



**INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
APRIL MEETING
Tuesday, April 9, 2024
Wet Fly 5:30 Meeting 6:30 PM
RAMADA INN-AIRPORT
8909 W Airport Dr, Spokane, WA 99224**

**Presidents' Message
By
Bob Johnson**

I'm sitting here enjoying the anniversary of the day of my birth, I am looking forward to all the fishing days forthcoming.

Working the Big Horn show was quite eye opening. On the first day, Thursday, there were far more people in attendance than in the years before. Watching and talking to the people coming by our booth was fun. Also talking to Randy Osborne when he came by, he must have caught wind of our upcoming fishout at Amber Lake (Saturday April 6th). He must like us as a club, because he was telling me about releasing a few fish that were approaching state record status in Amber for our little get together. That could be exciting for someone, or not if they break it off.

Also while walking thru the show and I was amazed looking at all the new technology coming in the fishing industry. The most exciting thing to come along in years for those that enjoy Steelheading is the magnetic hooks. Tying flies for swinging or fishing with beads, these hooks are just attracted to the steelhead giving you an advantage.

Speaking of Amber Lake, I was out there with Jeff Pope on the 22nd. We did OK, but nothing to write home about. But we did see "Captain" Jerry Harms, as evidenced by his Captains chair. As Jeff and I were putting the boat in the water, we watched Jerry catch at least 3 and missed a few others. So anyone needing tips on how to catch fish for the fishout, talk to Jerry,

or.....

We got out on the water, and we saw this lone individual in a pram catching fish after fish. So we casually ventured close, maybe to poach his spot..... lo and behold, it was Father David. So we went elsewhere but close, just so we could watch him catch fish after fish. Now some may say something about divine intervention, but believe me, he is just that good a fisherman.

**April Presentation
Randy Osborne of WDFW
Andy Dux of IDFG
Guy Gregory**

It's Local Fishing and Western Water Outlook Month!

Randy Osborne received his Bachelor's Degree in Fisheries Resource Management from the University of Idaho, and his Master's Degree in Biology from Tennessee Tech University. He has worked for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife since 2000, starting out in Ephrata working as a warmwater fish biologist. He transferred to Spokane in 2002 and worked for the warmwater fish team until 2012 when he promoted to the District 2 Fish Biologist. His current duties include managing all the fisheries in Spokane, Whitman and Lincoln counties.

Andy Dux is the Regional Fishery Manager for Idaho Fish and Game in the Panhandle Region. In this position, he oversees the fisheries program in the region. Andy has worked for IDFG since 2008 and has been in his current role since 2015. He was born and raised in Idaho, received his undergraduate degree in fisheries resources from the University of Idaho, and his Master's in fisheries management from Montana State University. Andy is also an avid angler.

Guy Gregory is a hydrogeologist in the Inland Northwest. Following retirement from WDOE in 2018, he now provides consulting services to clients in water supply issues as Gregory Geologic LLC. He is a longtime member and board member of several Spokane area chapters of fly fishing and conservation clubs, and current Vice President of IEFCC..

President's message, continued

I'm really looking forward to seeing everybody at the fishout on the 6th.

DON'T FORGET... You must renew your fishing license on or before today APRIL 1st.

Bob J