



**GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
January, 2013
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Mike Beasley

As I lean against my fly bench and gaze out the window the odd snowflake drops from the sky and I realize the inevitable seasonal transition has begun. Out of the corner of my eye notice my favorite spey rod leaning against the wall and I realize winter has arrived and another season on the Ronde has passed..... Winter is a time to hone our tying skills, conjure up new fly patterns and hope they will lure our quarry to the end of our line after the upcoming thaw.

It is the winter season we when enjoy our annual Christmas Raffle and this year's event did not disappoint! I hope everyone was fortunate to go home with at least one item they will enjoy in the years to come. Special thanks to Gordie, Stephen and all the little Elves whom without, this time honored tradition would not be possible.

The holidays season is a time to stop and count our blessings, our Club's blessed with having a substantial financial surplus. This surplus is due to the steady and prudent governance by Boards past. Over the years this surplus has allowed us to enjoy a varied and diverse group of guest speakers, 2013 will be no different, Lee Funkhouser has put together another stable of fine speakers which I am sure we will all enjoy in the months to come. Thanks Lee! I would also like to give special thanks to Floyd Holmes our most recent recipient of Fly Fisherman of the Year for again serving as our Sargent at Arms. Finally, I will leave you with a word of warning..... Hugh Evans has

JANUARY PROGRAM

By Lee Funkhouser

For those looking for something a little different, we welcome David Paul Williams to our January meeting to speak on Idaho's Seven Devils Wilderness. This particular topic was featured in the November/December issue of Northwest Fly Fishing and will offer many of us a look at a possible future destination. As a fly fisherman, David is certainly no stranger to our area as he also has great knowledge of the Yakima and Grande Ronde Rivers, as well as many other Eastern Washington fisheries.

David is the "In the Field" Editor of Washington-Oregon *Game and Fish*, and former Business Topics Editor of *ArrowTrade*. His articles have appeared in *Seattle Magazine*, *Northwest Palate*, *Backpacker*, *Seattle Metropolitan*, *American Angler*, *Northwest Travel*, *Northwest Fly Fishing* and *Fly Fusion*. He teaches freelance writing and he won the 2010 SCN First Five Pages and Novel Pitch Contest and is working on a non-fiction book for Stackpole Books.

I look forward to his presentation and encourage you all to attend.

graciously agreed to continue as our Poacher. I pity those whom become the object of Hugh's verbal wit, especially if it happens to be me!

On a closing note, the incoming Board looks forward to serving you during the coming year. I would like to extend a special thanks to our outgoing President Chet Allison for his service to the Club and wish him well on his upcoming service with the Washington State FFF Council. Think spring, tie flies and quite possibly share a few "fishing stories" along the way.

Tight lines and keep your anchor on the downwind side.

FLY FISHERMAN OF THE YEAR

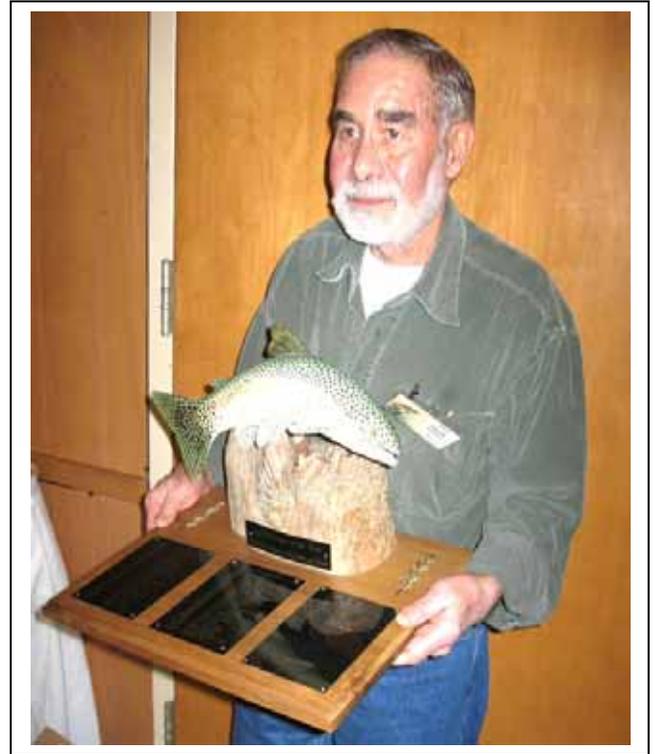
By Leon Buckles

Floyd Holmes is famous as the collector of revenue generated from fines imposed upon members by the poacher. Have you noticed that poachers come and go, but Floyd continues to have a job to the fear of many members? A humble man, he has remained under the radar of many club members for many years.

Spokane is his home and has been since birth in 1938. He graduated from John R. Rogers High School and spent some time searching for his identity before joining the Army. While stationed in Germany, he was assigned to the Army's Rifle and Pistol Team. He maintained and repaired the weapons of the marksman. His talents for repair work became his vocation. For over twenty years he was a front end and balance specialist for the Gates Tire Company and Bud Brown Tire. Another twenty years was spent working for Power Tool Service, repairing every type of power tool imaginable. After retiring in 2000 he did tool repair part time for another 9 years before hanging it up for good.

Returning to Spokane after serving in the Army, Floyd married Judy. After 47 years of married life and raising a son and daughter, they continue to enjoy family life and get-to-gathers at the family cabin, purchased in 1958 on Priest Lake near Nordman, Idaho. They utilize the property year round for recreation and relaxation. He is trained in search and rescue and an active member of a unit at Priest Lake. Floyd is an avid snowmobiler, high marking north of Priest Lake, cross country trips in Montana and rallies at Tollgate, Oregon to name a few places he has been.

Floyd took up fishing with the fly in the late 60s. Since that time, the pursuit of his avocation has taken him to the lakes of Yellowstone Park, Henry's Lake, Idaho and various Montana destinations to British Columbia, not to mention the points in between. He has been seen at the mouth of the Grand Ronde fishing for steelhead and on the Clark Fork in pursuit of pike. You can even add in bass and grayling on the fly to his accomplishments. In his younger years, hike in destinations were common. Now he is content to fish such places as Browns and Pettit Lake in Pend Oreille County.



He took fly tying classes that were offered by Hardy Kruse at the Sport Cove and now ties his own creations. During the time the Don Chinn Tyers were active, Floyd was an active participant. One year the group built some fly rods to be given as prizes at the Noxon Kids Day on Triangle Pond, MT. Floyd built one rod himself. For twenty years Floyd has participated in the Morning Star Boys Ranch fish-out and was organizer for three of those years. The Clear Lake Kids Day is another place you will regularly find Floyd. Few know that he also has helped with the Priest Lake Kids Day making it possible for rods and reels to be purchased and given to every kid.

Always ready to take an active part in club projects he has put up signage from the Coeur D'Alene River to Lenice Lake and points between. Rocky Ford Dam repair, plugging the leak at Bayley Lake or the Runje releaser, Floyd was there. Our BOD can come up with all kinds of worthwhile projects but it takes the Floyd Holmes type to bring them to fruition. Floyd is a valuable asset to the club and well deserving of the Fly Fisherman of the Year Award, 2012.

SPECIAL TREAT

By Neal Beechinor

52 fly fishing books have been donated to our IEFFC to be used as a fundraiser for kids fishing. I am in possession of the books and at the direction of the Board, we wish to offer them for sale to our members starting with our January meeting and probably lasting over 4 months meetings, 13 books each meeting.

FLY OF THE MONTH

Tellico Nymph

January, 2013

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For the New Year's first fly of the month, I decided to do an old pattern that has been around a long time, around 100 years or so. I chose the Tellico Nymph because it appeared in several fly pattern books and looked good. It originated in the Smoky Mountain region of east Tennessee around the Tellico River. From there, it spread and became popular in many areas. I found that every tyer did a different version of the nymph. Shell backs were added, bead heads became popular, tail or hackle materials changed! No two were the same. The only constant seems to be a yellow body with a peacock herl rib. Of course, all the variations work. So when I sat down at my vice to tie up a few -- guess what? I tied my own versions, not quite like any of the others. When you tie the Tellico, I'm sure you will "improve" the pattern to your own whims. That's what our sport is all about!

Instead of giving tyng instructions for one of the Tetlicos, I will show a display of some of the versions I have encountered. You fly tying experts (I'm sure you all are) can easily figure out how to dress the patterns. Have fun! (If you really need detailed instructions go to FFF Fly of the Month -- January 2009.)



SOFT BROWN HACKLE

THE OLDEST ONE

ALL PATTERNS HAVE A YELLOW FLOSS OR YARN (EXCEPT ONE)
BODY WITH A PEACOCK HERL RIB.
SIZES 6 - 14 CAN BE TIED
WITH LEAD WIRE FOR WEIGHT



PHEASANT TAIL SHELL BACK.

NOW FOUND ON MOST OF THE PATTERNS

BEAD HEAD



SHELL BACK OF PEACOCK HERL



BEAD HEAD ORANGE



PALMERED BROWN HACKLE



GOLD BEAD WITH PEACOCK HERL COLLAR



BROWN HUN HACKLE
G.L.

SMALL BLACK BEAD



FOR SMALL VERSIONS
16-18



DEER HAIR

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WHITETAIL MEMORIAL BENCH

By Jerry McBride

Update on Whitetail Lake Memorial Bench Plaques

Last month I wrote about plaques to honor deceased members of the IEFFC who loved Whitetail Lake. We settled on five names.

They are:

Dave Holmes
Al Stier
Mike Runje
Bob McBride
Bill Lindquist

The plaques cost \$15 each and I asked for donations to pay for them. At our December meeting within a few minutes I had donations to pay for all of the plaques.

The following members generously donated \$15 each to purchase a plaque:

Dick Ralston
Ray Kranches
Dick Odell
Byron Johnson
Jerry McBride

We will be putting the plaques on the bench in June of 2013.