



**GENERAL MEETING  
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB  
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE  
COMMONS  
April 8, 2008  
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dwight Tipton

One of the attributes that separates the really good organizations from the rest of the pack is how well its people react to changing needs and changing responsibilities. It doesn't seem to matter whether the organization is a for-profit corporation, a so-called non-profit, a service club or a purely social one, the fact of the matter is that when the good people of a good outfit are challenged, they rise to meet that challenge head on.

Which brings me to the latest example of how our people rise to meet a challenge, this challenge being the loss of one of our officers. Though new to the hierarchy of the club, Jason Mulligan readily accepted the challenge of moving from secretary to treasurer. Bob Harley was equally forthright in agreeing to move from director to secretary. Steve Dixon didn't hesitate a minute to accept added responsibilities as membership chairman. Jon Allan didn't change jobs but has done yeoman service helping the other folks get through the learning curves of their new jobs. They each and all deserve a big attaboy from the members... and maybe a huge pay raise as well. Now we need to fill the director slot vacated by Bob Harley for the interim between April and the December elections. Interested? Please let me know.

A quick note on a different subject. If you haven't seen the photograph of Steve Cozzetto whale "watching" in Maui you need to. It is of particular interest for at least two reasons: 1. This is the first time in memory that one of our members was nearly caught by the fish rather than the other way around, and 2. The photograph is so remarkable it's bound to end up in National Geographic or somewhere, which of course would make Steve meat for a HUGE poach for self aggrandizement.

## APRIL PROGRAM

By Jon Allen

Our program for April should help those of us who would like to fish for summer run steelhead. Our guest is Guide Tom Larimer who owns and operates Larimer Outfitters, based in Hood River Oregon.

Tom has devoted the past thirteen years to being a full-time fly fishing guide for steelhead, salmon and trout. His passion for fly fishing has led him to some of the finest fly fishing destinations in the world. Along the road, Tom has guided the famed trout waters of Alaska's Upper Kenai River, the storied steelhead and trout rivers of northern Michigan, and the steelhead streams in Wisconsin. After many great adventures and many great rivers, Tom now calls the Columbia Gorge and its tributaries his home. Currently, Tom is a pro-staff member of the Ross Reel Company, the CF Burkheimer Rod Company, and Airflo Fly Lines. In addition, Tom designs commercially tied flies for the Solitude Fly Company. Tom also enjoys photography as one of his growing passions. Whether you are learning the basics of fly fishing or working on advanced two-handed techniques, Tom strives to instruct at the highest level in the industry. Tom will man the tying table before his program on Summer steelheading.

**Remember the May  
meeting will be on  
Wednesday, May 14,  
2008 instead of  
Tuesday**

## MORNING STAR BOY'S RANCH FISHOUT

By Bill McElroy

Morning Star Boys Ranch Fish out May 10, 2008.

First of all, thanks to all of you who have participated in this event and made it such a success. All of you veterans' efforts have been greatly appreciated.

We will meet for breakfast at 7 am Saturday. I haven't picked a restaurant to date and will advise everyone when that happens. I will make sure we have good service and free parking. The IEFFC will buy breakfast for you and the boys.

We are going to West Medical Lake and you will need a small boat. If you don't have one, they are for rent at the little resort, and I will reserve one for you.

For First Timers – The boys are 12 to 17 years old, and they are very well behaved. This trip is their reward for exemplary behavior, so if there is any hint they are a problem, they are left behind. Three or four counselors or staff will accompany the boys and we will also take them fishing if we have enough members. For the most part, in my experience, these are good boys from problem families. We have had from 12 to 20 participants at previous events.

They will have no gear and usually little, if any, raingear. Bring all fishing gear for them and raingear if you have extra. Bring your lunch and maybe a soft drink for the boy. The boys will have their lunch provided by the Ranch. The sunglasses box is almost empty, so bring a spare if you can. Life jackets are required and are also available at the resort. We are usually done around 2:30. The Ranch would prefer not to deal with fish, so let's use the opportunity to promote catch-and-release.

I need 4 or 5 members to tie or cast at the Ranch on Thursday, May 8. We start at 5:30 and are provided dinner. I will provide info and a map.

I will have an email list for everyone and further information as required. Please sign up at the meeting March 11, or contact me directly, see the Roster.

### PARTS OF FFF MEMBERSHIP

- **Conservation:** FFF's pioneering promotion of catch and release resulted in better fishing for many species of fish in waters worldwide, including trout, bass, snook, redfish even bluegill! Lee Wulff, an FFF founding member, was the father of catch and release!
- **Education:** FFF has the only program for teaching our kids how to cast, to tie flies and how to appreciate aquatic ecosystems. Some FFF clubs teach more than 2,000 kids a year!
- **Skill building:** FFF shows and conclaves provide more experts, more demonstrations, more fly tiers and more workshops than any other events in fly fishing. At the upcoming show in Whitefish, Montana, over 100 workshops and lectures will be offered!
- **Local focus:** FFF focuses its energy at the grass roots level, at the local club and the regional council, where real conservation and education happens. Our national office in Montana is lean and mean - this means more money for education and conservation.
- **Ecosystem based:** FFF believes that learning to imitate the forms and behaviors of insects and other aquatic organisms leads to a better appreciation of water resources (and their survival)... fly fishing turns ordinary anglers in to conservationists!

### FFF MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE – DEADLINE EXTENDED AGAIN

By Bob Bates

The deadline for a new member applications is now June 30, 2008. Special forms are now available and will be on the piano.

If you can't find Dwight Tipton to verify that you are a member of IEFFC, I have been given permission to sign the form.

Individual – 1 year \$15.00 (Regular \$35.00)  
Individual – 3 years 60.00 (Regular \$85.00)  
Family – 1 Year \$25.00 (Regular \$45.00)  
Family – 3 Years \$95.00 (Regular \$100.00)  
Senior 65 or over \$15.00 (Regular \$25.00)

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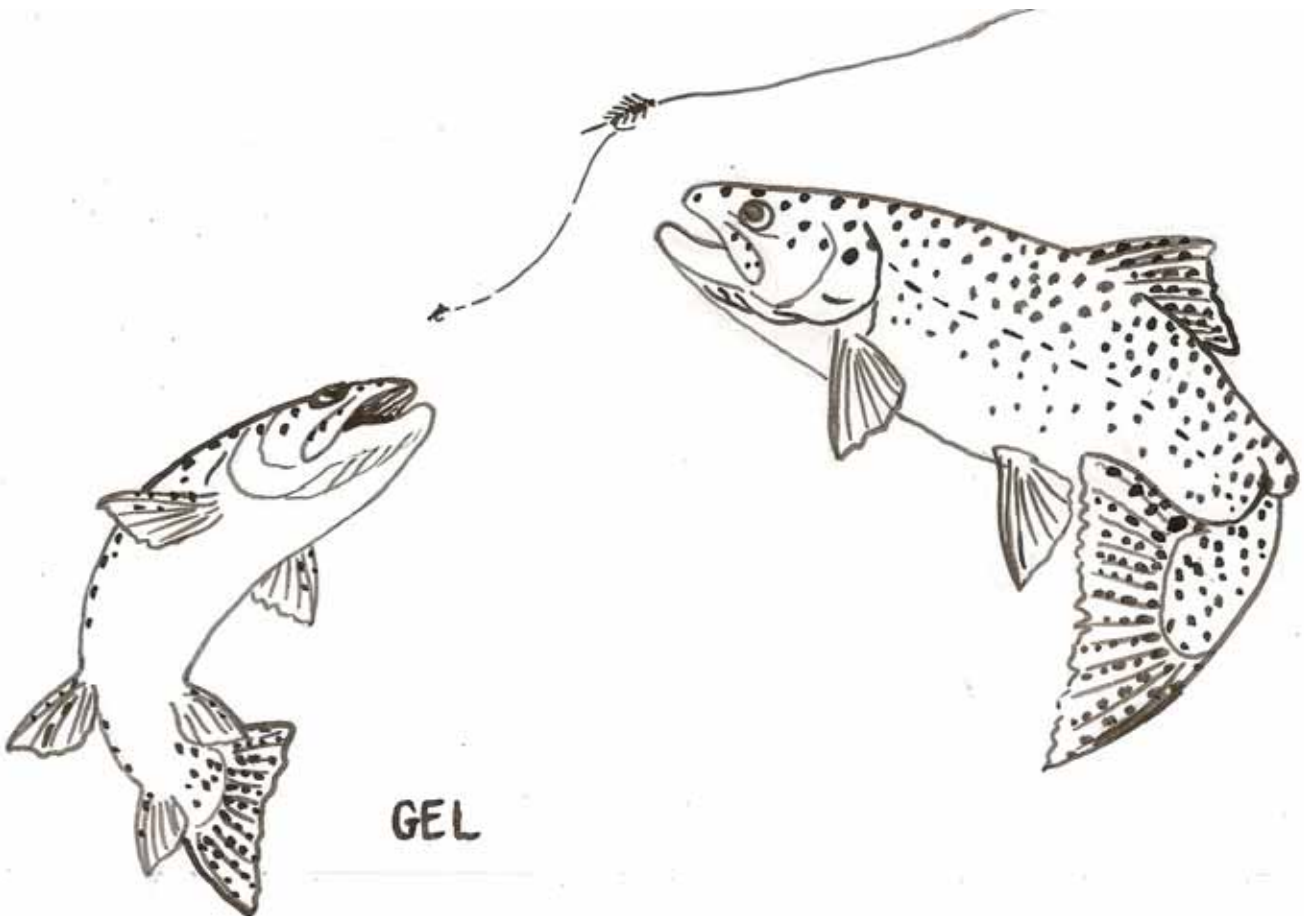
# ***FLY OF THE MONTH***

**Dynamic Duos**

**April, 2008**

**Gene Lorenson**

This month we won't examine a particular fly pattern but a fishing technique that many of us use to good effect. Using two flies in a dropper system increases our opportunities of finding a pattern that the fish want. Using a larger fly followed by a small one or a dark pattern and a bright one, or other contrasting options, enhances our chances of success. The old timers used a "cast" of droppered flies, half a dozen or more, but we usually restrict ours to two. Practically every fly fishing situation can use a dropper set up. A dry fly with a nymph trailing is very common. When chironomid fishing, a Bionic Worm-chironomid combo or two different chironomid patterns are deadly. For sub-surface lake fishing a Woolly Bugger or leach followed by a small nymph works wonders. In small streams larger and smaller bead head patterns in tandem can increase one's luck. Besides giving the fish more options to look at, one also has the possibility of catching two fish at once. I have fond memories of two 18-inch rainbows on at the same time at 4th of July Lake one winter's day. Last fall on Crab Creek, two trout hit the flies at so exactly the same instant that I felt only one strike. Whatever system is used to attach the dropper fly, tangles can be reduced to a minimum by careful casting to avoid tailing loops. We all have favorite combinations and should be open to experimenting with more. Here are some of my favorite combos. For spring lake fishing I often start with a #8 greenish Seal Bugger followed by a #14 or #16 G2 nymph. I fish them on a fast sinking line with very slow retrieve. This combo took almost 100 fish one day last spring with half the fish hitting the large fly and half hitting the smaller one. The use of a Bionic Worm and chironomid combination often results in takes on both patterns. Often it seems that one fly will act as an attractor and the other one the catcher. A combination that works for me on smaller streams is a #12 Bloody Mary tailed by a #16 Pheasant Tail. Here again the takes are equal on both patterns. If you aren't using the "dynamic duos" of droppered flies you are probably missing a real opportunity.



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This new sign will soon be placed at North Silver Lake. The older signs have been removed. Reportedly, the lake has been stocked with about 5,000 sterile rainbows. Maybe this year we will have a lot of fun there.

