



**INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB  
FEBRUARY MEETING**  
Tuesday, February 14, 2023  
Wet Fly 5:30 Meeting 6:30 PM  
**RAMADA INN-AIRPORT**  
**8909 W Airport Dr, Spokane, WA 99224**

## Presidents' Message By Doug Brossoit

Thank you so much for all the "Well Wishes" I received regarding my recent heart valve replacement. I'm feeling good and I'm anxious to get out there and do some fishing again this spring.

I know some of our members have done well at Rocky Ford in the past few weeks, and presenting the right fly, at the right time, with the right technique is the challenge we all look forward to in our piscatorial pursuits!

Good luck to all of you this year, and I hope to see you and your significant other at our February Meeting!

Doug

## By-Law Vote Reminder

Remember, if you have not sent in your vote on the proposed changes to the Bylaws:

**Your vote must be postmarked by February 1.**

If you have not received your ballot packet, please contact a Board Member as soon as possible. Board Members are listed on the back page, and their contact information is in the 2022 Roster.

Or, just email us at [flyleaf.ieffc@gmail.com](mailto:flyleaf.ieffc@gmail.com)



## February Program Valentines Day!

**Fred Muehlbauer**  
Salmon Fishing on the Kodiak Island Road  
System Rivers



**Fred Muehlbauer** is a member of the Clearwater Fly Casters. He is a retired U.S. Department of Agriculture Research Geneticist and Plant Breeder who spent nearly 40 years in

the Crop Science Department at Washington State University working on dry peas, lentil, and chickpeas.

His angling time involves steelheading and salmon on the Snake, Clearwater, and Grande Ronde rivers, as well as trout fishing on local streams, particularly the St. Joe, and kokanee fishing. He'll be presenting on his Kodiak adventures, which began in 2002 and has continued nearly annually over the past 20 years.

Kodiak has a paved road system that provides access to numerous small rivers and streams, all of which have salmon including pinks, sockeye, chinook, chum and coho. The coho runs peak in September.



Fred will present on his adventures with fellow anglers on Kodiak, the rivers they fish, the methods they use, and the logistics of travel. It should be an entertaining and dream provoking presentation for all! See you there!

## Our Valentine's Day Meeting

Some special events you don't want to miss!

In recent years, our membership has brought our spouses and partners in on our February meeting in observance of Valentine's Day, and in thanks for the patience and support they show us in tolerating our pursuit of fish on the fly. This year promises to be a great meeting! Here's some of the things in store:

- **Merlin Heinz** will be our demo tier for the evening. He'll be tying "The Number One Mayfly for Montana". As most members are aware Merlin is an outstanding tier, a great number of you will be looking forward to seeing him tie an outstanding pattern. So, show up a little early during the wet fly hour to be able to watch his demonstration. Please join us single members and couples and join us in this Valentines celebration and IEFFC dinner meeting.
- Merlin will be donating the flies he ties during the "Wet Fly Hour" to the dinner ticket draw items.
- **For the ladies only:** we will have flowers and door prizes!
  - A special raffle! Items include scented candle tapers, soaps, candies and wine!
  - Featured items for our partners only raffle: two beautiful jewelry boxes from Denny Carson's Bitterroot Nets....these are usually the most coveted items in the raffle....with good reason!
- We will have books as door prizes for both members and guests, and a few door/dinner ticket draw items for the men, including another box from Bitterroot Nets!

Together with Fred Muehlbauer's Kodiak Island presentation, with the beautiful scenery, breathtaking fish images and stories of this awe-inspiring Alaskan place, this will be a memorable evening.

**Don't forget....Dues are Due! \$50 this year.....**

**RSVP for that Valentine's Dinner and Raffle**

**Keep your eyes open for the February request to confirm...**we need an accurate count of attendees for supper, so be sure to include your guest!

Just a quick reply is all that's needed to that email, thanks!

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## Not a lot going on around here, but...In other news in the region....

### Montana

A closure on an 8-mile section of the upper Yellowstone River has been lifted now that a damaged railway bridge near U.S. Highway 89 has been removed.

The Highway 89 Bridge Fishing Access Site, which was part of the closure, has also reopened to public access.

The river closure extended from Mayor's Landing Fishing Access Site to Sheep Mountain Fishing Access Site. It was in place since July after significant flooding damaged the railway bridge, causing a safety hazard.

For a current list of waterbody restrictions and closures, visit [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov).

### Idaho

Idaho Fish and Game will host spring/summer Chinook salmon public meetings in February. Five public meetings to provide comments and opinions on how best to manage the 2023 spring/summer Chinook salmon fisheries in the Clearwater, Hells Canyon, lower Salmon, Little Salmon, and South Fork Salmon Rivers. Biologists will discuss what we learned from last year's Chinook salmon season, what this year's salmon return is projected to look like, and strategies we could use to manage this year's Chinook run. Local meeting locations and dates are as follows:

- Orofino: February 15, IDFG Clearwater Hatchery, 118 Hatchery Roe Drive, located west of Ahsahka Bridge.
- Lewiston: February 16, Idaho Fish and Game Office, 3316 16th St.
- Coeur d'Alene: February 22, Idaho Fish and Game Office, 2885 W. Kathleen Ave.

### Wyoming

A new fly fishing film currently with the International Fly Fishing Film Festival details a connection between ranching, fly fishing, and conservation. That's not a trio we usually see together, which is what makes this film unique. It tells the story of the Turner family and their impact on conservation and fly fishing in Wyoming's Teton County.

You can watch a trailer for the film at <https://vimeo.com/780895934>

### Japan



Fumiya Okuyama, who currently holds several IGFA World Records, has added another to his angling resume with this impressive 20.15-kilogram (44-pound, 6-ounce) grass carp that has earned him the IGFA Men's 4-kg (8-lb) Tippet Class World Record for the species. Okuyama was fishing in Motoarakawa, Japan, when this grass carp struck his dry fly. Following a 20-minute fight, Fumiya netted the record fish, weighed it on his certified scale, and released the fish safely. Congratulations, Fumiya on another incredible record!

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## Upcoming Regional Events



**NORTHWEST FLY TYER &  
FLY FISHING EXPO**

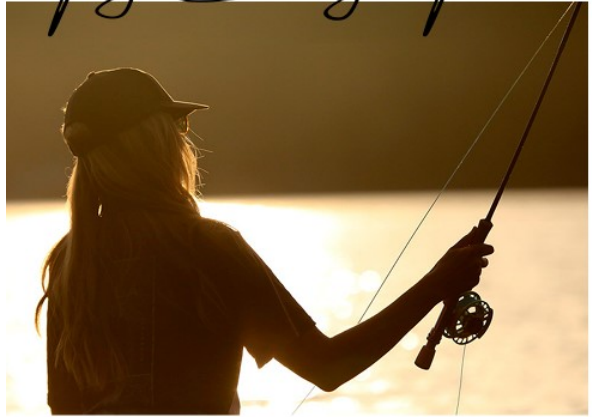
**March 10 & 11, 2023**

Linn County Expo Center, Albany, OR  
Public Entry \$15.00 /Day or \$20.00/Both days

**Free Expo entry for:  
FFI Members, Volunteers,  
Veterans & Under 18**

Fly Fishers International and Mountlake Terrace Recreation

## Fly Casting Fair



**CASTING CLASSES  
FLY TYING DEMOS AND TYING CLASSES  
SPEY CASTING CLASSES  
WALK-IN CASTING CLINIC  
CASTING SKILLS DEVELOPMENT**

**Saturday April 29, 2023 9 am to 4 pm  
Ballinger Park, Mountlake Terrace WA**



**27TH ANNUAL  
EAST IDAHO  
FLY TYING/  
FLY FISHING EXPO**

**FREE TO  
THE PUBLIC!**

**MARCH 24 & 25  
IN IDAHO FALLS AT  
MOUNTAIN AMERICA CENTER**

DEMONSTRATIONS SEMINARS WORKSHOPS RAFFLES VENDORS



**Big Horn Show  
March 16-19, 2023  
Spokane County Fairgrounds  
Senior discounts!**

Watch for club volunteer opportunities...

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## Hey! Dues be due....be due....be due..!

Club dues are due! \$50 this year!

Please make payment at the meeting, or as an alternative, mail a check to

Treasurer  
IEFFC  
P.O. Box 2926  
Spokane, WA 99220

## News (and Rumor) from the Riparian Realm

You should ask Father David about a notable January trip to Rocky Ford.

## IEFFC Roster Project

One benefit of paying your dues is you get included in the IEFFC Roster update for 2023! This year, we're adding pictures.

Your Publications committee is updating our annual roster. You'll be getting an individual email from Lee, Guy, or Rob, with your current directory information on it. You'll be asked to make any necessary corrections, and asked if, in response, you can attach a recent picture for inclusion in the directory.

Your response is needed by late March so we can update the Roster by then. Your information and picture will only be available on our website within the Members Only area.

Keep an eye open for the email! Thanks!

## Confused about Thread Sizes nowadays?

Time was, when it came to thread sizes, 6-ought was 6-ought. No more. Now we're all in denier sizes, and nobody can translate one to the other. Fact is, almost all thread manufacturers make different sizes and call 'em the same thing. Denier is the standard, though, between threads. It is the weight, in grams, of 9,000 meters of thread. It says nothing of the thread configuration, material, or strength.

Here's a link to a table that sorts all that out for you from the Global Flyfisher. You are now enlightened.

<https://globalflyfisher.com/tie-better/fly-tying-thread-table>

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## ***FLY OF THE MONTH***

Purple Haze Soft Hackle

***February 2023***

Kingfisher Fly Shop Missoula

Many of us love the Purple Haze Dry fly. Of course, it's hard to assess what specific mayfly it represents, but trout love it. Trout love soft hackles, too. That emerger stage of aquatic insects is a great choice in sparse or thick hatches, early in the hatch or late. Here's a soft hackle in the tradition of Sylvester Nemes which should claim some space in your fly box and some trout in your favorite water. See the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zvPpnS9g42Q>

Hook: Umpqua U201 OR TMC 2488 - #12-16  
Thread: Danville 6/0 - Purple  
Rib: Turkey Biot Quill - Purple  
Body: Hareline Dubbin - Purple & Hare's Ear  
Hackle: Premium Hungarian Partridge, (self-obtained if possible)



Tie in your thread about a hook eye distance behind the hook eye. Secure a biot quill to the hook and advance the thread back to where the bend steepens.



Blend a half-and-half mix of hares ear and purple dubbing, and make a dubbed body using your method of choice. It should taper lightly to the back, but remain buggy looking



Wrap that turkey biot on the flat forward all the way to the eye and tie off. Tie it as a wide rib leaving some space between wraps so the buggy looking dubbing sticks out and makes it look kind of messy.



Tie in the partridge hackle by the tip, and give it two wraps. Three is often too many. An old school variation is to tie it in by the butt, and leave the tip on the top of the fly, to look like an emerging wing. Form a head and whip finish.



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## FFI Happenings

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 !

Fly Fishers International  
*Conserve, Restore and Educate Through Fly Fishing*



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 *restore* our resources, and *educate* fly fishers in our sport and *grow advocacy for fish and fisheries*.

## FFI Casting Instructor Certification

Have you been thinking about getting your Casting Instructor certification, but don't know where to start? A good place to start is with the new CI Study Guide and getting yourself a mentor. More information on becoming a Certified Instructor can be found on the FFI website.

The actual certification process includes a required Teaching Workshop, Written Exam, and Performance Exam. The Teaching Workshop is offered several times a year and can be taken up to 2 years prior to the exam (recommended to take well in advance). A list of workshop and exams offered can be found at <https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Get-Involved/Casting-Instructor-Certification/Calendar-of-Events>

## IEFFC Officers and Board of Directors

Doug Brossoit - President  
Bob Johnson - Vice President  
Guy Gregory - Secretary  
Lee Funkhouser - Treasurer

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

Membership Committee Chair: Bob Schmitt

Contact information for all Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs are in the 2022 Roster. If you've inquiries please email us at: [flyleaf.ieffc@gmail.com](mailto:flyleaf.ieffc@gmail.com)

## FLYLEAF CONTRIBUTIONS

**Your input is welcome! If you have articles to contribute to the Fly Leaf, make sure you send them to the newsletter email: [flyleaf.ieffc@gmail.com](mailto:flyleaf.ieffc@gmail.com) before the last Friday of the Month! Lee and Guy will get your story, your fly of the month, whatever, into the next issue...**

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