



**GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
April 14, 2009
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jon Allen

With the weather changing and ice receding on our area lakes it's time to dust off the equipment. We are very lucky to have so many fishing opportunities available to us. Lakes like Amber and Coffee Pot have open water and are fishing very well. Fish in Sprague Lake are big and willing to take chironomids and buggers. Skwalas are starting to come off the Yakima and Clark Fork rivers and the crowds are smaller at Rocky Ford. So before the spring "honey do" list shows up on the refrigerator, go fish. The state game department needs to be commended on a great job of managing our states resources.

Have you noticed some empty spots at the dinner tables during our general meetings? The club has over ten openings for membership and now might be the time to ask that new friend to join us for dinner. And speaking of dinner, after some research, the Board of Directors has decided to stay at Mukagawa.

The trip to Belize last month proved to be a great success. The Belizean government put bonefish, permit, and tarpon on protected status and after just

APRIL PROGRAM

By Jason Mulligan

Although winter has crept into official spring, it will end. When it does there will be some excellent fishing on the upper Columbia. Jack Mitchell will tell us how it has been. He will be sharing his tales with us next month. I understand he has been fishing up there for many weeks already. He will have to bring some pretty awesome pictures to entice some of us to fish it much sooner than now. Especially those of us who have gotten spoiled on fireplace heat for the last 5 months. Jack will also be sharing his steelheading ventures on the Skagit, Ronde, and Klickitat. This program will inform us of how the waters of Washington state are fishing in more recent times.

He has offered a "twofer" on the Klickitat, that we will raffle at a later date. Come enjoy the program and watch Jack tie some flies he uses on these rivers.

one year our group noticed that the number and size of fish were substantially larger. Two of our members actually caught and released 51 Bonefish in one day. A father-son team had a double on permit. And yes, I no longer have permit on my bucket list - the fish gods graced me with two in one afternoon.

At the general meeting the membership will be voting on the changes to the by-laws purposed by the Board of Directors. If you have not looked at these changes please refer to the March issue of the Fly Leaf.

FAMILY FISHOUT

By Chester Allison

The family fish out at McDowell Lake will be June 6 and 7, 2009. There is no planned potluck dinner by the Outings committee. A spontaneous get together after everyone gets there Saturday afternoon or evening was decided would be better. No one is counting on the other. Put out what you bring. If no one wants to have a potluck so be it. Fishing and camping with our family or our wife in many cases is what we will be there for anyway, getting to know one another.

MORNING STAR BOY'S RANCH FISHOUT

By Bill McElroy

Morning Star Boys Ranch Fish out May 16

First of all, thanks to all of you who have participated in this event and made it such a success. All of you veterans' efforts have been greatly appreciated.

We will meet for breakfast at Lindebee's Diner at 7 am Saturday. The address is 111 Lefebre (Main Street by City Hall). They did a great job last year and have good service and free parking. The IEFFC will buy breakfast for you and the boys. Their 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 West Medical Resort, 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.

There are plenty of people for the tying on Thursday but I could still use fly fishers for Saturday.

I will have an email list for everyone and provide further information as required. Please sign up at the meeting April 14, or contact me directly, see the Roster.

NEW MEMBER

By Steve Dixon

Mike Cunningham will be officially inducted into the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club. He will be given a packet of items, including a name tag with his number, to make it official.

Be sure to welcome Mike.

There are a few vacancies left so if you have a friend who would be interested in joining the Club, bring him to three meetings and introduce him to all.

BIG HORN SHOW FLIES

By Tom May

Near the end of the show an idea came up to collect a fly from each tier. This collection will be offered as a raffle item during the Christmas program. The exact details have not been established. However, if you remember the number of great tiers we had at the show it should make an impressive collection.

If you have not donated one of your flies, please bring one to the next meeting. I will collect the flies and hold them until December.

BILL ELDENBURG, A Gentleman Always

By Leon Buckles

March 14, 2009, William Paul "Bill" Eldenburg passed away at age 88. Bill joined the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club in February 1958. He attended his first club meeting as a guest of **Mike Runje**. Fenton Roskelley, is the only member who surpasses his 51 years of continuous membership in the club.

Bill, the youngest of eight children born to Carl and Josephine Eldenburg, arrived on January 2, 1921 while his siblings were attending service at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. A local boy, he attended Lewis and Clark High School, graduating in the class of '38. He went on to attend Eastern Washington University, Washington State University and eventually obtaining a degree from Gonzaga University in 1947.



FLY OF THE MONTH

The Motherboard

April 2009

Jerry McBride

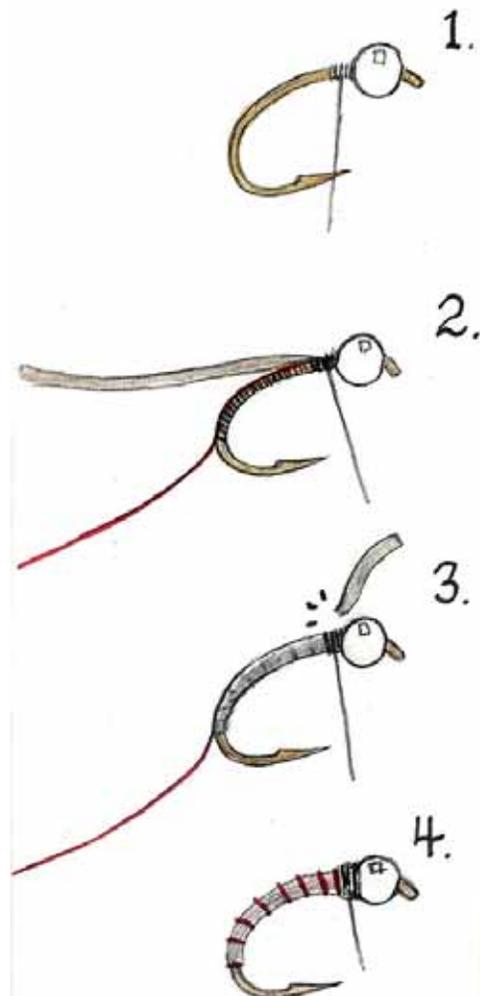
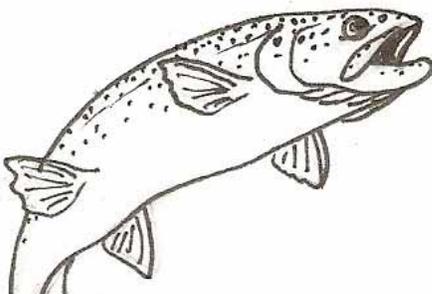
The Motherboard is derived from the very popular Chromie chironomid pattern. Instead of silver Flashabou for the body, it uses gray shiny static-free plastic. This material is available (usually for free) from most businesses that deal in electronics. Mike Dickey from Grand Coulee gave this fly the name "Motherboard" since computer motherboards come in protective envelopes made of this material. I chose this material because it was gray like real chironomids, yet also shiny like the gas that forms around them, enabling them to rise to the surface. This fly is best fished under a strike indicator with a floating fly line when gray chironomids are hatching.

(There will be a supply of this material available at the April meeting, courtesy of Steve Aspinwail.)

Hook: Tiemco 2457 scud hook or equivalent Size 16 to 8 with 12 most common
Thread: 8/0 light gray
Head: Tungsten bead with black, silver or black chrome plating
Body: Gray circuit board protective material
Rib: Small wire, red or black
Thorax: Gray thread



1. Pinch the barb, slip the bead on and attach the thread behind the bead
2. Cut a 6" piece of wire, slip an end into the hole in the bead and then lash it to the top of the hook, wrapping partially around the bend of the hook and then back to a point behind the bead. Then take a 1/16" wide strip of body plastic. Cut one end pointed and lash the pointed end in behind the bead.
3. Wrap the plastic strip in overlapping turns to a point partially around the bend of the hook and then back to behind the bead. Tie it down and trim the excess.
4. Counter-wrap the wire rib to behind the bead, tie off and trim. Build up the thread behind the bead to form the thorax and hold the bead in place. Whip finish behind the bead. Coat body of fly with 3 coats of "Hard As Nails."



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**NEED PICTURES OF
BILL ELDENBURG**

By Leon Buckles

We need photos of Bill that we can put into the archives.

We had scheduled to feature Bill at the September meeting. We can still do it if enough photos can be collected. In the archives I have a good portrait of him and also one of him with his wife Helen.

We have no fishing photos.

Please go through your pictures, and pick out any of Bill. I will return your pictures to you unharmed after I make copies for the archives.

Thanks

FLY FISHING FAIR

By Bob Bates

There is an international fly fishing event on May 1-2, 2009 in Ellensburg, WA. People are coming from all over the Northwest, Arkansas, Texas and Canada. There is something for everybody – fly casting, fly fishing and fly tying. It is free for FFF members and only \$5 for others

Fly Casting: The Danish Games can be played for fun or competition. They cover many of the day to day fishing challenges. If you are into competition there are events for you – the pros are separated from the rest of us.

There are classes to help you improve your casting or handle special challenges.

Fly Fishing: Free seminars have been organized to give you a lot of inside information on fishing spots we can visit and techniques we can use.

Fly Tying: Nearly 100 fly tiers have signed up to show you their techniques. 51 tying tables will be occupied in 3-hour shifts. The fly tying demonstrations are free, and there are formal classes to improve your tying skills. Free tying lessons are available also. These are mostly for the kids.

Volunteers are needed and get a few perks for their time: Free spaghetti dinner Friday, \$10 discount on banquet tickets, free entrance, etc.

Check out our website for more information including a 2-hour drift boat handling course.

<http://www.washingtoncouncilfff.org/2009FlyFairFrameset.htm>