



**GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
April 12, 2005
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

APRIL PROGRAM By Jerry Cartwright

If you fancy a trip to southern B.C. but would like some up to the minute information on fishing in that area, our April 12 program should be of interest. The program will feature Kelly Laatsch of the St. Mary Angler in St. Mary, B.C. Kelly is a very experienced guide and presenter of fly fishing programs and will be talking about fishing in the St. Mary/Kimberly area.

APRIL MEANDERINGS By Scott Mayfield

April brings new opportunities to fisherman and poacher alike. The lowland lakes have mostly turned over and now hold dime-bright triploids and pre-spawn rainbows. Spring runoff is nearly over and baring spring monsoons or colder springtime snowstorms, outstanding fishing can be had by the adventurous in scabland spring creeks and mountainous freestones.

Some of the best trips have been in April – the “business trip” to Dillon where my work was done in roughly ½ a day and the extra work days and weekend were spent tying something called a “Yellow Yummie” and fishing the local haunts. The fly shop proprietor identified me as new to the area and recommended Yellow Yummies – “Just the ticket for big browns.” Ten dollars of fly tying material later, I felt like the guy who just bought a lame horse for far too much money.

On a shirtsleeve day at Poindexter Slough, I met a gentleman who liked the color of my rental car – dark green. It matched his fly rod. It happened to match the color of mine too. “Winston,” he said proudly. “Cabela’s,” I said. His dust settled on my car as he sped away.

The next day on the Big Hole snow was coming down sideways. Brilliant wildflowers poked through the white

ground cover making the short hike to the riverbank as surreal as my ability to catch fish that day. They just kept biting. Whitefish and rainbows, I didn’t care, it was perfect fun.

Midway through the day and overconfident, I decided to try the yellow folly. Use heavier tippet he said. Six pound Maxima was all I had. The thing was big, weighted, and consisted of yellow chicken feathers. It cast like it looked, a bumblebee awkwardly flying toward your windshield on a hot summer day. Cast and strip fast. It doesn’t cast, it doesn’t hook, it doesn’t fly and it cost \$10.32, and now it is gone?

How can that be? What was that? A stump? A rock? A barracuda on a bonefish fly? How can it be gone? Sure enough, it is gone. Another fly crashes into the water, and it is gone also. Hmmph, maybe I should pay attention to what I am doing. Then they start to fall...browns, pretty as can be. I cast and strip until my water covered, wind cooled hands are too cold to tie the next one on. No gloves...it is April in Montana after all.

Remember your warm clothing, and remember to renew your licenses along with your catch record cards.

EYES IN THE WOODS By Boyd Matson

The CORT (Crime observation and reporting training) is now scheduled for April 14, from 7:00-9:00 PM in the conference room, second floor, of White’s Outdoor, 4002 E. Ferry St.

FISHING KIDS

By Fred Shiosaki

The Fishing Kids event will be held on Clear Lake at the Air Force Recreation area May 7, 2005. Volunteers should be there by 7 AM for free coffee, sweet rolls and orientation. It is a lot of fun for the kids and the adults, so sign up when the list gets to your table at the meeting.

MORNING STAR BOY'S RANCH

By Bill McElroy

Morning Star Boy's Ranch Fishout May 14, 2005

First of all, thanks to all of you who have participated in this event and made it such a success. All of you veterans' efforts have been greatly appreciated.

We will meet at Linnies, 1301 West 3rd Avenue, at 7 AM. This is the old Shack Restaurant, and they have brought back the American breakfast menu just like it was. We even have the same private room that worked so well in the past. The IEFFC will buy breakfast for you and the boys.

We are going to West Medical Lake and you will need a small boat. If you don't have one, they are for rent at the resort, and I will reserve one for you if you like.

For First Timers – The boys are 12 to 17 years old, and they are very well behaved. This trip is their reward for exemplary behavior, so if there is any hint they are a problem, they are left behind. Three or four counselors or staff will accompany the boys and we will also take them fishing if we have enough members. For the most part, in my experience, these are good boys from problem families. We have had from 12 to 20 participants at previous events.

They will have no gear and usually little, if any, raingear. Bring all fishing gear for them and raingear if

DELINQUENT DUES

By Bob Bates

The 2005 Roster is waiting for a few of you to pay your dues.

Doug Brossoit did as much as he could based on Leonard Gross' reports and sent it to me for my additions.

We sent e-mails to some delinquent members. We called others and even accosted one member on the stream. Dues were highlighted in the January and February issues of *The Fly Leaf*. Percentage-wise we have had been pretty successful, but at last count 21 members haven't paid their dues. So if you don't receive the May *Fly Leaf* by e-mail or snail mail you will know what happened.

Delinquent dues may be corrected by sending a \$30 check (made out to IEFFC) to IEFFC, PO Box 2926, Spokane, WA 99220-2926. Talk to Leonard Gross, 921-9452 or e-mail grosslj@sprintmail.com if you have any questions.

you have extra. Bring your lunch and maybe soft drinks for the boy. The boys will have their lunch provided by the Ranch. The sunglasses box is almost empty, so bring a spare if you can. Life jackets are required and are also available at the resort. We are usually done around 2:30. The Ranch would prefer not to deal with fish, so let's use the opportunity to promote catch-and-release.

I need 4 or 5 members to tie or cast at the Ranch on Thursday, May 12. We start at 5:30 PM and are provided dinner. I will provide info and a map.

I will have an e-mail list for everyone and further information as required. Please sign up at the meeting April 12, or contact me directly, see the Roster.

DVDS IN CLUB LIBRARY

By Harry Calhoun

New Rule: 1 (one) DVD per person for 1(one) week.

101 Fly Fishing Yellowstone Hatches With
Craig Mathews and John Juracek

102 Streamer Flies for Trophy Trout
Kelly Galloup

103 Streamer Fishing For Trophy Trout
Kelly Galloup

INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB – SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

FLY OF THE MONTH

Spokane Special

April, 2005

Ed Plummer

Here is an old attractor-pattern dry fly from the days when we still used floss for fly bodies. It is akin to another old standby, the Renegade. The Spokane Special was named by Ed Plummer of the old Spokane Sporting Goods when he and Ed Karrer were partners in that business. It has been a favorite in the Northwest for many years and is especially good when Mayflies are out. This pattern is very effective at Browns Lake; indeed, it is a great temptation to any cutthroat. Because of its double hackle this fly is a very good floater.

Hook: Size 8 - 16

Tail: Red hackle fibers

Rear hackle: Grizzly

Body: Yellow floss ribbed with black floss

Wings: Die-cut veined wing material (or substitute Grizzly Hackle tips or poly yarn)

Front Hackle: Brown

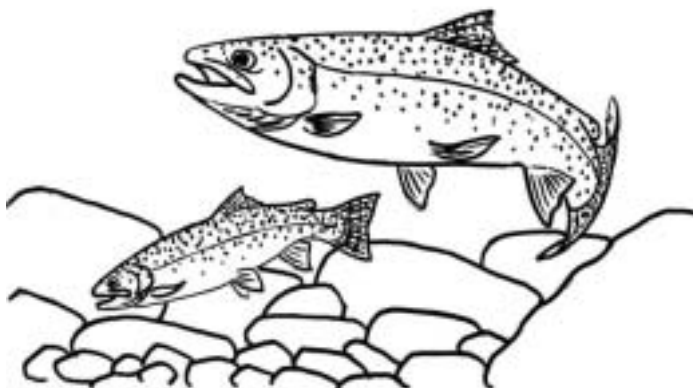


1. Pinch the barb and line the hook with thread. Tie in the tail.

2. Wind the rear hackle. Make it ever so slightly smaller than the fore hackle.

3. Attach the body and rib. Treat the body-rib with a coat of cement. Tie in the wing material.

4. Wind the fore hackle. Make it a tiny bit bigger than the rear hackle. Make a small head, whip finish, and cement.



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FIRST CLASS MAIL



CHARTER MEMBER and McKENZIE PLAQUE WINNER

THE BACKCAST By Leon Buckles

Everyone in the club is familiar with our featured member. For many years he served as the editor of the Fly Leaf. He has been a key player in the many editions of our publication of *Flies of the Northwest*. Rex Gerlach presented FENTON ROSKELLEY the 1964 Fly Fisherman of the Year award after the qualifications were read by Hank Learnard. Let us take a quick look at Fenton's history in the club prior to this presentation.

Ross attended his first club meeting in 1956 and paid his \$3.00 annual dues in January 1957. At Gafner's Café, April 24, 1957 Fenton announced to the club that he had been assigned to writing outdoor sports activities for the Chronicle and asked for assistance from any club member.

He remains rather obscure in club records until the January 12, 1960 meeting when "he was cheered for his good works in fathering a new baby daughter." He and Vi, his wife of 60 years, named the girl, Heather. Has anyone considered the origin of the Heather Nymph?

The following year Ross was the chairman of the camp-out (fish-out) committee. Five fish-outs were proposed that year for May, June, July, September and October. In September 1961, we find Fenton as the Chairman of a committee "to find facts about the big Spokane River trout and determine what the club's stand should be." The committee recommended



that the Spokane River from Havana Street to the footbridge in Riverside State Park be fly fishing only.

In December, the nominating committee proposed a slate of officers for 1962. For the time first in club history a unanimous ballot was cast in favor of the nominees. This ballot elevated Fenton to the position of club president. One of his proposed projects was to put up signs at all of the fly fishing only lakes. He continued to be active in 1964 as chairman of the membership committee.