



GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
September 11th, 2018
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

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SEPTEMBER PROGRAM Keith Roe of North 40 - Omak

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By Jim Athearn

We broke for the summer on a high note with a great meeting in May having a larger than normal turnout and everyone in really good spirits. Leonard Gross' fly tying was certainly inspirational and Ladin Langeman and Steve Ronholt provided a thoroughly entertaining program. Hopefully everyone has had an excellent summer, despite the heat and smoke, and you are all ready to pick up where we left off.

A few tidbits to pass on from our May Board of Directors' meeting. A new Outreach Committee was formed with Mark Meyocks volunteering to be chairman - thank you Mark. Mark's business experience and expertise will be an asset in helping to organize and carry out various club activities. He has had an immediate impact, locating the clips we needed for the Runje Releasers. He also acquired club business cards that will be available for all members to use. We will be giving them out at the club meetings. Mark will also be our liaison to locate and work with potential vendors for club products, such as the Runje Releasers. If/when he needs additional help, please give Mark a hand if he calls on you.

The Board also asked our Poacher, Tom Stralser, to prepare a new annual poaching award that will recognize the most egregious poach of the previous year. Tom will come up with an appropriate title for the award. While most of you will probably want to shun such "prestigious" recognition, it will have a benefit - the recipient will receive a one-year pass on being poached. I'm sure Tom would appreciate any recommendations you have to pass on. He will make the 2018 presentation at the December meeting.

When people saw the painting that Stan Miller did for our Runje Releaser card, they said they were so impressed with the artwork that they would like to see it turned into a greeting card as well. The Board agreed and that is happening with Bob Schmitt's help. Stan is also doing another painting and we will have both cards available soon. Thank you Stan.

Sadly, we have lost two longstanding club members who were both past presidents: Philip Nelson (1979) and Jon Allan (2009). Jon was also Fly Fisherman of the Year in 2011. They will both be missed.

Our speaker for September is Keith Roe from the Omak North 40 Fly Shop. He will be speaking on fishing Omak Lake and will likely also include some comments regarding Rufus Woods.



This should be a program of interest for those who fish Omak Lake and for those who have had a desire to do so.



He will be tying prior to the meeting and we recommend that you make it to the meeting to gain expertise from a fly fisherman speaking on his home water.

See you at the meeting.

Presidents message (continued)

I want to welcome our newest member to the club, Ron Gill.

Finally, it is time for everyone to think about becoming more actively involved in the club, not only as volunteers for our various activities, but also to serve on the Board of Directors. It would be great if the Nominations Committee had some volunteers interested in carrying on our club leadership. The club will not run itself and you only have to look through the club roster to see how many members have already been there/done that. There is work involved but I have found it worthwhile and rewarding, particularly working with all the really great club members we have. I have talked to people from clubs that failed and the reason given was simply that club members would not step up and participate. That is not an acceptable fate for the IEFFC.

If you haven't been fishing for a while, hopefully you will be able to get back out as the weather cools and the skies clear. Have a great time and be safe.

JON ALLAN
OCTOBER 7, 1952 ~ JUNE 3, 2018 (AGE 65)

This past summer we lost a good one. **Jon Allan** was both a Past President and Fly Fisherman of the Year for the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club. During his presidency he established our Toys For Tots Program and since that time the IEFFC has contributed hundreds of toys and thousands of dollars to help provide a better Christmas to those less fortunate.



Jon was that guy who was always there to help make your fishing experience better. He followed his teaching career with employment at the Silver Bow Fly Shop where he spent many hours encouraging and educating fly fisherman. His ethical views on the sport have elevated fly fishing and his enthusiasm has infected many of us.



Jon was always calm and simply enjoyed life, while also teaching those around him to relax and enjoy the ride. He will certainly be missed by those of us who knew him. The club is certainly missing him and he will long be remembered for his many contributions to the success of the IEFFC.

PHILIP "SKIP" NELSON
January 4, 1936-April 26, 2018

On Thursday, April 26, 2018 we lost another member of the IEFFC. Skip Nelson was born January 4, 1936 in Burley, Idaho to his parents Horace and Norma Nelson. He graduated from Rupert High School in 1954 and from the University of Idaho in 1958, where he was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity. Upon graduation he was commissioned Second Lt. and served in the U.S. Army, including thirteen months in Korea.

He began his career as a high school science teacher and eventually became a director at Kinman Business University, Trend Business College and retired as co-owner of Spokane Technical Institute. Skip was a member of Rotary Club 21, **past president of Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club** and Spokane Fly Fishers, where he was named Fly Fisher of the year 2001. He was also a member of Cork n' Cuisine gourmet club. In addition to his passion for fly fishing and fly tying, Skip loved to garden, design beautiful stained glass, and create gourmet meals. He loved spending time at the cabin with family and friends at Lake Pend Oreille. He taught his children and grandchildren the fine art of huckleberry picking, fly fishing, and gardening. He was an amazing storyteller and even in his final days he continued to share stories and life lessons.

A valuable member of the IEFFC, he will be missed.

Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club—Spokane, Washington

KID'S FISHING By Floyd Holmes

Kid's Fishing was again a great success and a number of IEFFC members were present to assist WDFW with the project.

The event started on Friday, May 4th with the Ronald McDonald House group fishing in the afternoon. We had 10 members present to help. Special thanks goes to **Bill Herrington, Mike Shaunessy, Ray Kranches, Stephen Aspinwall, Lee Funkhouser, Bob Schmitt, Jerry Harms, Paul Coopwood, Bruce Morgan, and myself.** It was a fun and successful event for all the guys and the kids and there was a lot of fish caught with a few big fish.

Saturday, May 5th was the open event, which attracted over 900 kids. We had 12 guys show up to help the kids fish. They were **Mike Shaunessy, Paul Wham, Randy Shaber, Stephen Aspinwall, Lee Funkhouser, Bill Papesh, Bob Burton, Paul Coopwood and his grandson Ryan Ehring, Dick Avery, Bruce Morgan, Ron Gill, and myself.** Fun was had by all and a lot of fish were caught with a few big fish.

Thanks to all the guys that helped out on the two days. **It was the best turnout of guys that we have had, you all did good job and you made our club proud.**

SIGNS FOR MEDICAL LAKE By Jerry McBride



In cooperation with the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife and the town of Medical Lake the IEFFC furnished two new signs spelling out Selective Gear fishing rules for Medical Lake. These signs are the same as the ones put up earlier at Amber and Coffeepot. Medical Lake city personnel installed the signs, one on the road down to the launch ramp on the south end of the lake and the other adjacent to the parking lot at the north end of the lake.



Club members **Jim Athearn, Phil Beck, Gary Honeyman and Jerry McBride** refurbished and repainted two used sign frames that been stored at Gary's place for the last 10 or 12 years. The next day after the paint dried Jim, Phil and Jerry installed the new signs purchased from Monroe Correctional Industries in the frames. Club member **Bruce Morgan** volunteered to take the signs out to Medical Lake in his truck.



The number one violation of Selective Gear rules at Medical Lake is the use of bait. Hopefully the signs we provided will reduce this violation. At the least, if someone gets ticketed they can't claim they didn't know the rules.



Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club—Spokane, Washington

REVISION OF SUCTION DREDGING RULES WDFW

The Washington of Fish and Wildlife is currently going through the process of revising the rules for suction dredging on Washington State rivers and streams. There have been a number of public meetings held throughout the state and **Doug Pineo** and **Lee Funkhouser** attended the meeting that was held in Spokane. The meeting was held July 17th and there was a small, but vocal crowd attending. Both the fishing and dredging camps were represented. Doug represented the fly fishing community well and is very knowledgeable of the issue.

Upon reporting to IEFEC President **Jim Athearn** the importance of the revision and the issues involved, a letter was drafted and sent to WDFW stating the IEFEC position on the need to monitor the suction dredging with appropriate regulations.

We will keep the club members informed as the revision process proceeds.

RUNJE RELEASER WORK PARTY

Leon Buckles hosted another Runje Release work party on August 21st, where another batch of releasers were finished. The alligator clips used in the past were unavailable, so an alternative clip was found and we now have a sufficient supply of both sizes of the releaser to begin marketing again.

There have been a number of IEFEC members involved in the process and the final group consisted of the following individuals: **Bob Burton, Floyd Holmes, Bob Schmidt, Frank Faha, Jerry Harms, George Potter, Bruce Morgan, Leon Buckles, Bill Papesh, Dick Odell and Jim Athearn.**



With the emphasis on the “Keep’em Wet” initiative having the releaser available is timely and extremely important.

It also should be noted that the new artwork on the packaging was done by **Stan Miller.**

USING THE WEBSITE By Lee Funkhouser

Follow the club news regarding **projects** by simply going to the home page. Scroll down about one third of the page and you instantly see the most recent projects. To see a complete listing of past news and projects you simply click on the “Projects” tab on the home page.

The club is very active and constantly working on projects to improve our fisheries. The news and projects posted are just a part of what is happening in the club, but it shows you some of the contributions our club is making to the betterment of our fly fishing environment.

Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club—Spokane, Washington

FLY OF THE MONTH

Drag Queen

September 2018

Phil Rowley

I remember discussing lake fishing with Jon Allan a number of years ago and he recommended my using a dragonfly nymph pattern. The next time I saw him, he had tied up a dozen of his favorite for me to use. That is the Jon that I remember. I don't have his pattern, but when I saw this one I realized it would be nice to have as our "Fly of the Month" in remembrance of Jon.

Phil fishes this fly with a sinking line and short leader. He expects it to hover slightly above the weeds that supply protection for the fish. Dragonfly nymph patterns can be very productive and attract some very vicious takes.

Phil produced a video with tying instructions for this fly and it is our featured video for September on the website. If you want to click from here it is located at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=by4jPfeqcbI>

Hook: Daiichi 1730 or 1760. #4-#8.

Thread: MFC 6/0, Olive.

Body: Arizona Simi Seal, Peacock and Peacock Crystal Chenille spun together in a dubbing loop. Underbody of foam.

Hackle: Guinea dyed Olive.

Thorax: Arizona Simi Seal, Peacock.

Head: 2mm tan sheet foam, tied hammerhead style, colored with permanent marker.

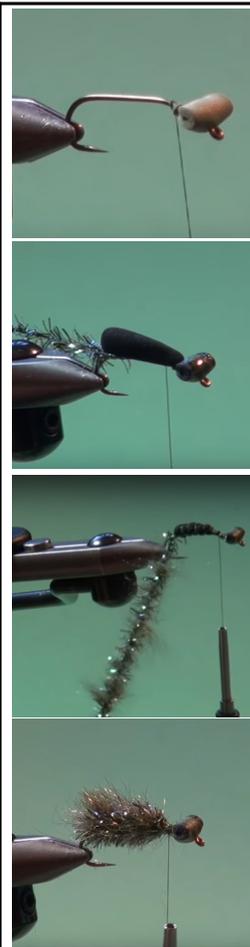


Pinch the barb and then attach the thread on the front portion of the hook. Cut a piece of the foam that is equal in width to the hook gape and cut one end forming a point, much like the point on a picket fence. Now attach the foam, tying onto the point that was formed by the cutting. Secure it by wrapping the thread to cover about half of the cut portion. Now fold over the foam and push it against the hook eye forming an indentation in the foam. Using a dubbing needle make a hole where the indentation is. Fold the foam over and put the eye of the hook through the hole. Then secure the foam with the tying thread.

Trim the excess and secure the foam head. Then use an olive green marker and color the back of the head to imitate a dragonfly nymph coloration and a black marker to color an eye on each end of the foam head. Once the coloring is done a light coating of softex will help protect the head. Now cover the hook shank with tying thread. Tie in a length of the crystal chenille. Next we attach a foam underbody that is either cut in the shape of a nymph body or use a pre-formed body.

Tie in the body starting from just behind the head, starting with tight wraps and then looser wraps as you move toward the hook bend, finishing by securing the rear end with tight wraps. Now to finish the body you form a dubbing loop and use the simi seal as the dubbing. Once the dubbing is in place you spin the loop with the crystal chenille to form a tight structure where the chenille looks to be trapping the dubbing. Wind this forward forming the body and tie off just behind the head. Trim the excess.

Brush the body to make the dubbing stand out and trim the dubbing strands to make it into the shape of a dragonfly nymph body. Now for the legs we want to use the dyed guinea with fibers that reach back about the length of the body. Strip off the flue and tie the feather in between the body and head. With the convex side of the feather facing front, make one wrap and secure. Divide the fibers to each side and sweep them back to form the legs. Secure them in the swept back position and then whip finish to complete the fly.



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FFI FLY SOCIAL By Len Zickler



Please join me at the first Spokane FFI Fly Social to support the great work of the Spokane River Keeper. We're going to raffle some pretty cool stuff! All proceeds will benefit Spokane River Keeper. September 13th, at Dry Fly Distillery. 6-9 PM.

Len Zickler

WASHINGTON FFI FLY FISHERS OF THE YEAR Chet and JoAnn Allison

Congratulations to Chet and JoAnn Allison for receiving the FFI Fly Fisherman of the Year Award at this years Fly Fishing Fair in Ellensburg, Washington. This is quite an honor and both should be proud of their achievement.

Great Job Chet and JoAnn!!



RAFFLE ITEM

This months raffle item is an assortment of flies tied by Bryan Harman.

If you are not familiar with his talent for fly tying you need only look to the Fall 2017 Issue of Flyfishing Magazine. His hopper pattern was given the first place award in the Patent Patterns Fly Tying Contest for Fall 2017.

I would not hesitate to purchase a raffle ticket. Bryan's flies are amazing.



FLYLEAF CONTRIBUTIONS

A quick note to say that Guy and I are alternating the actual production of *The FlyLeaf* from this point forward, so if you have articles to contribute, make sure you send the information to the newsletter email which is flyleaf.ieffc@gmail.com.

Articles must be submitted by the last Friday of the month for inclusion in the newsletter.

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.