



INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB OCTOBER MEETING

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Wet Fly 5:30 Meeting 6:30 PM

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Presidents' Message By Denny Carson

Hello Gents, I hope you have all been out enjoying your favorite fishing spots this September.

September was a pretty good month for me with trips to the North fork CDA, Upper Clearwater and Kelley Creek. Bryan and I hiked up Kelley Creek and had some great fishing and weather.

The Meeting this month should be another great one. The Hotel has a great meal on tap for us and Lee has lined up the Spokane Riverkeeper Jerry White who will be providing an informative insight on the state of our home river.

We still need some volunteers to help with the spawning channel clean up at Bailey Lake on the 15th of October. Please see Jerry McBride for info.

Tightlines, Denny

WDFW to hold Virtual Town Hall for Coastal Steelhead October 20

Anglers and other interested members of the public are invited to attend a 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 20, virtual town hall to learn more about trends in abundance, preliminary catch estimates, monitoring efforts, upcoming opportunities to stay engaged in pre-season planning, and to provide their feedback for the 2022-2023 season. Future virtual town hall meetings will occur in November ahead of season announcements later this year.

See details, including background materials and instructions on how to join into the meeting at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/steelhead/coastal>

October Program Spokane River Turbidity Study Spokane Riverkeeper Jerry White and Jule Schultz

High turbidity levels in Hangman Creek are well known, but the effect on the Spokane River and its trout and other uses in our river are not. The Spokane Riverkeeper, with partner Spokane Falls Trout Unlimited, have organized a community science study to document the turbidity levels in the Spokane River downstream of Hangman Creek and use these results to influence policy change. The Spokane Riverkeeper will speak about the process and design of the study from organizing volunteers to policy change.



Jerry, born in Corvallis, Oregon, has a long history of working to protect rivers in the Inland Northwest. As a former staff member of Save our Wild Salmon, Jerry advocated for the restoration and protection of native Snake River salmon and steelhead. He has worked for native trout as conservation chair and continues to volunteer for the Spokane Falls Chapter of Trout Unlimited as an Advisory Board Member. Jerry is the Spokane Riverkeeper.

Jule, originally from Oklahoma, now works on water quality and nonpoint pollution in the Spokane River watershed for Spokane Riverkeeper. Jule comes to Spokane Riverkeeper by way of Olympia, where he helped regulate the shellfish industry for the State Department of Health. Jule is a board member and sits on the conservation committee of Spokane Falls Trout Unlimited.

During the Wet Fly Hour, Bryan Harman will be tying some flies. The flies will be raffled off after the presentation. If you have had the opportunity to fish some of Bryan's flies, you know how special this hour will be.

Snip 'em if you Got 'em



Members of the region's FFI clubs Spokane Fly Fishers and your Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club volunteered at the Spokane Hatchery for a fin clipping extravaganza on September 27 and 28. Clipped adipose fins mark fish as hatchery raised, thus helping anglers and researchers identify hatchery raised fish for harvest and survey reasons.

Fresh fingerlings are put in the center trough. Each clipper has a net, and grabs a few of the fish, transferring them to the outer troughs, which contain an anesthetic. Once the fish settle down, the clipper grabs one of the little fish, and clips off the adipose with a scissor. Once clipped, the fish is put into fresh water in the small outside trough, where flow transports the fish into a large hatchery pond. They revive quickly.

The table style of the processing area promotes a great deal of storytelling and sharing of experiences, along with sage angling advice.....most of it good!

All that, coffee, donuts, and pizza for lunch. Beautiful weather, good work, and great companions.

IEFFC Volunteers for this year's effort are: Bill Papesch, Jim Athearn, Skip Cavanaugh, Bob Schmitt, Guy Gregory, Dan Lobb, Phil Beck, Tim Davis, and Steve Boharski. Jim and Skip win the Silver Snipper award for volunteering for 2 days! 2!

Bayley Lake Spawning Channel Cleanup Saturday, October 15, 2022

By
Jerry McBride, Projects Chairman

Our club will be cleaning up the spawning channel between Potters Pond and Bayley Lake again this year to provide spawning habitat for the resident rainbow trout next spring. It is a fun project that typically takes about two hours and then we go fishing in Bayley Lake for the rest of the day.

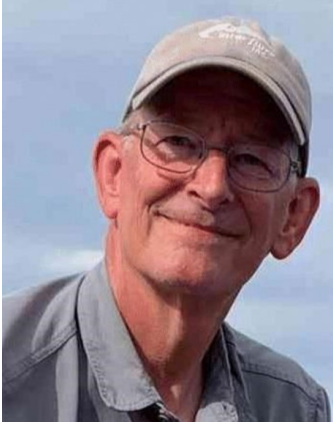
At this point there are six volunteers, four with boats and two more volunteers are needed to pair up with the volunteers with boats. If you haven't ever fished Bayley this is an opportunity to fish with someone who knows the lake. Bayley Lake can fish well in the fall.



The group will meet in Colville at 8 am for breakfast furnished by the IEFFC and then proceed to the lake. Bob Schmitt is providing lunch for everyone. I don't know about you, but I like lunch.

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Doug Pineo Remembered



Douglass Anderson Pineo died at home in Spokane on September 7, 2022. Born in Cherry Point, North Carolina on January 10, 1950, to Ray and Inga (Anderson) Pineo.

In 1964, while attending Uniondale High School on Long Island, New York he was introduced to falconry, which became one of his lifelong passions. After graduation from Earlham College in 1973, Doug took a job with the Washington Game Department in Olympia. While in Olympia he met his wife, Mary 'Trisha' Nace Pineo. They married in 1981 and welcomed their two children, Helen in 1981 and Christopher in 1986.

In 1989 the family moved to Spokane when Doug took a job with the Washington State Department of Ecology, retiring in 2010. Doug was instrumental in implementing the Washington Shorelines Management Act and protecting and enhancing wetlands disturbed by development in Eastern Washington.

Doug cared deeply about his community and the environment. He worked tirelessly throughout his life in support of land conservation, the preservation of biodiversity, and public access to natural resources. Doug was an avid hunter and angler and, in his wisdom, he amplified his conservation efforts by inspiring countless other falconers, anglers, hunters, and environmentalists as a mentor and friend. He was an artist and craftsman, producing falconry equipment of such an exceptionally high standard that his hoods were likened to Prada shoes in Helen Macdonald's novel *H is for Hawk*.

It was Doug's nature to get involved and volunteer. He was a founding member and current President of the Washington Falconry Association. He also served on numerous non-profit boards including the Inland Northwest Land Conservancy (founding member), North American Falconers Association (awarded the Lifetime Honorary Membership Award in 2019), North American Grouse Partnership, The Archives of Falconry, and the Falconry Fund (founding member). He was also a founding member of the Peregrine Fund. He was a proud member of the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club.

Doug is survived by his wife Trisha, his children Helen (Rob Aldridge) Pineo of Seattle and Chris (Isabel) Pineo of Santa Monica, CA, two grandchildren Felix and Hazel Aldridge, two sisters Cecilia (David) O'Brien of Seattle and Jessica (Paul) Lohnes of Winchester, MA, a brother-in-law George Nace of Berkeley, CA and sister-in-law Becky Bahlibi of Ann Arbor, MI, nine nephews and nieces, and several cousins.

Above all else, he was a loving husband, father, and grandfather who will be sorely missed.

A memorial was held September 17th overlooking the Spokane River, a place where he found great peace.

- adapted from the Spokesman-Review Sep. 14, 2022.

OFFICERS FOR 2023

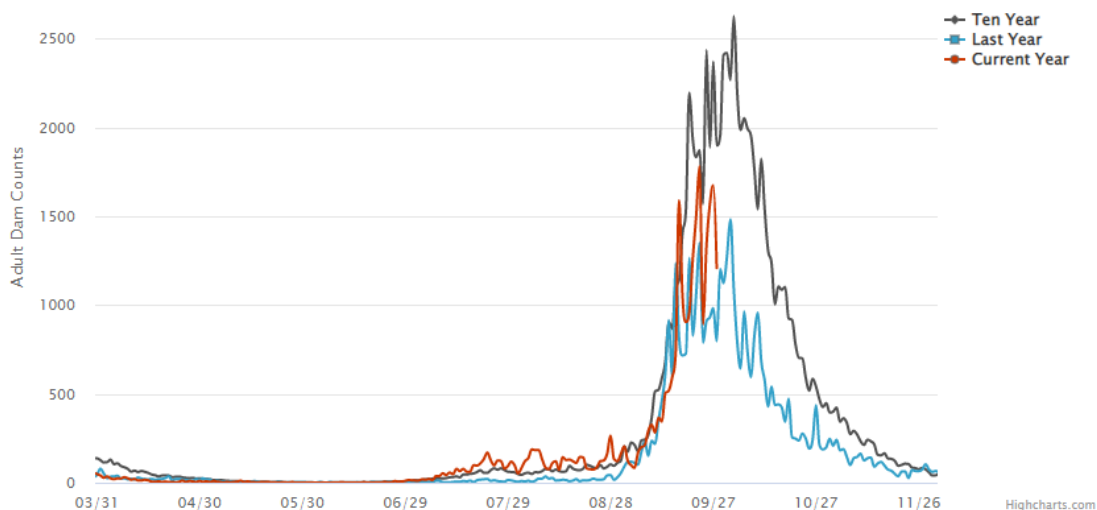
The IEFEC is looking for officer and board candidates for 2023. Currently we have four past presidents on our board of 7 members. This is not the way our club should run.

Over the past few years, we have lessened the commitment of each of the offices. Being an officer is not a huge burden to any of our members and **we need your help**.

In the past year we have made great strides in returning to normal operations. Be a part of the continued return. If you are interested in assisting and bettering the club, **please contact any of the officers for more information**.

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Lower Granite Steelhead Counts From The Fish Passage Center



Dates	Species	Daily Count Current Year	Daily Count Last Year	Ten Year Average Daily Count
15-Sep	Adult Steelhead	593	592	866
16-Sep	Adult Steelhead	724	1237	1104
17-Sep	Adult Steelhead	1590	818	1138
18-Sep	Adult Steelhead	1055	716	1404
19-Sep	Adult Steelhead	905	726	1531
20-Sep	Adult Steelhead	960	1266	2196
21-Sep	Adult Steelhead	1259	827	1935
22-Sep	Adult Steelhead	1501	1062	1833
23-Sep	Adult Steelhead	1782	1351	1872
24-Sep	Adult Steelhead	891	788	1568
25-Sep	Adult Steelhead	1329	909	2437
26-Sep	Adult Steelhead	1567	931	1887
27-Sep	Adult Steelhead	1674	983	2371
28-Sep	Adult Steelhead	1209	796	1898

Source: https://www.fpc.org/adults/R_dailyadultcountsgraph_resultsV6.php, accessed 9/29/2022

You may discuss amongst yourselves.

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A Midsummer Day's Float By Guy Gregory



Last year's Christmas Raffle, Mark Pinch and I decided we'd enter tickets on Bryan Harman's donation of a fishing trip, and if we won we'd go together. I won and chose the Kootenai trip from Leonia to Moyie. I'd never floated that stretch. We scheduled for the end of July.

The forecaster promised a hot day, so we got to the river pretty early. Bryan rowed the distance, Mark fished nymphs and other subsurface flies. I started with a hopper-dropper setup, but soon pared back to a small Madam-X to match the size of the hoppers we saw. Fish were coming up pretty regular all day, and

hitting Mark's subsurface offerings as well.

I'm not much of a counter, but I caught plenty of fish, mostly smallish, Mark caught more than I, as well as the big fish of the day. It was a very pleasant float with great companions...a very good day.

Bryan exhibited expert guide skills, driving, arranging for shuttle, dealing with the check station, and providing an outstanding lunch of home-smoked albacore sandwiches. And beer.

Bryan says he's donating another trip this year, and I'm going to put a lot of tickets in that can. Thanks, Bryan and Mark, for a great day on the river!



Do you need a cartop carrier?

Jim Athearn has a car-top boat carrier he no longer can use. Club members may remember this Fred Runje-Al Cunningham creation, complete with a lean bar and on-rack gunwale clamps. This is a special offer to keep this in the IEFEC family.....If you can use it, give Jim a call. He'll make you a deal.

Stories: everyone's got one

That one's pretty little, don't you think?



If you think it'd be nice to see something other than pictures of my dog, how about sending in pics and a story of a trip you've taken recently, or well into the past. Perhaps you've an interest in a particular hatch, a particular form of fish food, or something other you think a fly angler would be interested in.

Get it in, and we'll print it! Send your drafts to: flyleaf.iefec@gmail.com.

That's what the newsletter is for!

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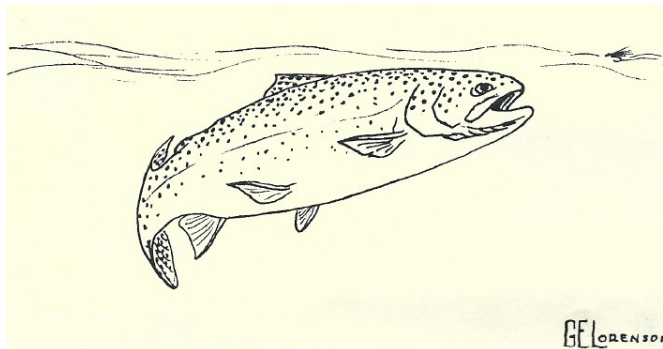
If not you, then who? By Jerry McBride

It's one of my favorite sayings. "If not you, then who? If not now, then when?"

The quote is by a first-century Jewish scholar named Hillel, and it's equally applicable now as then. I love it, because it sums up how I have tried to look at my life, and it has served me very well. Let's break it down, shall we?

"If not you, then who?" Let's face it, someone has to step up. We're often faced with incompetent peers, unmotivated, unknowledgeable leaders, and subordinates who are a result of that environment (they are incompetent and unmotivated, primarily through lack of training and emphasis). And we also meet the "seagull leaders." You know, the ones who fly in, make a lot of noise, crap all over everything, and fly out again with no contribution (other than a pile of crap). Someone has to fill that leadership void. Let that someone be you. Like Patton said, "A good plan, violently executed now, is better than a perfect plan next week." A good leader, willing to take charge and make progress now, is better than a great leader further on down the road. And who knows? You might just be that great leader.

I've often found that, even if you're faced with a situation, you aren't all that familiar with, someone in your organization knows the process and the techniques and is just waiting for a leader to get them going. To provide them with the three hallmarks of good leadership: Purpose, Direction, and Motivation.



So step up. Get in there and take charge. Yeah, it's probably more work for you, and if you're like me, then you're a lazy sack. But waiting won't help and will probably make things worse. Which leads me to my next point....

"If not now, then when?" Problems, like fish, do not smell better with age. Waiting will not make it go away and will not improve your lot. So if you're going to be that guy (or girl), then you need to be that guy right now or risk having things spiral completely out of control and be unrecoverable.

The cool thing is that this part of the quotation is completely dependent upon the first half. You have to be willing to step up, to assume the difficult role of the leader, and to take responsibility for successes and failures. And you have to do it NOW, on the spot, because waiting for conditions to improve isn't going to help anything. Systems tend towards entropy, whether we're talking about collections of atoms or people. And unless you are willing to impose order on the chaos, right now, you're not a useful leader.

Men's Health magazine did an article on heroes. I don't have time to find the link right now, but you should look it up, because it's really good. And the bottom line for these guys (the heroes) is that they're "ordinary" people in their own minds, who saw a problem and figured something had to be done now, so why not just do it?

OK, so on to practical applications. For me, (duh) it comes down to the Army again. They tell us as privates not to volunteer for anything. To be middle-of-the-road, and to avoid notice. If we do that, we hear, we'll be successful.

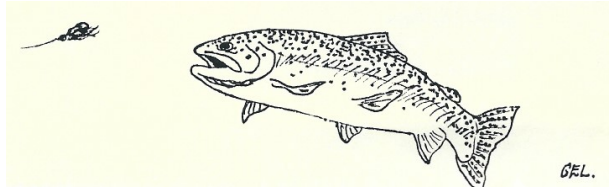
Hooey, I say. If everyone's middle-of-the-road, then who's in charge? Who do we follow? I have volunteered for a lot of stuff in my Army career (I'm sure Jen can give you a rundown, and then she'll kill me for reminding her), and every time, I come out ahead. Yeah, it means more work. Yeah, it's long hours and not a lot of reward (other than more work). But the mission gets accomplished, and the Soldiers get taken care of, and I

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If not you, then who? (continued)

end up a better Soldier, more knowledgeable, and more able to handle situations in the future. In short, I become a better leader.

It works in non-Army situations, too. Who is going to mow my lawn? Is someone going to come around and do it for me? What about paying my bills? Unless I win the McDonald's Monopoly game, no one is going to hand me money.



What about helping out the lady in the ward who can't switch over her swamp cooler by herself? Or landscaping the yard of the woman whose husband is deployed and needs it done so she can take in some foster kids?

We, the leaders, have to step up. We have to step up now, and get these things done. Because no one else will, and no one can do it as well as we can.

Washingtonian wins TU National Award From Washington Trout Unlimited September Newsletter

The National Trout Unlimited meeting was held this year in Portland Maine. After two years of not having this meeting or presenting any national awards, we at Washington TU were thrilled to learn that Kim McDonald had won the "Trout Unlimited National Distinguished Service award in Conservation".



The WCTU nominated Kim for the award back in 2021 for her 10 years of tireless work to get suction dredge mining out of ESA critical habitat for salmon, steelhead and bull trout. All the work paid off in March of 2020 when Gov. Inslee signed into law a bill that put restrictions and tighter regu-

lations on the recreational mining of gold using motorized equipment in WA state.

Kim never gave up, year after year when bills failed to make it through both houses, or when people said "this will never happen", she just fought harder.

Well done Kim, you so deserved this award and we are incredibly grateful for all your years of hard work to protect these iconic fish!!



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FLY OF THE MONTH

The Ugly Duckling

October, 2022

Gary Anderson

I was shown this fly by an angler who attributed this pattern to Gary Anderson of the Wenatchee Valley Club. He tossed me a couple and suggested they were a fabulous midge emerger pattern in stillwater. I found it is! It also works on moving water when small flies are hatching in the surface film, and it floats way better than most alternatives. Bill Seitz wrote it up in the Central Oregon Flyfisher, with tips on how to fish it and how to overcome the visibility problems this fly presents at <https://www.coflyfishers.org/resources/emergers>.

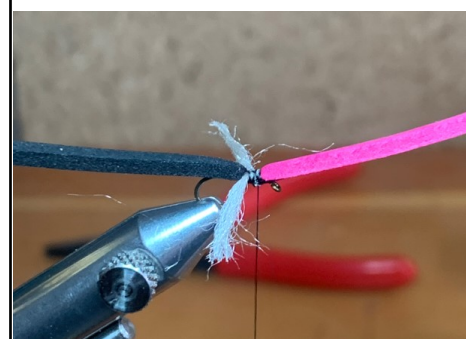
Hook: TMC 206 BL hook, or your favorite standard size 16 dry fly hook.
Thread: black 8/0 or 70 denier thread
Foam: 1 Strip 1 mm black foam about 1/8 inch wide and 2 to 3 inches long.
1 Strip 1 mm red/orange foam about 1/8 wide and 2 to 3 inches long.
Wing: White Antron

A simple tie, it's a bit small for a warmup fly, but once you get going you can crank out quite a few. First, tie in thread at the center of the hook shank. Coat the thread for about two inches with superglue. Cut a short point on the end of the foam strips. Attach the tip of black foam at the glue area with the strip facing toward the hook bend.

Repeat the process with the red foam with the strip facing toward the hook eye.

Attach a 1/2 inch (or so) length of white antron crosswise (like a bow tie) between the two pieces of foam.

Whip finish behind the hook eye and under the red foam so the red foam kicks up a bit. Trim the red foam in front of the hook eye, trim the black foam behind the hook bend (see top photo). Trim the white antron to form short gills. Put a drop of head cement on the thread windings. You can treat the fly with flotant before fishing, and it'll float a long time.



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FFI Virtual Expo is coming up!



The Virtual Expo is coming November 4-6, 2022, and you won't want to miss it! Registration is now open

Some great activities are planned for the FFI Virtual Expo. See the list, updated often, at <https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Virtual-Expo>

Workshops, Seminars & Demonstrations

FFI has some of the best instructors in the world. They are coming to you online to provide some great learning opportunities through seminars and workshops. Topics covered include: Casting-Tying-Fly Fishing Skills-

Conservation & More!

Auctions, Raffles & More

Want to Participate in our Auctions and Raffles? Donate an item to our auctions and raffles. Need more info? Send an inquiry to ffiexpoauction@flyfishersinternational.org Bid on an item of your choice, and bid high! Remember it's for preserving the legacy of fly fishing for all fish, all waters.

Be a Sponsor or Exhibitor

All sponsors will be given an exhibitor space at the Expo, plus additional benefits at each level. Gold - \$3000 - 1 available Silver - \$1500 - 2 available Bronze - \$500 - 7 available Exhibitor - \$100 - unlimited available

Entomology, Casting, Casting teaching tips, Fly tying, Fishing techniques, the list of topics is really everything fly fishing. Register today!

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