



**GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
September 10, 2013
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Mike Beasley

Welcome back! I hope everyone has enjoyed a wonderful summer, one chocked full of numerous fishing stories which will be shared with all. I kicked off the summer off with my annual "Hells Anglers" get away to Craig Montana. The "Cougar" table was well represented and I am sure the locals will not soon forget us.... Montana is a very special place, not only does it offer numerous fishing opportunities, but the scenery certain fulfills the state's moniker "Big Sky Country". While I am not going to into the boring details of who caught the biggest, most etc, I will say everyone had a wonderful trip.

As summer has progressed the drought affecting our area has in turn elevated water temperatures in many of areas favorite lakes and streams, in response to this the State of Montana issued drought restrictions on many of the area streams. This restriction impacted the club's annual board retreat in August. The gathering was held outside of Saltese Montana, Merlin Heinz was gracious enough to offer his river home along the St Regis River as base camp. Friday night Merlin and his better half Kristen hosted a wonderful dinner and then "Big Sky Country" entertained all with a tremendous lightening storm which lasted well over two hours. Saturday we awoke to a cool overcast day, while a number of board members spread out over the Clark Fork and St Regis Rivers, Skip Cavanaugh and I were guided by Merlin along his favorite stretch of river and each of us caught a number of 17 inch plus West Slope Cutts, and that is no fish story!!! Our evening ended with a wonderful dinner of barbecue chicken and salmon along with grilled asparagus and garlic bread. After which we conducted club business and wrapped up a very enjoyable weekend.

I want to thank all the board members in attendance, the retreat gave everyone a chance to spend time together and really provided and opportunity to get to know each other. I would also personally like to extend a very special thanks to

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

By Lee Funkhouser

Wow! Summer is over and time for fall fishing. Program wise we have three great programs planned for the Fall Meetings. We start with club member Mark Pinch, who sent the following regarding his presentation;

"What I Don't Know about Fly Fishing.....":

Hello fellow fly fishers. Well, don't get your hopes and expectations up too high. I have no canned presentation.....no collection of slick slides and sounds. I'm not on any speaking circuit. In fact, I've never given a fly fishing presentation before. I'm certainly not one of the best fly fishers or tiers in the club. And I still stutter. So if you're looking for a meeting to skip, this might be a good one. My only claim to fame is you all putting up with me for 39 years. I joined our club in September of 1974.

Hopefully, we will have some fun. We will look at recent developments in methods that really catch fish. What works and what doesn't. And why. We are going to be discussing what we do well as fly fishermen and where we suck. What are the next generations of fly patterns and fishing methods? There are exciting developments on the horizon. Things are changing fast. At least for us in the IEFFC.

I don't know about you, but I am intrigued, and I will definitely be at the meeting to hear Marks presentation.

We then follow Mark with two great streamer presentations, one regarding steelhead fishing in October by April Vokey and in November we have Kelly Galloup with "Game Changing Streamer Fishing". In October April is also going to hold a Steelhead Fly Tying clinic for the first 12 who sign up. Look for details here in the Fly Leaf. See you at the meeting!!

Merlin and Kristen for their gracious hospitality, not to mention a killer berry pie! Merlin you are a great guide but more importantly a true friend, for that I thank you.

September kicks off our fall season and, Lee has a number of great speakers to round out the balance of the year.

I am kicking off my 2013 steelhead season with my annual trip to the Deschutes River. I then I look forward to October

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and many trips to my favorite river the Grande Ronde.

One more thing, the September meeting is on Tuesday September 10th, with Labor Day falling on Monday the meeting feels like it is a little earlier this month.

Until next time..... remember to keep your anchor on your down wind side.....

NEW DVD IN LIBRARY

By Harry Calhoun

CONQUERING CHIRONOMIDS

By Phil Rowley & Brian Chan

PLAQUES FOR FIVE IEFEC MEMBERS INSTALLED ON MEMORIAL BENCH AT WHITETAIL LAKE

By Jerry McBride

September 2013

In June, plaques for five deceased members of our club were added to the Memorial Bench at Whitetail Lake.

The main plaque on the bench reads:

This bench dedicated to all those fishermen and women who have enjoyed, protected and held tight lines at Whitetail Lake.

Donated by St Marys Fly Fishers

Plaques for the following were installed:

Dave Holmes
Al Stier
Bob McBride
Bill Lindquist
Mike Runge

Thank you to the IEFEC members below for sponsoring a plaque:

Ray Kranches
Byron Johnson
Jerry McBride
Dick Odell
Dick Ralston

Thanks to the St. Marys Fly Fishers for allowing us to put our plaques on their beautiful bench and special thanks to their president Gerry Ogilvie for arranging for the plaques and installing them.

View from bench ----->

Photos by Scott Fink



Gerry Ogilvie and Jerry McBride



INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB – SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

FLY OF THE MONTH

Schneider's Stone fly Nymph

September 2013

Gene Lorenson

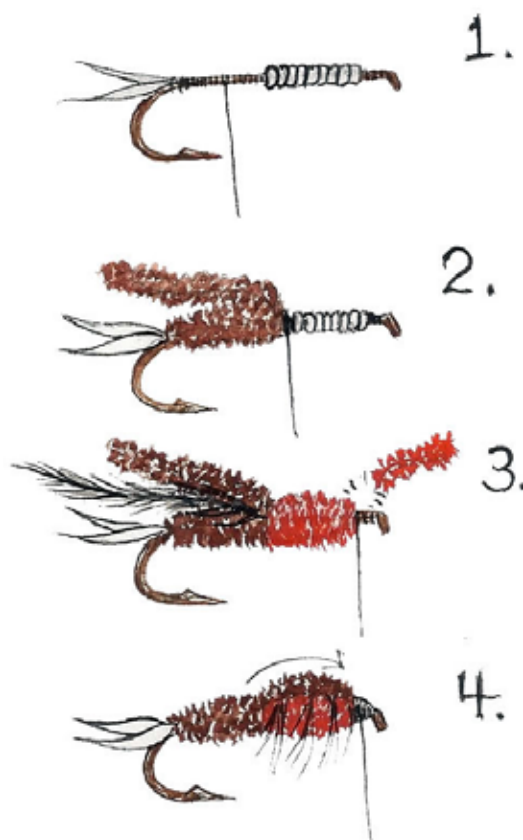
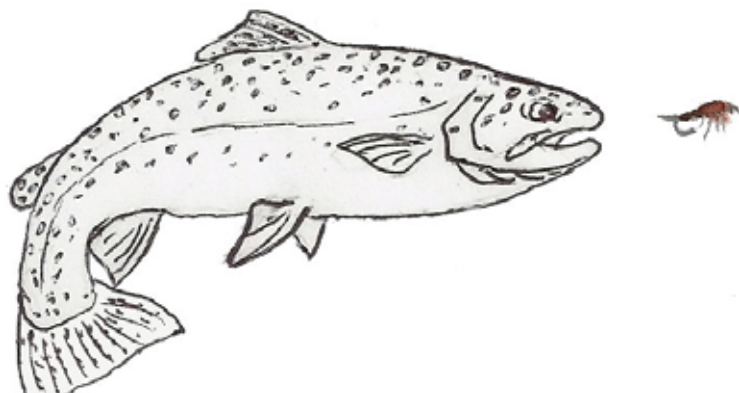
They're coming back!! Sightings of adult stone flies and nymphs are happening from time to time on the Spokane River below town. I have seen small yellow stone flies come off the river by the Rifle Club. My son, Brian, was fishing the river by Peaceful Valley a few days ago and chanced to put on a big stone fly nymph. He dropped it into a seam and was rewarded with a nice rainbow that took the big pattern when the usual smaller offerings had failed to produce any strikes. The days when clouds of the big salmon flies caused the streetcars in Spokane to spin their wheels have been long gone. The heavy metals flushed down from the Coeur d'Alene mines took care of that. But the cleaning up of the river is producing conditions that are compatible with the stone fly life cycles. A few have survived and are gradually increasing. Be ready! When you fish the river, have some stone flies handy and give them a try.

Hook: 2, 4, 6, long shank
Tail: Two quills from a Canada goose wing feather, tied to spread into a narrow "V"
Body: Brown chenille
Thorax: Orange chenille
Overbody: Brown chenille
Hackle: Black, sparse, on thorax only (palmered there) and turned down by overbody



1. Pinch the barb and line the hook shank with tying thread. Wrap a bunch of lead wire on the forward half of the hook. Tie in the quill tail.
2. Form the body of brown chenille a little past halfway up the hook shank, tie off and leave the chenille dangling.
3. Tie in the black hackle and attach and form the orange chenille body.
4. Sparsely palmer the hackle over the thorax. Bring the dangling brown chenille forward to cover the orange thorax. Tie off, whip finish and cement.

Note: The same pattern can be tied with black or olive chenille.



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CLAY FINDLAY RETURN TO GOOD HEALTH

By Dwight Tipton

On July 17 Frank and Gayle Faha, Chet Allison and Dwight Tipton met for lunch with Clay Findlay to celebrate Clay's return to good health following surgery, and a two week hospital stay, necessitated by an obstructed hernia. Chet presented one of the Club's new logo bearing fly boxes, replete with a dozen flies, to Clay. Clay responded that he'll be very excited to get out and try the new flies, and that he was most appreciative of the Club's thinking of him.



Clay Findlay, Dwight Tipton, Gayle Faha, and Frank Faha

APRIL VOKEY FLY TYING CLINIC

By Lee Funkhouser

A great opportunity awaits the first 12 members to sign up and send in their \$50.00 fee. April Vokey, our October 8th speaker, is holding a fly tying clinic on "Steelhead Intruder Variations" from 1PM to 4:30PM prior to our meeting. I urge you to act quickly as this one should fill up. If that day does not work, note that the Silver Bow is also sponsoring the same clinic the day before at their shop. Details are on the Silver Bow web site.

For us:

October 8th, 2013. Fort Wright (our regular meeting room) 1PM to 4:30PM. Contact me by e-mail or talk to me at September's meeting to reserve a spot.

Details below

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Steelhead Patterns; Tubes, Trailers, and Traditionals:

The fabulous things about fishing for B.C.'s wild steelhead are the animated and lively flies that seem to attract these feisty fish so regularly.

Join April Vokey of Fly Gal Ventures as she shares some of her favorite B.C. steelhead patterns, techniques and materials. You will learn how to use tube flies, straight shanks and standard hooks.

Students are required to bring their own tools, however, all materials will be provided.

Each step is explained slowly and thoroughly, providing additional bits of information and alternative techniques along the way.

Learn how you can apply your own creativity to tie unique and effective steelhead streamers that are certain to enhance your productivity on the water.

This course is a participation based course, and there are only 12 spots available.