



GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
April 14, 2015
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Editors: Lee Funkhouser and Guy Gregory

APRIL PROGRAM By Skip Cavanaugh

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By Neal Beechinor

As I look out my window this morning, I see that the grass is getting green and there's dew droplets on the blades already. Another little chore coming up for the Spring & Summer to interrupt my fishing schedule.

A big thank you goes out to Jim Athearn for another successful Big Horn Show. Thank you also all you volunteers who helped make our Fly Tying Booth a big hit at the show. Our booth won a 3rd place ribbon for non-profit booths. Also, we gathered names of 8 men who are interested in membership in our club. We need member sponsors for 5 of them. Please let me know if you would be willing to sponsor one of these guys. More details and acknowledgements will be forthcoming at our April meeting. Please don't forget to renew or become a member of the Federation of Fly Fishers. As part of our club's yearly dues agreement with the FFF, our club is assessed \$3.00 for each of our members who are NOT members of the FFF. You can join by getting on the FFF website. I'm sure Chet Allison can assist you. Give him a call at 509-329-0118. As a matter of interest, our club was one of the 12 FF clubs who signed the original charter for the FFF in 1964.

We have made it known to both the Washington and Idaho Fish & Game Departments of our desire to assist them with projects related to fly fishing. Please keep your eyes & ears open to any possibilities you may run across.

Our program for April will be a real treat. We have four of our clubs top lake fishermen presenting tactics for lake fishing. If you have ever fished with Jerry McBride, Scott Fink, Mark Pinch or Steve Dixon you know what we will be enjoying. The panel will be giving us numerous helpful "pearls of wisdom" to use as we embark on this years lake fishing season.

Be ready to listen up and have your questions ready. This is a great opportunity to gain new insight into lake fishing.

See you at the meeting!!!

Presidents Message (continued)

We have 2 outings planned for our members & families. Lee Funkhouser is hosting an outing on July 29 & 30 at Long Lake up near Republic and Leon Buckles will host an outing at his place in Thompson Falls, MT. on or around the weekend of June 13th. Many of you may have been to Leon's place before. He has lots of room for campers, and we can fish the Thompson or Clark Fork. You know what they say, the more the merrier, so put these dates on your calendar. Anyone else like to sponsor an outing?

A few quick notes; the board is ready to move forward with a new club website, guests interested in membership eat dinner for free, and at our April meeting, Gordy will begin selling raffle tickets for Wendy's grandfathers 100 year old creel.

2015 Bighorn Show By Jim Athearn



Frank Faha and Tara



Gordon Olson in the Theater



Jim Athearn and Thomas

IEFFC members did an outstanding job again this year at our club booth and tying theater at the Big Horn Show and everyone said they had a lot of fun. Responses from the kids, and adults as well, were very positive. We had quite a few kids return to learn more about tying. Some have been returning for several years. There were even some kids who brought in flies to show us. They tied these after they left the show last year using the kits we gave them. They also brought us photos of the fish they caught using the flies. Kudos to our club members who have volunteered over the years at the show and inspired them. We gave out more tying kits this year and the winner of our special raffle kit was Chloe Nichols. We even won third place this year among non-profit organizations for our booth appearance (and smiling faces). Volunteers at the tying theater included Father David Kuttner, Gordon Olson, Leonard Gross, Mark Pinch, Jason Mulligan and Leon Buckles. Harry Calhoun, Neal Beechinor, Bruce Morgan, Ray Kranches, Stephen Aspinwall, Hugh Evans, Rick Ripley, Don Perry, Bill McElroy, Bob Johnson, Bill Papesh, Tom May, Larry Ray, Leon Buckles, Skip Cavanaugh, Frank Faha and Jim Athearn demonstrated tying techniques and gave lessons to more future fly tyers and anglers. Special thanks to Rick Ripley, Skip Cavanaugh, Frank Faha and Bill Papesh for helping with booth set-up and take-down and particularly to Leon Buckles for helping with everything all during the show. We will be back next year so please save some time to come out and join us as a volunteer or to learn from our erudite members: March 17 through 20, 2016.



Bill Papesh



Harry Calhoun, Neal Beechinor and
Father David Kuttner



Rick Ripley, Leon Buckles
And Leonard Gross

Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club—Spokane, Washington

Kid's Fishing 2015 By Floyd Holmes



Left: Dick Odell

Right: Jim Athearn



Kids fishing day will be on Saturday May 2nd, 2015 at the Fairchild Air Force Base recreation area. There will be a volunteer sign up sheet passed around after the break at this months meeting. Volunteers should show up at the restaurant at about 7:00 am and Randy Osborne will describe what will take place for the day. The fishing will start at 8:00 am.

I will have Registration forms on the table at the meeting. So if you have children or grandchildren you would like to sign up make sure you take one with you.

We will again take some kids from Ronald McDonald House fishing on Friday May 1st.

There will be rod assembly at the wildlife council building on April 15th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm and if need be on April 22nd same time and place.

Please sign up and come out and help as the more volunteers we have makes it easier for every one.



Left: Floyd Holmes

Right: Paul Davis



Board Meeting Location By Neal Beechinor

Our board meetings have changed location. They are now held 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.

Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club—Spokane, Washington

Harry Karas - 2/7/1931 to 1/12/2015

By Leon Buckles

Harry Karas, a longtime member of the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club, passed away Jan. 12, 2015. Harry was 83 years of age, and his care during his final days was provided by the Windriver House and the Spokane Veterans House. Harry had lost his wife of 57 years on Feb. 8, 2013.



Harry was born in Yakima, Wash., on Feb. 7, 1931, to Haralompos Constantinos Karles (Harry Karas, Sr.). With a name like that you can understand why he went to the English spelling of his name. The family moved to Soap Lake, Wash., where Harry and his four brothers spent their boyhood years.

Upon completing school, Harry ended up in the military and was a combat veteran in both Korea and Vietnam. He did not talk much about his combat years except that he was never so cold in his life as when he was in Korea and years later he was still trying to get warm. He began his career in the Army, spent a hitch in the Navy and found his niche in the U.S. Air Force as a radar repairman. Harry met his future wife, Alice, while she was working as a secretary at a USO club in San Francisco.

Harry retired from the military in 1974 after 26 years of service and settled his family in Spokane. His training as a radar repairman paved the way to a job with Scientific Products, repairing hospital equipment throughout the Northwest and Alaska, retiring from that job as a senior field serviceman.

As a hospital equipment repairman, Harry crossed paths with Don Chinn at the Veteran's Hospital. They found they had a common interest in fly-fishing and fly-tying. It was Don Chinn who sponsored Harry for membership in the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club in 1984. For several years Harry also met monthly with a group of club members to tie flies and socialize.

Harry was good at socializing and a good family man. With a special needs child, he had a passion to help children succeed. When he went camping, the family went along, including the grandchildren. He was ready to help those who wanted to gain an interest and knowledge in the art of tying flies.

For several years he assisted with the Noxon Kids Day at Triangle Pond in Montana. He recruited club members Don Chinn, Ray Kranches, and Leon Buckles to lend a hand. He urged the fly-tying group to build some fly rods to be given as prizes at the event. In addition to his fly-tying activities, Harry was an avid woodworker. His vehicles sat curbside in front of his house. In the garage was a fully functioning woodshop.

Harry was a joy to spend time with. He was always ready to tell a few stories. Sitting around the campfire, Harry was a complete entertainment center. He had a marvelous quality to tell stories about himself and laugh as hard as everyone else. The last time Harry and Leon fished together, they angled for pike in Montana. Harry did not have the stamina to strip fast enough to draw a strike. but the stories he told did not stop. May he rest in peace and continue telling stories to his Maker.

Words from Robert Montgomery
Author of "We Fish"

I discovered that we fish to remember, and we fish to forget. We fish when we're happy, and when we're sad. We fish to bond with friends and family, or to be alone. Whatever our motivation, no matter where we are on the success spectrum, fishing makes our lives better in ways we never could have imagined.

Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club—Spokane, Washington

FLY OF THE MONTH

Sub-Surface Nymph

April 2015

Leon Buckles

The flies we fish should be simple, easy to tie, and effective. This no-name pattern meets the criteria. I first tied this pattern in the early 60s to use the junk spade hackles and the long hackles at the base of a neck cape. It can be tied in any color you desire but I have found those tied with grizzly hackle the most effective. Fish sub-surface, when fish are taking emerging midges, mosquitoes, or mayflies, dead drift or a very slow hand twist, just enough to keep the line straight.

Hook: Mustad 3399, 3399A or equivalent, size 12, 14, 16.

Thread: 8/0, color to match hackle color.

Rib: 015 lead wire or equivalent substitute.

Body: Sparse spade hackle.

Hackle: Same spade hackle used for the tail.



Step 1 Pinch down the barb, mount the hook in the vise and wrap a thread base. Lay a length of wire, slightly shorter than the shank, on the top of the shank and secure with wraps. End with the thread at the bend of the hook.



Step 2 Strip the fuzz off the base of the feather and remove the barbs from one side of the stem. Stroke the barbs back from the stem and tie in with two loose wraps.



Step 3 Pull the stem of the feather towards the eye of the hook until you have a sparse tail, imitating a shuck. Tighten the two wraps and add one additional. Wind the tying thread to the eye of the hook and secure.



Step 4 Wind the feather to the eye. Tie down the feather with a couple of wraps behind the stem and strip the stem away. Whip finish the head. You will have a few stray barbs sticking out. Do not trim. This fly works best when it looks all beat up. Sometimes I pull a few out with a bodkin or rough up with the backside of the blade of a jackknife.



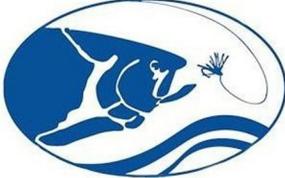
Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club—Spokane, Washington

**FFF Page
By Chet Allison**

Don't forget to put the Fly Fishing Fair on your calendar. This is a great event and well worth attending.

2015 WA Fly Fishing Fair

Tying
Casting
Demos



Free Seminars
Workshops

Friday & Saturday May 1-2, 2015
Kittitas Valley Event Center, Ellensburg, WA
www.washingtoncouncilfff.org

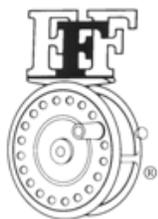
**May 1, 2015
Volunteer dinner 5:30 PM**

**May 2-3, 2015
Hours: Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Banquet at 6:00 PM
Awards, board nominations, distinguished guests, etc. 7:00 PM
Auction follows ~7:45 PM
Hours: Sunday 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

Now in its 9th year this event is open to the public both Saturday and Sunday! Come check out the free seminars, workshops, casting demos, various vendors and more!

To Join FFF simply go to the website listed.

<http://www.fedflyfishers.org/>, click Membership, click join then the blue round button Join the FFF today



Federation of Fly Fishers
Conserve, Restore and Educate Through Fly Fishing

**The Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club
FFF Charter Member and McKenzie Plaque Winner
The WSCFFF through your support can continue our mission to *conserve* and *restore* our resources, and *educate* fly fishers in our sport and grow advocacy for fish and fisheries.**

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