



**GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
May 13, 2003
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

By Gary Honeyman

It has been brought to my attention that there has been too much talking going on at the tables while the meeting is in progress, and also while our guest speaker is doing his program. Here's hoping that everybody can have their socializing completed by the time that the meeting starts.

Mike Runje fell down and broke his wrist as he was leaving our April meeting. It is now in a cast. Harry Faggetter had a stay in the hospital and is now home recovering. We all hope that they both have a speedy recovery.

The Wildlife Council is going to help us in the North Silver lake Project and they have scheduled a work party on the 24th of May. Some of the things that they are going to do is make and install signs, move part of the fence that is right down by the lake, pour concrete pads for the chemical toilet and the aerator, remove the docks, and clean up the weeds.

QUITTING S-R

By Fenton Roskelley

For several reasons, the time has come for me to sever my satisfying and rewarding relationship with the Spokesman-Review. I will continue writing my columns to the end of May.

I have enjoyed writing the mid-week column, but gathering information for and writing the Friday column has become a burden. Because it's necessary for me to update the column just before I transmit it, I spend too much of my time each week to indulge in

MAY PROGRAM

By Pat Kendall

For our May meeting, we have Denny Rickards who has guided and fished the Northwest for over 30 years. Denny is a full time guide, innovative fly tier, fishing instructor, and author of *Fly-Fishing Stillwaters For Trophy Trout* and other books teaching how to consistently catch trophy trout in western lakes. His highly specialized suggestive fly patterns have been featured in national magazines and are on display at Cushner's Fly-Fishing Museum in Florence, Oregon. Denny Rickards also owns and operates Crystal Creek Anglers, a mail-order business from his home in Fort Klamath, Oregon.

Denny will be featured at our fly-tying table prior to dinner.

ROSTER CHANGES

You all should have received the 2003 Roster a few days ago. Changes started coming in just after the printer started working on it, so here we go. Please make the changes in your copy of the roster. If you see any other needed changes please let Doug Brossoit or me know.

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Another change is the leader of the Christmas Raffle. The roster shows Dwight Tipton. He retired after a few years of doing a fantastic job. Our new leaders are Dick Odell and Leon Buckles.

some of the things that I want to do. In short, the Friday column ties me down. I have had to schedule my short vacations around the timing of the column.

My wife, two daughters and my son all have urged me to slow down and smell the roses. Continued on Page 2

They think that writing for deadlines puts me under too much stress.

With time out for serving in the Army for 3 ½ years, I have written continuously for the Cowles publications since May 20, 1940. In other words I have written for the Chronicle and Spokesman-Review for more than 60 years. I believe that I have written for the newspapers

longer than any other staff member. Some have written after retiring at 65, but none has written for the papers for more than 20 years after retiring at 65.

In all the years that I have written I doubt that I've ever missed a deadline. It's been a good relationship, but it's about time that it's ended. I'll miss writing columns, and I'll regret not working with the Spokesman-Review writers and editors.

HELP! HELP! HELP!!!!!!!

By Dick Odell and Leon Buckles

With great reluctance, afraid to let a friend down, and the internal fear of failing by following such a successful Christmas Raffle Chairman as Dwight Tipton, I nervously whispered "yes" to President Honeyman's request. I accepted the chairmanship of the 2003 Christmas Raffle. As we all know and Shakespeare wrote: "Misery acquaints a man with strange bedfellows." Let me introduce you to Co-chair Leon Buckles.

First, the Chairmen wish to again express, on behalf of all Club members, a deserved thank you to Dwight for a superb job. All one has to do is look at the files he passed on to us to see the organization and effort he made on our Club's behalf. Thank you, Dwight!

BUT ----- why do we discuss the Christmas Raffle in May when you are actively fishing? FEAR! We have met with your Board, Dwight, and others to re-examine the roles the raffle plays in our structure and performance as a club. In order to meet these roles and to support a growing loss of revenue from our book, we need your help. Many recent national and international events have affected our economy. Donations are much harder to secure. We intend to contact past donors and new possibilities, as many times as necessary, to secure wonderful donations. Please! We need your help! As you travel

and fish this spring, summer, and fall keep your Club in mind. For example, if fishing with a guide and outfitter why not ask if they would support our conservation efforts. Can they do a "free" trip? a 2 for 1 trip? a discounted trip? donate flies? equipment? Personal contact by a client or former client could help us secure more trips. We will follow up with written requests.

Just to start your thinking we already have secured: an individually designed, inlaid table by master craftsman Steve Moran; a weekend duck/goose hunting trip to a private club by "noted" waterfowlers; a two day trip to Montana to Pike fish; trips to private lakes; float trip on the Clark Fork River; and a Steelhead fishing trip. These are a few contributions to start your imagination. As you can see, we intend to emphasize trips, personally tied flies and hand-made equipment. Remember how many tickets were in for Jim McDevitt's flying fishing trip. We will again work on Jim! The Club will still sponsor us with a contribution of \$1700 to purchase items at discount. We have many new ideas to incorporate in the auction. Talk to us about them and share your ideas and suggestions. Thank you for helping us secure trips and donations as you fish. Have some wonderful experiences to share with us and remember we need your help more than ever. Tight lines!

IEFFC VIDEO TAPES

By Bob Bates

Harry Calhoun, keeper of the video tapes for the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club, sent me the complete list of tapes to put on our web page. This has been done. Look at <http://ieffc.home.att.net/> or <http://home.att.net/~ieffc/>. Scroll down to the first yellow line of text, and click on it.

If you want your personal copy of the complete list, you can download it from the video tape page. It is in Adobe Acrobat PDF like our newsletter.

FLY OF THE MONTH

Egg-Sucking Bionic Worm

May, 2003

Ron Pantzer – Jerry McBride

Charles Darwin's theory of evolution caused quite a stir back in the 1800s and is still debated hotly in some circles. We know, however, that certain fly patterns seem to evolve steadily by means of experience and the availability of new materials. This month's highly successful pattern is a good example. Jerry and Bob McBride were among our first flyfishers to discover the effectiveness of a red chironomid/blood worm imitation fished under an indicator. This column featured Jerry's red chironomid back in October of 1991. Since then too many flies have contributed to the development of today's pattern to mention them all. (Also see the February 1993 Fly of the Month column, The Worm.) Perhaps the most important step was the bionic worm by Jerry's friend Ron Pantzar. Jerry and many other Club members are constantly experimenting with the pattern. This latest version was dubbed "The Egg-Sucking Bionic Worm" by the guys at the Liar's Club because of the large bright orange bead at the head. One thing is certain, it really works!

Hook: Eagle Claw L143 - Gold, size 12

Thread: Red monocord

Bead: 5/32 fluorescent orange, brass

Tail: Small bunch of hot pink marabou

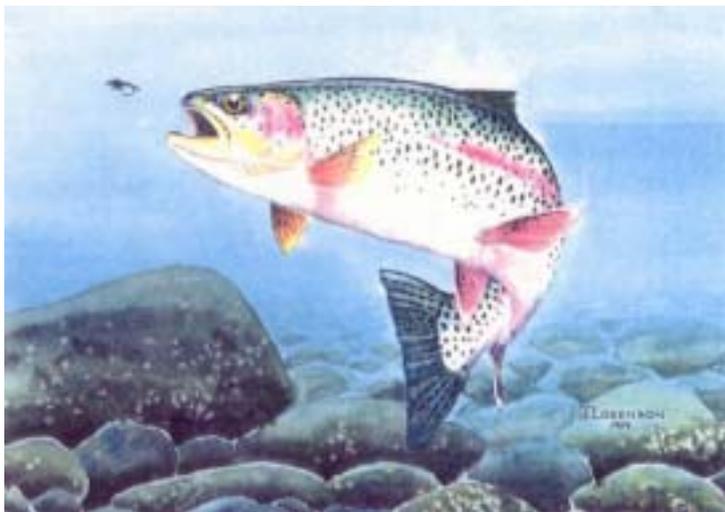
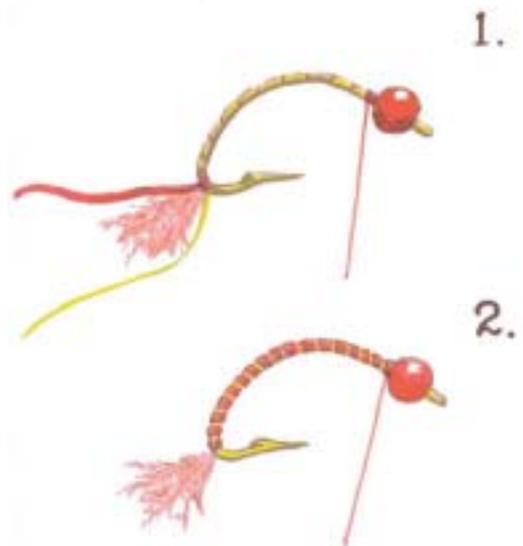
Rib: Fine gold wire

Body: Blood red Larva Lace Nymph Rib



1. Pinch the barb and slide the bead onto the hook up to the eye. Attach the tying thread at the bend of the hook. Tie in the marabou tail and the wire rib. Cut the Larva Lace at a sharp angle and tie in the point. This helps prevent bulk at the tie-in place. Wind the tying thread up to the bead, using as few wraps as possible.

2. Wrap the Larva Lace tightly up to the bead and tie off. Then wind the wire rib forward in the joints between the Larva Lace wraps. Tie off the rib. Make enough turns of the tying thread behind the bead to prevent it from slipping back down the hook shank. Whip finish and cement.





Scott Fink, Pat Kendall and Jerry McBride went fishing at Lenice Lake this spring. Getting the gear in seems too easy to me. Photo by Jerry.

SPEY DAY

By Scott Mayfield

Are two-handed rods better than single-hand? Find out for yourself the on September 13, 2003 at Heller Bar (the confluence of the Grande Ronde and Snake Rivers). Whether you are new to two-handed rods or experienced, come try different two-handed rods (5wt. to 12wt. and up), different lines, learn new casts and share tips and tricks. More details in September.

YARD SALE

Don Chinn's fly shop is closing.
Inventory will be sold at Bargain Prices!
May 30-31, 2003
8 am-5 pm
4911 W. Princeton Place
(509) 328 4253

NORTH FORK OF THE COEUR D'ALENE

The North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River project is underway. IEFFC put \$2000 into it, and now Jerry McBride is signing up members to help. Bring your appointment book to the May meeting, and talk to Jerry. He will have a printout of the schedule with him. There are two documents about the project on our web site: <http://ieffc/home/att/net>. One is a description of the signup process, and the other is the schedule. When you are at the schedule, the links to different pages of the schedule are near the bottom of the page. If you need help on maneuvering around the web site contact Bob Bates. It will be updated each Thursday. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the river and its cutthroat. By helping on the project you will find out where the bigger fish are hiding.

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