



GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
October 13, 2015
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

OCTOBER PROGRAM By Skip Cavanaugh

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By Neal Beechinor

I can't believe October is upon us already. Wednesday I got up at 6 AM, earlier than usual, to go fishing. I thought I had made a mistake on the time, as it was still dark outside. This was my 1st fishing trip since June, and a delightful trip it was. Babitz Lake with Lee Funkhouser. Babitz is a beautiful little lake. We each caught multiple rainbows up to 20 inches. Lee also caught a Brown Trout.

For you guys that were at the September meeting at Ft. Wright, you heard a very enlightening presentation from some managing volunteers who run the local "Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing" program. This organization is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military personnel and veterans through fly fishing and fly tying education and outings. There are currently 127 programs in 45 states, and affiliated programs in Canada and the United Kingdom.

Our board feels that this is a great opportunity for our club to be of service. Board member Jim McDevitt has volunteered to head up a committee for this project. When he calls for volunteers to participate, please step up to the plate.

Also, I am working with a local non-profit organization called "Focus on Cancer" (focusoncancer.com.) The organization, among other things, seeks to identify cancer survivors and family members who are in need of emotional healing outlets. They have sponsored many outings including fishing. We hope to have a group to work with this month to meet with hopefully sponsor some fly fishing trips or tying. Again, our calling as a club is service, so volunteer to help make a difference in someone's life.



Our program for October should be a good one with Pat Way from Northwest Outfitters visiting us with a presentation on area fishing opportunities. Sometimes we forget how great our local fisheries are and this will be a great time to renew our relationship with some of Idaho's best.

Pat is sure to wow us with some inside information and this should be a valuable program for all of those IEFFC members who like to sneak across the border from time to time.

Bring your questions and be prepared for a fun and informative presentation.

See you at the meeting!!

Presidents Message (continued)

Wow, our new website looks beautiful and professional. I heard a lot of favorable comments after our September meeting. Thank you so much Lee Funkhouser for the hard work of you have expended in the effort to bring our new club website to fruition. Just in case some of you don't know, our web address is IEFFC.org.

New IEFFC Website



INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB

Well!! **We are almost there.** If you haven't seen it. Make sure you log on. It is easy to find as Google lists it on top when you simply put in "IEFFC".

The people at *The Well Dressed Walrus* have done an outstanding job and our site is one we should be proud of.

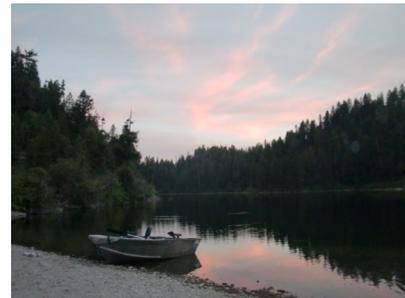
Our web staff is still being trained, but once we all are up to speed you will see changes and additions often. We will be trying to keep you up to date on happenings and hope that we can keep everyone excited about what the club is doing and what we are about.

The members only function is almost completed and that will allow us another avenue to inform you of club events that are not so crucial for the general public.

Don't hesitate to let us know of any concerns as this will certainly be an ongoing project. We can't be everything to everyone, but we will listen to your feedback and try to make the site as productive and positive as possible.

Long Lake Fire By Lee Funkhouser

The North Star Complex fire has taken a favorite fishing area for a number of IEFFC fishermen. Although no reports of the final damage have been received, it is reported that the fire did burn through the Long Lake area and is likely to have consumed the campground and surrounding forested area.



We are awaiting news as to the extent of the damage and will update everyone with any news we hear. There is concern for the area as it does support one of the state's few nesting pairs of common loons. The lake also has a resident eagle, as well as a colony of beavers. The area was the site of a recent IEFFC outing and hope is that the damage will be minimal and the recovery quick.

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Rocky Ford Bridge by Jerry McBride



Earlier this year the Washington State Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers (WSCIFFF) asked fly fishers and fly fishing clubs from around Washington State to write to their legislators for support in budgeting money for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) to repair or replace the lower foot bridge on Rocky Ford Creek that has been determined to be unsafe. Most fly fishers in our state have fished Rocky Ford at some time, especially in the winter when there aren't many other places to go. The lower bridge is critical to accessing some of the best fishing.

During the 2015 legislative session the Washington State Legislature passed funding that included money to repair or replace the bridge.

There was considerable sticker shock generated by the \$300,000 budgeted for the project by the Washington State Fish and Wildlife Department. A major element of the projected cost was to accommodate dramatically increased flows caused by major changes in the Columbia Basin irrigation system. The increased flow is now a reality. IEFFC member **Bob Anderson** stopped by Rocky Ford a few days ago and was shocked by what he saw. Bob said that the increased flow has caused big changes making long-time access spots unusable. As Bob said, "we will have to learn how to fish Rocky Ford all over again".

Board Meeting Location By Neal Beechinor

Our board meetings are 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.

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Fin Clipping—Fall 2015

By Jim Athearn



WDFW again contacted IEFWC to see if we could provide assistance to the Spokane Hatchery with fin clipping. We had eleven hearty individuals show up to spend a day clipping adipose fins on microscopic fish. If you have not had the opportunity to participate, let Jim Athearn know so he can contact you in the Spring. It is a valuable service and a memorable experience, especially when they do not sedate those wily critters enough to keep them still.

The members participating were **Jerry Harms, Ivan Lines, Stephen Aspinwall, Bill Papesh, Neal Beechinor, Chet Allison, Floyd Holmes, Bob Burton, Leon Buckles, Don Perry and Scott Fink.**

Thank you very much for helping.

John Whalen Retirement Gift

By Neal Beechinor

This past July, John Whalen retired from many years of service with the Washington Dept. of Fish & Wildlife. We wish John the best.

We received an inquiry from the Department to see if they might purchase one of Gene Lorenson's trout paintings that they might present to John as a going away gift. When Gene found out it was for John, he insisted that he donate one of his paintings that he had completed a few years back. It was to be given in the name of our club. The Department was insistent that they were willing to pay for it, but Gene steadfastly refused. The painting was presented to John by employees of the department. Thank you once again Gene for your generosity.

HOOT OWL RESTRICTIONS

WDFW

Just in case you missed the announcement. All restrictions have been lifted. Now we just need more water.

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FLY OF THE MONTH

Sno Cone

October 2015

Mike Beasley

I fish this fly often in the fall on all our Eastern Steelhead streams. I have used this fly on the Snake, Clearwater, Salmon and my favorite river the Grande Ronde. Years ago, I attended the Lewiston Roundup with a few buddies. I was wearing a beat up fishing cap and I just so happened to have this fly stuck in the brim. After a few beers in the Ketch Pen I wandered over to one of the concession stands and ordered a Sno Cone which happened to come out pink and blue. As the concessionaire was handing me the sno cone he saw the fly in my hat and said “hey that looks like this Sno Cone”! From that day on a legend was born.....

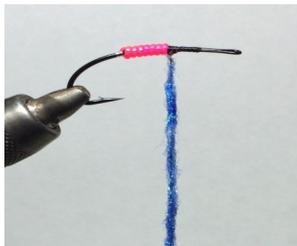
Hook: Daiichi 2151 Size 4 Hook
Thread: Black.
Underlayment: Silver Mylar Tinsel.
Laser Wrap: Fluorescent Pink.
Dubbing: Blue.
Hackle: Blue.
Wing: Pink Arctic Fox.



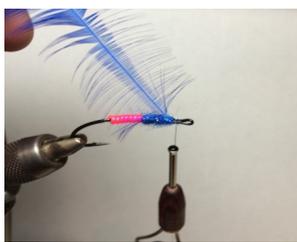
Step 1: Wrap thread base and anchor laser wrap, return thread back to original position and wrap silver Mylar all the way down the shank around laser wrap and return to starting position. Wrap Laser.



Step 2: Wrap and pick out dubbing.



Step 3: Anchor hackle and make wing.



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FFF Report By Chet Allison

*The Order of the Lapis Lazuli Award-Philip Greenlee & Bruce Richards
Federator of the Year Award- Ron Winn
McKenzie Cup-Austin Fly Fishers - TX & Lake Erie Chapter FFF - NY
Buz Buszek Memorial Fly Tying Award - Mike George
Darwin Atkin Memorial Fly Tying Achievement Award-Steve Jensen
IFFF Conservation Award-Tom Logan & Carl McNeil
IFFF Environmental Conservation Scholarship-Lee Van Put
Stanley Lloyd Conservation Award-Cumberland Valley TU/IFFF
Dr. James Henshall Warmwater Fisheries Award-Duane Hada
Robert J. Marriott Scholarship Award-Jason Tilley
Don Harger Memorial Award-Scott Hed
Arnold Gingrich Literary Award-Richard Johnson
Lew Jewett Memorial Award-Ed Huff
Charles E. Brooks Memorial Award-Jerry Regan & Matt Bennett
Lee Wulff Award-Tailwaters Fly Fishing
Roderick Haig-Brown Award-Jim Lichatowich
Silver King Award-Rick Pope
Dick Nelson Fly Tying Teaching Award-Fred DuPre'
Lifetime Achievement in Fly Casting Instruction Award-Tim Rajeff & Steve Rajeff
Mel Krieger Fly Casting Instructor Award-Steve Hollensed & Leslie Holmes
Floyd Franke Award for Contributions to the CFCP-Al Buhr
Jay Gammel Award for Fly Casting Instruction-Soon Lee
Governor's Pin-William Holmes, Chuck Easterling & Carl Zarelli
2015 Council Award of Excellence Recipients- WSCIFFF Pat Peterman & Maura Johnson*

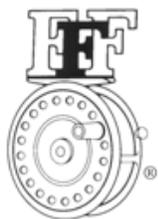
The above names have earned for 2015 the award before their names. I know many of these men and woman and they have worked hard for the IFFF to restore, conserve and educate the youth, the beginner and those with many years at fly fishing and fly tying.

The IFFF board is very busy making changes that they feel are needed for 2016 and beyond. Some new board members are being asked to do various jobs with the changing of the IFFF Guard. As time goes on I think we can all watch the IFFF become exciting and more club oriented.

Chet Allison
IFFF Liaison

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.ieffc@gmail.com. Articles should be submitted by the last Friday of the month for inclusion in the following months newsletter.