



**GENERAL MEETING  
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB  
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE  
COMMONS  
May 8, 2007  
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

## APRIL PROGRAM

By Dwight Tipton

As good luck would have it, the current issue of “Fly Fisherman” has a feature article on the Oldman River, and it’s really quite a good article. Good though it is, however, it doesn’t do justice to what the Oldman is really like, nor to the amazing variety of fishing available in Crowsnest Country. Our guest speaker, Vic Bergman will do to that article what a feature film does to a Kodak moment. Vic is a treasure trove of information about the Crowsnest area of Alberta, along with southeast British Columbia as well, acquired over a lifetime of living and fishing there. His shop, the Crowsnest Angler, located in Bellevue, Alberta is a gathering place for virtually every fly fisherman intent on sampling the delights of the region’s waters. Indeed, the parking lot at his shop could be mistaken for an international auto show.

## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

By Leonard Gross

The month of May is upon us and I want to take this opportunity to remind you of a few important activities involving the IEFFC this spring.

Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, is the Kid’s Classic being held at Clear Lake. Anyone still interested in participating and helping out can contact Fred Shiosaki.

Leon Buckles has graciously offered to host the club’s next outing, also being held Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Leon has a place located outside Thompson Falls, Montana. This would be a great opportunity to fish the Clark Fork River. If you are interested in attending this club function and didn’t have a chance to place your name on the sign-up sheet at the last meeting, please let Leon know and he can fill you in on the details.

Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, club members will host several boys from The Morning Star Boys Ranch for a day of fishing at West Medical Lake. The day begins with breakfast paid for by the IEFFC. Following breakfast, everyone heads to West Medical Lake for a few hours of fishing. This is an annual event the boys always look forward to. If you are interested in participating in this year’s fish-out, please contact Bill McElroy. This is a good opportunity for some of our newer members to become involved with a club activity.

The Federation of Fly Fishers will hold their annual Conclave in Livingston, Montana July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup>. IEFFC will be donating a copy of “Flies of The Northwest” for their fund-raising raffle. The board would also like to send a collection of flies tied by IEFFC members to accompany the book. Anyone

I couldn’t be happier about having Vic as our guest speaker at our last meeting before the summer break, but I’m also happy to tell you that come fall our own Ross Black will give us a complete rundown on the study he’s been conducting, with funding assistance from the Club, which just might lead to far more efficient and effective stocking programs in local waters. Skip Morris will also join us. Anyone who doesn’t know full well who Skip is has probably been doing a lot of drowning of worms rather than fly fishing. And there’s more...! Now though, it’s time to go fishing so let’s all go out and get amongst ‘em. Toit loins, as our British cousins say.

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interested, please bring your flies to the May meeting. We will collect them and forward them to the FFF.

Three years ago a program was implemented on the North Fork of the Coeur d’Alene River that rewards river users for packing out their garbage. In exchange for depositing their trash in a dumpster at the H & H Riverstop in Prichard, ID, the convenience store provides people with a free soft serve ice cream cone. This program has had a positive impact over the years on reducing trash along the river. The dumpster is emptied several dozen times a season at considerable expense to

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Shoshone County. Recently, the IEFFC board has been exploring ways that we, as a club which uses and appreciates this great resource, can assist in promoting the continuation of this program.

And finally, the two-year cycle for input into the states' fishing regulations is underway. People with suggestions and comments may obtain the appropriate forms at the Regional Headquarters. Please call Fred Shiosaki with any questions regarding this process.

**FLY TYING EXPO AND ANNUAL MEETING,  
Washington State Council FFF  
By Mike Clancy, Secretary, WSCFFF**

When the Washington State Council of the FFF announces the date for next years fly tying expo, you best mark your calendar. The event this year in Ellensburg, WA. April 21, was a wonderful fly tying event. Fly tyers from all over the state and some from out of state attended and demonstrated their passion for fly tying. Fly tyers of all ages were represented, 14 to "Super" Seniors. The event was well attended with lots of teaching and learning by everyone.

The only reason we had to include the Annual meeting is because it is required by the Council's by-laws, the only business conducted was the nomination for next years officers. The rest of the meeting was an absolute pleasure to be in attendance. Tony and Marilyn Vitale were presented "The Jimmy Green Fly Casting Instructors Award" for their dedication and teaching fly casting over the years. The "WSCFFF Fly Tying Hall of Fame" award was presented to John Newbury for his years of contributing to the craft of fly tying and his generous gifts to the Federation. The Council nominated Jimmy LeMert as our candidate for the "Council Award of Excellence" for his outstanding commitment to the Federation in organizing and conducting programs over the years. The award will be presented at the FFF Conclave in Livingston, Mt. this summer.

Our Special Guest Speaker was Captain Eivind Forseth, representing the "Healing Waters Program" from Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington D.C. It was a very emotional presentation about his fellow wounded warriors as a result of our current war in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Captain is a real "Officer and Gentleman." The HWP program is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled military personnel and veterans through fly fishing, fly tying education and outings. Through the efforts of Joan Simonson, who crafted a beautiful "Healing Waters" quilt, a Purple Heart Fly Plate with flies tied by the wounded warriors at Madigan Hospital, and the Washington Council's Fly Plate, CPT Forseth returned to Walter Reed Medical Center with over \$3700 for The Healing Waters Project. A job done well by all representing The Washington Council of the Federation of Flyfishers. We are looking forward to next years event with both fly tying and fly casting. Don't miss it.

*Editor's Note: All kinds of flies were tied; saltwater, freshwater, stream and lake. There was something for everybody. At least one maybe two will show up on the FFF fly tying web pages, and Gene Lorensen said that he got lots of ideas for the IEFFC Fly of the Month. The many visitors were really interested. Just about every time I looked around people were in front of every tier. It wasn't until late afternoon that things started slowing down and there were a few empty chairs. This was a great opportunity to learn from the best. You would know many of the tiers if I listed them. One in particular was Janet Schimpf. You might not know her, but you have seen her work. She ties most of the flies for Swede's Fly Shop, 1605 N Ash, in Spokane. Gene met her in 1991, and learned her woven body technique. He described it in the Fly of the Month column in the January 1992 Fly Leaf. However, there was one part of the story that wasn't printed. Janet laughed when Gene told it to her in Ellensburg, and she gave him permission to print it.*

***While attending the Northwest Council FFF Conclave in Seattle last fall, I chanced to meet a lovely lady who had all the moves. She was situated at a fly tying bench, her nimble fingers deftly producing miniature masterpieces in record time. Her name is Janet Schimpf and she is a professional tier from Montesano, WA. When she demonstrated woven body nymphs with such apparent ease I thought maybe even my bumbled-fingers might be able to learn the weaving technique. Janet was willing (and patient) to instruct me, and in a few minutes I too had learned the moves. Later when I told my wife I had learned some fancy new techniques from a lovely professional, she didn't quite understand until I picked myself up and showed her the flies I had tied. "Sorry I hit you." she said. "You were so excited I should have known it was something to do with fly fishing." GEL***

# FLY OF THE MONTH

Another Woolly Bugger

May, 2007

Gene Lorenson

The woolly bugger has been around a long time in many variations. Here is one that is used by a number of our stalwarts. It is also called a seal bugger. The black bead head and seal fur body make it a bit different. It is a very reliable fly for starting the day when bug activity isn't obvious. Recently, at Farmer Browns, the pattern took fish on almost every cast for about 3 hours. Sometimes I mix a bit of olive Ice Dub with the seal fur for some added sparkle. It's a bread and butter fly that really works.

**Hook:** 12 to 6, 2x or 3x long

**Bead:** 1/8 inch black

**Thread:** Black

**Tail:** Olive marabou fibers

**Body:** Olive seal fur dubbing

**Hackle:** Brown palmered



1. Pinch the barb and slide the bead up to the eye. Line the hook shank with thread. Tie in the marabou tail and the brown hackle.

2. Make a dubbing loop with seal fur. Keep it sparse for best control in winding a nice tapered body. (If it is too fuzzy it can be trimmed a bit.)

3. Palmer the hackle in four or five turns and tie off behind the bead. Whip finish and cement.



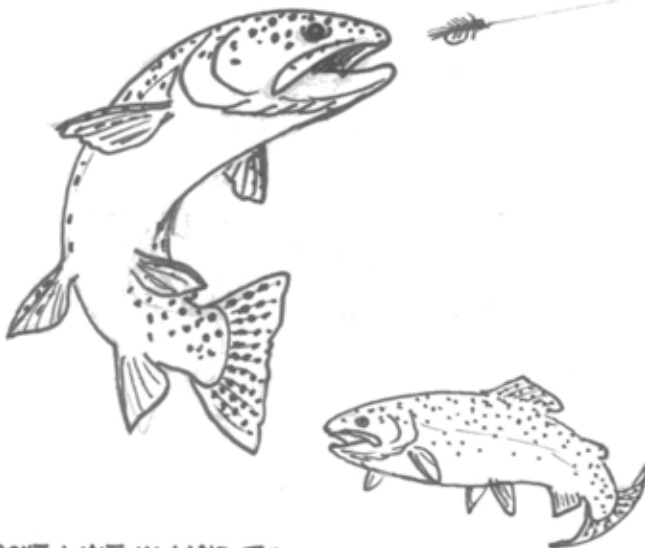
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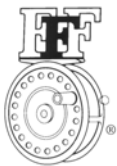
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**SPECIAL REGULATION SIGNS ON  
QUALITY LAKES**

IEFFC and several other clubs joined with WSCFFF to put up trilingual signs at Lenice and several other quality lakes. A short article and a picture of our hard working crew is on page 8 of the Spring 2007 issue of the *Flyfisher*.



Cpt Eivind Forseth, Tak Shimizu (background) and John Newbury - Fly Tying Expo, Ellensburg, WA, April 21, 2007

**ROSTER CHANGES**

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A few busy tiers at Fly Tying Expo, Ellensburg, WA, April 21, 2007