



GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
Tuesday, November 10, 2020
Wet Fly Half Hour 6:30pm
Presentation 7:00pm Via ZOOM
[Instructions to follow](#)

Editors: Lee Funkhouser and Guy Gregory

November Meeting Gary Borger Via ZOOM

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By Bob Schmitt

My Fellow Members,

Our first ever ZOOM meeting was a qualified success with 21 members signed on. We watched Phil Rowley give us some pointers on *Tactics for Tough Days*. Our November Zoom meeting on Tuesday, November 10th will feature GARY BORGER. His subject will be *Nymphing Top to Bottom*. These Zoom meeting are all substance and no fluff. I have a short welcoming message, **Jon Bowne** introduces our featured speaker, we have the presentation with a question and answer period, Jon and I have a few closing remarks, and the meeting is over. An hour and a half well spent. That having been said, I hope to see more members sign on for the November meeting. Please join our meeting and support your Club. This year has been challenging because of the pandemic, but we're doing the best we can under the circumstances.

On a sad note, we learned very recently of the passing of **Boyd Mattson**, one of the pillars of our Club. I apologize for aging Boyd beyond his years. He was born in 1928 which made him 92. Below are a few of the replies I received after letting everyone know of his passing:

I have never fished with Boyd as an outing but I have fished the same water with him as one of us showed up later. You are right, there were fish stories to be told even when fishing. I knew him but not to the extent that either of us would say we were more than fly club buddies. I remember one-time Dwight Tipton and I were fishing the net pens catching those big rainbows that escaped when Boyd showed up hours later.

It is sad day but a life well led. Boyd was enthusiastic in everything he did. I too spent a lot of time with him and am

Our speaker in November will be Gary Borger. Gary is one of the world's foremost fly fishing educators. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and is Professor Emeritus at the University of Wisconsin Campus in Wausau. His presentation for November is entitled "Nymphing Top to Bottom". We will be sending out additional information prior to the meeting, which will include Zoom instructions and passwords.



You won't want to miss this presentation.

Presidents Message (continued)
able to recite specifics of his Air Force days.

A sad day indeed and a great fellow. Enjoyed fishing, work parties, and talking with Boyd. I wondered about Bobs aging him a bit though.

On a brighter note, some of our brethren have enjoyed good fishing out at Amber lake for good sized fish and in large numbers. Another member had a very good day at Medical lake with good numbers of larger fish. Still another member had a fairly good day at Bayley Lake for fish in the 3 to 5 pound range.

Again, a reminder to join our November Zoom meeting with Gary Borger. Gary is a highly sought after presenter and a well known fly fishing expert.

Meantime, stay well and see you all at our November Zoom meeting.

BOYD MATTSON

SEPTEMBER 11, 1928 – OCTOBER 21, 2020



It is impossible to list all of the projects participated in and all of the contributions **Boyd Mattson** has made to the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club. He was IEFFC Fly Fisherman of the Year for 1999 and you could not find a more deserving individual. He was a serious fly fisherman, considerate of people around him and constantly shared information. He will be missed by our club and he was a valuable member.

His educational background made him a natural for being the lead for the IEFFC “Introduction to Fly Fishing” program that was presented to area Junior High and High School students. He was passionate about the North Silver lake project. There he spent many hours talking to people, planning, organizing and reorganizing. He initiated discussions with the major landowner and eventually arrived at agreements that all participating groups signed. Boyd was not alone on this project, many others were involved: Installing the culvert screen, cleaning the launch area, and later putting in fencing and installing an aerator.

Boyd also took part in smaller projects. Some of those projects included fish stocking, fin clipping or bird-fence projects with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. In the 60s or 70s he became interested in sterile trout, and closely followed the work of Brian Chan. He talked to many of the hatchery people about sterile trout.

He was probably among the top three to five percent of fly club members when it come to number of fishing days per year. Where did he fish? Lots of different places. While in Seattle he explored the trout managed lakes on the west side. He also fished lakes in British Columbia. In 1972 he found Sheridan Lake in B.C., and for 23 years he spent a month there each year. It was in B.C. that he learned about brook trout and how to catch multi-pound brookies. He would explore new waters to see what was there. If they were good he would tell you, and if it is great he would quietly let other club members know. If you asked “What are your favorite waters?” he had trouble deciding. A few that come up fairly often are Sheridan, Amber, McGinnis, Fourth of July, North Fork of the Coeur d’Alene, Blue and several that we can’t mention because we do not want them named in print.

Whenever he was fishing, he was usually catching fish. If he was catching and you were not he would let you in on what was working and if the secret was a new fly, he might give you a copy if he had an extra. If the secret was simply “wiggling” a Montana Bucktail, you would observe and learn.

When asked about hobbies, “tying lots of flies” was the answer, but fly-fishing and golf must be in there someplace. A few of Boyd’s favorite flies were: Pheasant Tail Nymph (wtd), Bionic Worm, lots of chironomids, Blue Lake Special, Nyerges Nymph, Montana Bucktail and Tom Thumb. Like most of us he was hard pressed to name the best. (It was the one that just caught a nice fish.)

On a personal note he was born on a farm near Burley, Idaho. His dad and an uncle exposed him to fishing. This is why after a trip “back home” he occasionally regaled the Liar’s Club with stories of great fishing in southern Idaho.

In 1950 he joined the Air Force, and moved to Spokane. In 1951 a staff sergeant on one crew took him fly fishing to Trout lake near Sacheen. He was hooked, and started tying flies. 1952 was also a good year when he married Glenna. In 1954 he was crew chief on a B-36.

After leaving the Air Force he went to University of Washington. In 1957 he was graduated with a teaching degree, and received a Master’s degree from Eastern about ’65. He spent 9 years teaching in Seattle before becoming a school principal on Mercer Island. He stayed there for 21 years, retiring in 1987. He and Glenna left the Seattle area in 1990 and returned to Spokane. We are glad he did.

Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club—Spokane, Washington

WDFW RULE CHANGE

Grande Ronde

WDFW FISHING RULE CHANGE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
1111 Washington St. SE, Olympia, WA 98501
<https://wdfw.wa.gov/>

August 31, 2020

Correction: Grande Ronde River Steelhead Fishery Change

Corrects location to begin at County Rd. Bridge

Action: Changes the steelhead daily limit to two hatchery fish.

Effective date: September 1, 2020, until further notice.

Species affected: Steelhead

Location: Grande Ronde River from County Rd. Bridge (approx. 2.5 miles upstream of the mouth) to the Washington/Oregon state line.

Reason for action: The 2020 Columbia River preseason forecasted return for upriver steelhead was 95,500. Current predictions of steelhead returning to the Grande Ronde River are lower than needed to operate fisheries with a three fish limit. With concerns for broodstock needs and impacts to wild fish it is important to reduce daily limits to protect steelhead within the Grande Ronde River.

Additional information: All steelhead with unclipped adipose fins must be immediately released unharmed. In addition, anglers must use barbless hooks when fishing for steelhead and must stop fishing for steelhead once the daily limit has been retained.

Anglers should be sure to identify their catch as Chinook and coho salmon may be present during this fishery and are not open to harvest. Chinook, coho and steelhead may not be removed from the water if not to be retained as part of the daily bag limit.

Refer to the 2020/2021 Washington Sport Fishing Rules pamphlet for other regulations, including possession limits, safety closures, etc., and please continue to check emergency rules if you are planning to fish for steelhead within the affected area.

Information contact: Jeremy Trump, District 3 Fish Biologist 509-382-1005

Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club—Spokane, Washington

A FISHING TRIP WITH TOM MAY

By Jerry McBride

Longtime member **Tom May** passed away some time ago and for some reason I got thinking about him recently. Tom and I made several fishing trips and the most memorable one was up on the St. Joe in September of 2011.

Oven Explosion

One evening, we were staying at the Spruce Tree campground in my travel trailer. Tom and I were sitting at the table directly opposite from the stove having a beer and waiting for the oven to heat up. Suddenly there was a loud explosion. The oven door flew open and a huge orange fireball came out of the oven! I instinctively closed the oven door and turned off the oven. After we collected our wits and our ears quit ringing I very carefully opened the oven door and found a melted plastic fire starter just inside. When I lit the pilot I had set the fire starter on the open oven door and then closed it putting the fire starter inside the oven. The heat melted the plastic butane tank in the fire starter releasing the butane which then was ignited by the gas flames in the oven. I restarted the pilot taking care where I placed my new fire starter, heated up the oven and cooked our pot pies. Needless to say, whenever I light the pilot since then I take care to put the starter in a safe place.



Tom May

Lost In the Dark

After several days at Spruce Tree we moved down to the Tin Can Flats campground. Bob Burton and George Potter were there along with Boyd Matson and his wife Glenna. In the evening we went down to a landing that had a picnic table and fire pit. We built a nice fire and sat around and talked. Tom and I stayed until the fire went out. If you have stayed up on the St. Joe you know that when it gets dark it gets real dark. It was so dark that you couldn't see your hands in front of your face. Tom and I started up the hill toward the trailer with our hands out in front of us like a couple of zombies knowing there were a bunch of trees on the hillside. We both started laughing at our ridiculous situation. Eventually we made it back up to the trailer without any injury vowing to bring a flashlight next time.

Slug Hole

One day we were exploring, looking for another place to fish below Avery. We saw a little road that led down towards the river so we drove down and took a look. It was very shaded and damp. We quickly noticed that there were literally thousands of large slugs crawling around. I joked with Tom that I might have to put my truck in four wheel drive to get out of there. There was a good run right out in front and we caught a bunch of fish there. As those of you who have fished the Joe with me know, I have a name for most of my favorite spots and I named this one the Slug Hole.

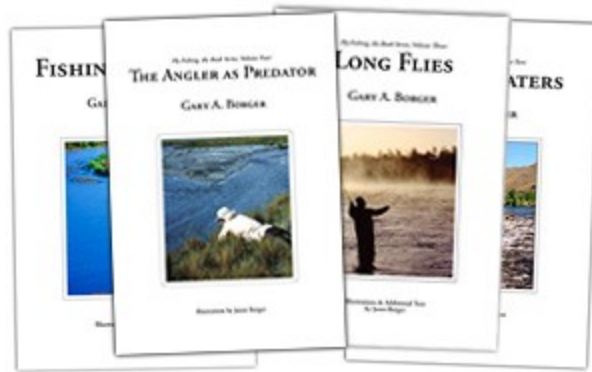
Wolf

Just upriver from Avery we came around a curve and there was a black wolf standing in the road. That was the first time either of us had ever seen a wolf out in the wild.

Tom and I had a good trip. He was a good partner to go fishing with. There are a lot of us who miss him.

Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club—Spokane, Washington

Gary Borger Book Series November Speaker



"Fly Fishing, the Book Series" is now underway. Begun in 2010 as a collaboration between my Tomorrow River Press company and his son Jason's Fish, Flies & Water, this planned 20-book series will explore a huge range of fly-fishing topics."

The books can be ordered at Gary's website garyborger.com

THE SERIES PASS

A special Series Pass for all 20 books is also being offered. One million+ words, all focused on fly fishing!

TO ZOOM OR NOT TO ZOOM

Jon Bowne has done a tremendous job giving us access to our speakers. The first month of Zoom certainly had its problems, but we were able to enjoy a very well done program by one of our favorite speakers, Phil Rowley. We also obtained Phil's permission to send the program out to the members who missed the telecast. If you missed that email with the program replay information let us know and we can get you the youtube link.

Until Covid is under control and we again are able to meet, we will be looking at presenters who embrace the zoom concept. We will continue to ask permission to record the sessions and will put those presentations on youtube. We will not be putting them on the website as that is available to the general public, so we will continue to send out the url link to the membership.

It is great to see and talk with members during the half hour leading up to the zoom presentation. Make yourself available for the broadcast and say hello to everyone as you log on and await the speaker. We miss you all and look forward to a time when we can meet again.

Our club has too long a history to let it fall by the wayside. We will continue to fish. We will continue to look for projects in which we can participate. We will find ways to communicate and stay in contact with our membership. We will survive.

Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club—Spokane, Washington

YOUTH AND FLY FISHING

By Lee Funkhouser



There was something about this picture that got me thinking. The youthful intensity maybe. I certainly noticed the attire and equipment. We need to continue reaching out to our youth. Sometimes I feel they are too involved with being inside. Video games and social media have taken their lives. I could not exist without the outdoors.

I took my 4 year old grandson out to the Tucannon River this past August for two days of fly fishing. It is already on the calendar for next year, but this time we're staying three days. I am going to work him up to a week and then we will tackle a more prestigious body of water. The St. Joe maybe.

I want my grandson in a picture like this one.

FISHING WITH LADIN

Theme Song

If you haven't caught an episode of "Fishing with Ladin", you need to give it a try. A fun time to see a couple of IEFFC members and some really good places to fish. **Steve Ronholt** and **Ladin Langeman** produce the show and you can learn a thing or two while also having a good laugh.

Guy Gregory asks the following questions regarding the theme song...

How many of you have wives/significant others that sing along with the theme song for "Fishing with Ladin"?

And how many of them tend to emphasize the words "...that you think that you might need."?

If you aren't familiar with the theme song, click on the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mltORRkp2n4>

ROSTER CHANGES

Doug Brossoit has a new email address - dougbrossoit@gmail.com

If we have missed your information, please send it in to our gmail address.
flyleaf.ieffc@gmail.com.

Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club—Spokane, Washington

FLY OF THE MONTH

UV Balanced Leech

November 2020

Lee Funkhouser

Mark Pinch brought some UV micro chenille to Liars Club last year and handed out cards with various colors. Sometimes it is a matter of experimentation to find the right combination in a fly. Often times there is a tremendous amount of luck involved. This fly in olive, as pictured below, can be a killer at Amber Lake. The same fly tied with black straggle string (black marabou tail, red flashabou with a black or blue bead) does quite well in a number of lakes, but especially at Farmer Brown's. The straggle string looks to have great potential and this fly is one of the easiest you will ever tie.

The fly is patterned after **Jerry McBride's** Balanced Leech with the UV straggle string being the most significant alteration. The UV seems to make a major difference and with the number of colors available, I expect to see many variations appearing at area lakes.

If you are not familiar with the balanced fly. Phil Rowley has a number of videos on youtube explaining the concept and showing how to tie the **infamous Jerry McBride Balanced Leech**. (Note: Infamous means "more than famous").

Hook: Jig hook - size 10-14. (This one is size 14).

Balance: Straight sequin pin.

Bead: Rip Lips Tungsten - 7/64 Orange. (Larger for larger flies).

Thread: 6/0 Olive.

Tail: Olive Marabou with Gold Flashabou.

Body: Semperfli Straggle String. Pale Olive.

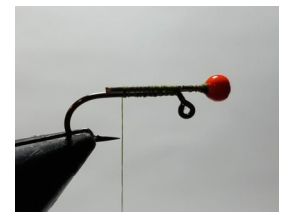


Pinch the barb, place in the vise and start your thread on the shank of the hook. Place the bead on the sequin pin and secure lightly to the hook shank. Test the balance with tippet. If balanced, secure the pin with tight wraps and a small amount of super glue.

Place a small amount of marabou on the shank for the tail and secure. Add the gold flashabou as additional attractant and secure. I use two strands on each side.

Secure a length of straggle string and begin tight wraps going from the tail end to the bead. To make the fly more durable you can place a small bead of super glue along the shank and wrap into it.

Secure the bead end of the straggle string with your thread and whip finish.



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LEGENDS OF FLY TYING SERIES FFI On Line

FFI Online has added “Legends of Fly Tying Series” featuring some of the foremost and respected fly tyers in the sport whose contribution to the art and science of tying is beyond compare. Featured tyers will include Dave Whitlock, Gary Borger, Al and Gretchen Beatty, Peggy Brenner, Scott Sanchez, Jim Ferguson, and Mike George .

Other new episodes will include a long-awaited presentation on how to become an FFI Certified Casting Instructor—the premier casting instruction and certification programs found anywhere in the world—as well features on the FFI Learning Center and a special guest series with notable per-

GLOBAL FISH QUEST FFI On Line

Jeff Currier is back with his “Global Fish Quest” series, bringing you new episodes on his adventures fly fishing in some of the coolest places in the world. New episodes will include virtual travel to Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and even an episode on being a “World Fly Fishing Traveler” in the age of Covid. These episodes are only available for a week after airing, so be sure to catch Jeff’s episodes before they disappear.

Episodes will be broadcasted live on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings at 8 pm EDT, running from the launch of Season 2 on Wednesday, November 4th through March 2021.

JOINING FFI

There is no better time to consider joining FFI than now. It’s easy and you will be joining a number of IEFFC members already involved in the organization.

To Join FFI simply go to the website listed:

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

Click Membership, Click join, then the blue round button.

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