



**GENERAL MEETING  
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB  
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE  
COMMONS  
October 8, 2013  
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

## OCTOBER PROGRAM

By Lee Funkhouser

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Mike Beasley

Well October has finally arrived and my beloved Steelhead have begun their annual migration up the Snake and its fabled tributaries, the Ronde, Imnaha and the Salmon!

I am a little late in getting my camp set up down on the Ronde, but after our October club/board meeting I plan on spending a fair amount of time chasing the fabled "ghost fish".

Couple of bookkeeping items I would like to remind everyone about. We will once again be conducting our "Toys for Tots" drive at the November meeting so please bring a price appropriate present for those less fortunate. Our October meeting is again early this month on October 8<sup>th</sup>. I strongly encourage everyone to attend; April Volkey will be our presenter this month. I am looking forward to her presentation, from what I have heard, it is well worth it! Also there are a few spots open for the fly tying demonstration before the club meeting so get hold of Lee F. if you are interested.

I know it's a little early but our Christmas raffle is right around the corner, please start thinking about what items you would be kind enough to donate. This event is our single biggest source of revenue. These resources go to fund the various projects we have supported over the years, so the success of this event is vital to our continued ability to fund these worthwhile endeavors.

I would like to extend a special thank to our fellow club member Mark Pinch, I found his presentation one of the most informative and interesting presentations I have attended. I have not done much lake fly fishing but it has now been added to my bucket list. Mark, I will be giving you a call.....

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Over a year ago, Jerry McBride asked me if I had considered bringing in April Vokey for one of our meetings. John Ralston had also sent me an e-mail regarding April. I did some research because I really wasn't very familiar with her name. It didn't take much research to find that she is a rising young star in the field of fly fishing.

What I found is summed up by the following statement..."Vokey was enrolled in a classical-music program at [Kwantlen Polytechnic University](#) when she became addicted to fly-fishing. She left school in 2007 and launched her company, [Fly Gal](#), which guides an even mix of men and women on northern British Columbia's most fabled steelhead rivers. When not guiding, she's on the road: hosting her monthly World Fishing Network show, [Fly Nation](#), from Iceland and Belize, or speaking before outfits like [Trout Unlimited](#). "She could do for fly-fishing what Mia Hamm did for soccer," says Kirk Deeter, editor of [Angling Trade](#). That is, she could make it cool for girls to fish as hard as guys."

April is a Federation of Fly Fishers Certified Casting Instructor and fly-fishing columnist. She is a member of the Northwest Outdoor Writers Association and is the Canadian field editor for Chasing Silver magazine and the steelhead columnist for Fly Fusion magazine. Her works and photos can also be found in Fly Fisherman Magazine, Salmon Trout Steelheader (STS), Field and Stream, Canadian Fly Fisher, Flyfishing and Tying Journal and several other international publications.

I have seen articles written by her, videos made by her and videos made of her and it is all impressive. She knows her stuff and I think we are in for a great presentation. Bringing her in right when many of us are getting ready for steelhead season makes her presentation even more appropriate. You don't want to miss this one and I hope to see you all on October 8<sup>th</sup> for April's presentation "Swinging Flies for Wild Steelhead".

Don't forget that April is also conducting a Fly Tying Clinic from 1 PM to 4:30 PM on the afternoon of October 8<sup>th</sup>. I still have a couple of spots open and anyone interested should contact me immediately at [lfunkhouser@comcast.net](mailto:lfunkhouser@comcast.net) or by my cell 509-251-3394.

One last thing, Ward, Merlin and I would like to personally thank the individual or individuals for that enjoyable

“Tutu” experience..... Just remember, revenge is a dish best served cold.....

As always, keep that anchor on your downwind side.



*Tutu in progress*

## APRIL VOKEY STEELHEAD FLY TYING CLINIC

By Lee Funkhouser

Guys....I still have openings for the fly tying clinic. 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 phone.

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**Steelhead Patterns: Tubes, Trailers, and Traditionals:**

**One of 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...**

# ***FLY OF THE MONTH***

**Bucktail Skater**

**October 2013**

**Gene Lorenson**

This month's pattern doesn't imitate anything in particular but it is an attention getter. Twitch it, skate it, or dead drift it. If a trout is feeding and something looks good, he will take it. Tie smaller versions for trout and larger ones for steelhead. It's a fun fly to fish.

**Hook:** 12 - 6 regular shape

**Thread:** Black mono

**Tail:** Buck tail fibers

**Body:** Bucktail fibers

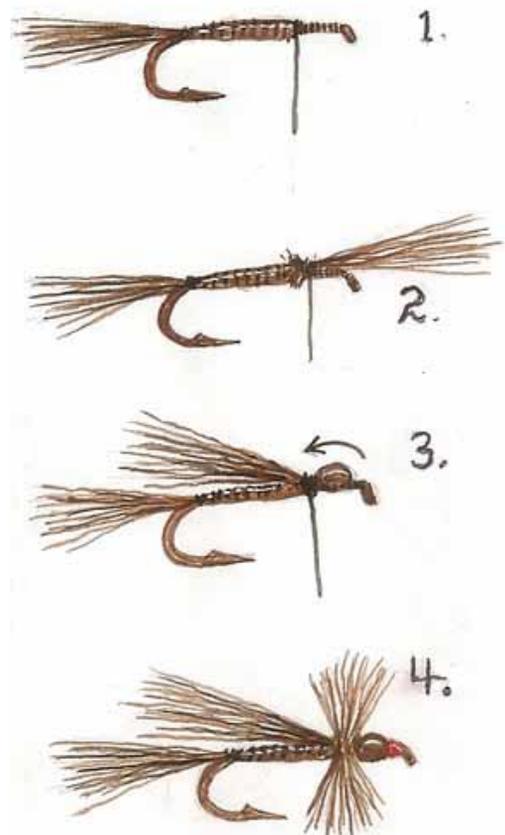
**Wing:** Bucktail fibers

**Hackle:** Brown



1. Pinch the barb and line the hook with tying thread. Attach a nicely stacked bunch of brown bucktail for the tail and body. The tying thread will secure the body and form a black rib. The body will cover about 2/3 of the hook shank. Cement the body.
- 2 Tie on another stacked bunch of bucktail facing forward with the butt ends against the front of the body. Allow enough length for the fibers to fold back and form the wing. Cement.
3. Fold the bucktail back to form the wing, leaving a bullet head in front. Cement.
4. Wind the hackle in front of the wing and in back of the bullet head. Secure and whip finish. Cement. If you wish, tie a small fluorescent red head by the eye of the hook. Cement.

Note: In smaller sizes, one can forget the bullet head and just tie the wing in place facing backward. Wind the hackle in the usual fashion in front of the wing.



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## Fly Tying Sessions

By Chet Allison

Are there tiers in the club that are looking to improve their tying and learn other techniques? If you are one, I have room for 4 to 6 wanting to improve. Contact Chet Allison at [jochetallison@msn.com](mailto:jochetallison@msn.com) or call 509-329-0118 for more details. Club members only and no fee.

You will need to have your own materials and equipment. We will meet Wednesday's at 10 A.M. my house 7509 N Old Fort Dr. starting Nov 6th. Every week will be a new pattern and no carry overs from the previous week so if you miss one week that is not a problem. If you want to work on a pattern then we will work on that pattern the following week.

Tying dates will be 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 12/4, 12/11, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12

## BOB BATES GIVEN AN AWARD

By Bob Bates

Bob Bates was given the prestigious

### Dick Nelson Fly Tying Teaching Award

At the 2013 International Federation of Fly Fishing Fair in West Yellowstone, Montana