



GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
February 14th, 2017
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Editors: Lee Funkhouser and Guy Gregory

FEBRUARY PROGRAM Jerry Buron

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By Jim Gaddy

Jerry Buron will be our speaker at the February meeting. In addition to the evening presentation, he will be offering an afternoon Fly Tying Seminar. We have more details regarding the presentation on page two of *The Fly Leaf*.

I am so glad the National Presidential election cycle is over! The 45th President and Republican controlled Senate and Congress now have the reins. We've yet to see how their time at the top turns out—good luck!

Much as I would like to leave politics at that, there is an issue we as a dedicated fly fishing club may need to monitor carefully under this new administration, and that is PRESERVING OUR PUBLIC LANDS. No matter what side of the aisle we sit on politically, we should all be concerned about the potential transfer of public (Federal) lands to individual states. As I understand it, the Federally owned and controlled lands will generally become the responsibility of their respective states. The individual states would then be tasked with the maintenance previously prescribed to the Feds. If the maintenance of those lands proved a burden for a state, however, those same lands could be sold off to the highest bidder. Previous research from the Colorado College State of the Rockies Project released in 2014 shows that 74 % of the country oppose the selling of public lands, while only 19% support the idea. The opposition to state ownership of these lands remains strong even when political parties are broken out.

The economic facts connected to the potential transfer of public lands to the states are sobering. The most impacted states would include Utah and Idaho. An economic report from Idaho found that taking control of national public lands could cost these states up to \$111 million per year. Our federal government spends \$392 million every year managing public lands in Idaho. What happens when the money gets tight? SELL! Idaho already averages 13,500 acres of public lands sold off per year. Legally, there is no precedent. The Property Clause of the U.S. Constitution gives Congress the authority over public lands without limitations. Idaho's Attorney General determined that the idea of public land transfers had little merit. Unfortunately, we now have a new generation of modern land grabbers, inspired by the work of theorists and political appointees. So what does this mean for the Inland Empire Fly Club? Plenty. In my own home state of Texas the only way to have access to 98% of the lands is to be wealthy enough to buy your

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access for fishing, hunting and camping! In Idaho you don't need to be wealthy to have rights to access land. The cost of a fishing license will put you on the N. Fork of the Coeur d'Alene or the St. Joe. Think about losing that.

What makes our Club strong, as opposed to the nationally divided political stage, is our ability to put aside political differences and work together to tackle issues such as this. As President it is my plan to do just that. Conservation is a priority as well. We will all need to help. Be vigilant! Let's make our voices heard.

For more information go to "americanpubliclands.com" and "trcp.org"- The Teddy Roosevelt Conservation Partnership.

Annual Dues—\$30.00.

Dues need to be paid by March 1st. Please bring to the February meeting or mail to:

IEFFC
P.O. Box 2926
Spokane, WA 99220

February Program Details Jerry Buron

Successful Chironomid Techniques for Stillwater fly fishing!

Come learn how to successfully fish chironomids, an insect seldom used, but which comprises approximately 40% of a trout's diet in stillwaters year round.

Seminar presentation will introduce you to chironomids as a food source, how to fish them, when to use them, and culminate in a demonstration on how to tie effective chironomid patterns. You'll also learn techniques of how to fish them successfully.

Additionally we'll explore fly fishing equipment used and how to set up your gear to be successful!

Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2017, IEFCC's General Mtg., Time: 6:30 pm
Jerry's "Hard Body" Chironomid Fly Tying Seminar at: 2:00 -4:00 pm
Location: Mukogawa Ft. Wright Institute
4000 West Randolph Rd., Spokane, WA 99224
Presenter: Jerry Buron – Member of the Evergreen Fly Fishing Club



Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club—Spokane, Washington

BIGHORN SHOW

By Jim Athearn

Volunteers Needed for the Big Horn Show – The Big Horn Show runs from Thursday, March 16, through Sunday the 19th this year and we are still looking for 7 – 8 more tyers. This a great opportunity to share your tying and fishing knowledge with young and older folks plus see the rest of the show and share some time with other IEFFC members. We will not have the tying theater this year but will instead have a corner booth that will allow for two tyers for the whole show to help teach the kids plus a demo tyer during the higher volume attendance times.



There are still open spots each day so please check your calendars and set some time aside to help the Club.

Contact Jim Athearn (299-5582, jathearn99@aol.com) to save a spot.



2017 IEFFC OFFICERS

The officers for this year were elected and introduced at the January meeting. As usual, we have a great group of individuals and our club is in capable hands. The group will be led by President **Jim Gaddy**. **Father David Kuttner** was elected Vice President and our new Treasurer is **Jim Athearn**. Rounding out the officers is **Phil Beck** as our Secretary. Board Members are **Gordon Olson, Virgil Emery and Bob Schmitt**.

Please join us in congratulating these members for their service. We look forward to another great year for the IEFFC.



(L to R) Jim Athearn, Phil Beck, Bob Schmitt, Gordon Olson, Jim Gaddy and Virgil Emery.

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PAST PRESIDENT Skip Cavanaugh



Skip comes from a large Navy family so he grew up travelling and was often around water. Thus, the fisherman in him. He attended high school in Oak Harbor, on Whidbey Island and then moved to the Spokane area and graduated from Eastern Washington University, as we all found out this year during their annual fall football run towards the NCAA Championships.



Following graduation from EWU he joined IBM and moved often, but his fly fishing really took off when he was transferred to Yakima. Three years after the move to Yakima, he met Gary Fairbanks, who had just

opened Gary's Fly Shoppe there, and Skip became obsessed with fly fishing and tying. Being young and single he fished often at Lenice, Nunnally and Merry lakes, plus Rocky Ford spring creek, and on float trips down the Yakima River, It became difficult for him to keep track of the number of days he spent fishing. In 1988, he made his first trip to West Yellowstone, and he has made annual week long summer trips to the Yellowstone area since, mostly fishing Hebgen Lake, for the famous gulper fishing, and the Madison River. He also visits other fishing spots in and out of the park.

Over the years, he has also fished most of the popular fishing destination in Montana. He says, "My favorites are the Missouri River near Craig, and the Madison River in the Three Dollar Bridge area."

In 1989, Skip was introduced to fly fishing for steelhead on the Klickitat and Deschutes rivers during the summer-fall runs. "If trout fly-fishing was an obsession, chasing steelhead became an addiction." He says. "I have great memories of riding my mountain bike up the old railroad track grade up the east side of the Deschutes and camping along the river."

After he moved to Seattle in 1993, Skip developed a terrific friendship with a co-worker who was an avid fly-fisherman and steelheader. "He introduced me to Spey casting for steelhead on the wonderful Western Washington (Hoh, Skagit, Stillaguamish, and Snoqualmie) and British Columbia (Thompson, Bulkley and Kispiox) rivers. I have very fond memories of the trips and adventures we had and many more in the future."

"From 1994 to 2002, I also got into fly fishing for bonefish and tarpon, making annual trips to Belize, the Yucatan Peninsula, and the Bahamas. It is great fun and I hope to do more many more trips like these when I retire in a few years."

"Since my move to Libery Lake in 2003, I've gotten married to my lovely wife, Holly, and we have a beautiful daughter, Cassidy. I still fish but not quite as much of course. I enjoy fishing Amber, Coffee Pot, and Z lakes. I've also enjoyed many outings on the Clearwater and Snake in our jet sled chasing steelhead."

Skip's other outdoor interests and passions are duck hunting, pheasant hunting, and golfing with family and friends.

Shortly after joining the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club, Skip volunteered to fill a vacancy on the board in 2013. From there he moved to fill another vacancy as treasurer in 2014. His rise through the chairs was rapid, culminating in his presidency in 2016. We thank Skip for his service to the club.

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STATES FIGHTING MUSSEL INVASION

Sources of additional information

Below are some excerpts from an article in the Spokesman-Review. The entire article can be found at the following web address: <http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2017/jan/29/washington-considers-strengthening-measures-to-pro/>. This is an important issue that we all need to be concerned with.

Washington seeks to boost aquatic invasive species protections

The state's Aquatic Invasive Species Funding Advisory Committee recommended that the 2017 Washington Legislature expand funding for AIS prevention through a combination of new user fees, general fund contribution and through public-private partnerships.

The state currently receives \$500,000 a year from a \$2 portion of the \$5 annual powerboat registration sticker and \$400,000 from federal grants.

Idaho checked 90,000 boats in 2016

Idaho's boat inspection program receives \$1.2-\$2 million from sales of the invasive species sticker that's been required since 2009 on all boats longer than 10 feet, motorized and non-motorized. Exempted are inflatables under 10 feet long.

The state's 16 boat inspection stations checked 90,000 boats in 2016, of which 20 were fouled with dead mussels. One was fouled with viable mussels and cleaned while 1,200 were considered high risk and were voluntarily cleaned.

Montana seeks to double efforts, spending

Montana is considering doubling its efforts to check aquatic invasive species from coming into the state following last fall's scare in the Missouri River system.

Montana operated 17 boat inspection stations that checked out 37,000 boats in 2015, of which 227 were fouled with zebra or quagga mussels but they were considered dead.

Please make sure you understand what you can do to assist each of these states in controlling this problem.

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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ROCK ISLAND LAKE-TIME TO PAY

By Phil Beck

THE ROCK ISLAND LAKE TRIP IS A GO.

Phil needs those of you who have committed to pay the **\$400.00** to lock in your reservation. If you were thinking of going, but hadn't contacted Phil, there are still a few places left. We also know that plans change and someone may have dropped out.

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

This should be a great adventure. You don't want to miss it.

Checks can be sent to Phil at: **10127 N. Seminole
Spokane, WA 99208**



HUGH EVANS MEMORIAL FLY FISHERMAN OF THE YEAR

The Board Members this year renamed the Fly Fisherman of the Year award in honor of long time IEFFC member and decorated war hero Hugh Evans, who recently passed away. A huge void was created with Hugh's passing. He was one of the finest men you will ever know and an outstanding fisherman. His time as poacher was filled with smiles and his participation in the Christmas Raffle was special. It is fitting that his name be attached to the highest annual honor accorded an IEFFC member.

This year a very surprised Lee Funkhouser was named IEFFC Fly Fisherman of the Year. Lee is the Publications Committee chair and is very active in the club. As he approaches retirement he has changed the emphasis of his life, and one of his primary interests has become fly fishing. He commented that "he could not find a finer group to be associated with than the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club. I expect to be working with this group for a very long time and am truly honored to receive this award. To be included with those previously honored is humbling and to receive an award associated with Hugh Evans is beyond words".



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FLY OF THE MONTH

Marabou Micro Leech

February 2017

Brian Chan

Brian Chan is one of British Columbia's finest fly fisherman and this is a fly that he lists as one of his regulars. It is sometimes called the "BMW" or "Brian's Marabou Wiggler". It is fished under an indicator and the use of the marabou gives it a lot of movement, thus the wiggler reference. Although the fly tied in these pictures shows a gold bead and red marabou, other colors, such as silver bead and black marabou, can also be very effective.

Hook: #12 Scud C49S.
Thread: Red or Black.
Bead: Gold Tungsten 7/64"
Tail: Red Marabou and Red Krystal Flash.
Body: Red Marabou. (You will want to use long strands of marabou as the tail and body are one unit).
Ribbing: Small Red Copper Wire.



1. Pinch the barb of the hook and then slide on the bead. Place the hook into the vise and start the thread. Lightly coat the hook with the thread from the eye to the bend of the hook. Tie in two strands of Krystal Flash. Tie in a length of copper wire where the flash is tied. This will become the ribbing.



2. Take about a half inch of long marabou and tie in the tail with most of the marabou length still intact towards the hook eye. Continue wrapping the thread towards the eye. Take the marabou and gently twist it to form a solid strand.



3. Wrap the marabou strand towards the hook eye and tie off at the eye. Carefully wrap the copper wire as ribbing towards the eye, wiggling it as you go so as not to push down the marabou strands very much. Tie off the copper wire and cut off the excess. Whip finish.



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IFFF Report By Chet Allison

Washington State Council IFFF

Right now the Council is beginning the preparation and promotion of the 2017 Washington Fly Fishing Fair, our 11th year in Ellensburg. The dates of this year's show will be May 5th and 6th.

Again, this year we will be using the Armory for our meal events, the Volunteer Dinner will be Thursday May 4th and the Awards Banquet and Auction will be Friday May 5th.

Please continue to watch our web Site for more information; it will be updated as the information becomes available. Also please join us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/waciff>.

I hope to see you in Ellensburg at the 2017 Fair.

UPCOMING IFFF EVENTS By Chet Allison

IFFF Events for 2017

March 10-11, 2017	ORC Northwest Fly Tye & Fly Fishing Expo, Linn County Expo Center, Albany, Oregon. http://www.nwexpo.com
May 5-6, 2017	Washington Fly Fishing Fair Ellensburg, WA
August 1-5, 2017	IFFF National Fly Fishing Fair Livingston Montana,

To Join FFF simply go to the website listed.

<http://www.fedflyfishers.org/>, click Membership, click join then the blue



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The Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club
IFFF Charter Member and McKenzie Plaque Winner
The WSCIFFF through your support can continue our mission to *conserve* and *restore* our resources, and *educate* fly fishers in our sport and grow advocacy for fish and fisheries.

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.