



GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
December 6th, 2016
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

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DECEMBER PROGRAM CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By Skip Cavanaugh

Happy Holidays to everyone! We're really enjoying our Thanksgiving weekend with family and friends. It's always fun preparing a big Turkey with all the trimmings and side dishes. Then of course you eat way too much over the next few days.

Had a chance to get out and shoot sporting clays on Tuesday at Lantz Farms, which is always a great time. On Wednesday, went pheasant hunting and took advantage of the previous day of practice and we shot a half dozen pheasants at Miller Ranch.

We visited Portland last weekend for the final league game of the season for the Eagles with good friends and fellow Eagle fans. It was a good come from behind win and captured another Big Sky Championship for Coach Baldwin and his players. Congratulations! We're all very excited about the upcoming home field advantage for the FCS playoffs. Go Eags!

I'm really looking forward to our upcoming **December 6th**, meeting and the Christmas raffle. Really appreciate all the effort Gordy and team put into organizing this event. As many

The month of December is the time for our Christmas Raffle. This is a members only event and a time to raise money for the club activities and a time to get together. In addition, we will have our elections for the upcoming year and recognize our Fly Fisherman of the Year.

**REMEMBER THAT THE MEETING IS
ONE WEEK EARLY**

DECEMBER 6TH!!

Presidents Message (continued)

of you know it is the single highest revenue generating activity we have for the club. With that in mind, the board worked it out with the Mukogawa folks to upgrade the Christmas raffle dinner. We'll be serving Baron of Beef, Baked Potatoes and the works. This came at the request of a few of our members and the board thought it was a great idea. Bon Appetite!

My best to you all, Skip

Note: If you have any interest in helping the IEFFC through the next year by becoming a Board Member please contact one of the Officers ASAP. A great experience and a great way to keep the IEFFC moving forward.

BAYLEY LAKE RESTORATION

By Jim Athearn



Eight hardy volunteers tackled the Bayley Lake inlet channel again this year. We cleaned out the channel between Potter's Pond and Bayley Lake that gets overgrown with grass and weeds every summer, repaired some of the overflow weirs, and placed more spawning gravel. Whether we get any production from trout spawning in the channel is uncertain but it does provide mature trout a place to spawn and possibly survive another year to provide larger fish for the anglers. Fishing in the afternoon started slow but picked up and they were really

healthy, strong fish. **Thanks to Jerry McBride, Bob Schmidt, Bruce Morgan, Stephen Aspinwall, Bill Papesh, Phil Beck, Bill Herrington, and Jim Athearn for all their hard work.**



BEFORE



AFTER

Toys For Tots

Our annual Toys For Tots meeting was again very successful, bringing in a number of toys and donations to support this extremely important program. The IEFEC members responded to the community needs by filling up two large containers with toys while also supplying hundreds of dollars in monetary donations.

The representatives from the Marines were able to transport the toys from the meeting and the support of our club will help to provide a number of children with a brighter Christmas. **Thanks to all of you who donated toys and cash. Your support is special.**



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December 6th Meeting-Annual Holiday Raffle/Auction

The month of December always brings us our Holiday or Christmas Raffle where members only get the opportunity to obtain great mostly fishing related items. **December 6th** is this special day this year and **note** it's the **first Tuesday in December** this year! Your Raffle Committee is able to purchase or receive through donation hundreds of items that you will get a chance to own from the Raffle or bid on at the Silent Auction. We are still trying to procure some more fishing trips from our members as well as discounted trips from guides. Do you know of a guide who might offer a 2 for 1 fishing trip? Are you a member of a private club where you might take the winning Club member if they win the raffle? We again have procured a stay at Hill's Resort on Priest Lake, Idaho for the winning member.

Besides the items that the Club purchases for the Raffle, we ask that the membership also furnish items that your fellow fly fisherman would love to own. Many of you have the talents to tie great fly patterns, donate your own guided trip to a special fishing place, and give fishing and non-fishing related items for the Raffle. You can bring these items to the meeting on December 6th or make contact with one of the Raffle Committee members to arrange pickup ahead of time. Some of our Raffle Committee members include Gordon Olson, Randy Shaber, Rick Ripley and Stephen Aspinwall. A few days ahead of the Raffle we will email a listing of those items that we have procured up to that point. This will give those (who have email) the chance to peruse the list for those items that you most want and make arrangements with friends to collaborate your tickets or bidding for your most desired item or fishing trip. Some of the Raffle goodies include the ability to purchase an item or fishing trip at discount. Please remember to support those manufacturers, guides and retailers who contribute to this fund raising activity.

See you at the Raffle and bring lots of extra money to buy lots of tickets and opportunities for great goodies!

Your Raffle Committee

ROSTER CHANGES

If you find errors or have changes for the 2016 roster, please let us know. Also let us know if those changes can be put in *The Fly Leaf*. There are blank pages at the end of the book to allow for new members and we will be updating the information throughout the year.

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LAKE WEATHER REPORTS

By Jerry McBride

Weather Forecast

For some time I have gotten on the National Weather Service website to get a forecast for the city nearest to where I was going fishing. I recently discovered you can get a forecast for most lakes.

Here is how to do it:

Log on to www.weather.gov

In the upper left part of screen enter the lake you want i.e.; Amber Lake, WA.

Click on **Go**

The forecast will come up for the next seven days.

If you want more detail scroll down to near the bottom of the screen and click on **Hourly Weather Forecast**. One of the most important things for me is the wind. This forecast will give you the wind velocity and direction by the hour. A lot of the time the weather forecast for wind is summarized, giving the minimum and maximum for the day. By looking at the hourly forecast if you are lucky, you may find that the high winds for the day won't occur during the time you plan to be at the lake.

If you want to know the hourly weather further out in time, click on **Forward 2 Days**.

MORE VALUABLE THAN GOLD

Submitted By Chet Allison

Secretary of Interior Sally Jewell Agrees Yellowstone National Park More Valuable than Gold

Recently U.S. Department of Interior announced a two-year time-out on public lands gold exploration near Yellowstone National Park.

The IFFF applauds this decision as a crucial step towards protecting our public lands, water and wildlife on the doorsteps of Yellowstone National Park (YNP) -- a national treasure that deserves our protection and careful consideration when any activities impact the YNP ecosystem.

The decision immediately initiates a temporary two-year pause, or "segregation" on new mining activities on approximately 30,000 acres of public lands in Emigrant Gulch and Crevice Mountain, during which no new mining claims may be staked or mining activity approved within these areas. During that time a public process will analyze whether to keep the administrative withdrawal in place, including full consideration of the environmental impacts.

The withdrawal does not impact management of the public lands, meaning these areas will still be public land, open for outdoor recreation. The withdrawal will also have no impact on private land or the rights of existing claim holders on public lands.

Senator Tester also announced he plans to introduce legislation that will segregate these lands as well which will provide additional protections to the area surrounding YNP.

The IFFF has actively supported measures that will carefully study the impacts of mining around the Park. We applaud all the efforts that are being made toward that goal and we will continue to support efforts by the agencies and legislators toward protecting this national treasure.

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HUGH EVANS

By Rick Ripley



Longtime IEFFC member Hugh Evans, who died March 15, will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery, in Arlington, Va., at 8:30 a.m. on Dec. 9 with full military honors. That evening, the Evans family will host a dinner from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Clyde's of Gallery Place, 707 7th Street Northwest, in Washington, D.C., to celebrate Hugh's life. The restaurant is across the street from the National Portrait Gallery. A no-host bar will be available.

Hugh, called by many members the best poacher the IEFFC ever had, was known for his unerring sense of humor, his captivating story telling, and his way of leaving club members wishing he would poach them again. He was a fine fisherman, who particularly loved the Methow River. He provided unfailing good company to his fishing partners. He loved fishing so much he often was the last to quit for the day, and on his best days, he introduced himself to many steelhead.

Hugh was a successful attorney and a good litigator. He rarely talked about his military service, which like many things about Hugh, was extraordinary.

Hugh, an attorney at Evans, Craven & Lackie for many years, was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action on Nov. 29, 1968, in Viet Nam when he continued to direct his men in a firefight with the Viet Cong even after he had been shot in the right arm--and for then helping to evacuate casualties out of the intensely contested area even after he was shot a second time that day, in the left shoulder. "Ignoring his injuries, he continued to supervise his elements' fire and movement until the aggressors retreated," his friend, Bill Maxey, wrote in the Spokane County Bar Association's Calendar Call publication in 2014.

Hugh also was awarded the Bronze Star with a "V" for valor for heroism in action on Oct. 30, 1968, when he led his men through dense jungle and on a heavily mined road to help embattled forces, "directing the deployment of his men, and directing them through a hail of hostile rounds with complete disregard for his personal safety and exposure of himself to enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire, while encouraging his men and directing their fire on the Viet Cong."

In a moving tribute to Hugh at his services in Spokane, Jim Craven, Hugh's law partner and friend for more than 40 years, said, "Hugh was quietly--without any sort of fanfare--kind and generous, whether taking home a homeless veteran for a good meal and a warm place to sleep, or tapping into his network of friends to help an acquaintance find a job." He added that Hugh "always believed in managing one's priorities and referred to golf played during business hours as 'mandatory real estate inspection.'" He remembered that Hugh loved people and parties, and would say, "I'd rather be a liver than have one."

Craven also said, "Hugh loved to fish and was passionate about it. When he was on a river he was at peace with the world and immune to all its challenges. The picture of Hugh standing on the river with a steelhead in his hands--recently in the newspaper--was to Hugh a snapshot of the Heaven to come. That was Hugh at his happiest."



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ROCK ISLAND LAKE OPPORTUNITY

By Phil Beck

LOOKING FOR 25 WILLING FLY FISHERMAN FOR A GREAT ADVENTURE

If you are looking for an excursion to an “off the beaten path” area, consider this trip. Phil Beck has just what the doctor ordered at Rock Island Lake, about 1 1/2 hours north of Kamloops. The camp has 6 log cabins and Phil has asked them to give us a chance at a couple of dates if we can generate enough interest. **What a great opportunity!!**

The fishing is great and the food is excellent. They have boats at some of the 25 plus lakes that you have access to, but a pontoon boat can be brought to give a fisherman a better chance to enjoy any of the lakes. The cost of the week stay is around \$400 Canadian **if we can get 25 fisherman**. They supply dinners, while lunch can be planned between each cabin. They do have a bathhouse with hot showers and the cabins include beds and bedding. Each cabin also has propane cooktops and woodstoves.

They are currently holding the week of **July 22nd to July 28th** for us. More details are available by **contacting Phil Beck at 509-464-4327**.

Loons, Eagles, Great Fishing!! **Let us know if you are interested by calling Phil or sending an email to the club email address: mail.ieffc@gmail.com**.

We need to get some commitment so we can let them know if we are able to get a group together. Sounds like great fun!!



UPCOMING IFFF EVENTS

By Chet Allison

IFFF Events for 2017

- January 13-14, 2017.** Western Idaho Fly Fishing Expo, Boise, Idaho, www.bvff.com
- March 10-11, 2017.** ORC Northwest Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo, Linn County Expo Center, Albany, Oregon. <http://www.nwexpo.com>
- August 1-5, 2017** IFFF National Fly Fishing Fair
Livingston Montana,

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FLY OF THE MONTH

Haymaker

December 2016

Bob Harley

This fly is my version of the "Haymaker". The fly I use is tied in black, or olive. It is heavily weighted so it can be a great search fly for lakes or streams. I tie them in 6's, 8's and 10's. Also 2X and 3X long hooks. The beads are a little oversized and can be gold or copper. Copper is my favorite.

Bead: Gold or Copper.

Hook: 6, 8, 10, or 2X and 3X Long Hooks.

Thread: 6.0 Unithread Black.

Weight: 024 Lead Wrap.

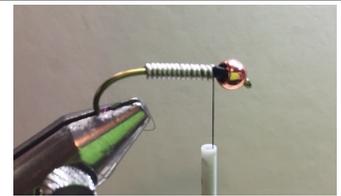
Body: Black Medium Feather and Black and Gold Chenille.

Tail: Black Marabou plus Flashabou.

Legs: Black or Brown Silicone Minilegs.



- 1) Pinch the barb and slide on the bead
- 2) Using 024 lead wrap starting about 1/8 inch behind the bead all the way to the hook point. Tie in using 6.0 unithread black.
- 3) Tie in a nice clump of black marabou for the tail. Tie down.
- 4) Add 3 strands of flashabou to the tail.
- 5) Cut two 3 inch silicone mini legs. Black or dark brown. Tie down first leg just ahead of the tail. Tie off the legs individually with the furthest away from you first. Angle legs toward the tail.
- 6) Tie in 3 inch black and gold chenille at the legs by the tail.
- 7) Half way toward the eye tie in second legs angling again toward back.
- 8) Weave chenille around the hook shaft allowing the legs to stay toward the back. Tie off behind the bead.
- 9) Pull the back legs back to tail and cut to match length of marabou and flashabou.
- 10) Pull the forward legs Back and Up. Bring back to the tail and cut them a length to about half way down length of the marabou tail. They should pop up. See photo.
- 11) Tie in black medium feather behind the bead by the stem. Wrap four times. Tie down using some head cement on the thread.



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IFFF Report By Chet Allison

NW YOUTH CONSERVATION AND FLY FISHING ACADEMY - It's not too early to start thinking about a candidate for The Academy for 2017.

This experience is an invaluable life event for the youth that they will carry through their future lives. No youth will be turned away because of the lack of funding. The event is a youth education project of the WCTU and WSCIFFF and supported by members of PSFF, SSFF and Olympia TU. So please give it some serious thought, would your boys and girls, grandkids, friends or neighbors be a good candidate for The NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy for 2017? The Academy will be held June 18-24, 2017 at The Gwinwood Christian Center in Lacey, WA. Please see our Facebook page for great pictures. Mike Clancy, Co-Director, 360-753-1259, www.nwycffa.com or mtclancy39@comcast.net.

Applications will be accepted starting: January 1, 2017 until April 15

This academy is available for girls and boys, 12-16 years old! It will teach basics of fly fishing, fly tying and conservation skills.

The event is one full week with some staff and all youth living in clean, warm cabins at the Gwinwood Center. All meals are provided.

Students need to bring their personal belongings, i.e., sleeping bags, pillows, rubber boots, etc.

All fishing gear and fly tying equipment is provided, however, students may bring their own fishing gear.

Each student applicant must submit:

1. An application.
2. A short essay explaining why they want to attend The Academy.
3. A letter of recommendation from a school teacher, home educator or counselor.

The cost for each student is \$300.00, financial assistance is available.

The 2017 Application will be downloadable from www.nwycffa.com

To Join FFF simply go to the website listed.

<http://www.fedflyfishers.org/>, click Membership, click join then the blue round button Join the FFF today



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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.