



GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
Tuesday, January 10th, 2023
Wet Fly Hour 5:30pm
Dinner 6:30pm

Spokane Airport Ramada Inn

Editors: Lee Funkhouser and Guy Gregory

JANUARY PROGRAM Fly Fishing the North Fork

Bo Brand from the Silver Bow Fly Shop will be giving us some great pointers on fishing the North Fork of the Coeur D'Alene River.



Bo has been working with the Silver Bow since 2012 and manages their guide service as well as being the lead sales associate. Bo is extremely knowledgeable about many aspects of fly fishing and has a great understanding of our local trout and steelhead rivers. He is also a talented Spey fishing enthusiast and can help you dial in the right line for your Spey outfit. His patience and dedication to fly fishing are evident in how well he treats customers, both new or experienced. When not in the shop or managing the guide business, Bo can be found on one of our local streams or spending time with his family raising his two daughters.

Note

More Information below. We have a fly rod donated by Bob Schmitt that we are giving away at the meeting. No purchase necessary. We also have a by-law change to vote on. RSVP notice will be sent out in the next few days. Please let us know if you are coming.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By Doug Brossoit

After somewhat of a fly fishing hiatus, I find myself looking forward to some new fly fishing adventures this year. We are very fortunate to have so many nearby lakes and rivers from which to choose, and I'm so looking forward to checking out some of my old favorites and exchanging ideas with some of you.

It appears that our club is on the precipice of making some big decisions about the future of our club and I welcome those changes that will keep our club thriving and viable into the future.

I hope to see you all at our February meeting but I will have to wait and see when my wife's surgery is scheduled.

Wishing you all a year of "grins and fins".

Doug

Yes. It's that time again.

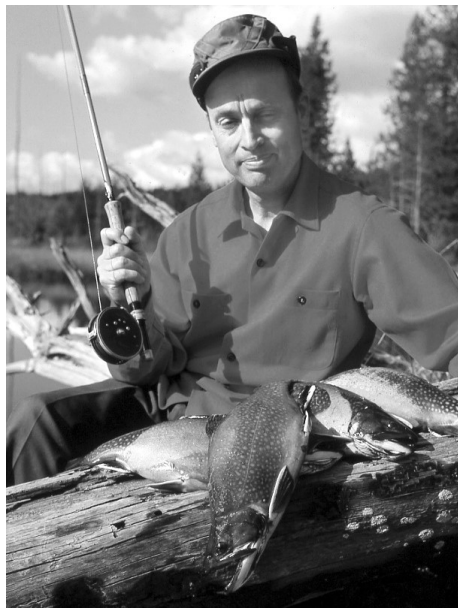
Dues are due. \$50.00 this year. Bring to the meeting or send to the following address:

IEFFC
P.O.Box 2926
Spokane, WA 99220

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LARRY MORSE

9/6/1920-12/16/2022



September 6, 1920 was an important day in Mink, Montana, especially for Clayton and Emma Morse as they greeted their first child, a bouncing baby boy whom they named Laurence. The local doc was 40 miles away so Larry was born, like so many kids of the era, at home with only the help of a neighbor lady.

Life was pretty uneventful until about age seven when Larry happened upon some matches left lying around by one of the field hands. One thing led to another. Yep. He burned down the family home. By the way, a few years after the Morse family left Mink, the entire town was razed by fire which is why you cannot find Mink on any modern map.

The loss of the home, the onset of the longest drought in American history and the Great Depression combined to cause the Morse family to head west, eventually ending up on a big hay ranch in the Big Hole Valley, near Wisdom.

Although the family only lived on the farm for a year, it was an important time for Larry. He began fishing Mussingbrod Lake and the creek which drains it, along with the North Fork of the Big Hole River. The fishing was made even more enjoyable when Larry was presented with a spankin' new collapsible steel rod by his father. There was some work involved, though, as this was the Depression. Larry was assigned the task during haying season of catching enough fish to provide food for the dozen or so ranch hands at least once a week. Tough duty. The hook was set as firmly in Larry's jaw as in any of the fish he caught.

Fishing took a back seat after Larry's dad took a job with the Federal Land Bank, which meant moving the family to Spokane. This was the big city for the Morse clan. Larry and his siblings attended Roosevelt Grade School and then Lewis and Clark High School. Then it was on to college for Larry. He attended Washington State College in 1939, which also meant ROTC back in those years. He graduated in 1943 and was immediately sent to Ft Benning, Georgia. Before shipping off, he married his girlfriend of several years, Betty Allan. Larry headed to Europe and Betty headed off to a teaching position in Ellensburg.

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LARRY MORSE

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Following his return home, Betty and Larry moved to Eugene where he prepped for his CPA exam. and worked for a small accounting firm. Upon passing the exam, they returned to Spokane where he joined a small firm. The owner of the firm passed away shortly after and Larry took over the practice and ran it successfully until his retirement in 1985. During this time, the Morse's had four children and lived up on the South Hill.

As Larry settled back into civilian life his interest in fishing returned. His saga began with a fly rod and reel, some monofilament line and a salmon egg. A single egg , down deep, at the inlet of Waitts Lake proved very productive, a technique shown him by Don Earnest, a fisheries biologist who became rather famous for treating area lakes with rotenone and then planting them with trout.

More egg fishing led to contact with various fly fishermen and a budding interest in learning the sport. This led to a fly tying class taught by Everett Caryl in 1958. Attending with Larry were **Mike Runje** and **Bill Eldenburg**, among others. These meetings and conversations gave Larry an awareness of a new fly fishing club which he joined in 1962. After joining the club his interest soon became an obsession to the point that experts such as **Fenton Roskelly**, **Gene Lorensen**, **George Potter**, **Fred Shiosaki** and boyhood friend **Al Stier**, along with many members of the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club, became fishing buddies. Larry did more than his part, serving as Treasurer of the club and participating in numerous projects. He was named Fly Fisherman of the Year in 1972.

Larry fished many of the local areas, but also included in his list a number of more exotic locations. Those included such places as Argentina, Chile, New Zealand, Christmas Island, Belize, Tierra del Fuego, the Yukon, Quebec, and numerous other sites throughout the world.

Unfortunately, the aging process finally took a toll on Larry and he had to leave the sport. He remained in the club for a number of years and he represented the club in Kamloops where he was taught the new chironomiding techniques, which he then passed on to everyone in the club.

He left the club in the late 90's but his legacy lives on and we all can attribute much of our chironomid knowledge to his introduction of the techniques. He served us well and it is unfortunate that many of the current members did not have the pleasure of meeting him. It is members like Larry Morse who have made this club great.

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CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Christmas Raffle meeting was, once again, a tremendous success. The items were outstanding and the attendance was impressive.

The trips were both plentiful and eye catching. We also have a talented group of fly tyers and the boxes of flies supplied by these tyers were outstanding. In addition, Gordy and his crew were able to supply a number of accessories that made ticket purchases soar. On top of all that, we had an opportunity to bid on some great items, while also enjoying a tasty meal.

It was great to see everyone and talk about fishing. We also were able to raise valuable funds to finance our many 2023 projects.

A big thank you to Gordy Olson and his entire crew for a job well done and thank you to all of the members who participated by attending and donating items.



2023 PRESIDENTS AWARDS By Denny Carson

During this past year as president I have come to know and appreciate those who keep our club strong and moving forward. There are many who selflessly donate time and effort to the club thru the year, however a few individuals were particularly helpful to me and the club during this past year.

Lee Funkhouser- As a past president and all the rest of the positions on our board at least once, Lee was able to provide an easily followed path thru the year. Lee's guidance, club knowledge, and attention to detail proved invaluable all year long.

Jim Athearn- Jim was president when I joined the club and I was always impressed by the way he orchestrated the meetings and conducted club business. During the last year Jim was always willing to answer any questions I had regardless of which continent he may actually be on at the time.

Bob Johnson- Bob has spent the last 3 years as the treasurer of our club and has always been willing to help in explaining any financial questions that came up through the year. As treasurer Bob is also responsible for arranging the meals and the dinner tickets at all our meetings and in doing so usually works thru the wet fly hour.

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FLY FISHERMAN OF THE YEAR



President Denny Carson presenting Bill Papesh with the Fly Fisherman of the Year award.

Our Fly Fisherman of the Year is one of our quietest members. A true gentleman, he lets his actions speak for him and though he is quiet in nature, he is certainly visible when it comes to serving the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club.

When Projects Chairman **Jerry McBride** puts together a list of volunteers for a project, the name, **Bill Papesh**, is almost always on it. Bill has served the club well for many years, from clipping fins, to tying flies at the Big Horn Show, to being an annual participant in the Bayley Lake spawning channel restoration.

Bill is a perfect example of the dedication that has made our club great. His contributions go way beyond projects. He is an accomplished fisherman, proficient in both lake and stream fishing, as well as a capable fly tyer. He has definitely made a difference with his accomplishments in the art of fly fishing and exhibits the highest qualities of good sportsmanship.

Bill is truly deserving of this award and we congratulate him on being the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club Fly Fisherman of the Year for 2022.



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PROGRAM SCHEDULE JANUARY—MAY 2023

We have speakers in place for the first half of the year and they are listed below. We are also planning on having fly tying sessions prior to dinner at each meeting. Meeting attendance has continued to increase since opening following the pandemic and we have been pleased with the quality of the speaker presentations. Put these dates on the calendar so that you don't miss any of them.

January 10th - **Bo Brand** from the Silver Bow - Fly Fishing the North Fork.

February 14th - **Fred Muehlbauer** - Salmon Fishing on Kodiak Island Alaska.

March 14th - **Phil Rowley** - Still Water Techniques.

April 11th - **Idaho and Washington Fish and Wildlife**
plus **Guy Gregory** Hydration Report.

May 9th - **Dave Ames** - Montana Fly Fishing.

JANUARY MEETING FREE FLY ROD GIVE AWAY

With the generosity of member Bob Schmitt we will have a free raffle of a Fenwick 8 ½ ft. Graphite 7 wt. 2 piece Fly Rod. This used rod is in very good shape and is labeled HMG Graphite GFF 857, 3 ½ oz. and includes a sock and metal case.

All you have to do to enter is just come to our regular January Club meeting and you will have a chance to win this vintage, but very useable, fly rod.



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FLY OF THE MONTH

Two Minute Mosquito Larva

January 2023

Barry Clarke

A fly that is easy to tie and also quite deadly. It can be used in numerous fisheries from rivers and streams to lakes and ponds. After all, we see mosquitoes pretty much everywhere we fish in the late Spring through early Fall months. It can be used as a nymph under an indicator or as a dropper under a dry fly.

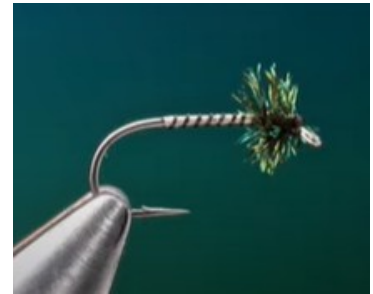
Video link - <https://www.flytyer.com/a-two-minute-mosquito-larva/>

Hook: Mustad Heritage R30 # 12-22.

Thread: Sheer 14/0 Tan.

Body: Tying Thread.

Rib: Tying Thread.

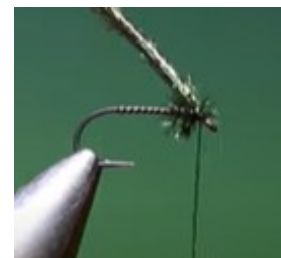
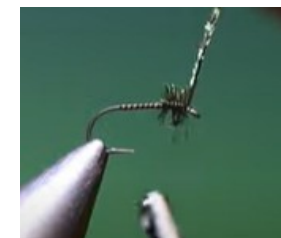


Step 1: Start your thread and wrap from the eye towards the bend covering the hook, but keeping a thin profile. Stop when the hook is covered to directly above the hook point.

Step 2: Use a permanent marker to color the thread black for a substantial length. Now wrap back across the tan thread with the blackened thread to form a striped, slender body. Finish about 1/8th of the hook length from the eye.

Step 3: Tie in the Peacock herl with the tying thread and then make 3-4 wraps with the herl.

Step 4: Snip off the excess herl and whip finish at the eye to form a small head. Your fly is complete.



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IEFFC OFFICERS 2023

Your new officers were elected at the December 2022 meeting. They are as follows:

Doug Brossoit - President

Bob Johnson - Vice President

Guy Gregory - Secretary

Lee Funkhouser - Treasurer

Board Members are: Jim Athearn, Bob Schmitt and Bryan Harman.

Congratulations to the new officers. We are looking forward to another great year.

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.

Join the FFI today



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The Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club

FFI Charter Member and McKenzie Plaque Winner

The WSCFFI through your support can continue our mission to *conserve* and *re-store* our resources, and *educate* fly fishers in our sport and grow advocacy for fish and fisheries.

Submissions for publication in *The Fly Leaf* can be made by contacting the IEFFC at flyleaf.ieffc@gmail.com. Articles should be submitted by the last Friday of the month for inclusion in the following months newsletter.