# The Fly Leaf



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

October 13, 2009 Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m. Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By Jon Allen

We are fortunate to live in an area that has four seasons with lots of opportunity to enjoy the outdoors. If you choose to hunt, fish, bird watch or just take a drive to look at the fall colors you live in the right place.

With temperatures dropping and the crowds of people off the water, now is the time to hit your favorite lake or river. For lake fishing instead of using deep sinking lines moved slowly, we can now look for water boatman along the shorelines or cast to active fish with small midge emergers. Record numbers of steelhead are in the Columbia River system already and people are picking up fish in the Clearwater, Snake and Grande Ronde. This might be the year to pick up that spey rod.

Hunters are in the field hoping to see that once in a life time buck. Ask Jason Mulligan, Vice President of the club, about his fall hunting adventure, he has pictures.

#### OCTOBER PROGRAM

By Jason Mulligan

This month our feature presentation will be fishing with our own Bob Harley and Doug Brossoit on the Goodnews. This river is located in Southeast AK and flows through the Togiak wildlife refuge. It is a primitive fishery with excellent salmon runs. I'm sure Bob and Doug caught some rainbow trout as well. I'm sure these fine gentlemen will take this opportunity to make us all feel a little jealous that we weren't there with them. We should all be looking forward to this presentation.

I am looking forward to seeing you all there for another evening of fine dining, and tale telling of recent steelheading!

With so many options the dilemma becomes which activity do you choose? Why not choose them all and if you have some success, great, if you get skunked, so be it, at least you're out enjoying the cooler temperatures and fall colors. So, what are you waiting for? Get out and enjoy the fall and the many opportunities that we have.

The club's Board of Directors is looking for help in finding projects suitable for the Club to work on. If you know of one please talk to a board member. No project is too large or small, we can handle them all. One of the current projects is the start up of the Spokane River Committee (SRC). We need a couple more volunteers so if you have any interest please inform a Board member.

## MEDICAL LAKE OUTING By Chet Allison

The 3rd annual Fall Bar B Que has come and gone. The weather was very warm but windy and the stories being told were windy but beautiful. Those in attendance were Bob Bates, Chet Allison, Harry Calhoun, Jim Brock and his grandson Craig (he thinks he wants to join the club). Everyone ate all they wanted and wanted all they ate and all was good.

After lunch around 2 PM all the guys left because of the wind but Chet went fishing. By 4:30 when he left he had caught 2 real nice fish. One on a Blond Stayner and one on a Moose Leech. Both 18 or a little longer. The wind did beat me up and I finally called it quits. The Moose Leech was given to me by the man we saw on the pontoon boat. He said he had a tough day. From noon to 4:30 he only caught 10. It was a very good day in all respects. Thank you for coming out to the bar b que.

Ed. Note: Those of you who did not come out missed a real treat. Chet made great hamburgers.



L to R: Jim Brock, Craig, Bob Bates and Harry Calhoun enjoying burgers made by Chet Allison

#### ROSTER CHANGES

#### **Steve Dixon**

My new address is:

13605 N. Eagle View Ln.

All the other info is the same.

#### **Pat Whitehill**

New E-mail address:

apwhitehill@cableone.net



Jim Brock, Craig and Harry Calhoun deciding not to go fishing. Too windy. Photo by Chet Allison

## NEW DVD IN OUR LIBRARY By Harry Calhoun

#### Rio's Modern Spey Casting No. 100

A three DVD set. It is a very comprehensive presentation. The information here will improve your current spey casting or get you started in the right direction.

#### FLY OF THE MONTH

Blue Dun Emerger

October, 2009

A Slovenian Guide

AT TIMES A PARTICULAR FLY TAKES ON SPECIAL MEANING IN ONE'S FISHING EXPERIENCE.

While fishing a small stream on a rainy day in Slovenia, the young guide had me switch from a bead head nymph to a blue dun emerger. On the first cast, I took a 21-inch marbled trout, one of the rarest trout on earth. The guide was more excited than I. This was one of my greatest moments in over 50 years of fly fishing. Here is the pattern.

**Hook:** TMC 200R, sizes 18 – 12 **Thread:** Fine black mono

Post – Wing: CDC (Cul-de-Canard) or light gray poly yarn

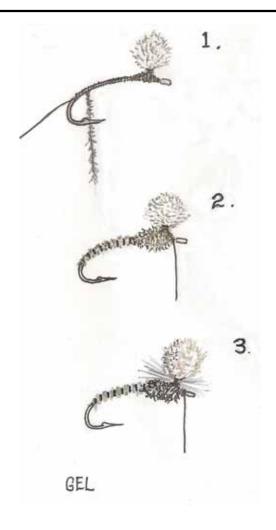
**Body:** Light blue gray dubbing, sparse

**Rib:** Black tying thread **Thorax:** Dark gray dubbing

Hackle: Blue dun



- Pinch the barb and line the shank with thread, leaving enough extra thread dangling to use as the rib. Tie in the post wing as shown. Put a very sparse light gray dubbing on the tying thread.
- Dub a very sparse body up to the thorax area. Wind in the rib. Switch dubbing to dark gray and do the thorax.
- Wind a blue dun parachute hackle around the base of the post – wing. Don't make it too large. Tie off and whip finish.



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#### CHARTER MEMBER and McKENZIE PLAQUE WINNER

#### **STEELHEAD**

Mike Beasley fished the lower Grande Ronde River on two weekends, using a 12.5-foot, 7wt spey rod with a 12-foot leader and 8-pound tippet. He caught fish everyday with flies he tied. Water temps were in the mid 50's











He caught and released several steelhead including this one. Note: It is 30" between the rod butt and the top of the handle.