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GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE COMMONS
January 11, 2011
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
By Robert Harley

Dear fellow tightliners, the cold and snow are upon us while Mother Nature sleeps under a blanket of white. Our Christmas raffle was a huge success as were your generous gifts for toys for tots. If you haven't already please reach out and shake the hand of all the elves and Gordy's raffle team that filled the tables with imagination and wishes come true for the winners. Also thank the great staff at Mukagawa who served up the great meals during the year. As your new President I have 50+ years of excellent former Presidents and a legacy to live up to. I hope I am up to the challenge.

We have a great slate of officers this year: Me as President, Chet Allison as VP, Mike Beasley as Treasurer, Lee Funkhouser as Secretary. Our Directors at large are Tom May, Steve Aspinwall and Travis Bradford., and Neal Beechinor. Steve Dixon will still be handling the membership chair as well as the new mentoring project. I feel we have a great team of talents to plan and produce a great experience for everyone in 2011. For those hardy and brave souls that will still trek thru the snow to raise a hungry trout in frigid waters I wish you well.

A photo in a magazine looks like wonderful solitude of man vs. nature, but I rather sit in front of a fireplace while savoring the memories of this past year's fishing with friends on our beautiful waters. For me I look forward to winter fishing in Belize and Puerto Vallarta in March. Don't forget that Mr. Dorsey, our January presenter, will be tying midge flies at 3 PM in a clinic at Mukagawa before our meeting. If you wish to participate please call Chet Allison as seating is limited. Our board meetings in 2011 will be at 5:30 P.M. the second Thursday of the month, at the Quality Inn Oakwood on North Division if you have a need to bring something up for the board to consider. I wish you all a very Happy New Year and may all your dreams come true.

JANUARY PROGRAM
By Chet Allison

Now that it is so cold that we can't even cast a line, we are going to have Pat Dorsey of Evergreen, Colorado and co owner of the Blue Quill Angler Fly Shop doing a presentation on fishing "Tailwaters."

Pat is an Orvis endorsed guide who has chosen fly-fishing as a way of life. Pat enjoys figuring out ways to fool large fish on tiny flies. His techniques and patterns will be shared with the members of the IEFFC Tuesday January 11, 2011.

As an accomplished fly tier, tying up to 28,000 flies a year, tiny flies are often difficult to tie let alone the difficulty in fishing with them but his talents will be shared with the IEFFC members.

Pat is the author of *Tying and Fishing Tailwater Flies*, *A Fly Fishing guide to the South Platte River* and *Fly Fishing Tailwaters.*

There are many tailwater fisheries around our area, and after this meeting we should be able to successfully tie flies and fish for these weary fish.

DUES, DUES, DUES, DUES, DUES

Yes it is that time again. Dues are due, so be prepared to cough up $30 for your IEFFC membership. Our new treasurer, Mike Beasley will be waiting just inside the door to talk to you. You can mail a check made out to IEFFC to Treasurer, IEFFC, PO Box 2926, Spokane, WA 99220-2926.

DWIGHT TIPTON 2010 FLY FISHERMAN OF THE YEAR
By Jim Turner

Dwight was born in **Pondosa**, Oregon. Don't bother to locate **Pondosa** on a map because it doesn't exist. It was a small logging town built for a current job. His father was a logger and that kept the family on the move. His home for the first years of his life was a wall tent. At five years of age, his dad rigged up an old cane rod and told him to go fishing and stay out of his mother's way. By the time he was ten his resume included most fishable water in the Pacific Northwest.

He first attended school in Idaho and was required to have a valid birth certificate to enroll. The only problem with this was that he was born in a town that no longer existed so his mother had to petition the state of Oregon for a birth certificate. Because the family moved frequently, Dwight estimated that he attended nearly one hundred different elementary schools before finally settling in McCall, Idaho where he finished high school. He received a ROTC scholarship to the University of Idaho and played football for the Vandals. During one particular practice, he broke his neck which ended his football career and subsequently, cost him his scholarship. At twenty, he found himself out of school, broke, married and drafted. Rather than get drafted, he joined the Navy serving two tours during Vietnam aboard the USS Constellation as a CAG flight deck weapons supervisor. After his second tour, he qualified for flight school but chose to leave the Navy and return to school. He received his MBA in 1977 and started his business career in Ketchikan, Alaska.

Needless to say, he found time to fish the waters of Southeast Alaska until his business interests kept him and his growing family moving around the lower 48. He finally settled in the Spokane area in 1987. He bought his business, and for the next number of years, that accounted for a large part of his time. He still found opportunities to fish, but it was tough.

Early on, I asked him to join the IEFFC. He was concerned that he would not be able to commit the time to the interests of the club. Dr. Al Steir convinced him

otherwise. Since 1993, he has served the club from the Christmas raffle to the presidency. But I believe that his service to our senior club members stands above all else. Time and again, he has taken them fishing or been available to give a ride to and from the club meetings.

Dwight will tell you that he's semi-retired, but I often wonder. He's had more time away in recent years and has fished from South America to Russia, Alaska to the salt flats, and most places in between. Somewhere along the line, he turned himself into an accomplished fly tier as well as a man with superior epicurean skills. I suspect that's what happens after six decades of camping and fishing. And one more thing, if you ever prepare stuffed pork chops when it's your turn to cook for him make sure they're done. You'll never hear the end of it!

BIG HORN SHOW
By Tom May

The club will have a booth at the Big Horn Show promoting our participation in conservation projects plus showing people the joys of fly fishing and tying flies. The dates are Thursday March 17 through Sunday March 20. Times are Thursday and Friday 12 - 8, Saturday 10-8 and Sunday 10-5. It is easy, fun and entertaining, plus you get to see the show FREE after you have served you time in the booth. Please mark out some time on your calendars now so the club can count on your help. I will have a signup sheet at the January meeting.

FLY OF THE MONTH

C. K. Nymph **January, 2011** **Chuck Kraft**

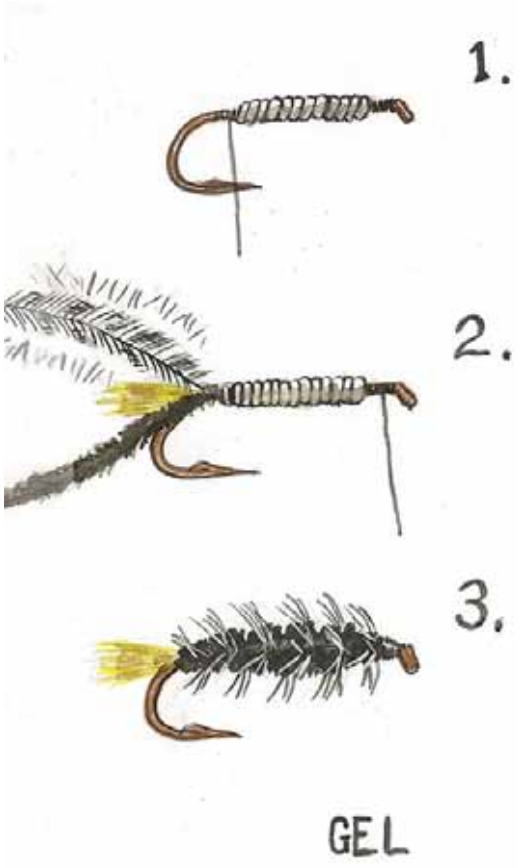
To begin the new year we return once again to the days of yesteryear. In class #9 of Everett Caryl's flytying symposium in 1974, he featured a nymph pattern that imitates a helgramite. Everett said the C. K. Nymph was good in Deep Lake, but it should be effective in any area waters that have dragonflies (i.e. all of them). The fly is simple to tie. I have never used it but am anxious to give it a try this year. What a great excuse to go up to Deep Lake. Let's keep our priorities correct in 2011 and fish as often as we can!! *Ed. Note: It worked for me in 1997.*

Hook: 6 – 12, 3X long
Thread: Black
Weight: Medium lead wire
Tail: Thick, lemon wood duck flank
Body: Black yarn
Hackle: Clipped grizzly, palmered

1. Pinch the barb and line the hook shank with tying thread. Wind on ten or twelve turns of lead wire.

2. Tie in the tail. Attach the clipped hackle by its tip at the hook bend. Tie in the yarn at the hook bend. Wind the tying thread up to the front.

3. Wind the yarn forward, forming a plump tapered body, and tie off. Palmer the hackle forward in 5 or 6 turns and tie off. Wind the head, whip finish, and cement.



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FIRST CLASS MAIL

CHARTER MEMBER and McKENZIE PLAQUE WINNER

ARCHIVES
By Leon Buckles

The New Year has come and it is time for the historical committee to make their annual plea for inputs from the membership. If you have photographs of that trophy of fish, your buddy falling in, your fishing party socializing or any other photos, past or present, that may be of interest to the club, please forward them to the committee. We can accept photos, negatives, positives and digital. Remember that the original will be returned to you. It is best if digital photos are submitted at 300 dpi. This allows us some flexibility to crop and enlarge.

The historical committee has grown. I am happy that Jason Mulligan and Travis Bradford have stepped forward to help preserve our rich history. The three of us are more than happy to accept your inputs. The Featured Member of the Month can only continue if we have enough archived material to sustain it. Thanks for your help

TWO UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS
By Chet Allison

Feb. 8, 2011, Dwight Tipton, Fly Fishing in Canada, the Cariboo Area
Mar. 8, 2011, Kelly Laatsch, St. Mary Anlers presentation on the Upper Columbia

IEFFC Fly Tying Group Starts Meeting February 2011
By Jerry McBride

We will have our first fly tying session at the Mukogawa Commons 3 to 5 pm before our February 8, 2011 General Meeting. Any IEFFC member is welcome. We plan to meet each month from 3 to 5 pm at Mukogawa before our general meeting except for Christmas.

I will be leading the first session and will show how to tie balanced flies. You will need to bring your vise and tying tools including a bobbin with tying thread. If you have a bottle of brushable Super Glue please bring it. I will furnish the materials required including hooks and beads. There will be power strips available to plug in your light if you use one. If you just want to watch that's fine too. When we finish up we'll need to clean up so we don't wear out our welcome with Mukogawa.

We will need volunteers to teach subsequent sessions so please be thinking about a fly pattern that you would like to teach us.

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