



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

**February 7, 2012
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Chet Allison

Well, I think fishing may be over for awhile. I'm looking out my back window over the swimming pool with the snow piling up like crazy. I better get my mind back to things at hand like tying flies and tying more flies after all spring is just around the corner.

The FFF Fair is still in the process of getting itself to Spokane in July. Many people doing lots of work is making it easier to put it all together. The Youth Camp that the IEFEC is going to help with is secured according to Joe Roope. The place is called the "the Ranch" or at least that is what Joe is calling it. If you know where that is, you know exactly where the camp will be.

Your board members are doing a great job for the club. Your various committees are working hard to make sure that all of the things you expect from them are done properly. I am confident that as the year proceeds, that each man and committee will do an outstanding job for IEFEC. I would like to take this time to say thank you to each of you. I know everyone in his particular job will do a flawless and excellent job.

This year the BOD meeting has been moved to the Westslope Fly Shop. It was very nice to be able to go to the meeting a little early and do some shopping. It was only a little bit of buying but it was great to be able to purchase what I needed before the meeting. I hope Jesse Clark will continue to let us meet at his shop, not only this year but the next year or two also. The relationship is very good, but the parking on GU game night is a little iffy at best. Those people park anywhere they want.

I see the sunshine so I think I'll put a rod together, go outside for a while and try to keep this old arm in shape. One never knows when the weather will change and a fishing we go. Everyone stay safe until we meet again.

February PROGRAM

By Mike Beasley

Dave Hughes is our presenter this month. Dave is author of more than 20 books about fly fishing. They include the classic *Western Hatches* with Rick Hafele, *American Fly Tying Manual*, *Handbook of Hatches*, *Reading Trout Water*, *Dry Fly Fishing*, *Nymph Fishing*, and the massive reference *Trout Flies*. His latest book, published in 2009, is *Nymphs for Streams and Stillwaters*.

Dave was founding president of Oregon Trout in 1983, and was awarded life membership in the Federation of Flyfishers in 1985. He was awarded the Pete Hidy honorary life membership in the Flyfishers Club of Oregon in 1992 for his literary accomplishments. Dave received the prestigious Letcher Lambuth Angler Craftsman Award in 2008 from the Washington Fly Fishing Club. He is also a life member of his home club, the Rainland Flycasters in Astoria, Oregon.

He graduated from the University of Oregon in 1967, from Army Infantry Officer Candidate School in 1968. Dave served one-and-a-half years in Viet Nam, 6 months as a communications site commander in the Mekong Delta, and one year as liaison officer to the Commanding General of communications in the Southeast Asia theater.

Dave is an accomplished amateur aquatic entomologist. His hobbies include collecting, identifying, and photographing the aquatic insects that are fed upon by trout, as well as tying and fishing the flies that match those insects and fool those trout. His articles on fly fishing have appeared in *Field & Stream*, *Gray's Sporting Journal*, *Outdoor Life*, *Sports Afield*, *Fly Fisherman* magazine, *American Angler*, and *Fly Tye*. Dave served as editor of *Flyfishing & Tying Journal* for eight years, and is currently *Elements of Success* columnist for *Fly Rod & Reel*.

WHAT HAS THE FFF DONE FOR ME?

By Skip Hosfield

This was written to the Oregon Council of the FFF, but it applies to others. RCB

This is a question we often hear among club members when they are approached to join the Federation. I suppose it is an attitude to be expected in an age when fly fishing has expanded far beyond anything imagined by those of us who helped to found this international fraternity of fly fisher's. Speaking as one who served many years in membership development, at both the regional and national level, I shall try to provide a response to this question.

Anyone who was not already a fly fisherman in 1965 when the FFF was founded cannot really know the nature of the world of fly fishing at that time. I have been a fly fisherman all my life. My father was a fly fisherman and I learned it from him, as most people did then. I moved to Oregon in 1958 and I never met another local fly fisherman until the McKenzie Flyfishers was started in 1964.

There were obviously lots of them around, but they didn't advertise or proselytize. Unless one had a relative or friend who was a fly fisherman, chances are there was no opportunity to learn. Prior to the founding of the McKenzie Flyfishers there was only one fly fishing club in Oregon – the Flyfishers Club of Oregon. Unless you are a member of the Portland business or professional community you have little chance to enjoy the fellowship of other fly fisherman.

Those of us who were fly fishing in 1964 were such a small part of the sport fishing world that we did not even exist in the eyes of those who made our laws and managed our angling resources. There were no magazines devoted to fly fishing. There were very few books written about fly fishing. You had to be living in a major city in order to have access to a fly fishing shop. If you were a fly tier, you were probably self-taught from basic instructions in one of the three or four fly fishing books in print at the time. And you had to order your materials from catalog descriptions. The really accomplished fly tiers were rare, and most of those were tying professionally full or part-time, and typically they jealously guarded their methods.

Fly rods and tackle in general had changed very little for fifty years. After World War II fiberglass rods were being manufactured but that technology was in its infancy. The big tackle boom was in spinning rods and reels which originated in Europe. Fly fishing was such a small specialized market that it comprised a very small part of the production of the major fishing tackle manufacturers.

All this began to change in 1965. The FFF was founded for the purpose of getting fly fishing clubs linked together in common purpose to promote fly fishing as a favored method of angling and to give fly fishermen a unified voice in the management of our angling resources. Its leaders adopted Lee Wulff's maxim that, "A good game fish is too valuable to be caught only once." The FFF waged the fight to establish the principle of catch-and-release.

Another purpose of the FFF was to publish a magazine devoted entirely to fly fishing. No publisher was willing to risk a publishing venture on a market presumed to be so small. With the publication of *The Flyfisher* in 1968 we had the first magazine exclusively for fly fishing. After the FFF had shown what the potential market could become, commercial fly fishing magazines began to appear.

When the McKenzie Flyfishers organized the original Conclave of Flyfishers in 1965 they established the paradigm for all FFF conclaves which have followed. It would be based on education, information sharing and outreach. It would finally shatter the shell of exclusivity which surrounded this sport in the public mind. The most famous and revered anglers in America would come to these annual gatherings and freely give their time and knowledge. The fly tying demonstrations at FFF conclaves soon attracted tiers from everywhere. Tiers which had been working in isolation for many years were soon coming into contact with one another and sharing methods and ideas. This initiated a fly tying renaissance which continues to this day.

From the nucleus of a dozen or so clubs represented at the first conclave, FFF members have gone out and organized many hundreds of fly fishing clubs throughout the United States, Canada and many other countries throughout the world. The growth of FFF during the 1970s brought forth a corresponding growth in the fly tackle industry bringing an exponential increase in the availability and quality of fly fishing tackle of all description. This growth has been paralleled in the publishing industry which now churns out more magazines, books and videos than anyone could have imagined forty years ago.

Anyone engaged in fly fishing today has benefited in many ways from what the FFF has done and continues to do. The availability of high quality and relatively inexpensive equipment in an astonishing range of choice would not be possible without the growth of the sport which the FFF has fostered. Your fly fishing club would most probably not exist if not for the FFF. The proliferation of fly fishing shows is mostly the result of FFF activity to promote the sport and extend knowledge. Anyone who has attended the Northwest Fly Tyers Expo has the FFF to thank for the experience.

If you fish in Oregon, you can thank the FFF for the fact that efforts to eliminate all regulations restricting certain waters to fly fishing were defeated by the Oregon Council, FFF. If you enjoy the improved fishing on catch-and-release waters, you owe it to the FFF. The fact that fly fishing is now taken quite seriously by the ODFW is the result of efforts by members of the Oregon Council.

In conclusion, when asked by someone what the FFF does for him, turn the question around and ask him what he is prepared to do to continue the work of those who have gone before him, and who created the improved climate for the sport he enjoys today. The very least one should do is to join the organization and thereby help to build a strong membership base which will enable the FFF to remain a strong force in conserving, restoring and educating through fly fishing.

INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB – SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

FLY OF THE MONTH

Red-Assed Partridge

February 2012

Everett Caryl

Once again we access the archives of Everett Caryl's fly tying class of 1974 (courtesy of Walt Balek). Everett featured the Red-Assed Partridge in Class #5. The pattern goes back even further into the past. It was in the very first "*Flies of the Northwest*" that was done on a mimeograph machine. Rex Gerlach asked members for patterns to be included and I suggested the Red-Assed Partridge. It has been a favorite fly of mine for many years. Everett touted it a "top brook trout fly" and said to fish it deep with a medium-fast retrieve. I have found it to be good for everything from trout to pan fish.

Hook: #10 reg. or 1X long

Thread: Medium black

Tag: Fluorescent red yarn or floss

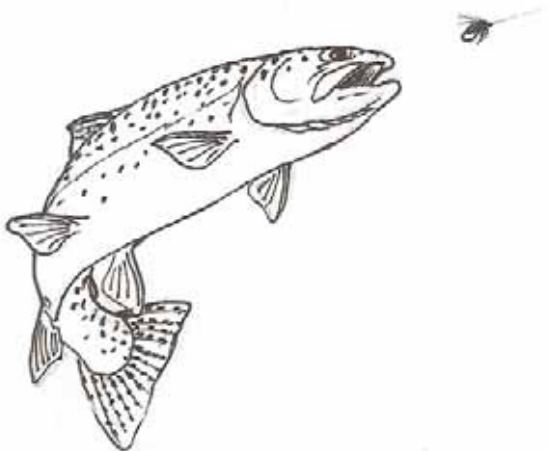
Weight: Lead wire, 5 or 6 turns

Body: Thick peacock herl

Hackle: Brown partridge - sparse



1. Pinch the barb and line the hook shank with thread. Wind in the tag as shown. Attach the lead wire to the middle of the hook shank and secure with double wraps of thread. Wind the lead forward and trim the excess. Leave plenty of room for the body, hackle, and eye.
2. Make a fat body of peacock herl. Twist the strands of herl around the tying thread before winding the body for added strength. Tie off and trim the excess.
3. Attach and wind the partridge hackle collar. Keep it uniform and sparse. Use the tying thread to fold the hackle fibers back. Wind a small head, whip finish and cement.



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CHARTER MEMBER and McKENZIE PLAQUE WINNER

FEBRUARY MEETING

The February meeting will be on the first Tuesday

February 7, 2012

FOR SALE
By Leon Buckles

Winston fly rod, 9' 6", 2 pc, 4 wt, 2 11/16 oz, Ser #21593 (\$250)

Winston fly rod, 8' 9", 5 pc, 4 wt, 3 1/8 oz, Ser #53159 (\$250)

Fat Cat and fins, almost new. (\$300)

Leon Buckles (509) 385-4569

GUIDED FISHING TRIP
Call Leon

Also, anyone interested in a guided bonefish trip to Hawaii next Jan or Feb, depending on tides and scheduling? As with all quality fish, numbers not large, only the fish. Chance for a double digit. Furnish your own transportation and lodging. Contact Leon to discuss.

COLORADO ELK AND FLY ANGLERS

By Jerry McBride's friend Dave Mewes



Jerry McBride sent me five pictures so you will probably see another one in a future issue of the Fly Leaf.

In October 2011 a guy from Texas was fishing on the Big Thompson outside of Estes Park. It was his first ever fly-fishing venture. A crowd gathered on the highway to take pictures, including a Denver Post guy. One of the pictures is on the front page of the Denver post. Something to talk about when he got home.