



**GENERAL MEETING  
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB  
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE  
COMMONS  
March 11, 2008  
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

## MARCH PROGRAM

By Jon Allen

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dwight Tipton

Seems like I do one of these every week....

I keep hearing about 100% or better snowpacks in the various mountain ranges. I go skiing where they've had to shovel a path for the chairlift. I hear snowmobilers complaining that there is so much snow they cannot go where they want to, and I even hear a few fishermen complaining about not being able to auger through the thick ice on the winter fishing lakes. I even had the "opportunity" to watch a Cat 960 Loader and two 10-wheel dump trucks spend 13 straight days hauling snowflakes out of Evergreen's yard.

So enough already!! Let's get on with Spring and spring fishing. Let's have temperatures warm enough to get rid of the snow and ice here in the lowlands ASAP, so we can walk on bare ground, put the snow blowers and salt away until next winter, take off the woolies and cavort in the arm sun like a bunch of young bucks.

Up high, a nice slow runoff. No flooding. No streambeds scoured to bedrock. Lakes brought back to optimum levels. Lots of early bugs and lots of hungry trout eating them.

And you know, it just might happen this year....

A picture is worth a thousand words. But what if you are challenged when it comes to photography? Our March presenter may be able to help. Peter Patricelli is a fellow fly fisher who has added photography to his list of accomplishments. Peter first started fly fishing 50 years ago growing up in Seattle. For 4 years of college in Boston he did not believe there could be "good" flyfishing in the Northeast, until he got a brutal attitude adjustment from a large Chain Pickerel on Cape Cod. Professionally Peter retired from Family Practice this year. He continues to be active with the McKenzie Flyfishers where he is an honorary lifetime member. Peter has published in Gray's Sporting Journal multiple times and had a chapter in the anthology Fishing the Northwest which was later re-published in Northwest Flyfishing.

In addition to his NW fishing, he takes multiple yearly trips to the east coast for the saltwater fishing there: Cape Cod for Striped Bass, the Outer Banks for False Albacore, and he has a flats skiff and truck in Miami, FL to fish Biscayne Bay and the Everglades. Peter's website is [www.flyfishingfotography.com](http://www.flyfishingfotography.com) if you would like to see some of his work.

In April our speaker will be Tom Larimer of Larimer Outfitters. He is based in Hood River Oregon. Tom is offering Spey casting lessons to our club members in the afternoon of April 8th before the general meeting. The fee will be 75 dollars per oerson. If you would like to participate contact Jon Allan at [jallan7@msn.com](mailto:jallan7@msn.com) or call him at 509-226-5205.

**Remember the May meeting will be on Wednesday May 14, 2008  
The IEFFC Board made the logical choice.  
The little room or the big room on Wednesday.**

## BACKCAST

By Leon Buckles

Last month, Bill Eldenburg joined Fenton Rosskelly as the only members of our club that have been in the club for 50 years. I believe that it represents a significant commitment and love for the sport of fly-fishing. During those years both individuals have contributed a lot of time and effort to keep the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club a viable and respected organization. The membership must continue to support what these individuals represent.

The following was published in the March 1998 issue of the Fly Leaf. It was taken from the FFF CLUBWIRE. The comments were all made by Ron Newman of the Kamloops Fly Fisher of B.C and might represent our senior club members.

### Back In The “Good Old Days” of Fly Fishing

Back in my time, the fish were so big that if you used anything less than 10 lb. test leader you were guaranteed to break off on fish. Of course, then I was using a broom stick for a rod, a clothes line for a fly line and some 12 year old leader I had salvaged off my granddad’s old spinning reel.

We had belly boats back in my time. Of course then you had to check with your dad to see if you could use, and patch, the old inner tube in the garage. You also had to sit in them with your legs dangling over the side but that inconvenience sure made them a lot cheaper.

When I was young the only bugs we tried to ‘imitate’ with flies were the mayfly and black and orange bees. The mayflies were an Eastern influence and the black and orange bumble bees were just to give the fish a sporting chance.

Back in my day fishing through the ice with flies was a perfectly acceptable fly-fishing technique. The only time the purist fly fishers started to question that you weren’t ‘fly fishing’ was when your cast into the drilled hole was less than a 40-foot cast.

Back in my day almost every fly fisherman kept flies in their hat and often on various parts of their fishing vest, supposedly to distinguish them from the non-fly fisherman. Of course today we know that those were there because of bad casting ability and because barbless hooks hadn’t yet been invented. Today I never see a fly fisherman with flies ‘stuck’ in their hat or vest. It marks the end of an era.

Back in the good old days, we ‘expected’ a fisherman to tell lies and tall tales and none of them larger than those about hooking or catching a big fish. In today’s fly clubs (with catch and release) we rely on the “integrity” of the fly fisherman to report accurate catches. Do I detect some sort of conflicting problems, particularly amongst the older members of the fly fishing society??

### DUES, DUES, DUES

By Bob Bates

March 1, has passed and this could be your last copy of *The Fly Leaf*.

Pay your dues in person or by mail. If you are mailing your check tell the membership chairman, Bob Harley, or Treasurer, Allen Peterson

### FFF MEMBERSHIPS

By Bob Bates

New FFF Members

This is your last chance as a member of an Associate FFF Club to get a FFF membership for only \$15.

If IEFCC signs up enough new FFF members they will get a free rod from the FFF. This is something we can use it in our December Raffle. In addition each FFF member reduces our club dues to the FFF.

There will be applications on the piano, and Dwight has to sign them to verify that you are a club member.

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# FLY OF THE MONTH

Krystal Shrimp

March, 2008

Jon Allen

When Denny Richards had to cancel his appearance at the February meeting because of being snowed in, Jon Allen, our vice-president, stepped up to the plate with a great program about fishing in Belize. The pictures were beautiful and the narration humorous and informative. In the fly tying session, he featured an easy to tie and very effective saltwater flats pattern called the Krystal shrimp. There was lots of interest among the onlookers, so it was chosen as the Fly of the Month for February.

**Hook:** Dai-Riki 950 #12, 10, 8•

**Thread:** Flat, waxed mono — white, tan or pink

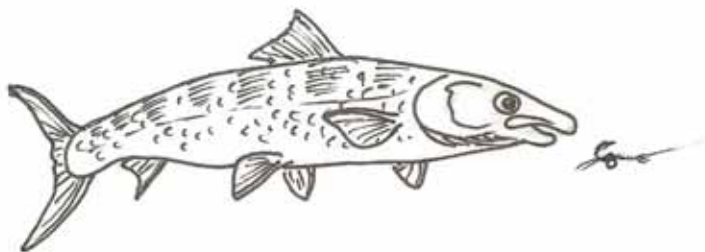
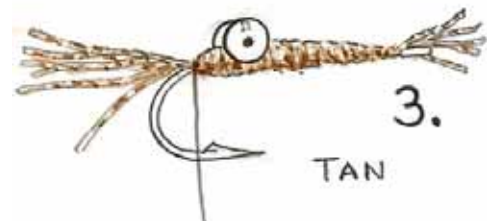
**Eyes:** Mono, bead chain, or small lead dumbbells in silver or black

**Underbody:** Tying thread

**Body:** Tail and Beard: Krystal Flash — pearl, tan, pink, or olive



1. Pinch the barb and line the hook shank with Tying thread to match the color of the fly. Using cross wraps, tie in the eyes securely on Top of the hook shank. Choice of eye material Depends on the depth of the water to be fished.
2. Build a smooth, tapered underbody using the Tying thread as shown.
3. Tie in 5 or 6 strands of Krystal Flash at the eye of the hook, leaving ends extending to form the Tail. Wind the tying thread to the bend of the Hook and secure. Wrap the Krystal Flash over The underbody and secure it at the hook bend, Leaving the ends extending to form the beard or antennae. Whip finish and trim. Coat the Fly with cement.



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**PICTURES AGAIN**

By Bob Bates

A while ago all the Board members received an e-mail from Leon Buckles about needed pictures for the archives. I received a courtesy copy. The lists he sent us included most of the past presidents and many Fly Fishermen of the Year. The main things he is looking for are pictures of club activities, our members out doing things like fishing, hunting, sky diving or just out enjoying the world.

I hate to think about it, but someday my kids will be cleaning out my stuff. They won't have the foggiest idea of what to do with all these great pictures.

I did some of this with my wife's pictures. They were of geology field trips before we met, and the only people I recognized are no longer with us. Most have been dumped.

Don't let your great, even not so great, pictures be sent to the waste to energy plant.

Sort through your pictures and find all of the ones you haven't sent to Leon, and get them to him now. He will work through them, copy them for the archives and return them to you.

**RICHARD DEAN ROWBOTHAM**

By Bob Bates

You probably don't know this fellow. I know I don't.

However, he is one of the guys who started the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club.



He was elected the Second Vice President of the club, was an avid fly fisherman and tied his own flies.

He was born November 29, 1923 and passed away February 23, 2008. Music was also part of his life. He learned the flugelhorn at age seven and was the youngest member of the town band. At his first teaching job in Kennewick, WA he developed a band program for elementary through high school. He taught band for 25 years in the West Valley School District.