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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 Chet Allison

I must apologize for missing the clubs vote in December, but family first. Thank you for your confidence and voting me through. The Board and I will do our best to carry on the fine traditions that the previous boards have established.

Thank you Bob Harley for your service as club president. I hope you get to enjoy the meetings from the other side of the table now. Again thank you.

Congratulations Jon Allen as Fly Fisherman of the Year.

Bob Harley, Jerry McBride and I attended the FFF Fly Fishing Fair committee meeting in December. It will be here July 10-14, 2012 boy is there a lot work to be done. The club has offered to help with the Youth Camp that is a two event. More info to come as we get it. You will be asked to sign up and help make the over all events a great success. If you are not able to help with the Youth Camp there are so many workshops that will need your help. Our club member Len Zickler is a Local Committee Chairman and Contact. You can call Len at 253-383-2422 to find out where you can help. The club roster has a different number, check it out. Thank you.

I also give a special thank you to our club members Dwight Tipton and Walt Balek for their programs. Dwight took us fishing up to the Cariboo Area of Canada and Walt took us fishing at the north end of Whidbey Island for pinks and sea run cutthroats. Excellent programs and one of these days I am going to both. Pat Dorsey, Kelly Laatsch, Brian O'Keefe, Ladin Langeman all gave us excellent programs. A thank you goes out them.

We have some major events coming up in the next few months the Big Horn Show, Kids Fishing and Morning Star all will need the helping hand of each and every one of us. When the signups go around make sure you get you name on one of these events to help. I have worked the Big Horn with it being a real joy to watch the kids. Be ready with answer they will be the next fly fishing generation and we want them to do it right.

Happy New Year: With all the new fly fishing gear you should have plenty to dream about

JANUARY PROGRAM
By Mike Beasley

Sam Sickles Guide & Proprietor of River Borne Outfitters is our presenter this month

Sam was born and raised in the steelhead capitol of the world, Oregon! At twelve years old he was introduced to fly fishing, and was hooked. Growing up in Springfield, OR right next to the MacKenzie and Willamette Rivers was no help for the affliction. After graduating from Oregon State in 1994 where he majored in fishing the Alsea and Siletz, Sam's travels took him all over the west in search of salmon, trout and steelhead on a fly rod. Many years later, Sam and his wife Marni relocated to Hood River in an effort to wear out the affliction, needless to say it has been a failure on their part.

Today Sam is one of two Deschutes River Outfitters utilizing a jet sled to run up from the mouth in pursuit of fly caught Steelhead. Sam is a master boat operator, an expert Spey casting instructor, Steelhead angler, and all around good guy. Any time spent with Sam on the Deschutes is sure to be rewarding and memorable.

442 FLIGHT
By Chet Allison

Fred Shiosaki and George T. Yamada Receive Nation's Highest Civilian Honor

On Wednesday, November 02, 2011, U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell joined in honoring 33 World War II Japanese American veterans from Washington State with the highest civilian award in the United States. The Congressional Medal of Honor Ceremony took place in the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center's Emancipation Hall where hundreds of Nisei veterans from across the country were honored.

The ceremony honored members of the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelligence Services of the United States Army. The 442nd Regimental Combat Team was one of the most decorated units in military history, bringing home 21 Congressional Medals of Honor, 33 Distinguished Service Crosses, 559 Silver Stars, 22 Legions of Merit, 4,000 Bronze Stars and 9, 846 Purple Hearts. This thank you was more than 70 years overdue when on Wednesday 11-02-11when Congress awarded them its highest civilian honor.

Many of these soldiers fought for what this country could be, while their families lived in internment camps. They wanted to show the world and America that they loved their country and would stand with her in battle.

Four Spokane Washington residents received this honor:

Charles T. Furumasu , George A. Minata, Fred A. Shiosaki and George T. Yamada

In all about 6,000 Japanese-Americans served in the Military Intelligence Service, translating cables and interviewing prisoners of war. Many also served during the postwar occupation of Japan, providing a bridge between Japanese and American officials. Fred says at home he had to speak some Japanese, since neither parent spoke a lot of English, but he never learned to read or write Japanese. Because of this Fred only qualified for the infantry so, after graduation Fred heard that on January 28, 1943 a special infantry unit was forming that being the 442nd. In April 1943, the islanders and mainlanders arrived for training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. May 1944, they were shipped to Italy, with the onset of winter they were shipped to France.

The rest of this story is in the annals of time and in the minds and hearts of the members of the 442.

Fred A. Shiosaki and George T. Yamada are American heroes, but they are more than that to us at the IEFFC. They are our friends and I am proud to say they are my friends.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE ANNUAL REQUEST
By Leon Buckles

I recently donated to the archives the December 1950 issue of FINS, SKINS, GAME. In it was an article written by Cliff Zug (of Zug Bug fame), titled "A letter to Santa Claus". Some portions may be of interest. "Well there are some excellent rods on the market now, and at good, fair prices. South Bend makes a very good rod, no.59, for $15.00, a good price for a very good flyrod. Then, Union Hardware Co. makes a fine, *a very fine*, impregrated Tonkin rod for the price of $27.50.-----In the English reels there are the Young's and the Hardy St. George, but these reels might be a wee bit steep in price for your Santa. Anyway, they average $25.00 in price. Other reels run from $2.00 on up."

Photos of you or your friends are needed to keep the archives current. It would be great if we had something from each of our members. Photos can be fun or serious, not necessarily big fish. Digital photos should be in original format or a resolution of 300 dots per inch. We will duplicate and return them to you if you wish. The committee also accepts memorabilia of historical value that may be of interest to the club. Submit your contribution to any one of the officers or the historical committee.

FLY OF THE MONTH

Rufus Woods #13 or "Damdifyno" | **January 2012** | **George Potter**

The bleak midwinter can still bring some outstanding fishing for those who persist. The Rufus Woods boys have been having some fantastic days for large rainbows there. At the Liar's Club. George Potter was showing his latest heavy, black pattern for the big Bows. When asked what he called it, he responded, "Damned if **I** know." What a great name for a fly! Fish it with a Deep 7 sinking line right off the bottom, working in the current or with a very slow retrieve. George has taken fish up to 8 pounds with it and there are larger ones lurking there.

Hook: 6 — 9671 Mustad
Thread: Stout black
Bead: 3/16 metal, black or silver
Lead wire: .035
Tail: Black Marabou fibers
Body: Black cactus chenille with green sparkles
Rib: Size 14 silver mylar
Wing: Black bear hair or equivalent

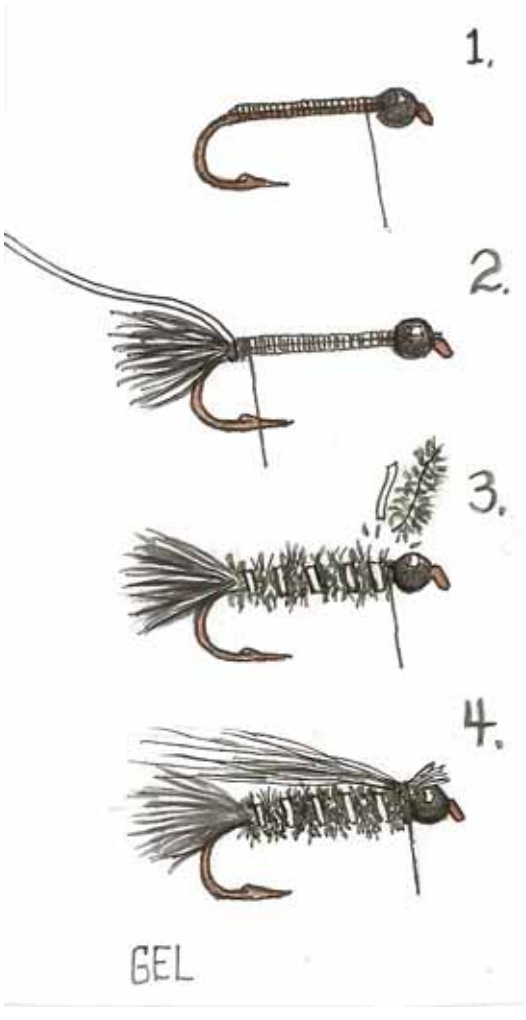
Use super glue after *each* step)

1. Pinch the barb and slide the bead up to the eye. Line the hook shank with thread. Place a strand of lead wire on top of the hook shank and secure firmly.

2. Tie in a fat bunch of short marabou fibers for the tail. Attach the ribbing.

3. Tie in and wrap the body chenille. Wind the rib and trim.

4. Attach the wing as shown. Whip finish and glue.



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FEBRUARY MEETING

The February meeting will be on the first Tuesday

February 7, 2012

ROSTER CHANGES

Here are two e-mail changes.

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BIGHORN SHOW
By James Athearn

We are going to have a booth at the Big Horn Show again this year and we need least 18 volunteers to demo fly tying as we have in the past. Dates for the show are 15 to 18 March. Check your schedules, and sign up when the sheets come around. Volunteers get into the show free on the days they tie. Thanks for your help.

It is great when the kids come by to watch.