



GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
May 8th, 2018
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

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MAY PROGRAM Fishing With Ladin

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By Jim Athearn

It is hard to believe another month has passed already but I am happy to say that, for me, it is because of many days shared fishing and story-telling with good friends. I know I am not the only one as I have met quite a few other club members on the water this spring contributing to the education of our precious trout.

If you weren't able to attend the April meeting, you missed a great opportunity to learn all about tying balanced flies from **Jerry McBride** - the master. To make it even better, Jerry donated a box of balanced flies that were raffled off for over \$300. What a compliment to Jerry's tying skills that we all dug deep into our wallets for a chance to win those spectacular flies. This story gets even better as Jerry has started a trend that will be followed by **Leonard Gross** bringing flies in May, then **Bryan Harman** in September, **Gordon Olson** in October, **Mark Pinch** in November, and, hopefully, everyone in December for the Christmas raffle. This will add a little extra money to the club coffers and give us all a chance to win flies from some of our great tyers.

Leon Buckles hosted the second Runje Releaser party and thank you to **Lee Funkhouser**, **Bill McElroy**, **Randy Shaber**, **Floyd Holmes**, **Bruce Morgan**, **Jerry Harms**, **Dick Odell**, **Bob Burton**, **Phil Beck**, **Bob Schmitt**, **Doug Brossoit** for helping us move this project along. We need a lot more alligator clips but our original source is gone and we have unsuccessfully scoured the internet for a new one. If anyone knows where we can find a couple thousand more of these special clips with a hole for the key chain, please let us know.

The next time you are out at Amber Lake, take a look at the new sign **Jerry McBride** has installed to replace the old one that was showing some wear. Also, the prohibition of bait is highlighted a little better.

Fishing with Ladin has been airing around the nation for the last ten years and is now airing on KLEW 3 out of Lewiston Saturday and Sundays at 6:30 pm and on Me TV KVOs Seattle, Bellingham, and Vancouver, BC.

Co-hosts **Ladin Langeman** and **Steve Ronholt** have been fishing Northwest waters for over 40 years. They are both school teachers living in Medical Lake, WA. They have fished some of the most beautiful places in Washington, Alaska, Montana, Oregon, Canada, Utah, and Idaho. They fly fish and promote catch and release fishing.

Their presentation will be focused on fishing the lakes of the Blackfoot reservation along with a couple different rivers. The North Platte and the upper Clark Fork.

This is one you don't want to miss. See you at the meeting!!

Presidents message (continued)

He has a similar sign ready for Coffeepot Lake and is considering some others at other key lakes. Jerry even showed me how to spray paint the sign in a fairly strong wind without ending up with it all over himself.

I am planning for the Board of Director's outing to be at Rock Island Lake from June 8 to 15. There are still spots available so contact **Phil Beck** for details if you are interested. This will be a good opportunity to share fishing experiences plus carry on discussions about our club - past, present and future - over a few cocktails. All club members are welcome and I hope to see many of you there.

Thank you all for making this such an interesting year so far for me. Have a great time fishing and be safe.

KID'S FISHING

By Floyd Holmes

Kid's Fishing Day will be **Saturday, May 5th** this year at the Fairchild AF Base Recreation Area at Clear Lake. The fishing starts at 8AM and goes until 4PM. Volunteers for Saturday should show up at Clear Lake by 7AM so that Randy Osborne can give full instructions and volunteer assignments.

The **Ronald McDonald House Kid's Fishing** will take place on **Friday, May 4th**, from 2:30 to 5PM. Those volunteering on Friday should show up at the Ronald McDonald House before 1:30PM for the bus ride out to the lake.

If you haven't done this before, put it on your calendar. The kids make it a special day and it is a very important IEFFC event. See you there!!

RAFFLE ITEM

Raffle for Flies at May Meeting

At the May meeting we will again be raffling off flies. This month the flies are being supplied by **Leonard Gross**. If you are unfamiliar with his tying ability, I would just say, "bring some money", as Leonard is one of the premier tyers in the area. You will not want to miss the opportunity to purchase some raffle tickets for these flies.

2018 ROSTER

Roster Committee

The 2018 Roster is now at the printers and will be in your mailbox within the next week.

By its very nature, the Roster is in need of corrections the minute it is printed. That being said, we have worked hard this Spring to improve the accuracy of the entries. Please do not hesitate to **send in any corrections we missed** so that next year we will be even more accurate. We also request that **any changes in your information be forwarded to us** so that your profile can be kept up to date. Thanks to all of you who responded. The process went very smooth.

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FELT SOLED WADING BOOT BAN YELLOWSTONE PARK

If you are planning on fishing in Yellowstone Park this year, know that felt soled wading boots are now banned. The park is hoping to have an impact on the transportation of aquatic invasive species (AIS) and this is one of the ways they have chosen to attack the issue. They will also be requiring all watercraft to pass an AIS inspection before being cleared for use in the park.

Knowing that these two steps are only a part of the plan to attack the problem, we all should be taking every precaution possible to make sure we are not moving stuff around.

It should be noted that the states surrounding Yellowstone Park do allow felt soles boots and this newest ban is just for the park..

AMBER LAKE BOAT RAMP SIGN

Jerry McBride and **Jim Athearn** recently installed a new sign at the Amber Lake boat launch. This new sign replaces the previous one and emphasizes the selective gear regulations and the bait prohibition. We will be installing a similar one at Coffeepot and are talking with WDFW about possibly adding two signs at Medical Lake. These signs help to educate anglers unfamiliar with the regulations, and they also aid WDFW in enforcement issues.



We have had a problem with bait fishermen at Amber for a long time and this weeks paper reported numerous bait containers on the shores of Medical Lake.

In the past Fish and Wildlife officials have asked for our assistance in notifying them of violators and many of us do routinely contact WDFW. For those of you who were not aware of the poacher hot line, it is not a bad idea to program it into your phone so that you can easily notify WDFW of a problem. The number is **(509) 227-6560**.



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DID YOU KNOW?

Jerry McBride

Doug Brossoit just passed his check ride and is now a licensed pilot. After he sold his dental practice and is semi-retired he finally had the time to pursue his life long goal of getting his pilot's license.

Congratulations Doug.



FLY TYING FOLLOW-UP

By Jerry McBride

At our April meeting I was asked about the tool I was using to spin filoplumes into a loop. I was also asked if there was any place locally where you could get Daiichi jig hooks. **Note: If you have a favorite local fly shop they can probably order in these items for you.**

Tool: Griffen Spinning Loop Tool
Product #/price: GSL7/\$8.95 plus shipping
Available from: TheFlyFishers.com - Phone number: 414-259-8100

Jig Hook: Daiichi 4647 Jig Hook in sizes 10 to 16
Color: Black
Available from: Sportsmen's Warehouse on North Division

Note: I was using the Daiichi 4640 Jig Hook which is bronze colored but otherwise the same as the 4647 which is black.

USING THE WEBSITE

By Lee Funkhouser

Have you logged in and looked at our photo gallery?

There are a lot of familiar faces and a huge number of trophy fish. This is one of the "members only" areas of the website. If you have never logged in, have lost your original log-in, or would like assistance logging in, just send an email to our club email and we will send out a new password with instructions for you to accomplish that task.

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FLY OF THE MONTH

Damselfly Nymph

May 2018

Peter Gathercole

This is the time of year to start thinking about the damsel being a useful fly. Fishing them can be tricky, but there is margin for error because trout really key in on them. Fishing them just off the bottom with a sinking or sink-tip line is very effective, but many damsel nymphs swim to shore on or just under the surface, triggering the violent, take-and-turn boils of every angler's fantasy allowing you to use a floating line for the retrieve. Damsels appear to swim at a pretty good clip, but if you look closely, there's a lot of shoulder-shrugging, butt-wiggling body motion, with frequent stops to rest, for precious little forward progress--it's a lot like paddling a canoe. Duplicate this movement with slow, 8- to 12-inch strips, pausing between pulls. And stay sharp. Trout frequently grab the fly when it's motionless.

For video instruction to tie this pattern go to the IEFCC website home page. This is our featured video for May.

Hook: Standard hooks, size 10-14. (damsels are not big)

Thread: Olive or Light Green.

Tail: Olive Marabou.

Body: Olive Marabou End Fibers.

Rib: Gold, (fine).

Thorax: Olive Marabou Fibers. (fluffy base feathers)

Thorax Cover: Wide Pearl Tinsel.

Hackle: Dyed Olive Soft Fiber Hackle.



Pinch the barb and then attach the thread and cover the hook smoothly down the shaft going to a position opposite the hook point. Then take a pinch of olive marabou and trim it to the tail length remembering that the tail should not be too long. Lock it to the shank and carry the thread forward as the remnants will not be trimmed, but will become part of the body.

Attach a length of fine gold wire tying it down towards the bend end of the hook shank. Then tear some marabou fibers from the tip of the feather and tie those onto the hook near the base of the tail. Wind the thread back up towards the eye until it covers 3/4 of the hook shank. Wrap the marabou fibers around the shank moving towards the eye of the hook and forming a smooth, slim body. Anchor and trim.

Now wrap the gold wire towards the eye in evenly spaced turns and anchor it, also at about the 3/4 mark of the shank distance. Trim the wire. Now cut a small length of wide pearl tinsel and attach it at the eye end of the hook, just in front of the body. Now take a few marabou fibers from the base of the plume, (the fluffy ones), and dub it onto the thread. Wind it towards the eye to form the thorax.

Take a soft hackle feather and strip away the base fluff. Attach the hackle by the stem just behind the eye. Using hackle pliers wind the hackle couple of turns, secure the end and then trim off both ends of the excess hackle.

Now draw the pearl tinsel over to back of the thorax, catch the loose end with the thread and then pull it tight. Secure the thorax cover with the thread, then draw the tinsel back over and secure it again. Now hold back the hackle fibers and form a small head with the thread. Whip finish and trim the thread.



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FFI REPORT

By Chet Allison

Exciting things are happening at Fly Fishers International (FFI)!

The FFI is currently working hard to transform itself to become more relevant to today's highly diverse mix of fly fishers, and to the complex issues they face. The organization is dedicated to preserving and enhancing the sport of fly fishing for all members of the worldwide fly fishing community through education and conservation programs. The FFI is stepping up its support and involvement in many of the most pressing issues we face including the conservation of our public waters, and understanding and preserving the fish we fish for and their habitats.

Recently, the FFI has revamped its website and it's absolutely stunning. If you haven't visited the new website yet, do yourself a favor and go take a look at it, and spend some time connecting with what the FFI is doing. Here's a link to the FFI website:

<https://www.flyfishersinternational.org>

Mission

The Mission of FFI is to support, enhance and preserve fly fishing opportunities. Fundamental to this mission is environmental stewardship and education.

Vision

FFI is the only outdoor sports organization exclusively representing fly fishing for all fish and all waters. Our core connection is education. We strive to be the best fly fishing educators in four areas: casting, fly tying, fly fishing skills and conservation.

How Can You Help?

You can help by donating to the FFI through several vehicles we provide. You can give a one-time donation, recurring donation or bequeath through a will or trust. Your donation can support a particular program as you wish or can be used by the program that has the most need. The FFI has a sound accounting system in place to ensure that donor wishes are honored.

To Join FFI simply go to the website listed:

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

Click Membership, Click join then the blue round button.

Join the FFI today



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The Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club

FFI Charter Member and McKenzie Plaque Winner

The WSCFFI 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.