



**GENERAL MEETING  
 INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB  
 MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE  
 COMMONS  
 May 14, 2008  
 Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.  
 Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

# REMEMBER

## This month's meeting is on Wednesday In The Big Room

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dwight Tipton

Fishing. Sometimes it's easy to forget that's what our Club is about, but come late April and then on into May and prime time the subject is fishing. And not someone else's, our own. Fishing. Yessireebob.

Example of fishing: Sunday, April 20 was yet another miserable weather day. Wind, snow and cold. Undaunted, yours truly and his trusty rod bearer, Jim (The Poacherian) Turner ventured through the elements to Coffeepot. Surprisingly, not too many other fishermen there.

Boat in the water pdq and then off to the narrows where we fish Narrows Bay. Catch several. On to the lower end. Not much happening, so back up lake to Big Bay. Great fishing, and so the far the weather is cooperating unbelievably well. A chironomid hatch of the first magnitude with swallows by the hundreds working them like it's the last hatch of the year. Great fishing. Jim doing well on perch.

Then snow. Not a little squall, I'm talkin' SNOW! So many birds and snow pellets it's hard to even see our indicators. So what do we do? Eat lunch of course, then fish a little longer and catch several more great fish. Jim

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### MAY PROGRAM

By Jon Allen

This month, one of the clubs favorite presenters, Walt Balek MD, will share his latest excursions. Walt has traveled and fished around the world and provided us with loads of information and images of destinations that most of us have only dreamed of. This month he takes us to both sides of the continent with Silver fishing on the west coast and Striper fishing on the east coast. These are two fishing destinations that I personally have not had the opportunity to visit.

We are still in need of a program for our November meeting so if you have a program that you would like to see or present, please contact me at [jallan7@msn.com](mailto:jallan7@msn.com) or 939-5327.

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doing well on perch. Then time to leave so we motor up the lake feeling like we're in a downhill ski race with no goggles. As we drive away from the lake we note that when we drove in the six-inch tall winter wheat was bare but is now completely buried in snow. Result? The first gen-you-whine fishing story of the season. Ah, life is good. Cold, but good.

On a different plane, please help me welcome and thank Chet Allison for coming aboard as an interim director. Chet indicates he may very well wish to stand for election as a regular director come December, and, that he may soon be interested in beginning his odyssey through the chairs of office.

### BIG HORN SHOW

By Pat Kendall

The Fly Tying booth that Jim Athern and I put together was by all reports a very successful project.

Will Shaw, Jerry McBride, Harry Calhoun, Skip Nelson, Lowell Tveit, Scott Fink, Gordy Olson, Bill (TV star) McElroy, Jerry Voelker, Mike Shaunessy, and Phil Beck all tied some great flies. Kids and their parents stopped to watch the tying. We also had a tank behind us with ten rainbow trout and ten brown trout. Another tank that had lots of water type bugs. The younger people liked the fish and the bugs. We owe our thanks to Bill Butler who supplied the tanks, trout and bugs.

We also displayed our book, *Flies of the Northwest*, and had the display case opened and lit so that all could see our great flies. Many questions about our club and the other Spokane club were asked and answered.

A good effort by all involved at no cost to the club.

Harry Calhoun



Jerry McBride

### A HELPFUL FLY ANGLER

By Stephen Aspinwall

I have been out this early season. But on 2 of my 3 outings I saw Judy Kaufman and I know that you are guys that are acquainted with her so I thought I would pass along a story.

Judy and I were among a few fishers at Medical Lake last Friday. There was a young fellow dragging buggers around the south end in and around where Judy and I were doing the deep water nymphing technique more commonly known as the Kendall dangle. Judy is not too shy so she struck up a conversation with the float tuber and in the process learned that he was in the military and was about to go to Iraq and was trying to learn about his new found sport of fly fishing. Even though he was a novice, he was doing quite well hooking the fish but he lacked a landing net. On what turned out to me his last fish, Judy used her net to help him land a nice rainbow and then loaned the young man her only net for anymore hooked fish that day. I believe she also gave him one of the McBride developed horizontal wooley buggers and instructed him about its design and use.

Now that sounds like a real sportsman but get this! When he was about to leave and so wanted to return the loaned "measure net", Judy **gave** him this net!! This is a \$30-35 measure net when purchased new. I really do not Judy very well, but the few times I have fished in the same waters, I have been impressed by this lady.

I thought you guys might pass along this story to others who might know Judy as I will do and the next time you see Judy thank her for her generosity to one of our men serving our nation.

*Ed Note: Judy is a member of the Spokane Fly Fishers Event was on 4/4/08.*

Photo by Pat Kendall

## BACKCAST

By Leon Buckles

I was delighted that the club participated in the Bighorn Show this year. Let's extend our many thanks to Bill Butler, Pat Kendall and all the volunteers that made it a success. This is an activity from the past that has been revived. In 1967, forty-one years ago, the club won a second place trophy for their booth in the show. Let us take a quick look at that year in our club's history.

Gene Lorenson was our president that year and it started off with a program presented by club members. The highlight was a presentation by Gene Hackey, *The Slobbering Mob*, with the public as the stars. He filmed the many humorous acts that can only be seen at West Medical Lake on opening day and the early season. The \$5.00 dues were due and a \$2.00 re-instatement fee if you were late paying.

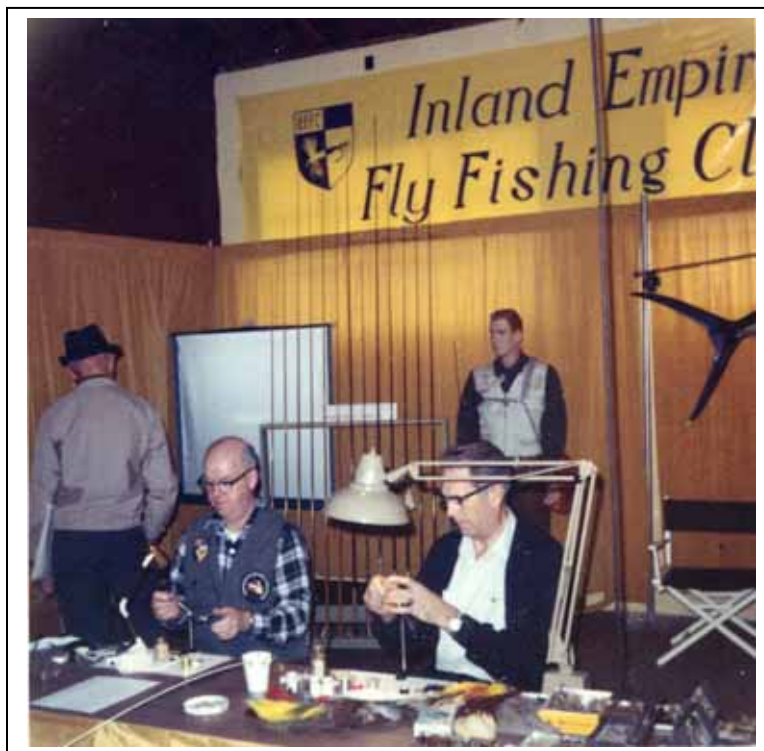
Members were invited to join the McKenzie Flyfishers of Eugene, OR for their club outing at Davis Lake. The lake is shallow, much of it less than 8 feet and holds trout up to 12 pounds. The highlight of the March meeting, which featured Advanced Fly Tying put on by club members, was the contest between Rex Gerlach, Everett Caryl and Bob Bates. They tied a #28 Royal Coachman and were judged on tying speed and pattern detail. Rex won hands down with a tying time of 5 minutes. He swore he would never do it again without

first having a little refreshment, like a coke, to settle his nerves.

Thirty-five members and their families spent August 19 and 20 at Balfour. The three-day non-resident license cost \$2.00. Nearly everyone caught fish over 5 pounds on dry flies with Karl Paulson catching the largest at 7 ¾ pounds. From the notebook of Pete Pagnutti for three days of fishing: Day 1—two fish, 5 and 6 pounds. Day 2—one fish, 7 pounds and broke off another nearly as large. Day 3—two fish, 5 and 6 pounds. He did not make note of the smaller fish caught. Wives, in addition to putting a great potluck together, also caught fish with Effie Shardlow boating several fish to 6 pounds. She was the wife of our first Fly Fisherman of the Year, 1962.

Other significant items-of-note that year included the incorporation of the club with a constitution and by-laws that have served the club for the last 41 years with only minor changes and the membership limited to 135 members. John Propp tied and put in a display box all 250 original flies from the *Flies of the Northwest* publication.

It was a busy year for the club with exposure to the public, many activities for the membership and significant strides forward. **IT WAS A GOOD YEAR.**



*Hank Learnerd*

*Stan Hurd*

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## COEUR D'ALENE RIVER SIGNS

By Pat Kendall

### IEFFC CLUB MEMBERS HELP WITH INFORMATIVE SIGNS ON THE COEUR D ALENE RIVER

Members Floyd Holmes, Gary Honeyman, and Pat Kendall were able to help Idaho Fish and Wildlife game warden Josh Stanley, and Biologist Joe Dupont add three new signs on the lower part of the Coeur D Alene river.

These were the first of as many as twenty signs that are to inform the fishing public that all cutthroat trout caught in the Coeur D Alend river are to be released back into the river.

IEFFC members will be asked again to help with the continuation of this project. There is a possibility that on later trips to the upper river that the workers may be able to do their work and then stay overnight at the Fish And Game department cabin on the river and fish the next day.



*Pat Kendall, Gary Honeyman, Floyd Holmes  
and Josh Stanley Photo by Joe Dupont*

## HARVARD BRIDGE LAUNCH CLEANUP

By Zach Hedgpeth

### Spokane River Cleanups Continue in Washington Harvard Road Public Access Slated for Cleanup in Summer 2008

The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) continues to clean up heavy metals in shoreline sediments at public access locations along the Spokane River. The work is led and funded by the State of Washington. Cleanup actions were completed by Ecology at both the Murray Road and Island Complex recreational areas last year.

The Harvard Road public access lies along the north bank of the river next to the Harvard Road bridge, about a mile north of the City of Liberty Lake. The location is a heavily used recreational area, including one of the few boat launches on the upper river. Ecology plans to reduce human and wildlife exposure to contaminants by constructing a clean layer of sand and gravel over the lead, arsenic, zinc and cadmium contamination at the site. Contaminated materials will also be removed from the site and disposed of in an approved landfill facility. Cleanup goals include the construction of a new gravel boat launch ramp to direct vehicle traffic away from the protective clean layer and sensitive aquatic habitat areas.

If you have questions about metals cleanup along the river in Washington, please contact Zach Hedgpeth at 509/329-3484 or [zahe461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:zahe461@ecy.wa.gov).



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## FORD HATCHERY FIN CLIPPING

By Jerry McBride

Six IEFCC members plus a WDFW volunteer "Dick" and Ford hatchery personnel fin clipped rainbows on 4-30-08. 5000 fish ranging from 4" to 10" had their adipose fin clipped. They will be planted in Coffeepot Lake on Friday, 5-2-08. This will be the entire fish plant for Coffeepot in 2008. The purpose of the fin clip is to identify them as hatchery fish as opposed to fish that have hatched in the creek flowing into Coffeepot Lake.

IEFFC members clipping fins were Boyd Matson, Al Cunningham, Scott Fink, Pat Kendall, George Potter and Jerry McBride.



*Folks are busy clipping fins. Fish are put to sleep so they are easier to handle.*

*Photo by Jerry McBride.*

## NORTH SILVER LAKE SIGN INSTALLED

April 3, 2008



*George and Al showing off their fish.*

*Photo by Jerry McBride*

*Boyd Matson standing beside the new sign.*

*Photo By Glenna Matson.*

*We need more new members like Eric Apelskog. He can catch fish. Eric sent this picture of a Grand Ronde steelhead to me when we were trying to fix his e-mail address in my book. Water is dripping off his fingers.*

*Photo By Eric's partner*



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# Fly Fishing Gear Swap!!

May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> (Saturday & Sunday) 9am - 5pm

Buy used gear at a great price!

Sell your gear and get cash or in-store credit!

Here's how it works:

- Bring your used gear in the week before the swap to be registered
- If your gear sells during the swap you have 2 options:
  - o **Option #1:** Receive in-store credit for 100% of your item(s) selling price on some snazzy new gear!
  - o **Option #2:** Take the money and run...minus our 25% commission fee, you keep the rest.
- Buy used gear at a great price!
- It's that simple!

Please bring in your used gear the week prior to the swap to be registered. Large items such as pontoon boats and float tubes please bring in the morning of the swap.

Acceptable fly fishing gear for the swap:

Fly Rods  
Fly Reels  
Vest  
Waders/Boots  
Fly Boxes  
Fly Boxes w/fly assortments  
Pontoon Boats  
Float Tubes  
Fins  
Like new fly lines  
Sunglasses  
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If you have any questions regarding acceptable gear please call or email: 509.924.9998 or [flyfish@silverbowflyshop.com](mailto:flyfish@silverbowflyshop.com) beaver

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# FLY OF THE MONTH

Double Snow Cone Chironomid

May, 2008

Via Pat Kendall

Both trout and humans share many similar survival characteristics, perhaps the most prominent being greed. Why settle for one if you can get two. This month's pattern incorporates the greed factor for its effectiveness. Pat Kendall and 7 other Club members were fishing Lenice Lake earlier this year. Tom Chapman's son and a friend were also there and seemed to be doing much better than the rest. When Pat asked what pattern they were using, they showed him the Double Snow Cone Chironomid. The trout liked a two-for-one deal. The same concept can also be applied to any of our favorite chironomid patterns. Try tying them in tandem on a long shank hook and take advantage of the greed factor. On 6/4/08 Marc Chapman, Tom's son, gave us additional information about the pattern: The originator of the double-chironomid pattern was Darce Knobel, owner of the Desert Fly Angler in Ephrata, WA.

**Hook:** Mustad 9671 2X long, size 12

**Thread:** Black

**Beads:** White snow cone

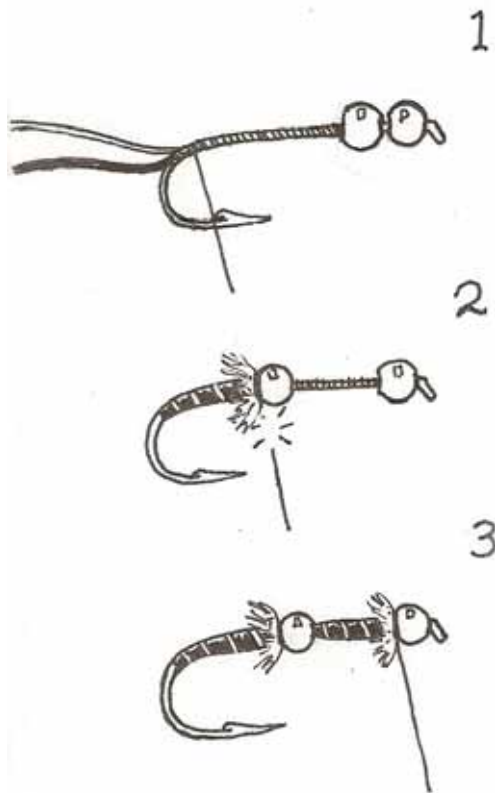
**Body:** Black micro tubing, small

**Rib:** Fine silver wire

**Collar:** White ostrich herl or white poly yarn fibers



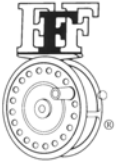
1. Pinch the barb and slide two beads up to the eye. Line the hook shank with thread to just past the bend. Attach the silver wire and the black micro tubing.
2. Form the rear fly by wrapping the micro tubing  $\frac{1}{2}$  way up the hook shank and counter wind the wire rib and secure. Wind a few turns of white ostrich herl to form the collar and whip finish. Cut the thread and slide the second bead back to form the head of the rear fly.
3. Reattach the thread in front of the rear bead and repeat the tying process to form the front fly.



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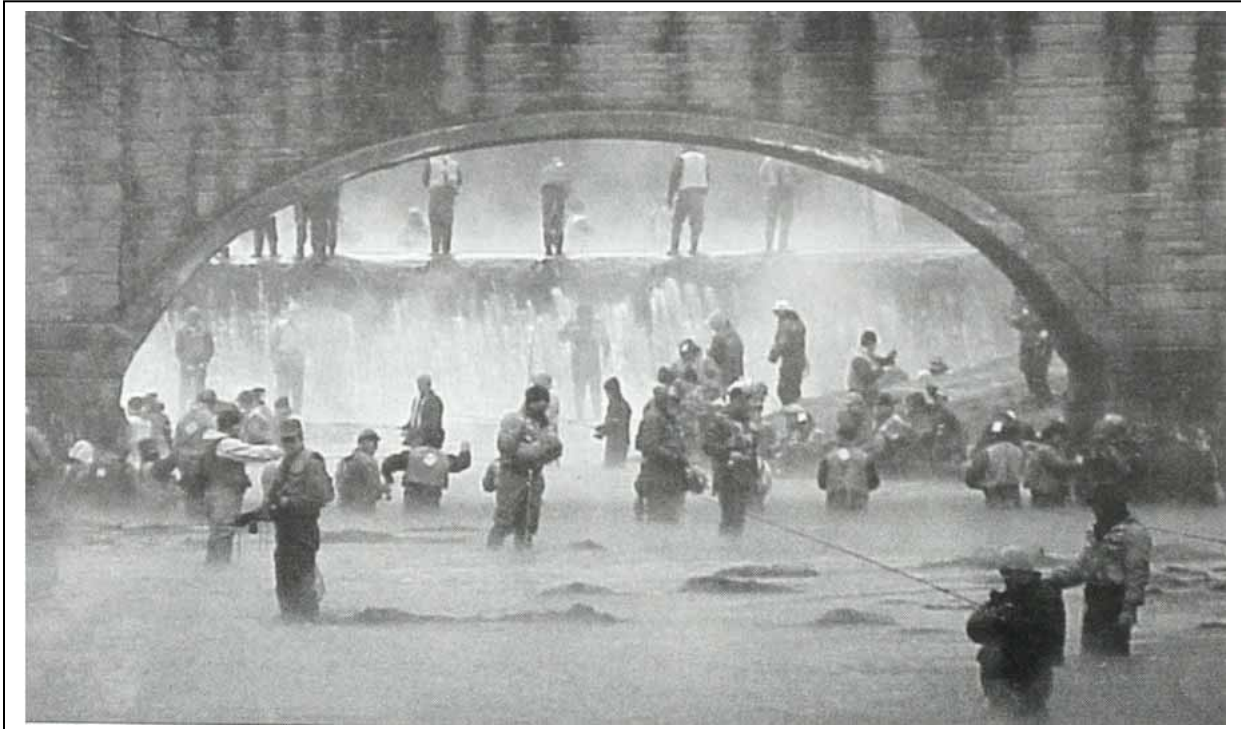
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## HOW WAS YOUR OPENING DAY?



*This was an opening day scene on one of the streams east of the Mississippi River. It was one of the illustrations in an article on wading safety. From 'Long Casts' Vol25No1 2005 Newsletter of the Southern Council – Federation of Fly Fishers*