

# The Fly Leaf



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GENERAL MEETING  
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB  
Tuesday, March 14th, 2023  
Wet Fly Hour 5:30pm  
Dinner 6:30pm  
Spokane Airport Ramada Inn

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## MARCH PROGRAM Phil Rowley

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By Doug Brossoit

A big thank you to all those members who made the Valentine's meeting a huge success. There is always a lot of work behind the scenes for these special meetings and I know all the ladies enjoyed their roses and there were many smiling faces throughout the night.

Good luck to all of you who are getting out and braving the winter weather for that highly anticipated tug, drop, splash, yank, flash or swirl that means a fish is trying to pay you a close up visit.

See you at the next meeting.

Doug

We are excited to see one of our favorite fly fishing speakers again.



Phil Rowley is one of the top experts in still water techniques and also one of the nicest guys you will meet on the water.

You can follow him by visiting his popular website, Fly Craft Angling, at

<http://flycraftangling.com/>

Phil is always one step ahead of everyone else and his presentation will show us some of the new patterns he is tying and techniques to fish those new flies.

This is a must see program and we look forward to another great presentation. See you on the 14th.

**Dues are due by the 1st of March. \$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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## BIG HORN SHOW

By Denny Carson

The Big Horn Show is coming up this month and it brings with it our biggest and best outreach operation of the year for our club. Each year the Big Horn Show gathers sports people from around our region into the Spokane Fairgrounds to check out the latest gear, the hottest spots and generally immerse themselves in everything outdoors.

This opportunity to share our club's passion for Fly Fishing and Conservation is unsurpassed in our area and we need your help! . Bryan Harman and I have taken on the co-chair positions for the show and are committed to carrying on the tradition of promoting the IEFEC in the best way possible. We are looking for volunteers to work the booth and share your passion for fly fishing and fly tying.



**Show dates: March 16th through March 19th.**

We are looking at 4 hour shifts on Thursday and Friday, with 5 hour shifts on Saturday and Sunday, and we need both hosts and fly tyers. **Note that you receive free admission to the show on the days that you work.**

***Contact either Jerry McBride at 509-590-6372 or Denny Carson at [dennyc@Bitterrootnets.com](mailto:dennyc@Bitterrootnets.com) or (509) 570-8856 to sign up.***

## Website Videos

The Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club website contains lots of information regarding the club's activities. In addition, we have a featured video on our home page. We change it from time to time and welcome any suggestions.

Currently the featured video is an award winning film entitled "Caddis Magic". It shows a technique used to "bounce" caddis on the surface of the water. It has some amazing footage and is well worth the visit to the website.

**The website is available at [ieffc.org](http://ieffc.org).**

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## KID'S FISHING By Floyd Holmes

The Kid's Fishing event will take place on Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> with the Ronald MacDonald House Kid's Fishing being held on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

I will have volunteer sign up sheets at the March and April meetings. Make sure you check your calendars and keep these two dates open. We need volunteers for both Friday and Saturday, so we hope you can help.

There will also be a rod building session at 5 PM on April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Inland Northwest Wild Life Council building. The building is at 6116 North Market St and everyone is welcome to help. No training is needed and this is always fun.

I will send out more information as I receive it. I have included copies of the registration form below and you can download the pdf copy at the following web address:

<https://wdfw.wa.gov/sites/default/files/fishing/youth/2023/2023-clear-lake-kids-fishing-event-registration-form-0.pdf>



# Spokane Kid's Fishing Event

## Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### at Clear Lake

(South of City of Medical Lake, in southwest Spokane County)  
Fairchild Air Force Base Recreation Area

Sponsored by:  
Inland Northwest Wildlife Council  
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
and other fine sponsors

**LIMITED TO FIRST 950 SIGN-UPS**

**Each kid receives:**  
"Kids Fishing" T-Shirt and other gear  
The chance to catch a 3-fish limit of trout

**Cost: \$10 per child**  
**Age: 5-14 Years**

For more information go to: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/contests/youth.html>

**REGISTRATIONS NEED TO BE POSTMARKED BY:**  
**APRIL 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**  
See back of page for registration form and more information

### Spokane Kid's Fishing Event Registration Form

*\*Indicate 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice for preferred fishing times.*

☐ 8:00 – 8:45  
☐ 9:00 – 9:45  
☐ 10:00 – 10:45  
☐ 11:00 – 11:45  
☐ 12:00 – 12:45  
☐ 1:00 – 1:45  
☐ 2:00 – 2:45

**ENCLOSE A \$10.00 REGISTRATION FEE FOR EACH CHILD**

**CHECKS PAYABLE TO:** Inland Northwest Wildlife Council

**MAIL TO:** Kids Fishing/WDFW  
2315 N Discovery Place  
Spokane Valley, WA 99216

**NO REFUNDS FOR ANY REASON**

Child's Name (print clearly)	Age	Shirt Size*

\*SHIRT SIZES: YS-youth small YM-youth medium YL-youth large  
AS-adult small AM-adult medium AL-adult large AXL-adult extra large

**\*Address (print clearly)** \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

1. Each child needs a waiver signed by a parent or guardian before being allowed to fish.
2. Time slots are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Assigned time slots cannot be changed.
3. Registration confirmation (e-mail or postcard) will be sent to all registrants the week prior to the event.
4. No substitutions of T-shirt sizes the day of the event. If no size is circled, adult small will be provided.
5. Kids need to arrive 30 minutes before their designated fishing time.
6. All fishing gear and bait will be provided. No personal fishing gear will be allowed.
7. At the beginning of assigned fishing session, families may go to the fishing spot of their choice.
8. Even though over 5,000 fish have been planted for this event, fishing can be slow for a variety of reasons, such as water temperature. If a child has not caught a fish, please contact a volunteer for help.
9. Parents are encouraged to help their children fish, but the child is the one that should be fishing.
10. Once the limit of 3 fish is caught, each participant will need to leave the fishing area.
11. Catch and release will not be allowed.
12. At the end of your fishing session please exit quickly to make room for the next session.

I waive and release all rights and claims that might be held against the Inland Northwest Wildlife Council, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW), Fairchild Air Force Base, all other sponsors and the hired or contracted producers, and any other person(s) for any injury or losses suffered because of my participation or my child's participation in this event. Permission is also granted to photograph my child(ren), and myself for the WDFW Youth Sport Fishing Program.

**Signature of Parent or Guardian** \_\_\_\_\_

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## KID'S FISHING DONATIONS

By Bryan Harman

WDFW is always looking for ways to improve the Kid's Fishing Event. Randy Osborne has made this annual event into something that makes us all proud. Donations will help him to do an even better job. If you can help, it is certainly appreciated.

# Spokane Kid's Fishing Event

**Want to be a part of a great Kids Fishing Event  
and get your business or organization recognized?**

"Spokane Kids Fishing" Program Sponsor,

On **May 6, 2023**, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Spokane Kids Fishing" event will be held at **Clear Lake**. Up to 1,000 children, ages 5-14, along with their parents, are expected to attend and will have the opportunity to experience and learn about the sport of fishing.

This Spokane Kids Fishing program is sponsored and conducted by the Inland Northwest Wildlife Council, The Kalispel Tribe of Indians, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and numerous clubs. This program is directed at getting more kids involved in outdoor activities and building a base for future stewards of our natural resources.

Fewer and fewer kids are taking part in outdoor pursuits either because of environmental or economic factors. To create stewards for our natural resources we need to introduce children to the beneficial aspects of the outdoors and the fun of fishing as an individual and family activity.

We would like to ask for your support for this worthwhile event. Although we would welcome a donation of any amount, a donation of \$250 or more will allow your business or organization's logo to be printed on the back of every child's T-shirt. Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information. Let's help **Get More Kids out there fishing!**

All donations should be made to the **The Inland Northwest Wildlife Council**. The Inland Northwest Wildlife Council is the main sponsor of this event and is a nonprofit organization with an IRS 501c3 non-profit status.

If you would like more information on how to participate as a sponsor, please contact:

Randall Osborne  
WDFW District 2 Fisheries Biologist  
2315 N. Discovery Place  
Spokane Valley, WA 99216  
(509) 892-1001 ext. 302

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## INTERNATIONAL FLY FISHING FILM FESTIVAL

Spokane, WA – The 2023 International Fly Fishing Film Festival or IF4 returns to Spokane on March 2, 2023 featuring 10 short and feature-length films.

**The Spokane event will be at the Garland Theater, 924 W Garland Ave, Spokane, WA 99205 on Thursday, March 2nd at 7:00 PM. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Tickets are priced at \$18.00 in advance or \$20.00 on the day of the event. Total running time of the film is two hours.**

The Spokane Riverkeeper is very excited to be hosting the 2023 International Fly Fishing Film Festival again this spring. IF4 consists of films produced by professional filmmakers from all corners of the globe and showcases the passion, lifestyle, and culture of fly fishing. All proceeds from ticket sales benefit the Spokane Riverkeeper and efforts to protect the Spokane River fishery. **The primary sponsor of IF4 in Spokane is the Silver Bow Fly Shop.**

For more information on the film festival, featured films, dates and locations, visit [flyfilmfest.com](http://flyfilmfest.com).

Among the films in the festival are Crouching Tiger, Hidden Damsel, with oversized tiger trout, a prolific damsel fly hatch, and an obscure mountain lake; Of the Sea, brothers explore the elusive Banco Chinchorro off the coast of Xcalak; Jacks, giant trevally attacking from deep ocean water; Father Nature, a guided trip on the Snake River in Grand Teton National Park; A Slam that Saves, four species of bass found only in the Appalachians; and Dollar Dog, Atlantic salmon in Cape Breton's Margaree River.

Other films include The Focus, a story of three anglers who revisit a remote mountain stream; Chesapeake –A Love Letter to a Watershed, the landscapes and environments of a special place; and Gold Fever, undiscovered water in the middle of the Amazon jungle.

**Event attendees can win fly fishing-related raffle prizes from Silver Bow Fly Shop and other festival sponsors.**

For information on the event contact [katie@spokaneriverkeeper.org](mailto:katie@spokaneriverkeeper.org) or 509-464-7650.

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## PRESIDENT AND TREASURER PLAQUES

At the February meeting, President Doug Brossoit awarded plaques to past President Denny Carson and outgoing Treasurer Bob Johnson. The IEFEC is appreciative of the hard work and dedication shown by both Denny and Bob. Thank you for a job well done.



Past Treasurer Bob Johnson



Past President Denny Carson and  
President Doug Brossoit

Fellow IEFEC members,

I would like to take a minute to thank all of you for the awesome fish plaque that I received for being the club President for 2022. It was truly an honor and the carving/plaque resides in the most prominent place on my wall.

Tight Lines,

Denny Carson

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Just a little thank you for the gorgeous plaque that I was presented with. I have seen many wonderful items presented to the Presidents as they have departed their positions, after doing all the heavy work of running the club, so it came as a true surprise to get something like that. Again, I wish to say thank you. I appreciate it a lot.

Bob Johnson

## Just a reminder \* Spring is coming!!



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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.

**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.**

## **BROWN'S LAKE OPENINGS By Frank Slak**

The Brown's Lake Fly Fishing Club is anticipating membership openings at Brown's Lake for the 2023 fishing season and is urging you to consider taking advantage of this opportunity.

The water level is higher than it has been in several years, and the group is anticipating a very good spring and fall plant of good-sized fish this year, much as we have had in the past.

I know that several IEFEC members already belong, and they can attest to the quality of the fishing at Brown's. For anyone having questions or wanting to become a member, they should contact me directly at [frank.slak@gmail.com](mailto:frank.slak@gmail.com) or on my cell phone at 509-951-0892.

Annual dues are \$800.

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

**Fuzz Ball Scud**

**March 2023**

**Phil Rowley**

As Phil says, “this is a stupid, simple scud pattern, that had been sitting in my box for years, dormant”. He took it out last season and it performed. With Phil on his way to do a program at our March meeting, we thought it would be appropriate to feature one of his fly patterns. Watch his video as he explains how he fishes this fly, as well as how to tie it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XNChDCB9OaI>

**Hook:** Daiichi 1530 #12-#16.

**Bead:** Tungsten Head Turner, Gold.

**Thread:** #5 Glo Brite Floss.

**Body:** Rabbit (Hare's Ear), Squirrel or Ice Dub, Color to Match Naturals.

**Rib:** UTC Wire, X-Small.

**Hackle:** Grizzly Saddle, Dyed, Olive, or Burnt Orange.

**Tail:** Crystal Flash, Pearlescent.



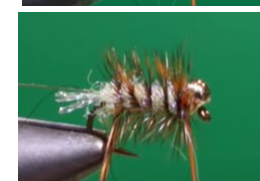
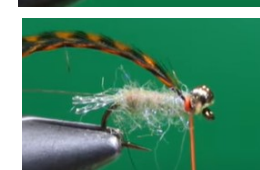
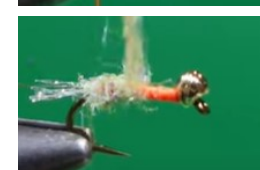
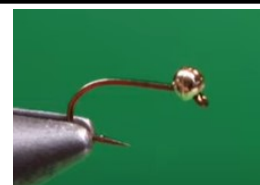
Slide on the bead with the concave side pushing forward over the eye of the hook to allow the fly to be balanced. Start the thread at the bead and cover the hook shank well. Bring the thread forward and make sure the bead is attached solidly.

Attach the crystal flash using three strands and then double it forward to form a tail of 6 strands. Trim it so that you have a short tail. Now anchor in the wire for the rib.

For the body we want to twist a small amount of dubbing onto the thread. Wind forward with close wraps up to the bead. Roughen it up a little bit to make it look more buggy.

Now tie in the hackle at the bead. Make a couple wraps at the bead and then palmer nice, open wraps up the body towards the bend of the hook. Next we anchor down the hackle by locking it in place with the rib wire.

Bring the rib all the way to the bead with open turns to form the rib and secure the body. Tie off the wire with the thread. Helicopter the wire and trim the excess hackle feather. Now use a couple wraps of thread to form a hot spot and then whip finish. Trim the thread for a finished fly.



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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: Bob Schmitt and Bryan Harman.**

**Contact information is available on the website.**

## 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**



**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 *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](mailto:flyleaf.ieffc@gmail.com). Articles should be submitted by the last Friday of the month for inclusion in the following months newsletter.**