



**GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
April 9, 2013
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Mike Beasley

Well another March has passed and once again the Club has outdone itself at the Bighorn Show, I am pleased to report our booth was well manned and the interest from the public was outstanding. I would like to personally thank all the members who graciously gave up their time to man the booth, tie flies and interact with the general public. The Club truly appreciates your promotion of the IEFFC, conservation and fly fishing in general, and special thanks to Jim Athearn for his tireless efforts heading up this committee. Job well done, Jim!

Well, you know what they say about March, in like a lion out like a lamb and it appears the old adage is holding true..... I have not had much of a chance to get out and fish, but as the weather warms I am sure the Skwalas on the Clark Fork and Bitterroot should be making their appearance. So if you have the time, drive over to Montana and get after it. If you get tired driving home stop by the Montana Bar in Saltese. Rumor has it, member Merlin has become quite a land baron in Mineral County and he holds court there every weekend!!

Don't forget the Morning Star fish out is approaching rapidly. Check out Bill McElroy's article and sign up to help. It is a great experience for the boys and club members.

For those of you who missed the March meeting, Sean Visintainer from the Silver Bow Fly Shop put on quite an informative presentation about our local streams

APRIL PROGRAM

By Lee Funkhouser

Our April program is a joint informational presentation by Randy Osborne, District 2 Fisheries Biologist of the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife and Jim Fredericks, Regional Fishery Manager, Panhandle Region, of the Idaho Fish and Game Department. Both men are biologists and they were also college classmates. They will be bringing us up to date on their respective departments' current projects, as well as letting us know how the various area fisheries are doing. I know that it will be a timely presentation with most lakes opening in a matter of weeks.

We are currently working with Randy on Kid's Fishing Day and the aeration project at West Medical Lake. Jim is well know throughout the area and knows a number of our members. With all of the fishing opportunities that are available to us, we should consider ourselves truly blessed and these two individuals should be able to give us some added insight so that we can have a productive fishing year. I look forward to receiving an update on what is happening in the Inland Empire and I am sure this will be an excellent program.

(Spokane River, St Joe and the Coeur d'Alene). Speaking for myself, I have fished all of these rivers for years and yet I still learned a number of helpful hints from Sean that I plan to put into practice after the spring runoff.

Well, the spring fever is starting to show and I am trying to figure out where I am going to line the old 5 wt and take on my old nemesis the Westslope Cutthroat..... If anyone has any early spring suggestions I am all ears.....

Tight lines fellow anglers, and remember to keep your anchor on the downwind side.....

WANTED: FLY FISHERS FOR MORNING STAR FISHOUT

By Bill McElroy

Morning Star Boys Ranch Fish out Saturday, May 11, 2013

First of all, thanks to all of you who have participated in this event and made it such a success. All of your veterans' efforts have been greatly appreciated.

We will meet for breakfast at LindeBees Diner at 7 am Saturday. The address is 111 Lefebre (Main Street by City Hall) in Medical Lake. They have the perfect size banquet room, good service and free parking. The IEFFC will buy breakfast for you and the boys. LindeBees phone number is 299-3861.

We are going to West Medical Lake and you will need a small boat. If you don't have one, boats and motors are for rent at the lake. Let me know and I will reserve one for you.

They will have no gear and usually little, if any, raingear. Bring all fishing gear for them and raingear if you have extra. Bring your lunch and maybe a soft drink for the boy. The boys will have their lunch provided by the Ranch. Please bring a spare of sunglasses if you can. Life jackets are required and are also available at the resort. We are usually done around 2:30. The Ranch would prefer not to deal with fish, so let's use the opportunity to promote catch-and-release.

WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY FLY FISHING COLLECTION ORAL HISTORIES

By Jerry McBride

Last month I wrote about plans to interview four of our members for the WWU Fly Fishing Collection Oral Histories. Tamara Belts of WWU came over from Bellingham and we interviewed members Bill Butler, Dell Coppock, Clay Findlay and George Potter. We also interviewed Judy Kaufman with the Spokane Fly Fishers.

It will take several months before the oral histories for the people we just interviewed are on the WWU website. There presently are three IEFFC member oral histories on the website. The three are Jerry McBride, Fenton Roskelley and Fred Shiosaki. Again, here is the website:

<http://librarywwu.edu/specialcollections/flyfishing>

CLUB RAFFLE-PART III

By Stephen Aspinwall

We completed the Sage rod raffle at the March meeting with Ray Kranches winning. Congratulations, Ray. Your Christmas Raffle Committee had so much good stuff to offer at our annual raffle that we decided to not put all the items on the tables in December. Well, really, truthfully, we forgot to bring about 25 items so we will continue our Raffle during our April 9 meeting. Most of the items are fly boxes and flies that Gordon has procured. We will handle the Raffle just like we did in December, selling tickets for \$1 that you can drop into the bag for a chance to win that item. We organized the flies in a group of a dozen of the same flies including stone flies, foam midges, foam hoppers, Adams and the like. We have a variety of 8 fly boxes that you can try your chance at winning also. So, bring along your luck and your money and stock up for the season. If you have any questions about the raffle items ahead of time, call Gordon Olson.

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FLY OF THE MONTH

The Ker-Plunker

April, 2013

Gene Lorenson

Sometimes we need a fly that will get down to the fish in a hurry, be it a quick sink to a holding spot in a stream or down deep in still waters. Weight is the answer. This month's pattern uses a heavy bead head plus multiple wraps of lead wire to do the job. It's called the Ker-Plunker because that's the sound it makes when it hit's the water. it can be tied using many different materials and colors according to your needs. I've shown one of my favorites.

Hook: Tiemco 2457 #6

Thread: Black medium

Weight: Heavy bead and lead wire

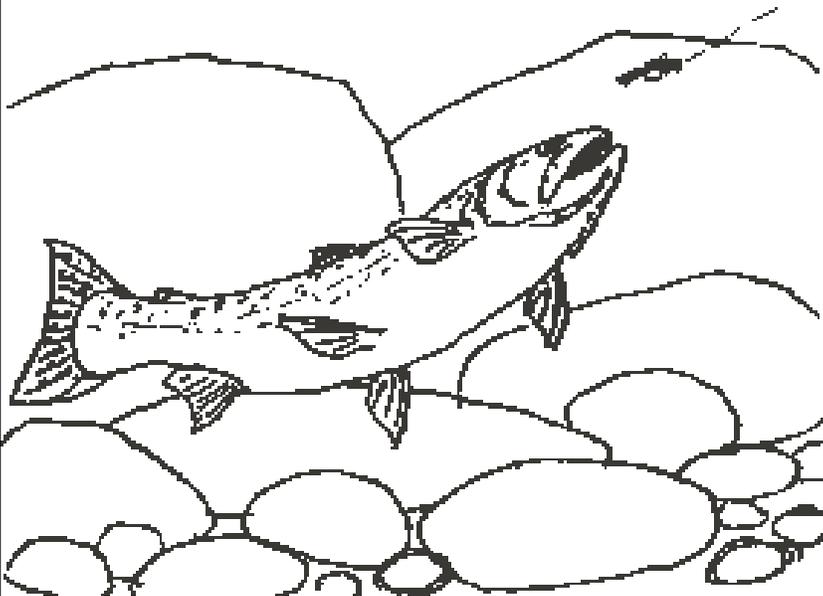
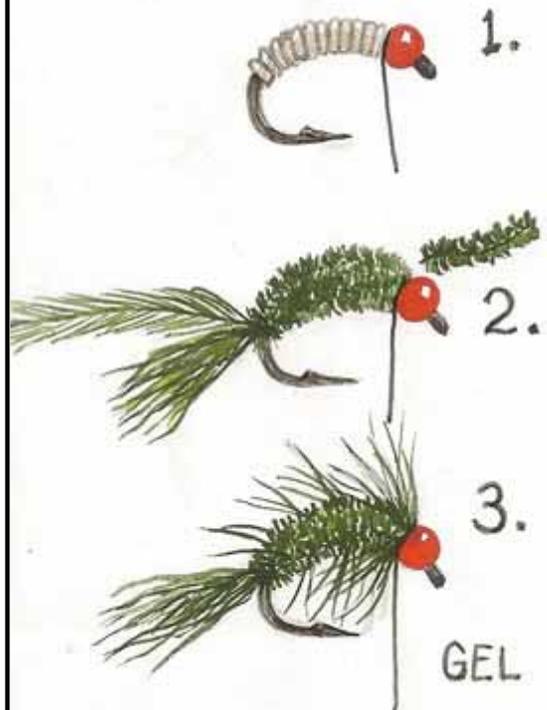
Tail: Marabou fibers - green

Body: Medium chenille, olive green

Hackle: Olive green saddle, palmered



1. Pinch the barb and slide the bead to the eye of the hook. Wrap a dozen or so turns of lead wire on the shank.
2. Tie in the marabou tail and the hackle feather as shown. Wind a fat body of chenille and trim.
3. Palmer the hackle feather to the front. Whip finish behind the head and cement.



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WASHINGTON FLY FISHING FAIR

By Bob Bates

The Washington Fly Fishing Fair will be in Ellensburg, WA on May 3rd and 4th. There will be over 100 fly tiers to show you all kinds of flies from the simplest fish catching flies to beautiful full dress Atlantic Salmon patterns for display only. There are several fly casting workshops available that are taught by certified casting instructors. In addition this year private one on one, 1/2 – hour lessons \$15 are available with Certified Master Casting instructors or even a member of the Casting Board of Governors. You can register for the workshops or a few other items through the Washington Council FFF website.

<http://www.washingtoncouncilfff.org/test/Index.php>

The entrance fee is free for volunteers, fly tiers, workshop leaders, seminar presenters and FFF members. Just a few hours, at say, the registration table will get you in free for the two day show. The volunteers get a free dinner Friday evening. Also there will be an Awards Banquet and Live Auction on Saturday evening. A few of the auction items are shown on the website. The Banquet is \$35.

Registration for the fair, banquet, etc. is easy through a secure and easy to use system.

Come to Ellensburg and have some fun. Call Carl Johnson, 425-308-6161, Council President, if you want to be involved.

BIG HORN SHOW

By Jim Athearn

The IEFFC once again participated at the Big Horn sports show and our members did a wonderful job of demonstrating fly tying techniques, sharing stories, and teaching many youngsters how to tie with enthusiastic, hands-on instructions. We even had two children who tied flies at our booth last year bring in pictures to show us of the fish that they caught with their flies. Thank you Leon Buckles, Tom May, Skip Nelson, Harry Calhoun, Randy Shaber, Dave Bush, Mike Garofano, Gordon Olson, Rick Ripley, Bud Peterson, Jerry McBride, Larry Ray, Russ Roundy, Bill Papesh, and Harold Bates for your outstanding efforts.

PARKINSON'S WALKING STICK/ROD RAFFLE

By Walter Jakubowski

Several IEFFC members died from Parkinson's. There is a raffle to raise awareness of Parkinson's disease and to raise funds for the Tremble Clefs therapeutic vocal program supported by the Parkinson's Resource Center (PRC) of Spokane. Tickets are \$25 each and no more than 200 will be sold. The prize is a \$2400 Sweetgrass walking stick and bamboo rod combination. Tickets will be sold until April 30, 2013 and the drawing will be held on May 7, 2013.

Rod Specifications

Type of rod: Bamboo, built by Dave Delisi and the boobys at Sweetgrass Rods

Length: 6'3"

Line Weight: 3/4 (recommend double taper 3 or weight forward 4 line—we like Cortland Sylk for supple properties)

Pieces: 2, single tip

Cross section: Pentagonal (while hexagonal is more traditional, "pents" have a reserve power that is often surprising)

A FLYER WITH PHONE NUMBERS WILL BE AT THE MEETING