



**GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS**

**November 10, 2009
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jon Allen

This year's Steelhead run looks like it could be one of the largest on record and the number of anglers fishing for them seems to equal the number of fish. With this increase in anglers the number of conflicts between them is on the rise. All recreational interests, including canoeists, rafters, kayakers, motorized boaters, anglers and commercial outfitters, are feeling the strain of the increased angling pressure. River etiquette and ethics need to be reviewed by all users to lessen the number of these conflicts.

Boaters, when using a boat launching site, you should be organized before you approach the actual launching area. If rafting, have the raft inflated, the rowing frame ready and most of the gear in the raft before you move to the river's edge. Fishing rods should be rigged and unrigged well away from the access ramp. Once in the water, clear the area as soon as possible. Look out for wading anglers and other craft just as you would natural obstacles and plan an avoidance route well in advance. The bottom line is that the boater should avoid the angler if at all possible. While giving the angler a wide berth, try to avoid floating over the anglers fishing hole. If your boat must come close to the angler to refrain from disturbing the area being fished, make eye contact and explain your actions. If the fishing hole can't be avoided, you need to apologize, letting the angler know you meant well but couldn't avoid the disturbance. Waders, don't encroach on another angler's space. If entering a stretch of water occupied by another angler communicate with that angler before entering the water. Try not to monopolize a good fishing spot on the river;

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

By Jason Mulligan

I joined this club with the knowledge that its members were the finest sportsmen in the PNW. This month our members have an opportunity to take a closer look at some of that talent. The program for November will consist of eight tables with our own legends on display.

We will have an archive table accepting photographs from any and all members in exchange for raffle tickets. In turn, these raffle tickets will be used in conjunction with our normal door prize raffle. So don't forget to bring some photo donations, as there will be some great flies from Len Gross, Bob Bates, and Walt Balek. Also, please feel free to bring any of your own related items for display.

This is a great opportunity to share some of your experience. Please join us for what is one of the finest 'Talent Showcases' in our area.

fish for a while, then move on. Understand that there are going to be instances when the wading angler should yield to floaters because there is no other channel for the floaters to navigate. Adopt a self-policing policy. Try to educate others about ethical considerations as tactfully as you can.

Conflicts are not caused solely by overcrowding. Rather it is the attitude and practices of some of those using our waterways that are the principal catalysts of problems. Education, cooperation and communication are tools we can all use to ensure a quality fishing experience.

In other BOD news. The board has purchased a Winston BII mx 9 ft. 6 wt. at discount from the Silver Bow Fly Shop for the Toys for Tots raffle. For each NEW \$10+ toy brought in during the Christmas raffle members will receive a Toys for Tots raffle ticket.

DON CHINN, The Compassionate Flyfisher

By Leon Buckles

August 28, 2009, Don Chinn passed away after suffering a devastating stroke. Our 34th president had given many good years of service to the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club and the fly-fishing community.

Don was an interesting personality. His passion was fly-fishing and he was in a constant search for knowledge. He maintained a very large and complete library at his home. As you perused through his books, you would find them marked, underlined and with notes in the margins. He also traveled to England and followed the footsteps of Issac Walton. He was very compassionate and would keep in touch with club members and friends that were sick or in some way had met with unfortunate circumstances. Then at other times, Don could be demanding and as stubborn as any bulldog or mule that you could imagine.

Born in Oregon, Don grew up on a farm that had a creek flowing through it. Don's uncle started him fishing in his early teens. During the Korean War, Don served in the U.S. Navy as a hospital corpsman. It was while he was stationed in Bremerton, WA that he met Marlene and they were soon married. Going to school on the GI Bill he received a BS Degree that got him a job as supervisor of the medical laboratory at the VA Hospital in Spokane where he settled down to raise a family of five children.

An active member of both the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club and the Spokane Fly Fishers, Don was an asset to both. Don worked through the chairs of the IEFFC, serving as president in 1989. He originated the Ed Wolfe Memorial Award and was the associate editor of the club's monthly publication, The Fly Leaf from 1985 until 2000. His proudest accomplishment was as writer-editor of the 1986 Flies of the Northwest. He was selected as the club's 1991 Fly Fisherman of the Year.

A charter member of the Spokane Fly Fishers, he served on the board of directors, editor of the Barbless Flier,



Don with Browns Lake Cutthroat

and was honored with the Founders Award in 1990.

For several years, Don wrote the Favorite Fly column for the Outdoor Press, spending many hours researching the history and origins of the patterns. He played an active role in support of the Centennial Trail, the successful campaign to purchase land along Rocky Ford Creek and selective regulations for Lake Lenore. In his spare time he ran Don's Fly Shop from his basement and taught fly tying to countless individuals, young and old.

Don did much to promote fly-fishing and the community will miss his efforts. May he rest in peace.

2010 OUTINGS

By Chet Allison

Here is list of Outings planned for 2010. The May 8 or 15 date is just a reminder that on one of the weekends is the Morning Star event. Mark your calendars for 2010. These outings are for everyone. The old can teach the young, and the young can make the old laugh. March, May and September will require a sign up.

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FLY OF THE MONTH

The Woolly Bugger Revisited

November, 2009

Everyone

Ask a flyfisher who is fishing a sinking line with a slow retrieve what pattern he is using and the answer more often than not is "a woolly bugger." It has been a standard "go to" fly in both lakes and streams forever. The Woolly Bugger must rank very near the top in the number of fish fooled for all time. With so many anglers tying and the overwhelming amount of new materials available, the basic pattern takes on many new faces. We tie it in many colors, add flash to the tail, beads to the head, use different dubbings for the body, change the palmered hackle . . . , and give the resulting fly a new name! Even so, it's still a Woolly Bugger. Do our new innovations catch more fish than the old original? Probably not. So why do we make our "improvements?" Because it's fun . . . and who knows . . . maybe our new version will set the piscatorial world on fire. As you review the basic tying pattern, just imagine all of the different things you have added or changed over the years. I do it all the time and some of my favorite flies are just variations of the good, old Woolly Bugger.

Hook: 10 – 2, 2 or 3X long

Thread: Stout, color to match fly

Tail: Bunch of marabou fibers

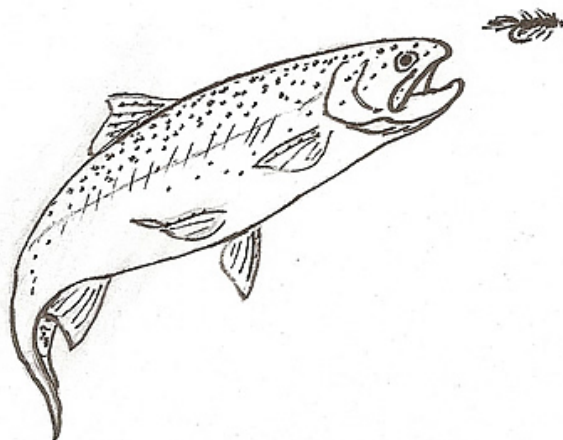
Body: Chenille with optional lead wire

Rib: Palmered hackle

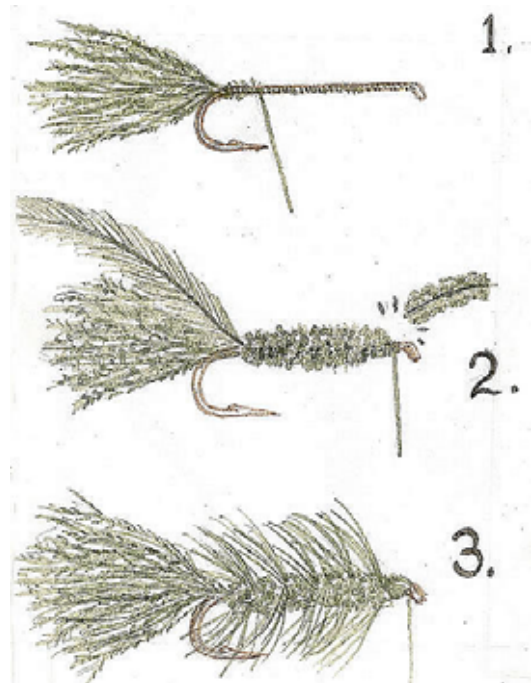
Variations: Endless!



1. Pinch the barb and line the hook shank with thread. Tie in the marabou tail.
2. Attach the hackle by the tip at the hook bend. wrap the chenille body up to the head and trim.
3. Palmer the hackle up to the front and trim. wind a small head of thread, whip finish, trim and cement.
4. Also use bead heads, Krystal Flash, fancy dubbing, even rubber legs, etc., etc.



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All Dates are for 2010. These are proposed dates and places, weather will determine exact details.

March 20 or 27 - Coffee Pot; club to provide burgers and chips. B.Y.O. Drink.

April 10 or 17 - Medical Lake or Sprague. Bring your lunch.

May 8 or 15 - Morning Star event, Club will pay for breakfast. Bring your lunch.

May 22 - Amber Lake - Long Horn Bar B Que.

June 12&13 - Family campout at McDowell.

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

WDFW EASTERN REGIONAL DIRECTOR RETIRING

By Madonna Lures

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Eastern Regional Director John Andrews of Spokane is retiring November 30 after 35 years with the agency.

John began his career in 1974 as a problem wildlife control agent in Yakima, although he also spent summers between 1969 and 1974 sampling fish at Neah Bay, Westport and Sekiu for the former Department of Fisheries while he earned his bachelor's degree in wildlife biology and master's degree in forestry and range management at Washington State University.

In 1979 John took on the job of regional wildlife program manager in Spokane. In 1989 he took on the regional habitat program manager position, and in 1999 he became the regional director.

John says he's always liked to shift gears and take on new challenges about every 10 years, so he's going on to work with four states and several tribes in wildlife mitigation crediting through the Columbia Basin Fish & Wildlife Authority under the Bonneville Power Administration.