



GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
March 13th, 2018
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

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MARCH PROGRAM Steve Joyce—Yakima River Trout

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By Jim Athearn

As I begin this message, I am thinking about our February meeting and how much fun we had sharing this event with our spouses. Everyone I have heard from thought it was a big success. Of course, that was made possible by a lot of extra effort from some club members, particularly **Lee Funkhouser** and **Bob Schmitt**, who were able to work with the Mukogawa staff to provide a nice setting in the large room for everyone and for providing each spouse with a corsage when they arrived. Bob's wife, Leslie, helped Bob at the check-in table and Wendy Spring offered a few extra items on the bar menu that were well-received. I would really like feedback from the whole membership and to hear about whether you would like to have similar or even different club events in the future.

There are always members who stand out for their contributions to the club and who are always willing to pitch in to help whenever something comes up. One who comes to mind is **Jerry Harms** who has been helping both myself and Bob Schmitt at the check-in table. I really admire all of the past Treasurers who were able to successfully do this solo and realize how lucky I was to have Bob Schmitt and Jerry helping when I was at the table and now Jerry helping Bob. It makes a big difference keeping track of everything and particularly getting everyone into the meeting much quicker. Jerry is also representing the club in **Floyd Holmes** absence at the Kids' Fishing Day planning meeting. Thank you, Jerry, for all your help.

Our club prides itself in providing community service in support of our fly fishing sport and we have members involved in other community activities that reflect well on our club. One fine example is **Bryan Harman**, who is working with Northwest Outfitters in Coeur d'Alene, to bring fly tying to young people. If you know of other outside activities by our members, please let me know so I can share them with everyone.

As I look out the window at the snow and our lake refreezing, it seems fair to think again about Christmas. It is never too early to plan for next year. While you are all tying flies to stock up for the coming fishing season, maybe put a few away for the Christmas raffle. Likewise, when you go on guided trips, think about asking your

Steve Joyce is a founding partner at Red's Fly Shop and Canyon River Ranch in the Yakima River Canyon. He was born in Billings, where he began fly fishing and guiding on the Big Horn River during high school. He attended Carroll College in Helena, where he played football and continued guiding with Paul Roos Outfitters, focusing on the Missouri, Backfoot, and Smith rivers, and even spent a couple of winters guiding trout fishing in the Patagonia region of Chile. Steve and 2 partners purchased the property in the Yakima River Canyon in 2002, and began development of what has become one of the premier fly fishing destinations and resorts in the Pacific Northwest. While Steve's fishing career has taken him to the remote corners of the world, he feels lucky to call the Yakima River and Ellensburg his home where he resides with his wife, Natalie, and 3 children ages 6, 12, and 14.



Presidents message (continued)

guides to consider donating a trip (or shared trip) to our raffle. Most of you are very accomplished anglers and can offer your own trips to other club members. These trips have been really well received by our members and they have fostered some new friendships within our club. **Gordon Olson** and his committee do a great job and put lot of effort all year into gathering items for the raffle, however, they can always use our help getting more of the popular items. As you know, the proceeds from our Christmas raffle provide a large part of our operating budget.

Finally, think about the upcoming fishing season and consider taking another member fishing - get to know them and share your experiences and expertise. We have a really great group of members and I constantly think about how fortunate I have been to become a part of this club and make wonderful new friendships.

Don't forget to stop by our booth and say "hi" at the Big Horn Show, March 15-18. Have a great time fishing and be safe.

BIG HORN SHOW

By Jim Athearn

IEFFC will be at the Big Horn Show again this March

Mark your calendars to come to the Big Horn Sports Show March 15 – 18 and see our club members in action demonstrating fly tying and teaching kids how to tie flies. We will be back at booth 85 in Bay 1. There are still a couple of volunteer spots available if you want to participate. Everyone had a great time last year and we are looking forward to more of the same this year. Hope to see everyone there. For more information, contact **Jim Athearn** (509-299-5582) jathearn99@aol.com.



Catch-and-Release Tips

#KeepEmWet

Catch and release is required on many of our area waters and proper technique is certainly encouraged in all situations. As our club embarks on a program to educate fisherman, it is important that we all know and utilize some of the tips that will keep our fish population healthy. Certainly we should know how to use our own Runje Releasers, but we have listed some of the hints provided by the KeepEmWet people. You can also go to our IEFFC website and view the KeepEmWet video that is our featured video for March.

Here are some helpful tips:

1. Use as strong a tippet as you can get away with to shorten the fight.
2. Use a net with a rubber bag, and keep it in the water, even after you've netted the fish.
3. Hold the fish firmly by the "wrist" of the tail and gently by the underbody.
4. Take photos quickly, if you even take one, taking the fish out of the water for just a couple seconds.
5. Put it back in the water until it's ready to swim away.

Let's keep our fish population healthy!!

Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club—Spokane, Washington

DID YOU KNOW?

By Jerry McBride

Dan Lobb has been trapping since he was given several traps for his 10th birthday. He grew up in rural Roxbury Township in New Jersey about 50 miles northwest of New York City. It took him two or three years to learn how to trap the muskrats that lived in ponds near his home. When he got into high school he would take his hunting coat, hip waders, shotgun and shotgun shells to school and leave them in his car. Right after school got out he would drive out and work his trap line. Try taking a shotgun and shells to school now and see what happens!

Dan served four years in the Air Force as a fire fighter and for part of his tour was stationed at Fairchild. When he finished his tour of duty with the Air Force Dan settled in Spokane, got married and started a family. He joined the Spokane Fire Department and attained the rank of Captain. As a hobby and a way to make some extra money Dan trapped muskrats and beavers mainly on the Little Spokane River. Occasionally he also caught raccoons and coyotes. Dan still traps once in awhile mainly to help people get rid of nuisance animals. This requires a special permit.



USING THE WEBSITE

By Lee Funkhouser

So, you don't visit the website very often. Well, over the next few months I will be profiling some of the things that you can view on the site and maybe that will give you reason to visit more often.

This month we will be looking at the **video link** on the [home page](#).

Currently, we are featuring a video on catch and release. Just go to the website and click on the video title. We have even included an article in the newsletter discussing the subject. We are a club that is deeply concerned about how our fisheries and the resident fish are being treated. Having this video available to you and those who visit our site is important. Note that we change the videos often and always try to tie them to club activities. If there is a video that you would like to see featured, just let me know and I will link it up.

This is your club and your website. Let's keep it up to date and pertinent.

DUES DUES DUES

Yes, dues are overdue. Make sure you bring to the March meeting or send in your \$30.00 dues renewal ASAP.

Mailing address:
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Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club—Spokane, Washington

SPOKANE RIVER FUND RAISER FILM FESTIVAL

SPOKANE RIVER FUNDRAISER / IF4 FILM NIGHT

Silver Bow Fly Shop is very pleased to announce that our 2018 Spokane Fundraiser will be March 8th in partnership with [Spokane Falls Trout Unlimited](#). They are hosting this annual event at the Garland Theater showcasing the International Fly Fishing Film Festival.



Funds from this year's event will go towards improving signage along the Spokane River notifying anglers of the "Selective Gear" rules which are in place to help protect our native redband trout. Currently there is some signage, however, they are looking to make larger, bolder signage that is very easy to understand and see at key access sites.

They have some incredible raffles this year including two premium fly rods, a Sage X and a Winston Kairos, Simms Headwater Waders, Patagonia bags, and more! Not to mention numerous guide trips on the Spokane and a Grande Ronde steelhead trip. All proceeds going to Spokane Falls Trout Unlimited for the signage project.

Date: March 8th

Doors open: 5pm

Show: 7pm

Theater: Garland

Tickets: Available only at Silver Bow Fly Shop, [online](#), or at the door

Cost: \$14 cash or card

DRIVERS FOR VETERANS NEEDED By Bob Schmitt

The Disabled American Veterans need volunteer drivers for their Spokane Vans.

Hi I'm **Bob Schmitt**, a IEFFC club member. I volunteer one day a week in the DAV Van Transportation office at the Veterans Administration Hospital. Currently, we're very short of drivers for our two Spokane Vans. To volunteer would require one day a week of your time or one could volunteer to be a substitute driver as well. Many of the Vets that the VA serves are elderly, live alone and are of very modest means. With this in mind, the DAV supplies a van service that will pick up the Vet as his/her home and bring them to the VA Hospital for their appointment and then take them back home – essentially a taxi service.

If you are interested, you could ride along with one of our drivers to see if this type of volunteer service might be something that would appeal to you. For more information or to schedule a ride along, please call me at 509.466.1934 or email me at schmittl@comcast.net.

The freedoms we enjoy here in America are not free and have been guaranteed by those who took up arms to defend our way of life – some of whom paid the ultimate price.

Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club—Spokane, Washington

FEBRUARY MEETING FEEDBACK

The IEFFC Board is requesting any and all comments be submitted so that they can evaluate whether to hold another Valentines meeting next year. If you would like to submit comments, you can do so through our email address or through the mailing address, both listed below. Anonymous submissions are acceptable as we want to truly know the thoughts of our membership. Thank you for your assistance.

Email; mail.ieffc@gmail.com

Address; IEFFC, PO Box 2926, Spokane, WA 99220

FLY FISHING ACADEMY

NW YOUTH CONSERVATION AND FLY FISHING ACADEMY - 2018

The deadline for the 2018 Academy is closing in – April 15, 2018 is the deadline for the Academy. Those that apply and are accepted, will be notified by the middle of May. The Academy this year is again the last full week of June 24-30, 2018. The Academy is held on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. Applicants need to write an essay explaining why “they” would like to attend. They also will need a letter of recommendation from their school counselor, science teacher or responsible person. The applicant, boy or girl, 12-16, should not be 17 at the start of the Academy. Cost is \$300 and there are sponsorships available. No one will be turned away because of lack of money.

The support from the fly fishing community again this year is nothing short of spectacular. Applications are coming from all over the State. In the past years, we have been supported by over 50 volunteers each year. We will need volunteers again this year as guides to take the kids fishing in the morning and evenings. We will be fishing a local pond and the Deschutes Rivers in Thurston County. The Academy has a Facebook page loaded with pictures from past years and our website www.nwycffa.com You may download the application off the website or call Mike Clancy @253-278- 0061, Jim Brosio @ 360-943-9947 or Tom Van Gelder @253-261- 8890.

The Academy will be a life experience for these youth; they are the future of our sport of fly fishing. We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can always build our youth for the future. FDR

ROSTER CORRECTIONS

Watch your email inbox for the following email. Our roster is not accurate and we need your help to correct it. In addition, we will be requesting a picture for the website from many of you. Please help us out by promptly returning the information requested.

We are updating everyone's IEFFC roster information prior to this years printing. Please take a moment to look at what we currently have for you. **Return this email whether you have corrections or not.** If there are no corrections, simply indicate that the information is correct. If you have corrections or additions, **make sure you note that on your return email.**

Your prompt reply is appreciated. **Just a note**...we are adding occupations after the notation of retired if you would like that information included in the roster.

Roster Format

Name

Address

City, State Zip

Occupation

Home Phone

Alternate phone

Email address

Wife

Your Profile

Listed as we have it in the Roster spreadsheet

Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club—Spokane, Washington

FLY OF THE MONTH

Rainbow Warrior

March 2018

Lance Egan

This fly is used in many of the streams and rivers throughout North America and even into other areas such as New Zealand. There are numerous variations and this is just one of the many on the internet. An easy fly to tie and one that can be tied in many sizes depending on the hatch size you are witnessing. It may prove to be that extra fly you have in your box that works well on a day when everything else is being rejected. This example is from Orvis and the link to the video is as follows: <https://news.orvis.com/fly-fishing/Video-How-to-Tie-the-Rainbow-Warrior>

Hook: Standard emerger hook (here a Dai-Riki #125), sizes 12-22.

Bead: Silver tungsten bead, 3/32-inch.

Thread: Red, 70 denier or 8/0.

Tail: 6 pheasant tail fibers.

Abdomen and wingcase: Pearl Flashabou, wide.

Thorax: Tan/rainbow Sow-Scud dubbing.

Hot Spot: Red thread whip finishes.



1. Pinch the barb and put on the bead small opening first. Start your thread and form a base moving toward the hook bend to attach the tail.
2. Attach the tail and finish making the red body with your thread. Now attach the pearl flashabou and cover the body well with the red thread.
3. Carefully make spiral overlapping wraps of the flashabou toward the bead and secure it with the tying thread. Then pull the flashabou back and make a couple of wraps setting up for an appropriately wide wing case.
4. Create a thin short dubbing noodle with the Sow-Scud dubbing and wrap to make a thorax about the size of the bead. Secure with a couple of wraps of thread.
5. Pull the flashabou forward over the dubbing to form the wingcase. Secure the flashabou with a couple of thread wraps and then double it back over and secure it even more with a couple more wraps. Trim the excess flashabou and then build up the hot spot next to the bead with red thread. Whip finish. Put a small drop of head cement on the hot spot to secure the thread.



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FFI REPORT

By Chet Allison

I am inviting each of you to the WSCFFI Fly Fishing Fair in Ellensburg May 4th & 5th, 2018. You may attend as a tyer or just as an interested fly fisher in seeing the latest of equipment, places to fish, or just watch dozens of fly tyers ply their wares.

You may register on line beginning Feb 15, 2018 through our website www.wscffi.org. If you are only signing up to tie flies and will not be making any purchases (i.e. dinners, shirts, workshops etc.) register with me directly at jochetallison@msn.com. I will email back to you the tying registration form. Also please join us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/wscffi.org>.

Volunteer (FREE) Dinner and Auction for CFR, PHW, OPFI Thursday, May 3rd. Social hour with no host bar 5:00-6:00 PM., and dinner at 6 PM. Please make sure you mark the registration sheet, or if doing on line to mark the volunteer dinner box as we need a head count.

There will be casting demonstrations by the Gazebo, free seminars, and 75-100 tyers to visit with to see how to tie your favorite fly or to see how to use the latest materials.

If you want to test your casting skills, try the Fly Casting Challenge Course with 5 stations available to represent a given casting situation: **HIT THE BULLSEYE, THE OBSTACLE, TIGHTEN UP, GET IT UNDER, DISTANCE.** This challenge course is free. Find out where you may need more practice.

Friday Awards Banquet tickets are available on line only. The banquet is Friday night with a no host bar at 5 PM, dinner at 6 PM, with a live auction to follow. Purchase your tickets for \$40.

There will be a variety of workshops all for **\$40** each and **free** seminars both Friday and Saturday. Private casting lesson are **\$20.00 for ½ hour.**

Seminars – list

Chet Allison– Spokane River

Preston Singletary–What's Bugging You

Bruce Bolding WDFW–Warmwater Opportunities

Marc Williamson–The Art and Science of Reading Still Water

Marc Williamson–Fly Fishing Central Oregon

Chad Gillespie–Sea-Run Cutthroat

Chester Allen–Yellowstone Unlocked

Steve Temple–Secrets of the Clark Fork

Johnny Boitano–Yakima River

Thomas Lamphere–Trophy Trout on Western Washington Rivers

If you have any questions email or call at the info below, I will answer your question as best I can. Hope to see you at the 2018 Washington State Fly Fishing Fair.

Chet Allison

2018 Fly Tyer's Chair

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<http://www.flyfishersinternational.org/>

Click Membership, Click join then the blue round button.

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The Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club

FFI Charter Member and McKenzie Plaque Winner

The WSCIFFF through your support can continue our mission to *conserve* and *restore* our resources, and *educate* fly fishers in our sport and grow advocacy for fish and fisheries.

Submissions for publication in the Fly Leaf can be made by contacting Lee Funkhouser at flyleaf.ieffc@gmail.com. Articles should be submitted by the last Friday of the month for inclusion in the following months newsletter.