. I don't know whether he ever upgraded his reels. Like Mike Runje, if a cheap reel or cheap rod performed OK, he'd go for the low-priced stuff even though he had plenty of money to buy the best. FR

Pete was a generous man with his time. When I got into trouble installing tile around my bathtub, Pete came over to my house and did it for me. He didn't want me to pay him. That was 30 years ago and the tile is still over the tub. FR

Several years ago, when I still operated The Sport Cove, I had a good customer from Calgary, Alberta. Ted would come in at least once a year and each time he'd have some good fish stories to tell me. He'd always try to get me to come up and fish The Bow River. Finally he told me of his latest jaunt and landing a 33-inch rainbow---that did it!!!! I talked with Pete Pagnutti and shortly we headed for Calgary. We bought our Alien licenses in Strathmore, and headed for Carseland. There



we got permission to camp on a ranchers land right on the river bank. A couple days later we were fishing one of the channels of the Bow and I saw a "sipper" working a small eddy on the other side of the channel. I pointed it out to Pete and he said "Oh, it's just a "Tiddler." But we crossed over and Pete laid his fly at the top of the eddy. It drifted down, the "sipper" came up and did his thing. Pete raised his rod tip and the river erupted!!! The fish did cartwheels going down the river!! It took out all Pete's fly line and a bunch of his backing before he got it stopped and started back up to us. He netted it and it measured 27 inches long!! After he released it he sat down and said "Some Tiddler!." That was the start of many annual trips to The Bow. HK

Most of the old timers used Pflueger Medalist fly reels and many still do. Pete landed many fish with his Pfluegers and released them to fight another day. He was a stalwart member of IEFEC. Pete will continue to be in our thoughts for years to come. BB

NEW MEMBERS

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ROSTER CORRECTION

Please make the following address change in your 2007 Roster. It will be in the 2008 roster.

Bill Eldenburg,
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PRICE INCREASE

Dinner \$17
Drinks Up \$1.00 each

INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB – SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

FLY OF THE MONTH

The Orange Connection

December, 2007

Gene Lorenson

This month's pattern is bright enough to use as a Christmas tree ornament but it, and variations of it, have produced very well for me at many area lakes. Most recently the orange bombshell took several 3 to 7 pound Lahontans at Lenore Lake when partner Doug Brossoit and I seemed to be the only fishermen catching anything. Brown's Lake Cutts, Bows, and Cuttbows love it, as do the Cutts at Yokum. In fact, it has produced well everywhere I've used it -- Amber, Williams, Farmer Brown's, etc. It is basically a woolly bugger-style that can be tied using a variety of materials as long as orange or a brownish orange is the predominant color. I usually fish it deep and slow.

Hook: #10 - #4 2-3X long

Thread: Stout black or orange

Bead: Fluorescent orange

Tail: Bright orange or burnt orange marabou

Body: Orange or burnt orange dubbing with caddis green ice dub mixed in, or hot orange Krystal Flash chenille (See below for suggested materials)

Hackle: Brown palmered



1. Pinch the barb and slide the orange bead up to the eye of the hook. Line the hook shank with tying thread. Tie in a bunch of marabou fibers for the tail. Attach the brown hackle feather and leave it dangling. December 2007
2. Make a dubbing mix of your choice or use the hot orange Krystal Flash chenille and form the body of the fly. I like to trim it a bit to taper it as shown.
3. Wind the hackle forward in about 5 turns with an extra turn right behind the bead. Whip finish and cement behind the bead.

Suggested materials for dubbing:

Paxton's Buggy Nymph, rust with a bit of caddis green or golden brown Ice Dub or brassy gold Fire Star dubbing mixed in.

Burnt orange Squirrel dubbing with a bit of the brassy gold Fire Star dubbing mixed in.

A mixture of orange and green or olive seems to be a very deadly combination.



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CHARTER MEMBER and McKENZIE PLAQUE WINNER

BLACK HOLES DISCOVERED ON EARTH

By Jerry McBride

Quite a few years ago when I was an engineering student I dreamed of making an important scientific discovery that would make me rich and famous. Over the years it never happened and after I retired I had pretty much given up on the idea.

Frankly, I have never really understood what a black hole is. Evidently scientists believe they exist in outer space and explain why certain things happen in the cosmos. I've seen numerous programs on television that try to explain them, but it is a concept that is hard to get straight in your mind. I do know their main characteristic is that anything that goes into them never comes out. This explains why you can't see them since even light can't come out of them.

There were clues that black holes exist here on earth that I frankly didn't pay much attention to. You would call someone and leave them a message and they would never call you back. You would send people letters in the mail and never hear back from them.

The real break-through came when I got a computer and started using email. I would send emails to certain people and never get anything back. Thinking that they accidentally deleted them, I would send another email and still not get anything back. In fact, sometimes if it was important enough, I would call and leave a message and still not hear back from them.

Based on my experience I have come to the conclusion that black holes exist right here on earth. It is hard to prove, but the fact that you can send things into them and nothing ever comes back and you can't see them strongly suggests that they exist just like they do in outer space.

My dream of becoming rich and famous might still come true. Unfortunately the people I have sent my idea about black holes on earth to haven't gotten back to me yet.