



**GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
December 8, 2009
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jon Allen

Holiday greetings.

Don't put away those rods and reels. Winter fishing is here and it looks like the season is going to be a good one. If weather forecasters are correct the fishing conditions should be mild. Traveling to places like Rocky Ford and the Grande Ronde will be easier this year than the last two winters. Steelheading has been good and should continue to be that way throughout the winter months. Some of us will travel to warmer destinations to chase salt water species and get away from the cold.

For the rest of us its back to the tying table to renew the stock of flies depleted on trips taken during the year or by fishing buddies that seem to think that your fly boxes are fair game. New patterns for Chopaka, The Big Horn or that private lake need to be tied and refined. If these are not enough to keep you busy how about the up keep of your gear that took a beating this last year, the leaky waders, the boat that didn't get cleaned? I know that the winter months can be filled with tasks and preparations for the next trip or season and it helps when the winter doldrums start to get the better of you.

It has been a pleasure serving the club this last four years. Serving on the Board and traveling through the chairs of our club has been a great experience. Working with the past and present members of the Board and committees has been fun and informative. As club president it has been a pleasure to meet more members of the club and be privy to information about those secret spots and the fly that is deemed "the only fly that works". I look forward to continued relationships and serving the club in the future.

Thank you all

DECEMBER PROGRAM

Just remember there is no program this month.

Just several opportunities:

Christmas Raffle: Get lots-lots-and lots of tickets, and try your luck on great things at the Christmas Raffle.

Bring your donations for the raffle: Every year the donations by club members bring in more money than anything else. Fishing flies are always in demand.

Something new this year: The IEFFC Board bought a high quality six weight rod for a special raffle. IEFC Members will be given a special raffle ticket for each new Toys For Tots donation. Toys should be left in their original store packaging. Value of the toy should be at least \$10.00. Listening to the advertisements for the last two weeks, prices have been reduced to about \$10 on some very nice toys. Several trucks have been lined up to take the toys to the Marines.

Fly Fisherman of the Year: The board went into Executive Session to decide, so even Leon Buckles and you Editor will be surprised, we were kicked out.

Elections:

President: Jason Mulligan

Vice President: Bob Harley

Treasurer: Chester Allison

Secretary: Mike Beasley

QUEEN MARY BACK PLYING LOCAL WATERS AFTER SUMMER RETROFIT

By Jerry McBride



After many years of procrastinating I finally made the effort this summer to put the Queen Mary into dry dock (actually my garage) and do a complete retrofit. This included stripping all the old paint off (five layers), rebuilding the transom, all new hardware and repainting. In the process of stripping off the old paint I found out that at one time she was a speed boat with a flame paint job no less!

My dad bought her from a guy who lived in Lewiston. This intrepid person ran her up the Snake and Salmon Rivers above Lewiston with a 15 horsepower motor no less.

Now that she is in her late fifties, she leads a more sedate life fishing on local waters. Those of you who have fished out of her will testify that she is a great fly fishing boat.

Frank Faha and I have argued for years about who had the ugliest fishing boat. There is no question now, Frank. You definitely have the ugliest fishing boat. At the same time, I know you love your boat as much as I love mine.

NEW MEMBERS

By Steve Dixon

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FLY OF THE MONTH

Blood Worms, Etc.

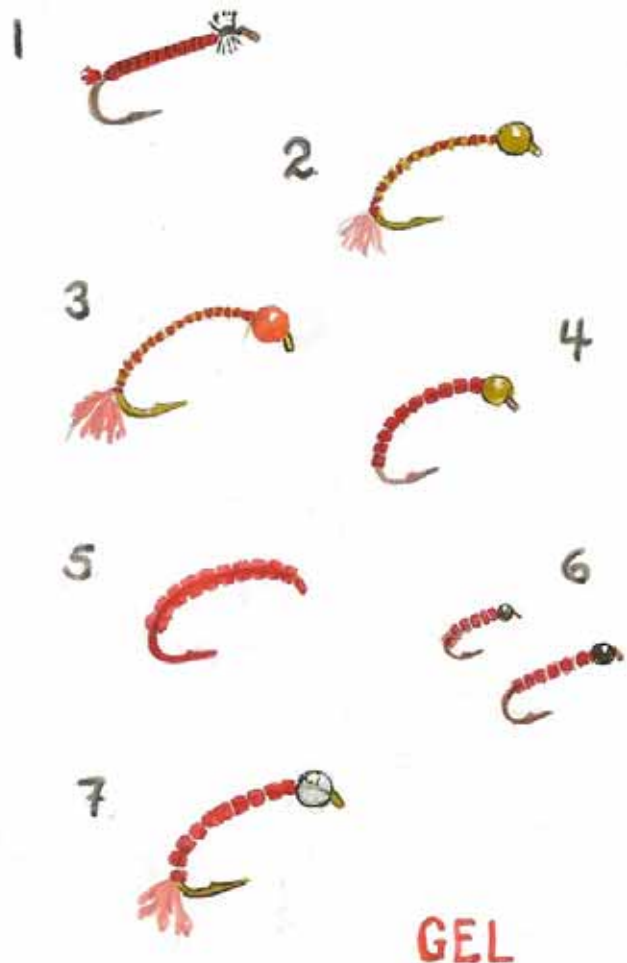
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Everybody and His Dog

The holidays are here again. As I write this, the smell of fresh baked pumpkin pies permeates the house. It's time to reflect on the year's good fishing trips (and to try to forget the bad ones.) Another well-known and skilled fly fisher, Kris Kringle, will have to wait until after his busiest day to relax and enjoy. In spite of a busy schedule, Santa keeps up on the latest innovations in his favorite sport. He knows who's been naughty and nice among fly tossers and what they are using. So, St. Nick has followed the development of the red chironomids and blood worm patterns that the IEFFC members have come up with over the years. After all, his favorite color is red. These crimson deceivers are first-choice flies for many Club members simply because they hook so many fish. Fished under indicators in many sizes and configurations, they work in all of our waters. We have featured patterns as Fly of the Month going back to Jerry McBride's Red Chironomid in October, 1991 and the Egg Sucking Bionic Worm of May, 2003. In January, 2008, Ross Black introduced the use of red glass beads for blood worm patterns. Everyone has his own favorites. It's rumored that Santa Claus' Christmas tree is decorated with small, red, glass beaded flies of a great variety and when his tree comes down, he puts the flies in boxes and heads south for his fishing vacation. Imagine the Jolly Old Elf relaxing in his pontoon sleigh, sipping a gin and tonic and watching his indicator bob under. Merry Christmas and good angling in the New Year.

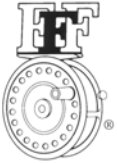
Hook: Lots of styles and sizes
Thread: Whatever works
Tail: Sometimes
Rib: At times
Body: Beads of all sorts, red larva lace, etc.

1. Jerry's Red Chironomid
2. Bionic worm.
3. Egg sucking bionic worm.
4. Ross's Enzo's Chironomid
5. George Potter's red hook-red beads
6. Red beads on bare hook, many sizes and shapes
7. George's latest, large glass bead head with red bead body and pink tail
8. Be sure and share your favorite pattern!
Santa likes generous people!



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OUTINGS

By Chester Allison

Here are the finalized outing dates for the year 2010. The Morning Star dates are tentative in the fact I don't know when the ranch is going to have the event. Past years it has usually been one of these two dates. With that in mind keep the dates as open as you can for the young boys. As near as I know the only date that may flop is the March date due to the weather. I will do what I can to keep an eye on the cold and ice as best I can. Note the change for the Sept date and place.

March 27-Coffee Pot: Club to provide burgers and chips. B.Y.O. drink.

April 17- Sprague Lake: Public launch. Bring your lunch.

May 8 or 15-Morning Star: Keep these dates open for kids.

May 22- McDowell: Can be a family fish out, bring wife and kids if you'd like.

Sept. 18-Amber Lake: 4th Annual fall Bar B Que. Club will provide burgers, chips, and drinks.