



**GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
November 8, 2005
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Scott Mayfield

IMPACT

Squeezing the last hours of fishing out of my holiday, I put in for one final morning on the Morice. The snow is the lowest it has been, not more than two tree heights above the put-in; a stark green and white line across the mountains. Overnight the river changed from brown-tinged to emerald green. It is exciting and fresh, the color of hope and promise. The yellow aspen leaves that clung to their precarious perches are now gone. I am first to all of the runs. My fly swings through each run. It comes to the hang-down, is retrieved and is thrown out again. The morning mist burns away and sunbursts punch through the retreating storm clouds. Not a breathe of wind can be felt.

Out of one run and floating down to the next, I spin over the surface at the river's discretion. A steaming cup of coffee in hand, I sit, watch, listen and reflect. The scene before me is gargantuan, tranquil and indifferent as I float by unnoticed. Around I spin, the trees change and they remain the same. They will be here next year, taller and stronger.

At each run, I cross the shoreline and find a new story in the sand. A story perfectly recorded, only to be erased by the coming precipitation. Animals I never see, but I know were just there. A wolf and a moose, a sow and cub, a really big bear, a salmon carcass too far from the river bank to have gotten there without help, a coyote family that played on the *playa*. I add

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

By Jerry Cartwright

The November program will feature our own Gene Lorensen with slides and commentary on his trip to the Kwethluk River near Bethel, Alaska. This is a northern tributary of the Kuskokwim River and is the northernmost habitat of the Rainbow trout. Gene is our Artist in Residence, a great guy and an outstanding, well traveled fly fisherman.

my part to the story on the sand as I have also added mine to the rocky-river bottom; scuffing the algae and salmon detritus, exposing the river rocks true color.

Again, I descend over the river top. My hopes remain high, one last tug, a fish for the road. It is the perfect morning and I am in a run perfectly designed for fisherman and fish alike. The fly is big and black and undulates in the micro-currents. After I pass, the river begins its work, recovering the rocks my boots scuff. The perfect cast shoots through the air, rolls out and disappears below the surface. Casting is muscle memory and nearly always perfect at this point. The fly fastened to my line cuts through the water column, held by my arm and my belief.

Water and time wash me a-shore at the take out. My hope and belief remain; however unanswered and unproven. My effort, my planning, and my time spent with nothing to show and nothing to claim except for a profound humility, a sense of awe, a nonsensical belief and desperate desire to experience it all again.

BACKCAST

By Leon Buckles

The historical committee continues to put together a program for our 50th Anniversary celebration, tentatively set for May 20, 2006. It is planned to be a first class event. Wives, past presidents and Fly Fishermen of the Year will be among the invited guests. Save a little money in the piggy bank for this event. More details will be coming in the future.

Tom Chapman is working almost full time writing (other time is spent playing shuffleboard) the history of the club. A draft of one of the chapters is in the mail to me (he is in Arizona) as I am preparing this report. We have a publication planned that will be similar to our *Flies of the Northwest* book in size and binding. Line art and photos will be included with the text. He is really keeping me busy with the research end of it. I am shooting to have most of the research information to him by the end of November.

I am getting a lot of help from the committees. George Potter is cochairman with me. Dick Odell and Lowell Tveit are helping go through the newspaper archives at

the public library. Bob Bates came through with a lot of photos of club projects which will be very helpful. Pat Kendall is working on obtaining photographs of members, especially, the past presidents and past Fly Fishermen of the Year. Just this last week he was able to obtain some of our first president, Terry Bryant.

This is a difficult task and the members of the club can be of tremendous help. If you have photos or know of anyone that has photos of these gentlemen, please let Pat know. George Potter and I will also see that the photos are processed and returned. We have NO photos of past presidents, Ozzie Laitenan, Alex Lesine and Bill Meyerhoff to name a few. We need the memberships help to make this project a success. They do not need to be photographs with fish in them, portraits or other activities they engaged in would be great. Remember, ALL ORIGINAL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE OWNER.

Thanks in advance for your help in this project.
THANKS!

FRED SHIOSAKI

By Dwight Tipton

At our Board meeting the other night, Pooh-Bah Scott pointed his finger at me, fixed me with a stern gaze and "suggested" I write a follow-up article for the Fly Leaf concerning Fred Shiosaki having received the Ed Wolf Memorial Award for 2005. I said "Yes sir!" snapped off my best salute and sallied forth to do my CO's bidding.

In no time I sat face to face with the great man himself. No, not Ed Wolf... Fred Shiosaki! Fred's executive secretary, George Potter, accompanied Fred and was of considerable assistance, particularly because getting Fred to talk about himself is a little like getting a *big bow to take a caddis during a mayfly hatch*.

We persevered and found out that Ed Wolf was a member of the club for many years; was a really good man; developed "Ed's hellgrammite" which many members carried in their fly boxes for years; taught casting and fly tying to kids; eventually becoming something of a senior mentor to the members in much the same way that Mike Runje fills that role now. In short, he was a great choice as namesake of an award "... to a person who has made a specific, significant contribution to the club."

The contribution president Scott referred to when presenting Fred with the award was his role in bringing the new Fish and Wildlife office to reality at Mirabeau Point. That office, or more particularly the close association between Department officials and the club it promotes, bodes extremely well for all club members.

Needless to say, however, this contribution is one among many for Fred. He's been serving our interests on the Fish and Wildlife Commission since 1999 and was just appointed to a second six-year term...at age 81. The Fishing Kids program is near and dear to his heart, as is Go Play Outside, a broad based outdoor program for kids. He's participated in and led a host of club projects over the years. He's held all the offices and won all the other awards. About this award he said, "In view of the past winners I feel singularly honored to have been chosen, but awards or not, helping kids and doing projects with and for the club are pure pleasures."

His buddy George added, "Fred always has been active, always effective and always a voice that gets heard--all to the benefit of this club."

FLY OF THE MONTH

Red Ass Willy

November, 2005

Ken Magee

This month's pattern comes to us from originator Ken Magee via Clint Smith in Al and Gretchen Beatty's book *Innovative Flies and Techniques* and Leon Buckles who has used it to good effect. It is simple, can be tied in sizes from 8 to 20, and can be weighted with lead wire or a bead head. Red is often a very effective color in early spring and fall when the "red worms" are migrating. This is a pattern that is worth trying right now.

Hook: Sizes 8 – 20 wet fly

Thread: Red

Weight: Non-lead wire or bead head

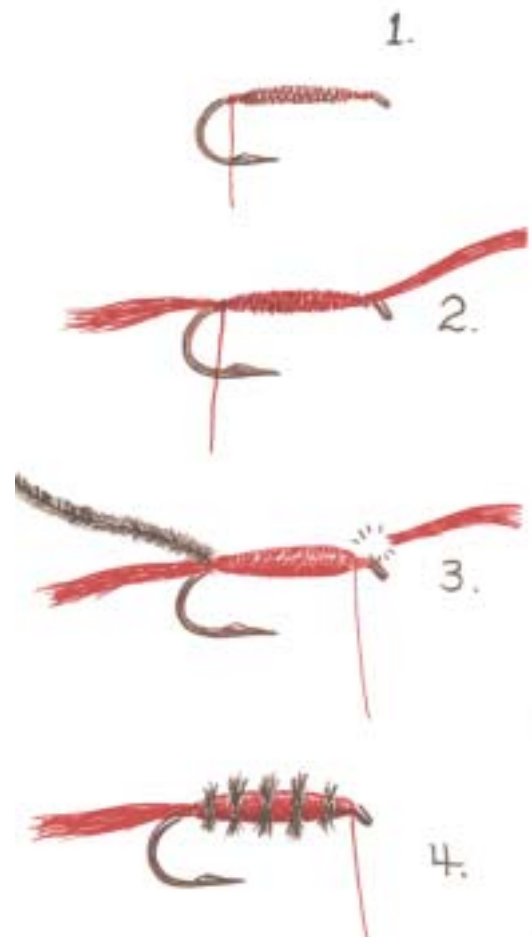
Tail: Red floss

Body: Red floss

Rib: Peacock herl



1. Pinch the barb and line the hook shank with thread. Wrap 10 or 12 turns of non-lead wire around the hook shank and anchor it with thread.
2. Attach the red floss at the hook bend and leave enough dangling back for a tail about the same length as the hook shank. Pull the remaining long portion of the floss forward on top of the wire and wrap it with tying thread. Tie it securely at the front and wind the thread back to the bend of the hook.
3. Tie in a single strand of peacock herl and return the thread to the front of the hook. Wrap the floss back to the bend and forward, making a smooth tapered body. Tie it off and trim the excess.
4. Wind the peacock herl forward, forming a 4-5 turn rib. (A coat of Aqua Flex or other glue applied to the floss body immediately before winding the herl rib will make a sturdier fly.) Whip finish a head and cement.



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HOLIDAY RAFFLE
By Gordon Olson

Our annual Holiday Raffle to be held on December 13 is fast approaching. The board has authorized an extra five hundred dollars to be spent on merchandise for this occasion. Also the proceeds from this year's raffle will be used to help fund the Club's 50th Anniversary meeting to be held in May 2006. Therefore, it does not take a rocket scientist to realize that the more money you spend on the raffle the bigger and better anniversary party we can have.

Once again we are asking members for their donations. Flies and fishing trips with members are highly sought out items. Fishing equipment, ie. Rods, reels, etc. are also very popular. Remember it is the donations from our members that makes the raffle the success it is.

We are soliciting suggestions from club members for items they would like to see in the raffle. You can contact Gordon Olson, Hugh Evans, Allan Peterson, Randy Shaber or Rick Ripley if there is something that you just can't live without.

If you have your donation available before raffle night, please contact one of the afore mentioned individuals so we can pick it up.

Now is the time to start setting aside a little extra. The odds of winning here are a lot greater than any lottery. Lets think ahead to making our 50th Anniversary celebration a smashing success. Hope to see all of you there on December 13th.

Thomas Chapman

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Interested in a 4- X 4-foot boat frame?

Bolt together metal frame, Carlisle ores, contact Doug Brossoit

