



GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
April 10th, 2018
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

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APRIL PROGRAM WDFW and IDFG

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By Jim Athearn

I am happy to say that I have been out fishing this spring – spent a great day at Amber Lake with Jerry McBride. If you haven't been out there, it has been fishing very well. I am headed back out tomorrow for a week at Omak, Dry Falls and any place else that my fishing partners want to try. Finally, it is time to exercise a few trout!

If you weren't able to make it to the Big Horn Sports Show, you missed a spectacular event for our club. All of our volunteers did an incredible job helping the kids tie flies – many for their first time. Most of the time, all of our tyers were busy plus kids were waiting in line. The kids created some color combinations for wooly buggers that just may start a new trend. It was really gratifying to have so many kids in the booth tell us that they had so much fun last year that they wanted to come back – some have been coming back for several years. Our volunteers likewise keep coming back because they enjoy the event and have a good time with the kids. They also get to share time with other club members and friends. We attracted attention from at least a dozen people who asked what they could do to join our club. Hopefully, you will be meeting them at upcoming meetings. I want to thank **Chet Allison, Lee Funkhouser, Bob Johnson, Stephen Aspinwall, Bruce Morgan, Bob Burton, Bill McElroy, Randy Shaber, Phil Beck, Gordon Olson, David Lohman, Mike Fortney, Frank Faha, Bill Papesh, Bryan Harman, Skip Cavanaugh, Jerry McBride, Dan Lobb, Jon Bowne, Larry Ray and Jason Mulligan** for all their efforts to make this year's show a success for us. The hats **Bill Papesh** brought were an added incentive for many of the kids to tackle a tying vise. I want to give special thanks to **Leon Buckles** who spent most of the weekend helping at the show, including set-up and breakdown, plus he stores all of our club materials during the year.

While I am praising our club volunteers, I need to mention that we had our first Runje reloader work party at **Leon Buckles**

This month we have our annual “State of the Fisheries” presentation. Randy Osborne from WDFW will be presenting, along with a representative from Idaho Fish and Game, as well as our own **Guy Gregory**, who will update us on the water situation throughout our area. This is a great time to ask questions and familiarize yourself with new regulations.

Prior to the meeting **Jerry McBride** will be tying flies for us.

This will be a very informative meeting so plan on attending.

Presidents message (continued)

house. There will be several more so please consider joining us.

We would like to have enough releasers to start promoting them in the market. The club will benefit from the sales and the fish will certainly benefit from safer releases. Thanks to **Dick Odell, Frank Faha, Bill Papesh, Bruce Morgan, Jerry Harms, Scott Fink and Bill McElroy** for helping out last week. If you want to learn about the fine art of Runje reloader assembly, the next party will be at Leon's on Wednesday, April 11th, at 2:00.

Our volunteers are truly one of our club's greatest assets and I can never thank everyone enough for helping, not just at work parties, but during the entire year.

When I first joined the club, I felt like an outsider among all of the people who had been friends for many years. As soon as I started participating in club events, I quickly felt accepted by everyone and the friendships I have made through the club have become very special.

I am happy to welcome our newest club member, **Mike Schmitz**.

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.

There will also be a rod building event on **April 18th** from 6PM until around 8:30PM. That will be at The Inland Northwest Wildlife Council Building at 6116 N Market St.

There will be signup sheets at the April meeting so look at your schedule and sign up if you are available. In addition, registration forms for those of you with interested children, grandchildren and other relatives will be available so that they may sign up for the event.

RAFFLE ITEM

Raffle for Balanced Flies at April Meeting

Jerry McBride has tied up two dozen balanced flies, four each of six different patterns. They will be raffled at the April meeting. See **Gordon Olson** for tickets. Jerry will be tying balanced flies before the meeting.



FISH STOCKING TRAGEDY

As they always say, money talks, and now it is affecting how WDFW is stocking our fisheries. It has been reported that a Western Washington fly fishing club, made up of wealthy fly fishers and named Elite Fly Fishers, has purchased all available trout for their own use in private ponds that are owned by the club and its members. Access is only to club members and if your net worth is not in the tens of millions, you might as well forget joining.

The purchase has so depleted the number of hatchery fish available that WDFW has reduced the number of fish stocking they will be doing this year. A few examples were reported with Williams Lake numbers being reduced from 180,000 fish to a total of **250** with only **25** of those being triploids. Amber Lake is being cut down from 5,000 trout to the ridiculous level of just **10** trout and only **one** of those will be a triploid. For those of you still with me please don't call WDFW as I hope you realize this is the annual April Fools article. And I hope I didn't get anyones blood boiling too much. Enjoy the rest of the issue. I believe it is mostly true. This story is obviously not.



Anonymous Member of Elite Fly Club

Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club—Spokane, Washington

JERRY MCBRIDE

Getting The Respect He Deserves

Club member **Richard Ralston** was watching a video on “The New Fly Fisher” and noted that when the narrator, Phil Rowley, was discussing the flies he was using he attributed the development of those flies to our own **Jerry McBride**. Of course we are talking about the balanced fly which has become a major weapon in a fly fisherman's arsenal. Our hat's off to Jerry and certainly to Phil for giving credit where credit belongs.

Good catch Dick and thanks for bringing it to our attention.

For those who would like to view the episode, just go to The New Fly Fisher's website and click on “Watch Full Episodes”, then go to Season 11 and again click on “Watch Full Episodes”. Go to Episode 23 which is “Russell Inn Fall”.

A great tribute to Jerry.

USING THE WEBSITE

By Lee Funkhouser

This month's featured video is an episode from “The New Fly Fisher”. The video featuring Jerry is aimed at Fall fishing, but Phil Rowley also had one aimed at Spring fishing. That seemed more appropriate for this month and, upon viewing it, the tactics could be very successful at many of our are lakes, especially lakes like Amber.

To view it you simply bring up the website by googling IEFFC or simply put in our internet address, which is ieffc.org. Once you are at the site you scroll down the home page until you reach the video. Click on the arrow in the middle of the screen and the video will play.

ROCKY FORD SURPRISE

A few winters ago, **Jerry McBride** was fishing with his friend Mike Garofano at Rocky Ford Creek when they stumbled upon this rattlesnake. In the middle of the winter? Hmm. Global warming maybe? Actually, someone had placed this snake in a spot that would have caught anyone by surprise and, though it took your breath away when first spotted, it didn't take long to realize it was fake.

It is still a heart stopper when you come upon a rattlesnake looking to strike, no matter when or where.



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BIG HORN SHOW

By Jim Athearn

Our booth at the Big Horn Show was again a huge success. There was great participation from the club and a large number of visitors to our display. We were able to work with many young men and women who wanted to learn a little about fly fishing and tying flies. It was enjoyable and thanks to all who participated. We are looking forward to continuing our commitment by being at next years show. Those of you who didn't get a chance to participate, sharpen your skills and sign up for next year. It is well worth it.



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 IEFEC 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

Your Profile

Name

Home Phone

Listed as we have it in the Roster spreadsheet

Address

Alternate phone

City, State Zip

Email address

Occupation

Wife

Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club—Spokane, Washington

ROCK ISLAND LAKE TRIP

By Phil Beck

The time is now for all interested to join the trip to Rock Island Lake Resort in B.C. this year. We have "the best week of the year" reserved; **June 8-15 noon to noon**. Many of us will travel to Merritt B.C. Thur. the 7th so we can easily get to the camp by noon Friday.



The cost this year should be \$500.00 US (dependent on exchange rate & number of participants). This is for a full week at the camp with seven great home cooked dinners. Rock Island provides boats, cabins with cold running water, propane cook tops, heating stoves with wood, beds and bedding, and flush toilets and hot showers. It is off the grid, (a generator is run each night for 2 1/2 - 3 hours), but that is what makes it special. A wonderful camp on Rock Island Lake with Kamloops trout and around 25 walk-in lakes, many with small boats on them. Bedding and a set of towels, basic cookware (for breakfast), and a table and chairs in each cabin.

Some of the people who attended last year and requested that we schedule for this year have not responded and paid so there are openings for additional people to attend. Please contact **Phil Beck** soon as we must pay our deposit this month!

Jim Athearn, IEFEC President has planned our summer board meeting for this trip. **Jim Gaddy** had the board meeting there last year and it worked well.

This was a big favorite as an outing last year. It is a great camp, and a phenomenal value plus we have the entire camp to ourselves for the week. We should have excellent chironomid fishing and we should see mayflies hatching along with some caddis this year.

For additional information or to sign up contact **Phil Beck** at 509-464-4327 or on line at pbeck2@comcast.net. I will also assist with Ride share and cabin assignments.

You can also get information on the camp by going to their website at rockislandfishingcamp.com.

Don't Wait...Get hold of Phil ASAP. This will be a fun time.

ASSET INVENTORY

Club Inventory – It has been a while since we conducted an inventory of club assets and we would like to get caught up. We have a good idea of everything for the Runje Releaser project but the rest, not so much. If you have or are aware of items that belong to the club, please let us know what you have, where it is located, and what condition it is in. If we have things that are no longer functional, then we should get rid of them. Please call or email Jim Athearn. We would like to have this task completed before we all take our summer break.

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FLY OF THE MONTH

Ice Cream Cone Chironomid

April 2018

Too Numerous to Name

The Ice Cream Cone chironomid, sometimes called a “Sno-Cone”, is a valuable fly all year long, but especially in the springtime, when we see chironomids popping at all of the area lakes. It is important to have them in numerous sizes and also in varying colors. Fishermen will use many techniques to “match the hatch” with throat pumps being the most efficient, but, for those worrying about hurting the fish, simple observation of the size and color of those hatching around you will likely put you on the right chironomid pattern.

Hook: Standard hooks, size 12-20.

Bead: Varying colors, with white being most popular.

Thread: Again varying colors trying to match the wanted body color.

Body: Tinsel in the appropriate color.

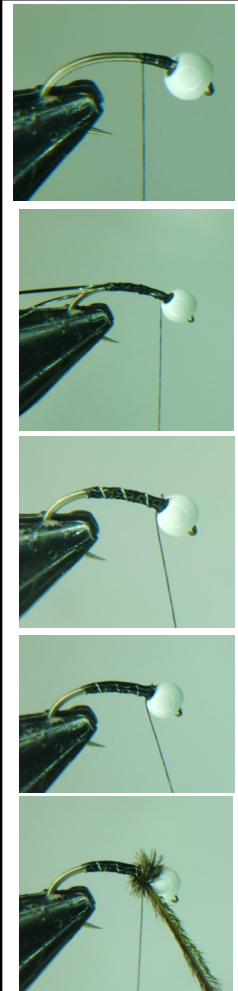
Rib: Wire in contrasting color.

Thorax: Often no thorax is needed, but sometimes peacock herl is added.



1. Pinch the barb and put on the bead small opening first. Start your thread and form a base moving toward the hook bend.
2. Tie in the wire and tinsel near the bend of the hook and then bring the thread back towards the bead.
3. Carefully make spiral overlapping wraps of the tinsel toward the bead and secure it with the tying thread. Snip the excess. Then counterwrap the wire towards the bead making a ribbing affect. Tie the wire off with the tying thread and snip the excess.
4. At this point the you can whip finish and you have a usable fly, however the following steps can be employed to add to the creation. First, one can add to the appearance and durability of the fly by utilizing ultraviolet resin. This is done by applying the resin to the fly, smoothing it over and then curing the resin with the uv light.
5. Finally, a thorax can be easily added by tying in a strand of peacock herl next to the bead, wrapping the herl and tying it off with the thread. A whip finish and you are done.

As was stated earlier, chironomids come in all sorts of sizes and colors, and sometimes making the fly as simple as possible is as effective as a more complicated approach.



Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club—Spokane, Washington

2018 Washington Fly Fishing Fair By WSCFFI

The Washington State Council of Fly Fishers International would like to invite you to attend the **2018 Washington Fly Fishing Fair** on May 4th and 5th, 2018 in Ellensburg, Washington.

Please join us! It's going to be a great event this year.

The 2018 Fly Fishing Fair will be held on May 4th and 5th (Friday and Saturday), in Ellensburg, WA, at the Kittitas Valley Event Center and Fairgrounds. The Fair runs from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Friday and from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday. FFI members and kids under the age of 16 get in free, for everyone else the entry fee is \$5.00.

Registration is OPEN. To register, click on the link below to go to the 2018 Fly Fishing Fair electronic registration site (RegOnline): <https://www.regonline.com/2018washingtonflyfishingfair> **This year's Fly Fishing Fair will feature:** **FLY TYING DEMONSTRATIONS** (Free) - There will be over 75 fly tiers demonstrating their favorite patterns. You'll not only see some beautiful tying, but you may also get a lesson on the habits of the critters they represent. All of our talented fly tiers are excited to share their love of fly fishing and fly tying with you. There isn't a bad seat in the house! **CASTING DEMONSTRATIONS AND GAMES** (Free) - There will be casting games, casting competitions, casting demonstrations, and instructional seminars on casting one and two-handed rods. **CASTING WORKSHOPS** (Cost \$40)- There will be special casting workshops, taught by some of the best casting instructors in the Northwest. These workshops are designed to be informative, fun, and to enhance advancement along the path to becoming a better fly caster and fly fisherman. **PRIVATE CASTING LESSONS** (Cost \$20) - Private 30-minute casting lessons, taught by some of the best casting instructors in the Northwest, will be available on Saturday. These private lessons can be reserved online, or by signing up at the event. All instructors are certified by the FFI Casting Instructor Certification Program (CICP). Biographies of the individual instructors are available on the Fly Fishing Fair registration site and on the WSCFFI website. To register for the casting workshops and the private lessons please go to the 2018 Fly Fishing Fair electronic registration site (listed above). You can also get to the registration site by going to the WSCFFI website (listed below). **FLY FISHING SEMINARS** (Free) - Fly Fishing seminars will be offered on both Friday and Saturday. Spend some time listening to the experts talk about how to succeed fishing some of our favorite fly fishing waters. **FLY TYING WORKSHOPS** (Cost \$30) - On Saturday, Thomas and Reuben Lamphere will be putting on a workshop on **Dying Fly Tying Materials**. The workshop will be a hands on class that will help you develop your fly tying material dying skills with things that you have on hand in your home. Learn how to use dyes from the local craft stores and even Kool Aid. Thomas and Reuben will show you how to dye feathers, furs, and even synthetics. Materials for the class will be provided! You will learn everything about the dying process from selecting and cleaning materials to the final finished product, including learning how to identify things that will and will not survive the dying process, like hides and other materials. This workshop will also include information on how you can use your microwave and stove top, what temperatures to keep different materials at, and the best acids to use to set your dyes. The cost includes the fly tying materials that you will be dying, and you'll be able to take what you have dyed home with you. **YOUTH FLY FISHING WORKSHOP** (Cost \$40) - For kids ages 12 through 16, there will be an Introduction to Fly Fishing Workshop on Saturday, May 5th, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The workshop will cover the basics of fly fishing and will include tying and casting instruction. The Workshop fee includes a fly rod and reel outfit. Lunch will also be provided. Class size is limited to 20 participants. **AUCTIONS & RAFFLES** - There will be some great auctions (both silent and live) and raffles on Friday and Saturday. Items include: fly selections; bamboo rods; custom built rods; rod and reel outfits; reels, lines and leaders; fly tying materials; fly tying tools; specialty baskets; fly fishing books; fishing trips; rare fly plates; plus our Legends Fly Plate. **VOLUNTEER DINNER** (Free) - The Volunteer Dinner (open to all volunteers) will be held on Thursday, May 3rd. The Social hour with no host bar opens at 5 PM, Dinner will start at 6 PM. **DINNER BANQUET & LIVE AUCTION** (Cost \$40) - Friday evening, May 4th. Tickets can be reserved online until April 29th. The no host bar will open at 5 PM, Dinner will begin at 6 PM. The Live Auction will follow Dinner. **ON-SITE CAMPING** (Cost \$25) - There is camping (wet and dry) available on site. To reserve a spot, go to the 2018 Fly Fishing Fair electronic registration site (listed above). **MOTELS and HOTELS** - Discounted Motel and Hotel options are listed on our web site (<http://wscffi.org/>), please note that you must call your chosen hotel directly and mention the WA Fly Fishing Fair to get the discount price (listed for each hotel on our website) which is good through April 1, 2018.

Additional information is available on the WSCFFI's website at:

<http://wscffi.org/>

We look forward to seeing you at this year's Fly Fishing Fair. If you have any questions, or problems registering, please call me or email me.

Best Regards,
Jim Maus

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FFI REPORT By Chet Allison

FFI Conservation Grants at Work!

Fly Fishers International's Conservation Grant Program provides grants to support "on the ground" conservation activities. Projects include stream restoration; biological sampling; fish or habitat research; construction of boat ramps, installation of monofilament dispensers or instructional signs and other projects that enhance and protect fisheries. FFI partners with its Council's and Clubs on these grants and FFI members often do the "hands on" work needed to complete the projects.

FFI recently funded several projects to enhance fisheries here in the US and Internationally.

Restoring a Tributary to the Manistee River in Michigan- An FFI Conservation Grant provided funding support to a project restoring the headwaters of Boswell Creek, a cold-water tributary to the Manistee River, a blue-ribbon trout stream. This project will remove a dam and restore the stream channel.

Karnali River in Nepal- An FFI grant is supporting efforts to create a protected river corridor along the Karnali River in western Nepal as an alternative to main stem damming for hydropower. This grant is contingent upon receipt of other grants being sought for this project.



Healthy Mangroves, Seagrass and Reef

Aquila Mine on the Menominee River- FFI is supporting an independent technical review of a permit application for an open pit mine on the Menominee River, a prime small mouth bass fishery in Michigan's upper peninsula.

Supported preservation of Turneffe Atoll- An FFI grant supported a planning meeting focused on enhancing protection of the Turneffe Atoll, a pristine marine environment in Belize.

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.