# The Fly Leaf

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
## By Jim Gaddy

Short message this month, as I have just arrived back in the USA from a trip—also rather short and something I will share in person with anyone interested.

The results of the member survey completed in January, I do want to share with you here. Thanks to all of you who shared your thoughts. With responses from over half the attendees covering the gamut of our membership in years—from long timers to new members, it looks like the results are based on an adequate sample. Not bad!

One of the most common comments was to keep our meetings shorter. Shorter meetings has been a goal of mine also—so this input is appreciated. I will try to conclude meetings by 9:00PM at the latest. This of course can be challenging, but if we begin with dinner at 6:30, start the formal meeting at 7:00 and limit the formal meeting to 30 minutes, keep the poacher to about 15 minutes, and shorten the break to 10 minutes, we can allow our program speaker 50 minutes. The goal (and maybe challenge) is to hold the speaker to that 50 minutes and then allow a brief question/answer period. This should work for everyone.

Another common response was to have member pictures available somewhere, like in our directory, or online, or…? This would be helpful and practical. I will bring it up to the Board.

The meetings, *The Flyleaf*, and the Board all received good reviews. Two areas many think could be improved were our Club's commitment to conservation, and to projects. Jim Athearn is doing a great job with the latter, but can't do it alone. Tom Stralser has agreed to lead the Projects Committee for 2017- but needs input, ideas, suggestions and help from members. We could dovetail this in with conservation commitments as well.

Overall, our membership appears satisfied, but we can always work to be better. To do that, remember, this is your Club! Get involved. Be active in 2017!

Tight lines,
Jim Gaddy

## MARCH PROGRAM
## Jim Cox

Jim Cox, Director of Donor Relations for Western Rivers Conservancy will make a presentation entitled **"Sometimes To Save A River You Have To Buy It."** WRC has been working to conserve and protect lands on more than 50 rivers in eight western states. The presentation will focus on how WRC purchases riverlands across the West to protect and conserve vital river ecosystems and to provide compatible public access. Included in the program is stunning photography of past and current projects including work on some of the most iconic fly fishing rivers across the West including Idaho's Salmon River, Oregon's John Day , North Umpqua and Sandy Rivers, the Yampa and Rio Grande in Colorado, the Madison River in Montana, California's Smith River and Klamath Rivers, and Washington's Hoh River, Big Sheep Creek and Kennedy Creek among many others.

Jim joined Western Rivers Conservancy as Director of Donor Relations in 2011. He has more than 25 years experience working professionally in the nonprofit sector. Jim is a past steering committee co-chair of the Nonprofit Association of Oregon, and is an active member of the Northwest Planned Giving Roundtable and is also a member of Trout Unlimited, Flyfishers Club of Oregon, IFFF, the Native Fish Society, and The Freshwater Trust among many other conservation groups. Jim holds a Bachelor of Theatre Degree from Willamette University. In his free time, you can find him fly fishing and hiking along the outstanding rivers of the West.

This should be an outstanding and appropriate presentation for Our club. Plan on attending.

**Annual Dues <u>Past Due</u>—$30.00.**

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

**IEFFC**
**P.O. Box 2926**
**Spokane, WA 99220**

# FLY TYER INVITATION
## By Chet Allison

Fellow IEFFC Club members of to which I am a member also, I would like to invite each of you to the WSCIFFF Fly Fishing Fair in Ellensburg May 5th & 6th 2017. I would be open to have you attend as a tyer or just as an interested fly fisher in the latest equipment, places to fish, or just watch dozens of fly tyers ply their wares.

You may register on line beginning through our website www.wscifff.org. If you are only signing up to tie flies and will not be making any purchases (i.e. dinners, shirts, workshops etc.) register with me directly at jochetallison@msn.com I will email back to you the tying registration form.

Volunteer Dinner and Auction for CFR, PHW, OPFI Thursday May 4th, Social hour with no host bar 5:00-6:00 PM., dinner at 6 PM. Please make sure you mark the registration sheet, or if doing on line to mark the volunteer dinner box, we need a head count.

Friday Awards Banquet tickets are available on line only. The banquet is Friday night with a no host bar 5 PM, dinner at 6 PM with live auction to follow. Purchase your tickets for $40.

We have guest tyer Steven Fernandez 2012 Buszek Winner, Guest IFFF Certified Casting Instructors Molly Semenik and Al Buhr to teach at workshops casting techniques that may help your casting or just be of interest to you.

There will be a variety of workshops all for $40 each and **free** seminars both Friday and Saturday.

***Seminars*** – list
**Preston Singletary** - Demystifying Sea-Run Cutthroat
**Preston Singletary** - What's Bugging You; A Very Basic Introduction to Aquatic Entomology
**Steve Temple** - Secrets of the Clark Fork
**Duane Redford** - Mastering Technical Water
**Bruce Bolding** - Warmwater Game Fishing Opportunities
**David Paul William -** Bedrock Bass: Oregon's Umpqua River
**Dick Sagara** - Tricks of the Trade Lefty Taught Me
**Chet Allison -** Wade Fishing Washington's Spokane River below Monroe Street
**Duane Redford** - Hidden in Plain View, Recognizing the Obvious and Exploiting the Obscure
**Johnny Boitano** -Yakima River Trout

If you have any questions email at my address listed above, I will answer your question as best I can. Hope to see you at the 2017 WA ST Fly Fishing Fair.

Chet Allison
2017 Fly Tyer's Chair
jochetallison@msn.com

# JIM MIZE WISDOM

I recently read an article in ***In Fisherman*** written by Jim Mize and I wanted to share a small excerpt, as I have found it to be very true. I also urge you to take a look at his new book ***A Creek Trickles Through It***. Looks to be a good read.

*"A few other thing's I've learned are worth passing along so you don't have to waste time learning them yourself.*

*First, never let the weatherman talk you out of a trip. The worse the weather, the better the story.*

*Second, never avoid a trip because you have to get up early. Watching the world wake up is a show that only plays once a day.*

*Last, fish each hole with the idea you have to cast where no one else thought to or worked hard enough to reach. Old fish only get that way for a reason. "*

# BIGHORN SHOW
## By Jim Athearn

**See you at the Big Horn Show** – The Big Horn Show runs from Thursday, March 16, through Sunday, March 19th this year. For those who are new to the club or those who have only recently started tying, make sure you visit our booth.
This show is a great opportunity for our club to share our tying and fishing knowledge with young and older folks and we encourage those not volunteering to come by, try a little tying yourself and support those tyers signed up to teach.

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.

**For additional information contact Jim Athearn (299-5582, jathearn99@aol.com)**

# WDFW FEE INCREASES

### WDFW Fee Increase

Governor Inslee's budget request for WDFW proposes large license fee increases for recreational anglers, as well as a 10 percent fee hike for hunters, to address budget shortfalls and avoid program reductions. The recreational fishing fee increase would generate an additional $15.1 million in annual revenue for WDFW, while hunters would pay an additional $3.1 million. A fee increase on the commercial fishing industry, which includes recreational guides, would generate less than $700,000 in new annual revenue.
If adopted, most of the burden would fall on salmon and steelhead anglers. For a Columbia River salmon and steelhead angler license fees would increase by 70%. A Puget Sound salmon angler would pay nearly 50% more. Sadly, there are other inequities in this proposal. For example, the cost for a resident to fish for salmon (saltwater) with a one-day license would increase from $11.35 to $24.50 (116% increase), while the license cost for a resident and non-resident for a day of salmon fishing on a charter boat would increase from $8.50 to just $11.00 (29% increase).
**(though just in the proposal stage it is something to think about)**

# ROCK ISLAND LAKE-TIME TO PAY
## By Phil Beck

**THE ROCK ISLAND LAKE TRIP IS STILL A GO.**

Phil is working on getting this totally in place and is calling those committed. If you are still interested and have not been contacted make sure you call him. Due to a number of permit and hidden fee issues the cost has increased to $500.00 (still the best deal of the year). You don't want to miss this, so give him a call.

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.

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

# ROCKY FORD ROAD
## By Lee Funkhouser

**Heads up for anyone travelling to Rocky Ford.**

Although the fishing has been decent, the road is not. It has suffered though this winter, just as our Spokane area roads have. Be prepared to take it slow once you reach the turnoff to head to the hatchery. Lots of ruts and potholes, with soft areas to the sides.

As far as the water levels, they are down again and there are numerous spots to fish. Pressure has been heavy, but during the week it is not bad. Wear rubber boots and make sure you have a net with a handle of reasonable length. There are lots of fish and catching a few in the 20" or better length is a reasonable expectation.

## 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.

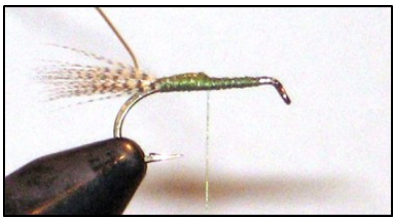
# *FLY OF THE MONTH*

**Green Drake Emerger** **March 2017** **Mike Lawson (as tied by Chet Allison)**

I started using this pattern a few years ago and found it to be quite productive not only when the Green Drakes are hatching but as a nymph for dragonfly's and when BWO are hatching. Give it a try, it is easy to tie.

**Hook:** Standard dry fly hook, sizes 8 to 10
**Thread:** Olive 6/0
**Tail:** Lemon Woodduck flank fibers or mallard dyed Woodduck
**Rib:** Yellow silk thread (or I like to use *gold wire* or tinsel)
**Body:** Olive rabbit dubbing
**Hackle:** Dyed olive grizzly hen hackle (I like to use olive dyed *Hungarian Partridge*)

**Step 1** Pinch barb, wrap thread base & tie in Gold wire.



**Step 2** Dub the olive body. A little fat in the middle is good but not way too much bigger.

**Step 3** Counter wrap Gold wire and tie off.

**Step 4** Tie in Olive Partridge feather by tip dark side out toward you.

**Step 5** Wrap the hackle, tie off and whip finish. Now go fishing.

# 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/wacifff .**

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

# UPCOMING IFFF EVENTS
## By Chet Allison

### IFFF Events for 2017

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| **March 10-11, 2017** | ORC Northwest Fly Tyer & 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**

**International Federation of Fly Fishers**
***Conserve, Restore and Educate Through Fly Fishing***

**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.**