



**GENERAL MEETING  
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB  
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE  
COMMONS  
February 12, 2008  
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

By Dwight Tipton

Over the years my schedule has not allowed me to attend the weekly Liars' Club session very often. Prior to taking the reins as Club President, though, I made a commitment to myself to attend Liars' Club with regularity, a level of commitment so earnest that I arrived at Casey's on Tuesday, January 29 at 11:31 A.M. after having driven from Deer Park in near whiteout conditions, on a highway laden with about 4 inches of broken ice topped by 6-8 inches of sloppy snow. A drive which consumed well over an hour.

And for what? To spend quality time with Dick Odell, Scott Fink, Bob Bates, Fred Shiosaki, George Potter and Dick's granddaughter, Liz, that's what. Quality time with them spent, and pearls of wisdom earned, such as: 1. There's a new type depth finder on the market. "Somebody" should buy one and test it before the others spend their hard earned dollars. 2. Fred gave Liz a vise. She gave Fred a thank-you note. 3. Scott says eagles die. 4. Deer die when there's a hard winter. 5. Boyd's car is some kind of Ford which frequently requires chains. 6. I have a Matarelli whip finisher. 7. Bob bought one of Dr. Slick's knock offs. 8. Crawfish are sometimes found in pretty deep water.

As if these pearls weren't value enough, by attending I earned the right to be castigated for tying ugly flies; for not giving George an exact replica of the Chromie I was using; and, for giving imprecise directions.

Unfortunately, I had to leave early to take care of a business problem. I can hardly wait for the next meeting. Honest.

*Ed. Note: Usually there are more people, and context would make the eight cryptic statements more understandable.*

## **FEBRUARY PROGRAM**

By Jon Allen

February's meeting will defiantly help those of us with cabin fever. Preparing for the early lake openings will now be easier with the expert advice of Denny Rickards. For the past thirty years Denny has had an opportunity to fish and guide anglers over some of the most challenging trophy trout waters in the Western United States. Denny is a full time guide on Upper Klamath Lake. Over 250 days a year are spent doing what he loves best; guiding, writing, tying flies, conducting fly fishing schools and lecturing on Stillwater tactics. *Fly Fishing Stillwaters For Trophy Trout* and *Fishing The West's Best Trophy Lake* are two of Denny's bestselling books. His newest book, *Tying Stillwater Patterns for Trophy Trout* will now help us with tying techniques for flies used to catch trophy trout.

## **DUES ARE DUE DUES ARE DUE**

Your Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club dues are due January 1, 2008. They become delinquent on March 1, 2008. It would help us if you would pay them at the meeting. The Treasurer, AKA Allen Peterson (Swede), will be at the table by the entrance to collect your \$30.00 dues.

You may also pay your \$30.00 dues by sending a check, made out to IEFFC, to Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club P.O. Box 2926 Spokane, WA 99220-2926

If everybody pays their dues promptly we wont need to activate the phone tree, and we have a fighting chance of getting the roster out on time.

## **MAY MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY MAY 14, 2008**

On our regular meeting night in May there is a conflict with a **MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE** function. Naturally their function takes priority.

We will meet on Wednesday rather than Tuesday in May.

## BAILEY LAKE SPAWNING CHANNEL

Several years ago IEFFC members cleaned out the inlet stream to Bailey Lake, placed weirs and spawning gravel. The next spawning season many large fish were using it. From time to time the brush needs to be cleaned out and even the gravel augmented. The most recent work was in 2007 but no one sent me pictures to put into *The Fly Leaf*. However, Jerry McBride sent me pictures of work on November 4, 2006. Members involved were: Tom May, George Potter, Boyd Matson, Dwight Tipton and Scott Fink. Unfortunately, space limitations prevented publication until now.



Scott Fink and George Potter  
Photo by Jerry McBride



Scott Fink, Dwight Tipton and  
Boyd Mason  
Photo by Jerry McBride



Boyd Matson, George Potter,  
Tom May, Jerry McBride and  
Scott Fink  
Photo by Dwight Tipton

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## FORUMS

By Allen Peterson

It has been requested that Swede's Fly Shop open its doors once a month to fly fishers who want to just get together and do what comes natural, that is, sit around tie flies or just talk about fly fishing in general over a cup of coffee and cookies. The forums started on Saturday, January 12th at 10:00am for the several folks who wanted to meet and just talk fishing, tying, catching, products, styles, politics, or whatever. We'll try and meet on the second Saturday of each month, and the coffee will be ready along with whatnots. A whatnot is something edible that goes with the whatever.

So if this sounds like something you might be interested in, please find time to join us and stop by. There'll be fishing reports, flies to discuss, styles to compare with and tape measure calibrations. Judging from the fishing reports it seems appropriate. Sound like fun? Ya sur ya'betcha!

## NORTHWEST WOMEN FLYFISHERS COLLECT "PHONES FOR FISH"

By Kim Lyons

Cell phone recycling program benefits fish habitat

Northwest Women Flyfishers (NWF) is collecting discarded cell phones to raise funds for its Conservation Grant Program. Since 1991, NWF has provided over \$135,000 in funds for small to medium-sized conservation projects in the Northwest. The NWF Conservation Grant Program is dedicated to the conservation and increase of wild fish, as well as the preservation and restoration of streams and lakes in the Northwest. For more information check the NWF website: [www.NorthwestWomenFlyfishers.com](http://www.NorthwestWomenFlyfishers.com)

## START THINKING ABOUT THE FUTURE

Eventually this deep snow will melt and all our waters will be open for fishing. The first IEFFC 2008 outing is planned to be at Medical Lake where many nice fish are currently swimming slowly. The exact date hasn't been set, keep watching.

**INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB – SPOKANE, WASHINGTON**

# FLY OF THE MONTH

Rufus Woods Special

February, 2008

George Potter & Boyd Matson

The Woolly Bugger has many variations. Here is one that is used by a couple of our unorthodox, stalwart mid-winter fly fishers. They have been taking obscene numbers of very large Rainbows at Rufus Woods Lake, some of them over 15 pounds. They fish this on Deep 7 sinking lines right off the bottom. It takes a heavily weighted fly to get down in the current. They let the fly work in the current or retrieve it very slowly. They recommend using Super Glue after each step in the tying process as the fly will get rough usage.

**Hook:** Tiemco 300, size 6 — 6X long Thread: 3/0 or 6/0 black

**Weight:** 12 turns of .035 lead wire

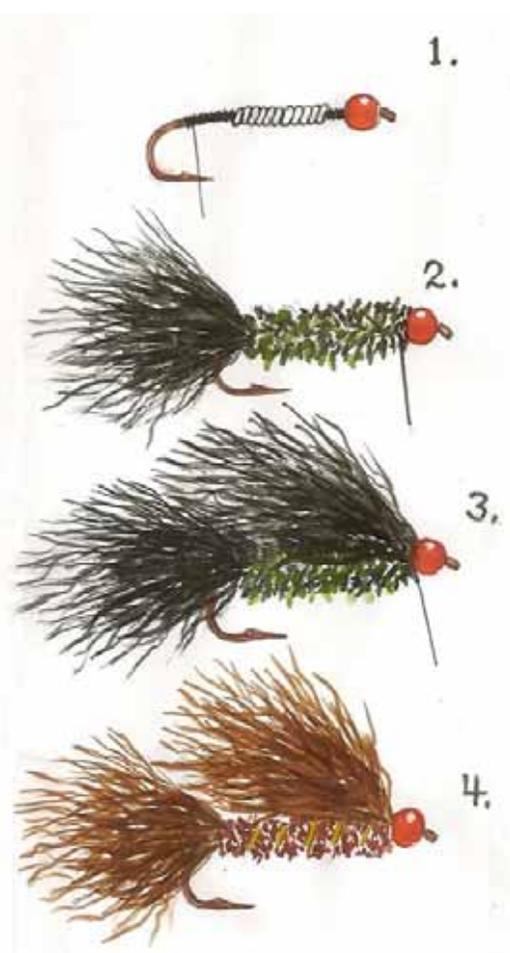
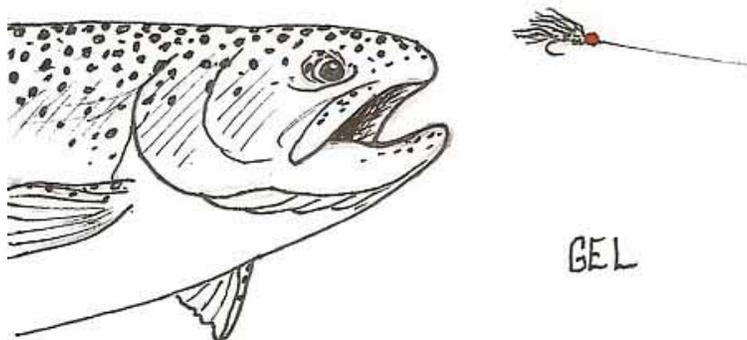
**Bead:** 1/4" hot orange

**Tail and wing:** Black Marabou

**Body:** Black and green Cactus Chenille



1. Pinch the barb, slide the bead up to the eye and line the hook shank with thread. Then add the lead wire to 1/8 inch short of the bead.
2. Tie in a good size clump of Marabou for the tail and then add the Cactus chenille body winding over the lead up to the bead.
3. Now add a second generous clump of marabou behind the bead to lay back over the body to the tail. Whip finish and cement.
4. An alternate version of the fly uses dark brown Marabou and brown Cactus chenille with a gold rib.



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Bailey Lake Pictures continued from page 2



Boyd Matson and Jerry McBride  
shoveling gravel 11/4/06



Bailey  
Lake  
inlet  
stream  
5/4/07  
Photo by  
Jerry  
McBride



Bailey Lake inlet stream 5/4/07 Photo by Jerry McBride

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