



**GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
February 13, 2007
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Leonard Gross

It's been a long winter. Every year I look forward to attending the Bellevue Fly Fishing Show. I always return eager to spend time at the tying bench and begin preparing my fishing gear for the upcoming season. I am certain this year will be no different. As we all begin to prepare ourselves for this year's fishing season, I hope everyone will continue to support our local fly shops. Over the years, they have proven to be a needed source of support for our club, and in the era of "big box" outlets our local fly shops continue to provide personable service and remain responsive to the needs of our sport and community.

If you will recall, one of the projects from last year was the establishment of an Outings Committee to organize club-sponsored fishing trips during the course of the year. Allen Peterson has agreed to chair this committee and Jon Allen has agreed to assist. Our first club outing will be held Saturday, March 24th, at Coffee Pot Lake. A sign-up sheet will be circulated at this month's meeting. I hope we can generate a good turnout and reestablish this club tradition. If you have any suggestions or comments regarding future outings, please feel free to share them with Allen or Jon.

I want to thank Bob Bates for his continued efforts in developing and maintaining the IEFFC's new web site. If you haven't seen this, it is a great resource for the club. Also, thanks are in order for Bob Harley and the work he has done in revising the club's membership application. He did a great job of highlighting the service requirements inherent with membership in the club. This application is now available for downloading directly from the club's web site.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

By Dwight Tipton

Our February speaker is native BC'an, Dustin Kovacvich, who has fished just about every inch of BC, and a lot more of the world as well, but is now a kahuna guide for Nicholas Dean Outdoors, Inc. located in Terrace. As every steelheader knows, the most famous water in that area is the Skeena, but Dustin tells me his outfit has easy access to fifty (50!!!) rivers from their lodge, all of them packed with salmon and steelhead. Dustin's not totally focused on salmon and steelhead, though. He has a lifetime of trout fishing stories to tell, a few of which I'm sure he'll treat us to, so there will be something for everyone the evening of February 13. We'll also get a good look at a good sample of his favorite patterns. Hope to see you all Tuesday night.

By the way, having Dustin in February represents a schedule change. Never fear, though, the previously advertised "Three Artisans" will perform their magic at the March meeting. In April we'll venture to South America AND Montana with Doug McClelland.

Finally, I want to remind everyone of an event being sponsored by the Hunting and Fishing Conservation Coalition (HFCC). This event will bring together anglers, businesses and elected officials to provide input on how we can improve fishing and access on the Spokane River. Turn out at this first meeting is important. The meeting will take place Thursday, February 15th, 5:30 p.m., at The Inland Northwest Wildlife Council building (6116 N. Market). To learn more contact Stann Grater @ 981-0367 or on the web @ www.huntfishconserve.org. (Also see page 3)

NEW CLUB WEBSITE

By Bob Bates

www.ieffc.org

Our new website is easier to read using modern screens. It is pretty sterile now so if you have suggestions to spruce it up let's talk about them. Especially, I need a new header.

FLY FISHERMAN OF THE YEAR

By Pat Kendall

As most of you know, Fly Fisherman of The Year, is the top yearly award that our club gives.

Our fly fisherman of the year for 2006 is a long time member who has shown his dedication to the club in many ways. Not only has he gone through the chairs as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and President he has also volunteered for and been readily available and on call for every work detail we have had for the last six or seven years. He has gone beyond what most of us are able to do and his efforts for the club are much appreciated.

A short story about him. On one of his early fishing trips to the Kanektok River in southwest Alaska with Bill McElroy and a group of other club members he had less than what was needed for the cold and wet conditions in this area. His sleeping bag was paper thin and after the first night he slept in his clothes. On one long cold rainy day his rain jacket leaked all day and the light gear he had underneath was quickly soaked through. By the end of the day when he finally got back to camp, he was so cold that he was unable to speak. Three hours later after getting out of the wet clothes and many cups of hot chocolate, he was again back with the living. Needless to say, as soon as he was back in Spokane he bought a new sleeping bag, some warmer clothes and a much better waterproof rain jacket.



Photo by Doug Brossoit

I have fished with this gentleman many times and in many different locations. As any of you who have fished with him know, when I say I have fished with him this is not totally true, as he loves to take his pontoon boat and tour the whole lake regardless of size, so in a full day of fishing you may only see him one or two times.

At the end of a day of hard fishing from early in the morning to late in the evening he and I both liked to have our evening toddy and sometimes we might have two or three. Although I never go beyond this, he will, on special occasions have what he refers to as his run away where he may have two or three more.

As a younger man, in his off work times, he was a hard working hard driving race car driver who has won every race in his class within a thousand mile radius of Spokane at least once, and he has all the trophies to prove this. He now builds custom cars from the ground up, and when I say from the ground up I mean just that. He takes old cars or trucks that are beat up and rusted and strips them down to the frame and then has the frame sandblasted and begins building what he wants from there. If you ever get a chance to see his work take the time and you will see something special.

Our Fly Fisherman Of The Year also now owns three pontoon boats and two other fishing type floating rigs. His latest purchase was a pontoon boat with a front mounting frame for an electric motor. He has owned numerous camping type rigs including a camper, a trailer, a motor home. And his latest purchase is a beautiful fifth wheel that is almost too nice to use fishing, but he will break down every now and then and take it fishing. He is now considering purchasing a smaller rig of some type just for fishing.

By now most of you have figured out who I am speaking of, for the rest of you let me introduce you to my good friend and neighbor The Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club's 2006 Fly Fisherman Of The Year Mr. Gary Honeyman.

This was presented to the club at our December meeting by Pat Kendall, and Gary was very surprised.

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LET'S TAKE BACK OUR RIVER: SPOKANE RIVER ANGLERS' FORUM,

By Jeff Holmes

Join a broad array of Spokane River anglers, businesses, and elected officials on February 15th, 5:30 p.m. at the Inland Northwest Wildlife Council building (6116 N. Market) to hear speakers and to provide your own input on how we can improve fishing and access on the Spokane.

The event, sponsored by the Hunting and Fishing Conservation Coalition (HFCC), is designed to bring a large constituency of Spokane River anglers together to influence change on our beloved river. The forum will feature brief presentations by veteran Spokane River anglers, Washington Department of Ecology, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Avista, and invited officials from local and state governments.

It is critical—now—that we share our concerns. Currently, we have no organized voice, and decisions are being made on the river that negatively impact fish and anglers.

The many of us who fish the river regularly know we're far from alone in our use of this precious resource. Right here, running through the heart of our communities, we have an exceptional fishery with a storied history and potential to recover to blue-ribbon status.

Let's seize this opportunity by organizing and demanding that anglers' voices be heard immediately on critical issues such as flows from Post Falls Dam and increased access up and down the river, including for boats on trailers. Fish and people both benefit from a healthier river in innumerable ways.

For more information on the Spokane River Anglers' Forum and how you can get involved with this HFCC sponsored event, contact Jeff Holmes at 509-868-3337 and basaltbone@yahoo.com or Stann Grater at 509-981-0367 and stanngrater@hotmail.com. Read more about the forum at www.huntfishconserve.org.

The HFCC is a group of dedicated Inland Northwest hunters, anglers, and, to no lesser degree, conservationists. We are committed to engaging more sportsmen in conservation issues and to bridging the environmentalist-sportsman divide on issues of common ground. To learn more about HFCC's work, please contact Jeff Holmes at 509-868-3337 and basaltbone@yahoo.com or visit www.huntfishconserve.org.

FISHING TRIP

By Frank Faha

We have room for a couple more fisherman on our trip to Grindstone Lakes, a private ranch in central Oregon. Four days fishing, food and lodging included, \$895, June 1-4, BIG FISH. If interested call me. I can also give you the names of our club members that have been there. Frank Faha, 448-6605.



Stann Grater with typical upriver rainbow.
Caught with dry fly in 2005.



Hilary Hawley with nice Spokane River rainbow caught in late June from a drift boat near Harvard Road.

ROSTER CHANGES

Clay Findlay

New address: 2903 E 25th Avenue #518
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Bill Papish

New e-mail: papesh.bill@edgeassetmgt.com
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MARCH TRIP TO LENICE – YOU ARE INVITED

By Jerry McBride

Pat Kendall and I have gone down to fish Lenice in March for the last five years and we are planning on going again this year. It opens March 1 and we usually go a week or so later depending on the weather. Most years we have left on a Sunday morning and come back on the following Friday.

There have been as many as nine IEFFC members on the March trip and several years just Pat and me.

Here is some information that might be helpful:

- Trip timing: Pat and I usually wait until the first week of March to decide when to go to Lenice. If you are interested in going let me know and I will let you know the dates we have settled on.
- Accommodations: You will need an RV with heat. It gets pretty cold at night. One year we got up and there was four inches of snow on the ground. Some people stay in a motel in Vantage and drive back and forth.
- Food: It will be up to you to bring your own food. If you stay in Vantage there is a restaurant that serves pretty good food.
- Boat / other: You will need something to fish from since the shoreline of Lenice is lined with cattails. **Lenice is about a ¼ mile walk from the parking lot on a gated gravel road so you will need to transport whatever floatation device you fish from to the lake.** No motors of any kind are allowed on Lenice.
- Fishing Success: Some years have been fantastic and a few utterly dismal. There are rainbows, tiger trout and browns in the lake.
- Flies: At this time of year chironomids are the main food item so flies imitating all three phases work. Wooly Buggers are always good.
- Other fisherman: Most years the Evergreen Fly Club from Everett shows up in March. They are really good at fishing Lenice so pay attention to what they are doing.
- Questions: Call Pat Kendall or me and we'll try to answer your questions.

HUNTING & FISHING CONSERVATION COALITION WILD-GAME DINNER AND CONSERVATION CELEBRATION

By Jeff Holmes and Derrick Knowles

The Hunting and Fishing Conservation Coalition (HFCC) invites you and your family to enjoy a night of great speakers and delicacies from the field at our second-annual HFCC Wild-Game Dinner and Conservation Celebration. Join friends, family, and fellow conservationists on March 1st, a Thursday, at 6:00 p.m. (5:30 p.m. happy hour), at the Inland Northwest Wildlife Council Center at 6116 N. Market.

The HFCC will provide beverages, salad, bread, and dessert to compliment the long list of wild-game delicacies that our attendees are encouraged but definitely not required to bring to this potluck-style feast. The 80-plus people who attended last year's inaugural event enjoyed dishes such as antelope kabobs, barbequed elk steaks, grilled yellowtail, moose meatballs, game bird and rabbit pot pies and tons more.

In addition to the vittles, we were treated last year to a first-rate presentation by Trout Unlimited's Mike Beagle about preserving hunting and fishing opportunities in our roadless backcountry. **This year, in the continued spirit of collaborating to conserve, our featured speakers include Buzz Ramsey with Pure Fishing, Inc, and the Northwest**

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FLY OF THE MONTH

Perch

February, 2007

Gene Lorenson

The days when most of the lakes around were trout-only rehabilitated waters are, sadly, gone. We still have a precious few that we must hang on to. Many of our former favorite lakes are now mixed species affairs with many different kinds of fish in them. They can still provide some interesting fishing, which can include some hefty trout as well as bass, panfish, pike, tiger muskies, etc. Most of these waters contain perch and small perch are eaten by everything, even large perch. This month's pattern replicates perch fry and can be used in different sizes to catch 'em all.

Hook: Streamer hooks #10 to 2/0

Thread: 3/0 white Uni-cord

Wing: white, yellow, orange, green, olive or peacock bucktail or artificial hair (Spirit River Superhair), yellow and green Krystal Flash can add some sparkle.

Throat: Orange marabou

Eyes: Spirit River 3D molded eyes — gold

Stripes: Green permanent marker.

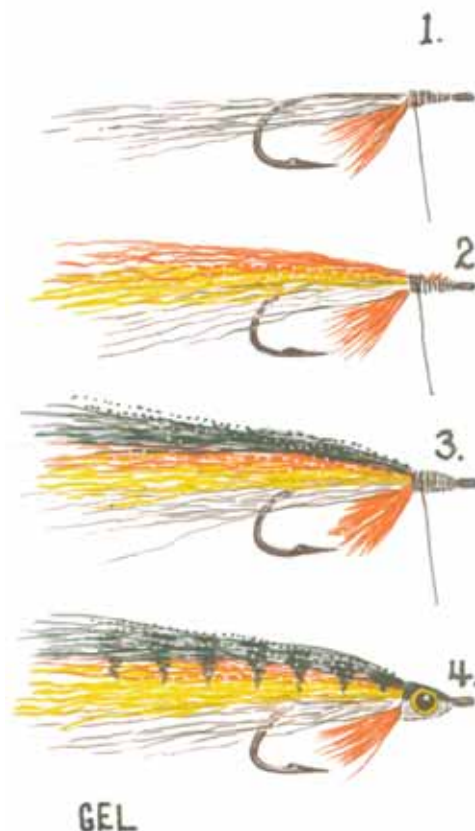


1. Pinch the barb and line the hook halfway back with tying thread. Attach a bunch of white hair under the hook shank. Tie in the throat of orange marabou.

2. Continue building the wing on top of the hook shank. Add a bunch of yellow hair followed by some orange. Several strands of yellow Krystal Flash can be included at this point.

3. Finish the wing with a layer of the darker hair. Green, peacock or olive work well. A few strands of dark Krystal Flash on top is nice.

4. Complete the perch by building up the head large enough to add the eyes. Cement the eyes to the head. When the cement dries, color the top of the head with the green permanent marker. With the green marker add the V-shaped stripes to the top of the wing. The stripes should reach slightly into the orange and yellow hair. Cover the head of the fly with a couple of layers of soft body resin making sure to cover the eyes completely. A mono weed guard can be included for fishing in thicker weeds.



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Sportfishing Industry Association. Based in Klickitat, WA, Buzz is a devoted conservationist and angler who has worked tirelessly to protect and restore the salmon and steelhead that support his livelihood and that of thousands of families involved in the sportfishing industry. Buzz will speak on the value of salmon and steelhead to our Northwest economy and way of life and what NSIA and other fishing businesses, sportsmens groups and conservation organizations are doing to restore wild salmon to the Columbia and Snake Rivers.

The HFCC is a group of dedicated Inland Northwest hunters, anglers, and conservationists. We formed this group to support and bring additional members and attention to existing groups of hunter-angler conservationists and to educate and engage fellow sportsmen on habitat, access, and legislative issues.

To learn more, visit our website at www.huntfishconserve.org. You can also contact Jeff Holmes at 509-868-3337 or basaltbone@yahoo.com or Derrick Knowles at 509-435-1270 or dknowles@conservationnw.org, or you can wait until March 1st for an overview of our ongoing work.

LEROY HYATT VISITING SPOKANE

LeRoy Hyatt, noted fly tier and TV personality, will demonstrate his fly tying skills at Swede's Fly Shop, 1611 N Ash

When: Late March, check with Allen, 509-323-0500

Undoubtedly one of his demonstration flies will be the Goddard Caddis.

There will be a \$25 charge.