



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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dwight Tipton

Besides our usual action-packed, information-rich and dazzlingly presented agenda come November 11, we will be having a special event you will not want to miss. Whether you have been a member since the era of gut leaders, or are something of a new guy, you won't want to miss this event because it is one which occurs very rarely and no one can predict when the next one will be. Thoroughly titillated? Good.

Like several of you--along with a legion of worm killers and iron flingers--I have had a chance to sample the fishing at Sprague Lake a few times in the past several days. Great numbers of 14" to 18" fish, most of them with bellies like beer-drinkin' humans and attitudes like the date you jilted so you could go fishin' with yer beer drinkin' buddies. The fish I checked all had great bunches of half-inch long bloodworms in them and not much else, but that sure didn't stop them from eating my large bloodworm pattern equally as well as the match-up I threw at them. I'm glad the take's the thing because my fishing partner(s) and I had more LDR's than Carter has pills. We still boated a serious number of fish.

If ever there was a re-hab that was worth its cost, Sprague Lake has to be it. Yes, a whole lot of these rapidly growing trout have and will fall prey to the allure of a worm and marshmallow, but even as that happens we fly fishermen stand to have years of great fishing, the likes of which haven't been seen for twenty years or so at Sprague. Thanks again to George, Al, Ivan and Hugh for their efforts, as well as to Fred for utilizing his contacts to help close the deal. They must feel awfully good as they watch Sprague return to its former glory, knowing as they do that at the outset hardly anyone gave them a snowball's chance of success.

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

By Jon Allen

November's program will take us to Montana's Bitterroot valley. Chuck Stranahan will present on the fishing opportunities that abound in and around the Hamilton area.

Chuck is known among his professional peers as one of the most talented fly tiers of this era – a recognition the angling public is now coming to share.

A long-time professional fly tier and guide, he is also a writer, instructor, and speaker at fly-fishing clubs and sportsmen's shows.

He began fly tying at eight, and was tying flies commercially at age twelve. He fly-tied his way through college as an Orvis commercial fly tier and through a ten-year career in education, before opening a full-time fly shop in 1979.

Fortunately, many of Chuck's patterns are now available to a much wider audience. They are now distributed nationally to fly shops through Doug's Bugs/Frontier Flies, where Chuck is a marketing consultant and fly designer.

He lives with his wife Jan in the Bitterroot Valley of Montana, where he runs Chuck Stranahan's Flies & Guides.

ROSTER CORRECTION

George Potter e-mail correction: sulageorge_2@msn.com

MEDICAL LAKE IS “GOING GREEN”

By Marc Martyn

This last September, the City of Medical Lake installed its first solar powered water circulator called the Solar Bee on the south end of Medical Lake. Next year they plan on adding another, with possibly more in the future. The Solar Bee is replacing the existing costly and inefficient bubble type aerators that are on the east side of the lake.

The new unit has a propeller mounted above a 36” diameter expandable vinyl hose, similar to a clothes dryer hose. The bottom or intake end of the hose is positioned just above the thermocline at about 10’ from the surface. This intake depth will circulate the water in the Epilimnion or upper portion of the lake. The water circulation will disrupt the blue-green algae’s ability to vertically position itself. It will also help edible algae to out compete non-edible blue-green algae. The beneficial algae is eaten by the zooplankton which in turn are then eaten by the fish. The end result of this process will create larger and healthier fish, improved water clarity and higher dissolved oxygen due to elimination of massive algae die-offs.

When looking at this unit from a distance, it doesn’t seem like it is doing much at all. This is deceiving because the Solar Bee has some pretty impressive specifications. It can move 10,000 gallons of water per minute or 14.4 million gallons in a 24 hour period. The unit also has a storage battery for overnight operation. When I approached it in my pontoon boat to take a close up picture, the current on the surface actually pushed me away from the unit.

Kudos to the Medical Lake Community for stepping up, “going green” with solar energy and leading the Inland Empire in protecting one of our most beautiful and favorite lakes. My special thanks go out to Doug Ross, the Medical Lake City Administrator and also to Joe Eilers from Solar Bee Inc. for taking the time to visit with me about this 21st Century technology. I am looking forward to the environmental improvements this project will bring.



Solar Bee Aerator in Medical Lake

WANTED

By Dick Odell

Collector wants old fishing tackle (especially fly fishing), shotshell boxes/shells, old hunting items (duck calls & decoys), gun oil tins, outboard oil cans and other petroleum cans. Contact Dick Odell. Thanks! 509-534-7056



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FLY OF THE MONTH

Revenge

November, 2008

Gene Lorenson

The big rainbows at McDowell Lake were smacking my leeches and seal buggers on a regular basis. The only problem was that I could only land one fish for every three or four hooked. I need revenge on these hard fighting, high jumping 'bows. I'm heading back with some change of tactics and a new supply of dark leeches and the new pattern, the "Revenge," to try and even the odds. Whatever happens, it should be fun. The basic pattern can be tied in many color combinations to suit your fancy and, hopefully, that of the fish.

Hook: 8 — 6 2 or 3X long

Thread: Black mono

Bead: Black or brass

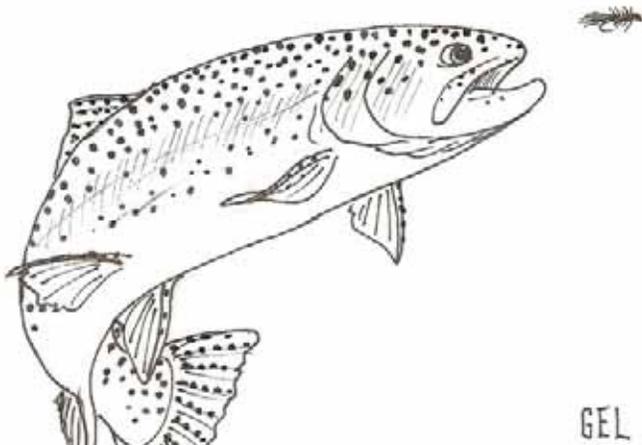
Tail: Dark olive marabou with a few strands of Green Krystal Flash

Body: Brassy Gold Fire Star dubbing

Hackle: Brown saddle, palmered



1. Pinch the barb, slide the bead up to the hook eye. Tie in the marabou tail and add a couple of strands of Krystal Flash on each side of the tail.
2. Tie in the hackle by the tip at the hook bend. Form a sparse, long, dubbing loop of the Fire Star material and wrap tapered body up to the bead. Secure and trim.
3. Palmer the saddle hackle fairly tight forward. Secure and trim. Whip finish and cement behind the bead.



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THE BUGS ARE BACK

As Told To Bob Bates

A few weeks ago Pat Kendall called me and told me to bring my camera to the Liars Club. He wanted me to photograph his car before he washed it. He had driven by Sprague Lake the day before, and he collected thousands chironomids. George Potter reported that he found chironomids out at 4:00 A.M. Lets go fishing.



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FIN CLIPPING

By Bob Bates

Nine IEFFC members spent two Thursday mornings fin clipping rainbows at the Spokane Hatchery. Our stalwart volunteers were: Al Cunningham, Chet Allison, Bob Bates, Boyd Matson, Don Perry, Bob Anderson, George Potter and Bob Burton. This is part of a program to evaluate feeding plans for fish stocked in Curlew Lake. Two of the three plans are at the Spokane Hatchery, and the third is the net pens in Curlew. Creel surveys will be used to evaluate the results. There were two advantages for us other than assisting the WDFW in their study. First we met Bill Baker who has taken Curt Vaile's place at the Colville Hatchery. Second we had chili made by Bill. There are two things in his favor he is a good guy and he makes a great batch of chili. Eventually, I'll get all the pictures on our website.

