



GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS

**May 19, 2015 (THIRD TUES-
DAY THIS MONTH)**

Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.

Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Editors: Lee Funkhouser and Guy Gregory

MAY PROGRAM By Skip Cavanaugh

The program being presented is "Secrets of the Clark Fork". Steve Temple the owner/outfitter of Clark Fork Trout will present a program geared to the fly fishing visitor to the Clark Fork river. Steve will share a guides perspective to the river and the Cutthroat trout that live there. He will help identify access spots for boats and kick boats as well as wade fishing locations. Clark Fork guides spend their summers helping customers find the fish.

With the Clark Fork so close this is a must see presentation. See you on the 19th!!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By Neal Beechinor

I fertilized my grass last week and with the recent rains, it is growing quite nicely. I went to the shed, got my mower out, tried to start it, and it wouldn't. So I went fishing. Next time I think I'll try putting some gas in it. That little story always reminds me of our friend Pat Kendall. At one of our Spring meetings several years ago, Pat asked Floyd Holmes if he had been fishing. Floyd said no & Pat said "what have you been doing then." Floyd said mowing the grass, I guess, whereas Pat had a complete fit thinking someone would mow the grass when the fish are biting.

I asked my wife on Monday if she would like to go for a car ride in the mountains. She was so happy. She said we hadn't done that for years. So we got some snacks together including a few cold beers for me, of course. I said maybe we should take my 4 wheel pick-up in case we decided to take a few unpaved mountain roads. So we headed West on I-90 toward Sprague. She knows the mountains are not to the West, and she knows me, so she said OK, where are we going. Escure Mountain I said. Never heard of it. I told her that I had heard the gate was open to Towell Falls and she would love it. Well after we almost bottomed out on the Falls road, I was glad I had brought the beers. I have never fished Rock Creek. I would really like to on or after the June 1 opener. Anybody with experience there, give me a call.

It was great seeing so many guests at our last meeting. Hopefully, we will ALL welcome our guests and generally make them welcome and feel that we are truly happy that they are here. Many of us, in fact, most of us get comfortable with our own cronies, and fail to reach out to new people. You would be surprised how new relationships can be so rewarding. If for no other reason, we owe newbies the respect they deserve.

I had a social discussion over a beer last night at a former

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member's home. He is a very outgoing guy, not at all shy, and a great guy. He was a member for about a year and a half, ending the middle of last year. He described his tenure as very disappointing, in that he couldn't seem to form any friendships in our club. He said he would approach groups of guys repeatedly, only to be ignored, so he said forget it and he was gone. This cannot be allowed to happen. We are a brotherhood. Loving men who are proud of our club, and proud of what we represent. We have several potential members coming on. Let's make every effort to make them welcome and comfortable.

Speaking of membership, the board has decided that we will no longer require new members come before the board, although they certainly may if they so desire. It is the sponsors responsibility to introduce new members to the board, presumably at a regular meeting. Gordy Olson will again be selling tickets at our May meeting for the Creel donated to our club by Wendy. The May meeting is one week later than usual, on May 19th. Our board meeting is at Frankie Doodles, 30 E. 3rd, just off Division near the freeway. All members are **welcome** at 5:30 PM the Thursday after our regular membership meeting. This month we will be adopting a new website design.

See you on the 19th...and maybe even the 21st.
Neal

Thompson River Outing—June 11 to June 15

By Leon Buckles

Leon Buckles is inviting all members interested to spend a few days in one of his favorite adventure areas. The dates are from Thursday, June 11th to Monday, June 15th. Put it on your calendar as it looks to be a lot of fun.

Leon Buckles place in Thompson Falls, Montana has lots of space for campers and tents, while including a fire pit, gazebo and restrooms in the shop. In addition, there are motels available if desired. Club members and families are invited.

Fishing will be in the Thompson River, the Clark Fork River and the Kootenai River. You can also arrange a guided trip.

This will be a fun time and the more, the merrier, so don't miss the boat.

Get on board by calling Neal Beechinor at 509-389-8302. He can also assist you with any questions you may have.



Quote of the Month

“Everyone should believe in something. As for me...I believe I will go fishing!!”

unknown

Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club—Spokane, Washington

Swanson Lakes Wildlife Area

By Lee Funkhouser

As many of you know, Mark Pinch and I have been attending meetings of the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife for the past few years working on the management plan for the Swanson Lakes Wildlife Area. The plan is important to us because the area includes Z Lake, a fly fishing lake that attracts some of our members.

In the past 18 months the advisory committee has completed the management plan and we are pleased to report that the WDFW has been working with us to maintain the Z Lake fishery as is, with some minor improvements regarding directional signage. There is access to the lake by trails, and for those needing easier access, the office at Swanson Lakes will provide a key to the gate so that one can drive to Z Lake.

I am including the proposed public schedule for the finalization of the management plan for anyone interested. I have not fished Z Lake, but many of our members have and the reports have been good.

Public Presentation Schedule

May 11th the Swanson WLA Draft Plan will be released for SEPA and public review (30 days)

May 19th Swanson Lakes Wildlife Area Public Meeting will be held at 6PM at the WDFW Spokane Regional Office

June 22nd – Final WAAC review of the final plan (emailed out to WAAC members)

Early July – published on the WDFW website

How to get there:

Driving to Z Lake is relatively easy. Hiking into the lake itself from Telford Road is not as easy, but certainly doable with a float tube.

Driving out Highway 2 and past Davenport, you will look to take a left turn on Fictenberg Road, (approximately 42 miles out of Spokane). Travel on Fictenberg road for 7 miles and take a left on Telford Road. Follow Telford Road for about 4 miles and then you will have to park and hike the rest of the way going due west.



Board Meeting Location

By Neal Beechinor

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Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club—Spokane, Washington

Bert Shaber

November 14, 1919 to March 25, 2015

Bert died in Spokane on March 25, 2015 at the age of 95. Bert was born in Wetumka, Oklahoma in 1919 and led an adventurous life that took him from his roots as the son of a small town grocer to a traveler of the world through his 30 year Air Force career. In World War II, Bert flew 67 combat missions in New Guinea as a B-25 bomber pilot. He contracted malaria and was sent to Spokane for recovery. Here he met and married Gloria Johnson of Corbin Park in 1945. Bert and Gloria had four children. They lived all over the United States, Hawaii, Paris, France, and Wiesbaden, Germany. Bert's final posting was as head of the ROTC at Michigan State University where he also earned an MBA. During his service career Bert attained the rank of Colonel, USAF.

Upon the family's return to Spokane in the early 90s, Bert managed 49 Degrees North ski resort while living in Chewelah, and Bert was active in local politics, serving on the Board of the PUD of Stevens County. He was also Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Eastern Washington University. Bert and Gloria continued their active lifestyle, traveling and visiting their children and grandchildren around the country. Gloria died in 1998.

Bert was an avid outdoorsman and a member of the IEFEC. He enjoyed participating in the Kid's Fishing program, but most of all he enjoyed fishing with his son, Randy. Bert also continued skiing until he was 90 years old. He is survived by his four children, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The family is planning a private memorial this summer.



Long Lake Outing—July 29 and 30, 2015

By Lee Funkhouser

Having cancelled last years board retreat, and having been appropriately poached for said cancellation, I thought it best to re-invite members to enjoy a couple of days fishing at **Long Lake near Republic**.

This lake is a small mountain lake with an ample supply of cutthroat trout, ready and eager to jump on your fly. The campground is well kept and during the week we should have plenty of room to fit a good number of members. There are a total of 12 tent and trailer sites and the campground is walking distance to the lake itself. The lake boasts a pair of loons that serenade you throughout your stay as well as an eagle that will follow you to pick up an occasional tired trout following its release. The lake does not allow motors of any kind and is strictly fly fishing only, but is easily handled with a man powered float tube or pontoon boat. If camping is not your thing, Republic is a short drive away and accommodations are available there.

While there is ample room for a good many members, I would like to have some idea of how many are coming so please contact me either by email lfunkhouser@comcast.net or by phone **509-251-3394**. I will be arriving at the campground around **noon on the 29th of July** and will be leaving for Spokane around **5PM on the 30th**. I look forward to fishing with a number of you. Don't hesitate to contact me for additional information.

Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club—Spokane, Washington

FLY OF THE MONTH

Spokane Special

May 2015

Ed Plummer

Here is an old attractor-pattern dry fly from the days when we still used floss for fly bodies. It is akin to another old standby, the Renegade. The Spokane Special was named by Ed Plummer of the old Spokane Sporting Goods when he and Ed Karrer were partners in that business. It has been a favorite in the Northwest for many years and is especially good when Mayflies are out. This pattern is very effective at Browns Lake; indeed, it is a great temptation to any cutthroat. Because of its double hackle this fly is a very good floater.

Hook: Size 8-16

Tail: Red Hackle Fibers

Rear Hackle: Grizzly

Body: Yellow Floss ribbed with Black Floss

Wings: Die-cut veined wing material (or substitute Grizzly hackle tips or poly yarn)

Front Hackle: Brown

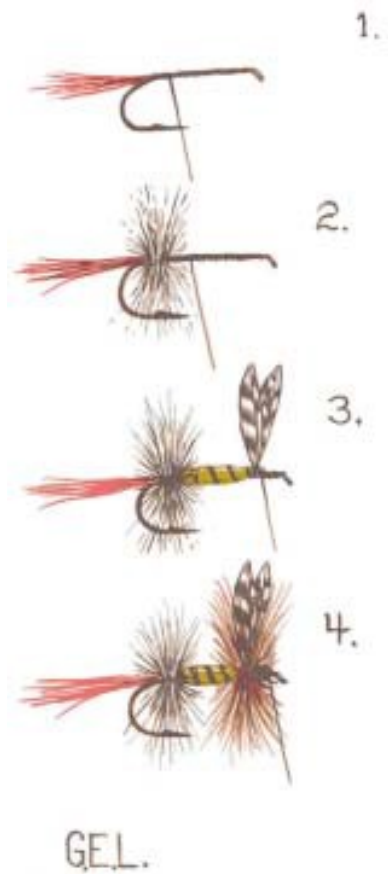
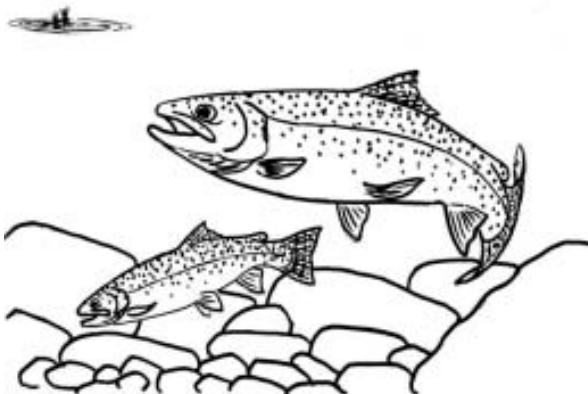


1. Pinch the barb and line the hook with thread. Tie in the tail.

2. Wind the rear hackle. Make it ever so slightly smaller than the fore hackle.

3. Attach the body and rib. Treat the body-rib with a coat of cement. Tie in the wing material.

4. Wind the fore hackle. Make it a tiny bit bigger than the rear hackle. Make a small head, whip finish and cement.



Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club—Spokane, Washington

Upper Wheeler Reservoir Opens

Upper Wheeler Reservoir, owned and operated by the Wenatchee Heights Reclamation District (WHRD), has been closed to public access for some time. In April of this year, WDFW made arrangements with reclamation district and the Wenatchee Valley Fly Fishers to grant public access to recreational anglers under fly-fishing-only regulations. The agreement includes fish stocking, a land use agreement by WDFW and site maintenance by the Wenatchee Valley Fly Fishers. A permanent rule proposal allowing fly fishing only on Upper Wheeler Reservoir has been adopted by WDFW and will be included in the 2015/2016 Washington Sport Fishing Rules pamphlet effective July 1, 2015.

The reservoir will be managed as catch and release for trout species only. Statewide general rules for size and bag limits apply for all other game fish. The use of motors is prohibited. Anglers should consult the current sportfishing rules pamphlet for a definition of fly-fishing-only regulations. Upper Wheeler Reservoir is located approximately 11 miles southwest of the town of Wenatchee

Sean Visintainer teaches Idaho

Club member **Sean Visintainer**, Silver Bow flyshop owner and guide will present his two-hour North Idaho Stream Seminar at 6 p.m. on May 6 at the shop, 13210 E. Indiana Ave. "In this clinic I will cover basics from where to go, insect hatches, patterns, tactics, and so on," he said. The clinic is especially useful to kick-start the season for new fly fishers or experienced anglers who are new to the waters of the Coeur d'Alene and St. Joe. Remember, flows will be early this year, so get going!

FFF By Chet Allison

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Submissions for publication in the Fly Leaf can be made by contacting Lee Funkhouser at flyleaf.ieffc@gmail.com. Articles should be submitted by the last Friday of the month for inclusion in the following months newsletter.