

# The Fly Leaf



Volume 64 No. 2

Web Page: <http://www.ieffc.org>

February, 2018

**FEBRUARY MEETING  
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB  
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE  
COMMONS**

**February 12, 2018  
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

Editors: Lee Funkhouser and Guy Gregory

## February 12 Meeting Valentine's meeting

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Phil Beck

Well, we were having a mild winter, but it is now more normal - lakes are iced over, a bit of snow in the mountains. I hope you are finding a place to fish, tying flies, or reading about fishing and dreaming up some good trips for 2019. Looking forward to our February meeting, which will continue our inaugural 'Valentines' meeting with the opportunity for spouses to attend and join us in a 'social event' evening. Last years' trial was well received, though we have made a few alterations. Once again we will have corsages, but this year we will have special auction items we feel will be of interest to club members and our guests. These include a Bitterroot Nets custom jewelry box/fly box, and two bottles of wine. These items will be guaranteed draw at the meeting, an alteration made after feedback from 2018. We will also be raffling a custom made Bitterroot net.

February's meeting is also special in a couple of other ways. Our speaker is a national level author, guide and presenter Landon Mayer (see the Feb./Mar issue cover and article in "Fly Fisherman") who is coming as a joint presenter with S.F.F.C. where he will speak on February 13th. Landon's presentation will be of great interest to club members on a technical level and to both our members and guests with his slides, videos and scenery. Landon will also tie during the wet fly hour and have books he has authored for sale.

This meeting will be special in another way: we will be introducing a special guest - Laura Thayer from E.W.U. - but let me digress. Most club members are aware of our Legacy Committee and its efforts on the behalf of I.E.F.F.C. and especially its mission to aid the families of members who have passed away. Jim Turner and the committee have been successful and a fund has accrued. Efforts have been made to find appropriate means of using them. After many days and weeks of effort an idea put forth by Lee Funkhouser garnered the support and approval of the Legacy Committee along with the club's officers and Board of Directors. Thus, we have invited our guest Laura, the E.W.U. scholarship coordinator. On behalf of the Legacy Committee and the Board I am proud to announce that a 'named scholarship' from our club will be given at Eastern Washington University in the amount of \$1,000 per year for a guaranteed period of five years. This scholarship will be presented to a junior or senior in the Biology Department with an endorse-

Landon Mayer  
Fly Fisher/Fly Tier/  
Guide/Author



Landon Mayer has been guiding professionally in Colorado on the South Platte River since 1997. His success in catching trout is fueled by an addiction to pursue large trout with small flies and lightweight fly-fishing equipment.

His presentation will be "10 Locations, 10 Problems, and 10 Solutions in Trout Fishing". Be prepared for a scenic, dynamic presentation engaging all!

ment for fisheries biology. The scholarship selection committee will be chaired by the Biology Department head and will include a club member: initially Jim Athearn. The entire Board and the Legacy Committee are very pleased with this opportunity to help support students dedicated to supporting our fisheries and hope to foster good relations with those same dedicated young biologists.

We're pursuing options to get more Runje Releasers in use. One, we're encouraging Amato Publishing, who publish and sell our "Flies of the Northwest" books to purchase releasers to use as marketing incentives. Additionally, we're considering working through and with F.F.I. for branding, placement, or sales. We are still open to other suggestions and encourage club members to purchase Runje Releasers for personal use or gifts at our half-price member rate of \$5.00/each. We have a good supply of both sizes of Runje releasers made up and on hand.

I personally encourage members to bring their spouse/significant other to the meeting and notify Bob Schmidt if you weren't counted at the January meeting. Be sure to join us for a great evening - I hope to see many of you there.

**Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club—Spokane, Washington**

# CHRISTMAS RAFFLE RESULTS

## by Steve Aspinwall

Raffle chair Gordon Olson has reported that our annual IEFEC Christmas raffle produced about the same results as the last couple years. Our total gross for the raffle night was \$6828 with a net of about \$3800. We had a total of 185 items listed for the raffle and the silent auction. Gordon and his crew audit each bag of tickets and keep track of what items attract the most tickets and what Club member wins each item.

Gordon spent the majority of the year finding bargains that will enable the raffle to make money on an item and providing attractive items for our membership to try to win. We spend money to



purchase many of the items on the raffle, but we rely on the membership to donate their own purchased or already owned goods that make up the majority of the profit. Thank you for your contributions and thank you to all the elves that helped out with setup and the actual raffle.



Again, we ask the membership to be on the look-out during the year for guides and outdoor companies that would be willing to donate trips or reduced priced guided trips or access to pay waters. As an example, this year we took a stab at asking Corbett Lake Lodge near Merritt, BC for something for our raffle, and they willingly gave us a \$250Cn certificate. Many of our members

have fished this pay lake in the past, but the managers are trying to acquaint more of us with what they have to offer in fishing and lodging.

As we stated at the Christmas Raffle, please take note of those merchants and guides who contributed to our event and pay them thanks by patronizing their businesses. Thank them when you do so. Again thank you to all who made this a fun Club event.



## DUES, DUES, DUES

**Dues are due. Send into our post office box or bring them to the meeting. \$30.00**

**IEFFC  
P.O.Box 2926  
Spokane, WA 99220**

**Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club—Spokane, Washington**

## ELECTRONIC WIZARDRY

### WDFW's Free 'Fish Washington' Mobile App

Whether you are an experienced angler or just getting started, the 'Fish Washington' phone app should be on your mobile device. The free mobile app is designed to convey up-to-the-minute fishing regulations for every lake, river, stream and marine area in the state. The app does not yet include information on shellfish and seaweed collection rules. The app is available for download at Google Play and Apple's App store. If you had it, you'd know the **Skagit and Sauk open to Catch and Release Steelhead February 1!**

## GOT TO PAY YOUR DUES OR YOU'RE GONNA SING THE BLUES!

## PINCH CAPPED, ATHERN HONORED



### Distinguished Service Hat

As the final gesture of his tenure, outgoing President Jim Athearn awarded Mark Pinch a Distinguished Service hat. Mark was one of our wet fly hour fly tyers and the club certainly appreciates the contributions that our fly tyers have made to the club. Thank you, Mark.

Outgoing President Jim Athearn was surprised at the January meeting with the gift of a specially made wooden fishing net. The net was engraved with Jim's name and "IEFFC President" as a token of the club's appreciation for his 2018 contributions. Jim was an energetic president and the club had a great year under his able leadership. Thank you for doing such a fine job, Jim!



## Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club—Spokane, Washington

# **IEFFC Conservation: Contributions, Projects and Activities for 2019**

## **By: Jerry McBride and Jim Athearn**

### **Contributions**

Lands Council - The mission of the Lands Council is to preserve and revitalize Inland Northwest forests, water, and wildlife through advocacy, education, effective action, and community engagement. Their efforts directly affect the quality of fishing that we enjoy. Past and present efforts include the drainages of the North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene and the St. Joe, both of which many of our members fish.

Friends of the Little Pend Oreille – Friends of the LPO advocate for the Little Pend Oreille Wildlife Refuge. Most of their efforts have been directed at trails and wildlife. By making a contribution our club will continue to have a seat at the table and hopefully get some effort directed towards enhancing the fishing opportunities on the LPO.

Western Rivers Conservancy –Western Rivers Conservancy is a leader in preserving land adjoining streams and rivers in the western USA including streams in Washington State giving public access that otherwise would be locked-up by private interests. They purchased land on the Methow River. To see the whole list of Western Rivers projects go to:

<http://www.westernrivers.org/projectatlas/>

### **Projects**

Three signs at Rocky Ford Creek that spell out special rules and give release tips. The four partners on this project will be the IEFFC, Dryside Fly Fishers (Moses Lake), Wenatchee Valley Fly Fishers, and the Washington Council of Fly Fishers International. The IEFFC will need four volunteers to go down to Rocky Ford and install one sign most likely in late March or early April.

One additional sign at Medical Lake that would include a frame. This is yet to be discussed with WDFW Region 1 and the Town of Medical Lake. We may possibly be able to get the Spokane Fly Fishers to partner with us.

### **Activities**

Clean out spawning channel and restore spawning bed gravel at Bayley Lake. The IEFFC will need eight volunteers to go up to Bayley in September.

Fin Clipping at the WDFW hatchery. The IEFFC will need eight volunteers to clip fins most likely in September.

**Are you still getting the Flyleaf by mail? Support conservation,  
not postage!**

**Let the editors know you'd like email only-drop us a line at  
[flyleaf.ieffc@gmail.com](mailto:flyleaf.ieffc@gmail.com)**

**IEFFC E-Mail Address:  
[mail.ieffc@gmail.com](mailto:mail.ieffc@gmail.com)**

**Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club—Spokane, Washington**

## ***FLY OF THE MONTH***

**Grizzly King**

**February 2019**

**James Wilson**

The Grizzly King was first invented by James Wilson in 1840. James was the brother of John Wilson who is famously for creating the Professor Fly pattern. His description of this fly was written in his book *Rod and Gun*. Simple to tie, and relatively fragile, most fish it wet under sink tips when *Callibaetis* or other dark colored duns are emerging. The mallard flank wing seems to resemble a shucking wing. This old-school pattern is widely modified with hair wings, and other collar material, and tied in streamer styles for searun salmonids of all kinds. It's still worth fishing, 160 years after it's publication. Check out Jim Misura's tying video on You Tube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K8Yizz41yow>

**Hook:** 8-14 1X wet fly hook, size 8-14...12 seems most productive for trout

**Thread:** Black monocord

**Tail:** Red goose quill

**Rib:** Fine gold tinsel

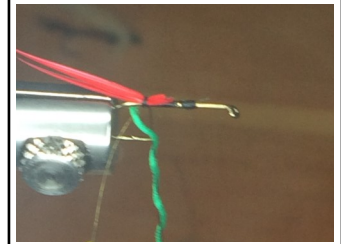
**Body:** Green floss or silk

**Throat:** Grizzly hen hackle

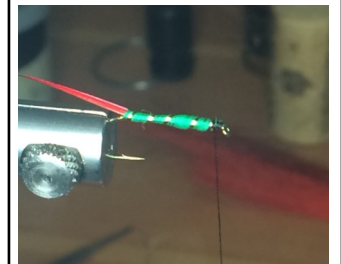
**Wing:** Mallard flank



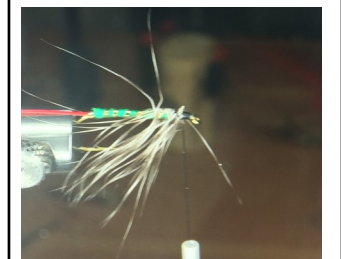
Wrap thread from 1/2 hook length back from the eye. Tie in green floss and fine gold tinsel. Wrap back to the beginning of the bend. Tie in red-dyed goose quill about 2/3 hook length long for tail.



Bring thread forward to just behind the eye leaving room for hackle, wing, and head. Wrap a tapered body of floss forward, tie off. Wrap about two wraps of fine gold tinsel under the tail as a tag, then advance forward, tie off.



Tie in a nice webby grizzly hackle, maybe a bit smaller than this one. The collar should be just short of the hook point. Three wraps, then tie down as a hackle throat. Trim off those stragglers on top, but don't cut your thread or you'll say something bad.



Select a nice even and mottled mallard flank feather. Tie in flat style, with tips about even with the tail. As you grip it, it will bunch into a tent style wing. Finish head, whip finish, and cement.



**Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club—Spokane, Washington**

## FFI HAPPENINGS By Chet Allison

Don't Forget:

**13th Annual**  
**Washington Fly Fishing Fair**

  
**FLY FISHERS**  
INTERNATIONAL  
Washington State Council

May 3rd & 4th  
Friday & Saturday 9-5  
Ellensburg, WA

**Free Admission**

-  Fly Casting Workshops
-  Fly Tying
-  Featured Tyers on Video
-  Seminars: techniques, destinations
-  Ongoing Gear Raffles
-  Auctions for art, trips and gear
-  Fly Fishing Film Tour (F3T)

Sat. at 6 PM Sponsored by TU

Celebrity Fly Fisher  
**Gary Borger**  
Internationally known author,  
casting instructor, and fly tyer



Photos Courtesy Molly Semenik and Gary Borger

Again: Your membership FFI helps our local club keep dues down, and helps cold water fisheries everywhere!

## FLYLEAF CONTRIBUTIONS

**A quick reminder: Guy and Lee are alternating the actual production of *The FlyLeaf* so if you have articles to contribute, make sure you send the information to the newsletter email: [flyleaf.ieffc@gmail.com](mailto:flyleaf.ieffc@gmail.com).**

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