



GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
September 12th, 2017
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

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SEPTEMBER PROGRAM Tim Lockhart

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By Jim Gaddy

Hi, ya'll!

I use this greeting in honor of my Texas fishing buddies, who are struggling, as I write this, with the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. I just got off the phone with my friend Thomas, who tells me Rockport and Port O'Connor, Texas were devastated—the eye of the hurricane came ashore between the two, only 10 miles from Port O'Connor.

As some of you may know, I spend a couple of weeks a year chasing reds in the coastal flats of Port O'Connor. News about this area is sketchy so far, but it sounds like the area has sustained significant damage. Harvey went from a Category 1 storm to a Category 4 in just 24 hours, dropping 40-50 inches of rain in Houston—a Texas record! This storm will change the fishing significantly, affecting different passes, cuts, flats, and fish areas. Interestingly, this kind of change can often be for the better. I know several Club members have fished in the Rockport area and am sure we will all be interested to see how it turns out.

In our own area, it's hard to believe Fall is less than a month away, especially since there seems to be no end to the "dog days" of summer this year. With hot temps and dry smoky weather conditions my fishing experience has been limited and difficult. One bright spot was the July trip to Rock Island Lake in B.C. Several Club members attended which provided great camaraderie. This was my first trip with such a large group of us, and it was a great opportunity to get to know everyone better and share fishing styles and techniques. We enjoyed lots of fresh air, good food, and fabulous happy hours! Our on-site Board meeting was attended by all members present, and the great discussions we had then will be part of future dialogs. I'd like to give special thanks to **Phil Beck** for the arranging the trip and am confident more such Club affiliated gatherings can be

We are fortunate to be welcoming Tim Lockhart to our September IEFFC meeting. He is the author of *Stillwater Strategies*. The title of his presentation



is *Stillwater Fly Fishing - Locating and Attracting Trout*.

Tim has fished for over 35 years. Over those years he's developed a practical system for productive fly fishing in stillwaters. Make sure you make this meeting and learn Tim's keys to finding the best lakes

and prime water along with his best presentation strategies. It looks to be a great topic for our area with all of the lakes we have available.

See you on the 12th!!

President's message (continued)
arranged in the future.

I hope everyone had a great summer and look forward to the September meetings, so we can all get caught up on each other's adventures. In the meantime, good wishes to Southeast Texas.

Tight lines,
Jim

GEORGE YAMADA

Age 93



The IEFFC lost another member this past July when **George Yamada** passed away at 93 years of age. He was surrounded by the love of his children and Pastor. He is survived by his children: Cathy, Linda, Jerry, Patty, John and Greg, and their spouses. He has 14 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. George was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 63 years, Suzie.

Bryan Harmon—Winning Fly Flyfishing Magazine

Our own **Bryan Harmon** was featured in the Fall 2017 Issue of Flyfishing Magazine. His hopper pattern was given the first place award in the Patent Patterns Fly Tying Contest for Fall 2017. The contest is sponsored by Fair Flies, Gamakatsu and Peak Fishing.

Bryan's fly tying ability is getting to be well known throughout the club. If you fish with him, it is always better to bum a fly from him than try your own. He is a superb tyer and this award is just one indication of how well he ties. Don't hesitate to pick up the most recent issue of the magazine and take a look at all the hopper patterns that received mention, showing the competition was intense. Bryan did an excellent job and he is a very deserving recipient of this honor.



Great Job Bryan!!

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ROCKY FORD BRIDGES Both Bridges Replaced



The bridges have been replaced at Rocky Ford and the fishing is great. Don't hesitate to plan a trip there, even with the water levels up.

Much of the upper slow moving area is difficult to fish as the water levels are way up, but there are plenty of spots

on the east side of the creek to access fish from. The new bridges are a major upgrade and the pathways leading to them are really user friendly.



The weather is hot, and so is the fishing. Be ready to battle weeds and search for spots that will allow you to safely net these monsters, but definitely make the trip.

Hats off to **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife** for a job well done.

KIDS FISHING By Floyd Holmes

On Friday May 5th **Jerry Harms, Ray Kranches, Bill Papesh, and Mike Shaunessy** showed up at the Ronald McDonald House to ride out on the bus to Clear Lake to take the Kids from the Ronald McDonald House Fishing.

Thanks to those who helped out and a special thanks to **Jerry Harms** for tracking the event.

On Saturday May 6th The guys who showed up to help out for the Clear lake Kids Fishing were **Randy Shaber, Bill Papesh, Stephen Aspinwall and Frank Faha.**

Thanks go out to these guys for the help and a special thanks goes to **Randy Shaber** for tracking this event.

Thanks to all who helped out on the two days and if I missed anyone I offer my apologies.

Thanks one and all.

Floyd Holmes

Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club—Spokane, Washington

ROCK ISLAND LAKE

Some said the mosquitoes were bigger than the fish, but that was merely the perception. Although the fish were not monsters, there were some pretty frisky trout to be had at Rock Island Lake. The trip was fun and the experience simply amazing.

The trip to and from was quite entertaining with the wildfires blazing throughout the Kamloops area. It was with apprehension that IEFFC members approached the final destination, hoping the smoke filled skies would disappear. That is exactly what happened. With the exception of one mid-week day, the air quality at camp was excellent.



The fish at Rock Island Lake were smallish, although some members reported catching fish in the 16 to 17 inch category. Excursions to the other area lakes seemed to find bigger fish, but sometimes the trek was made up of the blind leading the blind. The eagle and loon shows throughout the week were spectacular and the occasional wind gusts were impressive. What can be said is that this was certainly an adventure.

The evening meals were very good and the facilities, though rustic at best, were quite comfortable. Best of all was the time spent having a drink or two and just talking. Comments were numerous in regards to “we have to do more of this”.



A special thanks to **Phil Beck** for taking this bull by the horns. His perseverance gave the club an unforgettable experience.



Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club—Spokane, Washington

FLY OF THE MONTH

Gray Hackle Peacock

September 2017

Jim Athearn

The Gray Hackle Peacock is a soft hackle wet fly that was one of the earliest flies tied. It originated some time in the 1700's. This fly was popularized in Eastern Washington about 1950 by Art Nichols of Spokane. It was also called the water dragon. It is an excellent year-round pattern for all fish species, particularly rainbow trout. In streams it resembles an emerging caddis pupa and it should be fished on slow drifts with the current. In lakes, fish it deep and slow, as a bottom-dwelling nymph, using a sink tip or full sinking line when the water is cold and the fish are a bit lethargic. Short, slow strips give the fly the appearance of an emerging insect. You can also fish it on or just under the surface using a floating line to imitate a snail or terrestrial beetle pattern. When fishing near the surface, also try letting the fly sink for just a second or two then twitching it lightly once or twice. If a fish doesn't strike, slowly strip the fly back to you.

Hook: Mustad 9672 3XL, 6-12.

Thread: Black Uni 6/0.

Tail: Red Hackle Fibers.

Body: Peacock Herl.

Hackle: Soft gray, saddle or neck.



Step 1: Start by wrapping the thread along the hook shaft to the hook bend. Select a red hackle feather with long fibers and pinch a small bunch (1/4" to 3/8") of them together so that the ends are even. Cut the fibers and tie them in at the hook bend with three wraps of the thread. Tail length should be the same as the fly body will be. Wrap the thread over the tail fibers forward to a point about two hook-eye widths behind the eye. This will keep the base for the body uniform.

Step 2: Trim the tail fiber excess and wrap the thread back to the hook bend. Select 4 to 5 peacock herls and place them near the hook bend with the tips even. Do not use the first 1/2 inch or so of the tips as they are very fragile. Secure the herls with 2 to 3 thread wraps. Secure the herl ends along the hook shaft with several more thread wraps. Trim the excess herl and return the thread to the hook bend.

Step 3: Carefully wrap the herls around the thread 6 to 8 times and spiral wrap forward around the hook. This will reinforce the herls as they are wrapped around the hook to form the body. Form the body by wrapping the herls forward. Leave a space equal to at least one hook eye width so there will be room to tie on the hackle. Secure the herl ends with a few wraps of the thread and trim the excess herl ends..

Step 4: Select a hackle feather and gently stroke the fibers from the tip towards the base. Position the hackle at an angle with the underside of the feather facing towards the tail. Tie the hackle tip with 3 to 4 firm thread wraps and trim off the excess tip. Wrap the hackle around the hook 3 to 4 times keeping the hackle positioned so that the fibers curve towards the tail. Tie off the hackle and trim the excess. Hold the hackle fibers back towards the tail and begin to form the head. Whip finish to complete the fly.



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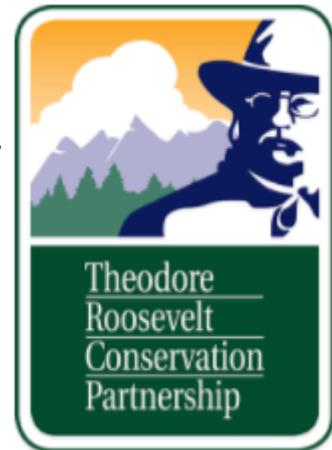
By Chet Allison

By now you know that on June 30, 2017, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed rescinding the Clean Water Rule that was established in 2015. We are concerned that this proposal, if enacted, will undo hard earned protections for streams and wetlands across the United States. It is reported that rescinding these rules could jeopardize 60 percent of stream miles in the U.S., particularly small tributaries

FFI is working actively through our membership in the Standing Water Working Group of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership to minimize the impact of this proposal. **We are joined with many other like-minded conservation groups in recognition that many voices working together will have a greater impact.**

TCRP just completed a survey of sportsmen across our nation regarding public access and clean water. You can see the results of the survey by accessing the site below.

<http://www.trcp.org/trcp-national-sportsmens-survey/>



Please pass this information along to your other like-minded groups and individuals you know.

Thank you.

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