



**GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
April 12, 2011
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Robert Harley

Hola Amigo Tight liners, I have just had an adventurous two weeks of fly fishing in the pristine waters of Belize at San Pedro Island for Bone Fish, Permit, Tarpon and Snook. The Silverbow and Jon Alan arranged a wonderful trip with ten fly fishers in one of the most beautiful spots in the world. White powder sandy beaches, great restaurants and friendly guides. I caught my first bone fish there and while I didn't get into any Tarpon or Permit (Like Jon Alan did) I did land a prize Snook of 12 to 15 pounds. These fish are very difficult to lure out from under the Mangroves that sit only about 12 inches above the water on the flats. Throwing an 8 weight in the wind was a real challenge. Mr. and Mrs. Felix Martinez were also on that trip and reports were they did very well too. You'll have to ask John for his definition of what a "porno-bone" fish is.

After 7 days in Belize I flew to Puerto Vallarta to visit with my wife who I hadn't seen in a couple of weeks. While there I took a day to Fly Fish with Captain Fernando. This was my second trip with him. He owns a 24 foot Panga Boat and fishes almost every day as a guide there. Highly recommended by me and Walt Balek and Jason Mulligan. It was not the best day as there were 3 to 4 foot swells and it was hard to keep my balance on the fore deck while throwing a 10 weight Ambush line with a 15 foot sink tip and a Tarpon leader. It was afternoon before our search for Roosters, Permit, and Jack Crevalle was given up for lunch. The afternoon swells were even bigger so we went to some reefs and finally got into some fish called Blue Runners that looked a faught like large Bonito. And then I landed a big Amber Jack about 20 pounds. When Fernando saw it he asked if he could keep it for his dinner. So as you can tell by the Photo he gaffed it! There was no net on board and the fish fought too hard to land it any other way. We were so impressed with Puerto Vallarta that we bought three weeks of time shares there en Nuevo Vallarta. We

APRIL PROGRAM

By Chet Allison

Now that the snow is starting to melt and the temps are coming up maybe we need to go fishing, but where? This month we are going to have Chris Donley from Region 1 (Spokane), Chad Jackson from Region 2 (Ephrata) and Bill Baker from Region 1 (Colville) as our program.

Their hope is to inform us as to what the fishing should be like this year. The size of fish currently in the various water, winter die offs if any and the other problems that we may encounter as we travel around our fishing region.

If you have any questions bring them to the April meeting and when asked if you have a question present if to the men and when all is said and done we should know where the big fish are, the most fish are, the best prospects for catching the fish of our desires.

May 17th is the date for the May meeting. The normal meeting night is filled with the volunteer for the Bloomsday dinner. Mark down the change.

treated Fernando and his beautiful wife Allejandro to dinner at the Porto Bella restaurant and enjoyed their company very much.

So I am back for awhile. Like so many of you I have fishing trips lined up. In April in the Cascades, June in Manitoba, September on the Missouri and our wonderful local trout waters around Spokane. I missed the Big Horn Show but reports are that it was a success. Thanks to all who shared their talents tying at the show. Don't forget we have the Morning Star Ranch and the Kids fish out happening in May. Please sign up to help, especially you newer members who promised to get involved in projects and fish with some of our older members. The lakes are opening, the ice is off and the fish are waiting for something to get their teeth into..

See you soon

FLY TYING GROUP

By Bob Harley

I will be tying Denny Rickard's seal buggers before our April dinner meeting at 3:00 PM. For those of you who would like to participate bring your vises tools and 6/0 black Mono thread, a couple of 2X long 2X strong size 6 hooks, some 0.020 lead wrap, some medium copper wire and some black and green seal fur or seal dub. A dubbing loop and a brush or bodkin to pick out or stand up the seal fur along the body. My favorite go to search pattern is this fly in black with black Marabou tail, black with an orange Marabou tail, green with a green or an orange Marabou tail. I usually put some crystal flash in the tail as well. I will have extra supplies for those who forget or do not have these materials.

KIDS DAY FISHING

By Floyd Holmes

Kids fishing day at Clear Lake will be on Sat May 7th at the Fairchild Air Force Base Recreation facility.

Volunteers should meet between 7 and 8 am to hear the orientation speech but may show up at any time and work as long as they want. The more volunteers we have the easier it is for everyone. There will be sign-up sheets out on the tables for the April meeting. Thanks

INLAND FISH POLICY ADVISORY GROUP (IFPAG)

By Dick Odell

IFPAG is one of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's advisory groups. I have been reappointed as a member for 2011-2012. I feel the group is an important communication link between the Department and constituents on issues related to conservation and management of inland fish species. Our first meeting was held on Saturday, March 12 in the Natural Resource Building in Olympia. The committee has been reduced from twenty to fifteen members. I feel the reduction was done for financial reasons, even though we are not reimbursed for expenses.

Since Bob just sent out updated information on bill 5669, I won't discuss it here. I feel we can be certain some merger will occur. Keep in touch with this legislation. Our first agenda item and, obviously most important, was presented by Joe Stohr, Deputy Budget Director, on budget and financial issues. There were lots of information, input and suggestions shared. This biennium WDFW budget was cut from \$110 m to \$71 m, resulting in the loss of 110 positions, plus many more unfilled. The BAD NEWS is that the budget is projected down for the next biennium by a possible \$15 m. There are several bills in session now with suggestions for income. Check out the legislative page on the web site to follow progress. The GOOD NEWS is we have an outstanding WDFW staff working hard to manage our inland fishery. Please thank them when you have the chance.

I'm out of space for the *Fly Leaf* but have lots of information available, including the Triploid stocking plan, budget and legislation. I MUST remind you to mark May 7 at Clear Lake for the annual Kid's Fishing Day. Let's show the largest participation of our club members ever! Do this for the kids and someday they may be fly fishers, conserving our great resources! This program was only salvaged this year by generous donations, thanks IEFCC and other donors. Mark May 7 on your calendar



Bob Harley and his Amber Jack



Bob Harley and his Snook

FLY OF THE MONTH

Godfrey's Brown Ant

April, 2011

Cap Godfrey

Once again we return to the days of yesteryear with another favorite pattern from Everett Caryl's class of 1974. The Brown Ant was a favorite pattern for large rainbows and cutts on Hauser Lake and elsewhere. Mike Runje and Stan Hurd would cast the ant in front of moving fish and wait for the take. It was best used in the fall and early spring as it was developed to imitate the "snowfly" midges. It still works very well in the brown pattern as well as an all black version.

Hook: 12 - 16 Mustad 94860 or equivalent

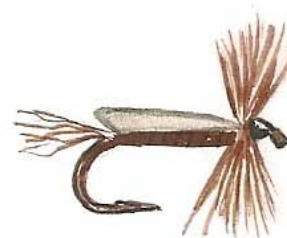
Thread: Fine black or brown

Tail: Brown calf tail

Body: Thin brown floss or thread

Wing: Grey duck primary

Hackle: Brown neck



1. Pinch the barb and line the hook shank with tying thread. Tie in the tail fibers. Keep the tail short and sparse.
2. Attach and wind the thin floss or thread body.
3. Tie in the duck primary flat over the body. It can be trimmed round to the body length. You can put some glaze on it for durability.
4. Wrap the brown hackle, bright side forward. Keep it fairly sparse. Form a small head, whip finish and cement.
5. All black version.

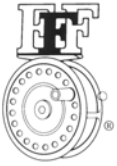
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