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GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE COMMONS
April 8, 2014
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
By Lee Funkhouser

March was a pretty good month with a lot of action for the IEFFC. Unfortunately, we ended the month with the passing of longtime member Dave Orahood. Dave was passionate about his fly fishing and also passionate about our club. We should take that to heart. We will miss him.

Jim Athearn and his crew did a great job this year at the Big Horn Show and we owe that whole group a big thanks for a job well done. In addition, George Potter and Jim are keeping us busy with additional projects such as the fin clipping that is mentioned later in this edition of *The Fly Leaf.*

Time to get out the float tubes and pontoon boats. Ice is off most of the lakes and fishing seems to be pretty good. Put some thought into those fishing partners who are not yet members and also look at fishermen you meet at some of your favorite spots. We have some memberships available and I am sure there are some folks out there who would enjoy being a part of what we do and can be of benefit to the IEFFC.

Bill McElroy is still interested in some more volunteers for Morningstar and Floyd Holmes and Fred Shiosaki can always use additional volunteers for Kid's Fishing. Check your schedule and see what you can do. In addition, we should be looking at the WFFF Fly Fishing Fair in Ellensburg. Dates for that are May 3rd and 4th and they really have a lot going on. Chet Allison can give you details or you can go online for information.

Personally I can't wait for the weather to get just a little better. I am looking forward to getting my dad back out to Cow Lake, but I need more warmth for him to handle it. I love seeing his smile when he has a fish on.

I look forward to seeing you at the April Meeting. We should have a great time.

APRIL PROGRAM
By Neal Beechinor

Randy Osborne, regional fish biologist with the Washington Fish & Game Department and **Jim Fredericks** with the Panhandle Region of the Idaho Fish and Game Department will be with us at our April meeting to discuss upcoming fishing opportunities in their perspective areas. They will also be available to answer our questions regarding the fisheries.

They were with us one year ago and both gave us very informative presentations. We are pleased to see them return and hope this can be an annual event.

Randy is also planning to show us a presentation on the West Medical Lake aerator as our club was instrumental in the successful completion of this project.

You guys won't want to miss this. Some fishermen keep secrets, but these guys tell it all.

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The month of May will bring Leland Miyawaki from the Puget Sound area. Leland is associated with the Orvis store in Bellevue and is recognized as "the guy to go to" for information on Sea Run Cutthroat fishing.

KID'S FISHING
By Floyd Holmes

Kid's Fishing Day is rapidly approaching and all members available to help are urged to contact Floyd Holmes. The brainchild of IEFFC member Fred Shiosaki, this event has served thousands of Inland Empire children over the years. The IEFFC has always been one of the strongest supporters of the program with both monetary donations and with volunteer support.

The date of the actual event is May 3rd at Clear Lake. However, this year we have a new twist to the program. The Neis Family Memorial contribution to Kid's Fishing has allowed the WDFW to extend an invitation to participate to the children staying at the Ronald McDonald House. With this invitation the event will have a modified flight for those children on Friday afternoon prior to the Saturday event. Our club has been asked to assist WDFW in future years by designating childrens groups that may need assistance with fees and transportation to the event.

We need volunteers in the following areas, so check your calendar and contact Floyd if you have availability:
April 2, 2014-Rod Assembly-Inland NW Wildlife Council Bldg 6PM to 9PM.

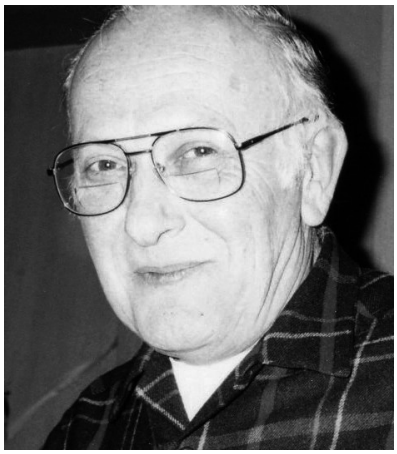
April 16, 2014-Rod Assembly (if needed)- Inland NW Wildlife Council Bldg 6PM to 9PM

May 2, 2014-Ronald McDonald Kid's Fishing– 2:30PM to 4PM- Clear Lake –Fairchild Recreation Area—meet in Restaurant for volunteer details.

May 3, 2014-Kid's Fishing Event– 7AM to 3PM-Clear Lake –Fairchild Recreation Area—Meet in Restaurant for volunteer details.

Let's continue to support this valuable program.

DAVID W. ORAHOOD
March 9, 1933-March 21, 2014



David William Orahood was born on March 9, 1933, in Spokane, Washington to Glendon and Olive Orahood. He grew up in Millwood where he earned his Eagle Scout and graduated from West Valley High School. Following his high school graduation he enrolled at Washington State College and entered the WSC ROTC program. While at WSC, he became a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity.
He married Joanne Hustad on January 1, 1955. Following graduation from WSC, Dave joined the Air Force and while in flight school, he contracted polio. He continued to serve in the Air Force and retired eight years later. He moved back to Spokane to attend Eastern Washington State College where he received his teaching certificate.
Dave taught math and chemistry at Medical Lake High School for three years and at University High School for 30 years. He loved to hunt, fish and build many small wood projects as well as building his family cabin. He taught his three daughters to hunt and fish and to be independent. He was active in the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club and volunteered to help youngsters learn to fish. This March the IEFFC made Dave an honorary lifetime member of our club. He was very respected and loved by all that knew him. The IEFFC will certainly miss him.

WANTED: FLY FISHERS FOR MORNING STAR FISHOUT
By Bill McElroy

Morning Star Boys Ranch Casting/Tying and Fishing are May 8 and 10, 2014

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 May 10. 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.

The tying and casting is on Thursday night at 5:30 on May 8. The fishing day is on Saturday May 10.

This is a function that the boys look forward to every year. Come along and provide a positive role model for a young man.

FIN CLIPPING
By Jim Athearn

On March 10th ten members from the IEFFC volunteered to help WDFW clip fins at the Spokane Hatchery. These fish are to be released in Long Lake as part of a study being funded by Avista.

A big thank you to George Potter, Larry Ray, Floyd Holmes, Bruce Morgan, Ray Kranches, Neal Beechinor, Jerry Harms, Ivan Lines, Dan Lobb, and Harry Calhoun

Randy Osborne, District 2 Fisheries Biologist for WDFW, followed up by saying "I want to thank the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club for providing volunteers to help with the fin-clipping at Spokane Hatchery. With your clubs help, we ended up clipping about **37,000** fish that day!"

BIGHORN OUTDOOR ADVENTURE SHOW
By Jim Athearn

Big Thanks for all of our IEFFC Volunteers at the Big Horn Show

The IEFFC had an expanded role at the Big Horn Show this year and, thanks to about 20 volunteers, it was a great success reflecting very well on our club. We added the tying theater, kids' raffle for a beginner's tying kit, and gave out 18 additional kits put together with donations from club members, materials from Bob Bates' collection (courtesy of the Legacy Committee) and some club funding. There were 100 entrants in the raffle won by Yancy Davis from Coeur d'Alene. He was there shortly after the drawing and said he was going straight home to start tying. Our tyers included Harry Calhoun, Neal Beechinor, Randy Shaber, Hugh Evans, Ray Kranches, Bob Harley, Rick Ripley, Gordon Olson, Leonard Gross, Bill Papish, Jerry McBride, Larry Ray, Don Perry, Leon Buckles, Jason Mulligan, Chet Allison, and Bill McElroy. Rick and Leon set up the booth and Larry came by to help them break it down on Sunday. Leon was there every day, all day, to make sure things ran smoothly. Tom May provided some hats to give the kids. It was nice to see some IEFFC members stop by the booth and, hopefully they got to see Bill Papish in action on Saturday – a true master at working a crowd to draw in the kids for a personal tying lesson. Thank you to all our volunteers and we look forward to next year and maybe even a few more new ideas for the kids.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR The Fly Leaf

In an effort to increase access to the publication of The Fly Leaf we have created a new email address for submissions to the publications committee. Please try to use that address for any future submissions or questions you wish to address to the editorial staff.

New email address: flyleaf.ieffc@gmail.com

FLY OF THE MONTH

Midge Emerger **April 2014** **Gene Lorenson**

Here's another pattern that is excellent when the midges are hatching. It's especially good in the evening. The trout take it with authority before the bug escapes into the air. Setting the hook is often done by the fish itself, so an easy lift of the rod tip is usually sufficient. As spring evenings lengthen be on the water and enjoy.

Hook: 18-12 regular
Thread: Black
Tail: 3 or 4 strands of white Crystal Flash
Body: Black tying thread
Wing: White calf tail - very sparse
Hackle: Black

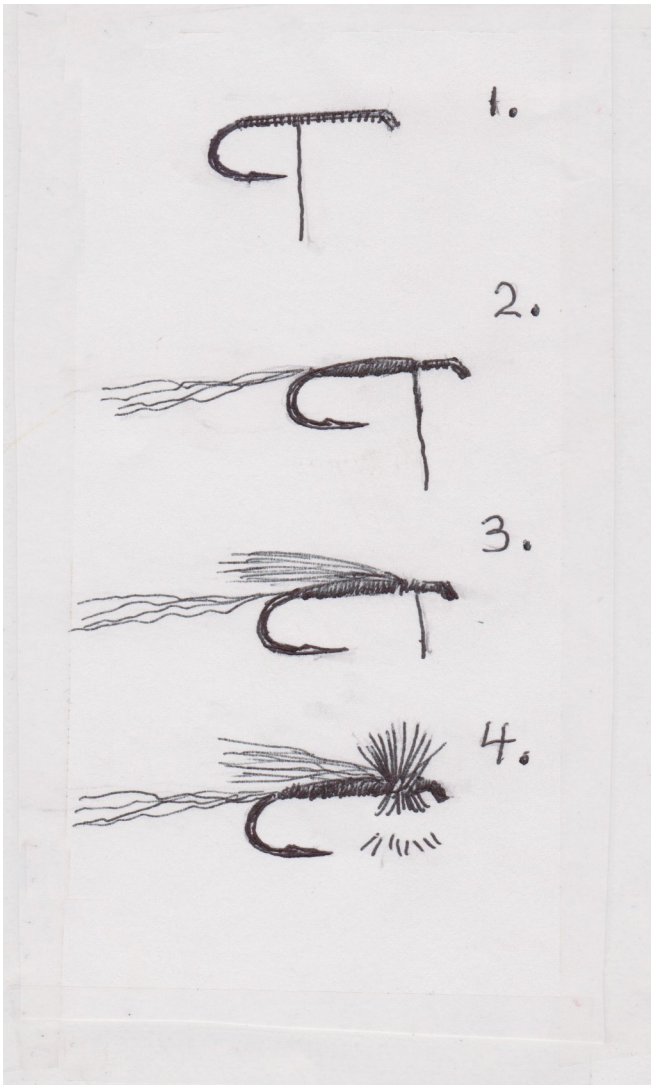
1. **Pinch that barb and line the hook shank with thread.**

2. **Tie in the tail strands and form a slim tapered body with the tying thread.**

3. **Attach the sparse calf tail wing back along the body to the hook bend.**

4. **Wind the hackle in place. Keep it sparse and trim the bottom. Form a small head, whip finish, and cement.**

Note: An alternative can be made with grizzly hackle fibers.



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MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

If you haven't already thought about it, now is the perfect time to bring a guest to a meeting. We currently have room for ten new members, but we have seen a recent increase in interest the past few meetings so those ten positions could fill up quickly. Don't leave someone out who has a desire to join and participate in the programs in which the IEFFC is involved. As we continue on course with our stated purpose, "to engage in social recreation, education, and good fellowship from fly fishermen", to "encourage, promote and support the conservation and management of fish and fishing waters, and take special interest in these matters where they directly or indirectly affect fly fishermen.", we need to continue to add new members who share our desire.

FISHING NET AT AMBER

Found by a friend. A nice fishing net at Amber Lake. It was lost during the first few weeks of March and is of very good quality. If you have lost such a net it can be claimed by contacting Skip Nelson at 448-9803. Call and describe the net to claim it.

Submissions for publication in the Fly Leaf can be made by contacting Lee Funkhouser at flyleaf.ieffc@gmail.com. Articles should be submitted by the last Friday of the month for inclusion in the following months newsletter.