



**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

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

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.

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 IEFFC..

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

Bill McElroy Remembered



Bill McElroy, 77, passed away on February 20, 2024, from complications of pneumonia. He was born in Pennsylvania and lived in many places due to his father's Air Force career. The family moved to Spokane in the early 1960s.

Bill was proud to have obtained a degree in Mechanical Engineering from WSU and eventually opened his firm. He joined Coffman Engineers in 1990 and enjoyed the camaraderie and the opportunity to mentor. Bill was a Perennial Bloomsday participant until 2021 and donated a quilt of his shirts to the organization. He was an avid fly fisherman, hunter, and triathlete. The time Bill spent with friends at the Spokane Club brought him joy.

Bill was a long time member of the IEFEC and was extremely involved. Bill was President in 2001 and Fly Fisherman of the Year in 2005. He was a longtime manager of the Morningstar Boys Ranch event that was

held at West Medical Lake. He is survived by his wife, Julie; stepdaughter, Rachel; siblings, Patricia (Bob), Mark (Monica), Scott (Gina); and many nieces, nephews, and grands.. A memorial was held March 28, 2024 He will be missed.

Tom Chapman Remembered



The following is Tom's autobiography, supplied by his son Marc. Tom passed away peacefully March 21, 2024 in Arizona.

Tom was born March 14, 1940, in Wenatchee, WA and moved to Spokane in 1945. After graduation from Gonzaga Prep and Gonzaga University, he entered Gonzaga Law School in 1962. His class founded the Gonzaga Law Review in 1965 and Tom was on the editorial board and the first articles editor. That publication is still in existence. In the spring of 1966 Tom was honored to win the Linden Cup moot court competition.

Joan Reiter of Yakima became Tom's wife in August 1965. The following year, Tom graduated and passed the state bar examination. An appointment in December 1967 as Assistant Attorney General found Tom defending workers' compensation cases for the division of Labor & Industries.

Tom taught Workers' Compensation Law in the evenings at Gonzaga Law School from 1972 to 1986. After nearly 27 years of service in the Office of the Attorney General, Tom retired in March, 1995 and entered private practice. His practice with that office included the statewide supervision of all Supreme Court and Court of Appeals' workers' compensation briefs and authoring all industrial insurance legislation. During his career with the AG office Tom occasionally tried cases outside the industrial insurance arena. One of these was the first fixed horse-race case in the State of Washington, which he tried and won.

His father was a pretty good bait fisherman and as soon as Tom was old enough, they rented a rowboat and motor at Boileau's Resort on Lake Pend Oreille and dragged leaded lines with Triple Teasers and worms or maggots, snagging boatloads of little silvers. They also still-fished at the local lakes and Tom used to watch with interest the fly fishermen working the shorelines of Williams Lake. It looked like great fun and looked forward to giving it a try some day.

They also fished Blue Lake in the Dry Falls area, using Pautzke eggs. When the hook was set, those marvelous

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Tom Chapman Remembered (continued)

silvers put up an admirable fight.

In the mid-1950s his folks rented a small cabin at Liberty Lake, then one of the state's most productive rainbow fisheries. They owned a twelve-foot Crestliner and a 10-horse Johnson motor and Tom spent many enjoyable days still fishing with a piece of corn and reeling in limits of 12-16" rainbows.

It was about this time that Tom took an earnest interest in professional writing. He enrolled in the Institute of Children's Literature. He graduated from the Institute a year later and eventually had a short story and an article published in national magazines.

By the early 1980s Tom had tried numerous cases in Division III of the Court of the Appeals. The clerk of the court was Frank Slak, Jr., who was most helpful over the years and quite an accomplished fly fisherman. Tom mentioned that he was taking the family on a camping trip to the Elkhorn Guest Ranch on Rock Creek. Frank suggested Tom give fly-fishing a try and recommended some inexpensive starting equipment. Tom got a 7-weight fiberglass Fenwick rod and a Pflueger Medalist reel loaded with a Scientific Anglers fly line. Frank gave him casting lessons in the Court of Appeals parking lot on his lunch hour. Tom was just about set.

But Tom still needed waders and boots. Rather than invest in expensive Borger boots (which were de rigueur and the haute couture boots for those with the Sage and Winston rods), Frank suggested Tom just buy felts and glue them to the bottoms of some cheap tennis shoes. Tom did that and then visited the White Elephant where he picked up rubber waders for \$4. On the way to Rock Creek Tom stopped in Missoula and picked up some flies. It was early August and the spruce moths were thick along Rock Creek so he loaded a box with decent patterns, set up camp with the family, and hit the creek. The new waders lasted just fine, until he entered the water and they split up the crotch. Tom started thinking maybe he should have paid \$8, or even a little more, for some higher quality waders.



Over the following years Frank and Tom fished together a good deal. Frank and George Potter sponsored his membership in the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club in 1985. By then, Tom had better waders and was tying all his own flies.

In November 1987, Tom joined Don Chinn as an associate editor of *The Fly Leaf* and in 1990 he accepted a board of directors position with the club. Tom took the reins as president in 1992.

During his presidency the members registered a measure of discontent with the quality of the cuisine at Cavanagh's River Inn where the monthly meetings were held. Tom appointed a blue-ribbon panel to scout out alternatives. After many weeks of in-

tense searching, the committee recommended a move to the Commons at Mukogawa and the monthly meeting was promptly moved to that site.

A far more dicey issue arose during his tenure as president when Hardy Kruse, the club's gregarious, pipe-smoking Bayley Lake devotee, became frustrated with his years of trying to plug the leak in that lake and recommended dynamiting the offending bottom area to rearrange the geological rock formation and permanently plug the hole. The board members were apprehensive about this. In fact, their apprehension bordered on sheer terror as they had Technicolor visions of Bayley Lake flowing downhill and flooding countless homes and farms. Ultimately, Hardy's proposal was rejected, a decision for which Tom was always grateful.

In 1997 his friend, Rick Ripley, editor of the *Spokane Journal of Business*, asked if Tom would like to write a quarterly column on workers' compensation issues. Tom jumped at the chance and was published four times a year through 2001.

In September 1998, Tom Chapman, Rick Ripley, Greg Bever, Randy Shaber, Ed Schupman, and Hubert Langenhorst went salmon fishing on Afognak Island and Kodiak Island, Alaska. That same year Tom worked with Rick Ripley as a final editor of the revised edition of *Flies of the Northwest*.

Over the years, Tom followed the rehabilitation efforts on the St. Joe River and never missed the increasingly pro-

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Tom Chapman Remembered (continued)

ductive fall fishing there. Tom recalls when he started fishing that river a size 12 fly was considered a small bug. Now, he observes, anything larger than a 16 is usually ignored.

As the club began preparations to celebrate its 50-year anniversary, club president Jerry Cartwright asked if Tom would write a history of the club. Tom leaped at this opportunity and worked over the winter months with Leon Buckles, Dick Odell and George Potter to complete the 317 page manuscript. After its publication, Tom was humbled by receipt of the Ed Wolfe Memorial Award, the club's highest honor.

Tom retired from the practice of law in 2003 and lived with his wife, Joan, in Gilbert, Arizona, where he enjoyed playing bridge, writing, playing the piano, and searching for trout streams on the Mogollon Rim. Three of their children and their families in the Seattle area, one in Portland, OR, and one in San Jose, CA. They have eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Tom introduced all of his children to the joys of fly fishing and his middle son, Marc, is now an accomplished fly fisher and expert tyer.



Marc, Young Tom, Tom and David Chapman,
Ready for wet wading!

FFI Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy June 22-29, Shelton WA

Adventure plus learning and fly-fishing equals tons of fun at the upcoming June 22 – 29, 2024 Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy.

For the past 20 years, The Academy has been introducing youngsters to the world of fly angling, aquatic conservation, and the serious work of becoming stewards of the natural world. This year's class of 16 boys and girls will gather at beautiful Panhandle Lake near Shelton Washington for an intensive weeklong program teaching them fly casting, fly tying, aquatic entomology, fisheries conservation, and stewardship practices.

Each student receives a fly rod-reel combo and a sling pack with flies that they will fish with on Panhandle Lake, in provided watercraft, and at nearby streams where they will be able to put into practice their new fishing knowledge and catch some trout on a fly they tied.

The Academy is a program of The Washington Council of Trout Unlimited with significant support from the Washington State Council Fly Fishers International, local businesses and private Fly Fishing Clubs. IEFFC is supplying our own Runje Releasers to this effort

This year's academy is completely signed up with 16 wonderful boys and girls 12-16 to learn the sport of fly fishing and fly tying. If you have a child or grandchild, consider sending them to next year's 2025 Academy. The cost of the week-long camp is \$500 per child.

For More detailed Academy program information or to make a donation to help fund the overall operational costs of \$1800 per student, please go to our website at <https://nwycffa.com/>.

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Deep Water Strike Indication By Mark Pinch

Fishing 25 feet deep with an indicator—Is that really possible?

Yes it is. It takes adaptation. It's different. And there is still more work to do to perfect this technique.

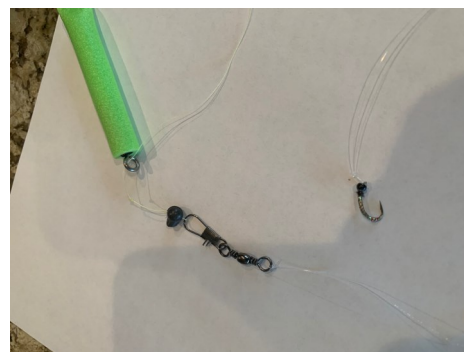
In the first article of this series, we looked at fixed, tip up indicators to fish up to about 8 feet. In the second article, we looked at tip up, release indicators to fish up to about 14 feet.

Beyond that it gets tough. We love to dangle under the boat down to 60 feet. But we may not want to dangle in depths of 16 to 25 feet right under the boat. Plus we may want some drift. We may want some chop.

So let's explore some revolutionary, ground breaking concepts. This very well may be the future of presenting a deep fly.

Here's the set up bottom to top:

Chironomid pattern, for example, on the bottom.
Three to four foot leader to small swivel. Spit shot just above the swivel, as heavy as you can cast to get the fly down quickly.



20 foot +/- leader from swivel up to the fly line. Now this is where it gets tricky. Three different lines have been tested. The top spool in the photograph is Power Pro braided line, 15 pound test. It is so thin and so supple, totally impressive. The next time that you're in a fishing shop, have a look at some. This is the best choice if the line has to be pulled through the interior length of a float or strike indicator.

The problem is that it tangles terribly. Getting knots out of it, a nightmare. The tangle is from the combined weight of the fly, the split shot and the strike indicator wrapping around the 20 foot leader when casting.

The tangle solution may be three fold: First, to go to 10 to a 15 pound nylon or fluorocarbon leader per the lower spool in the photo. Second, to come up with a different way to speed up a heavier 20 foot leader to pass through the strike indicator. Third, to use a small O-ring to spread out the weight by not allowing the strike indicator to slide all the way down to the split shot.

Small "O" ring 2 feet above the swivel / split shot. You will still be able to reel in a fish to within five feet of the fly.



Deep water strike indicators, continued



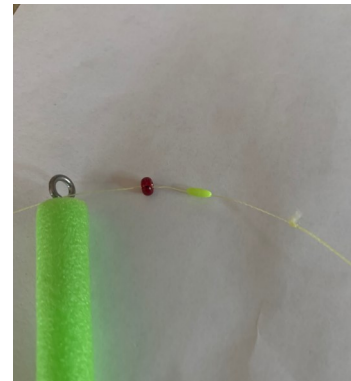
Strike indicator. Very light. Specially adapted by attaching a ring to the bottom. This facilitates the fly sinking more rapidly because there is less resistance having the leader passing through the ring than having the leader pass through the inside or the full length of the indicator. Sink time has now been cut down from 60 to 20 seconds. These indicators are all designed to "tip up" which is really fun. Very sensitive.

Any large plain bead with a large hole. Its purpose is to prevent the line Stop from passing through the strike indicator ring.



One or two line Stops at the top of the leader; light green in the photos. Start with one. You can buy these at most fishing tackle stores.

They have been used by crappie fisherman for years and are a slick system. Skip the knot style. There are two plastic styles. You might start with the ones that clip on with needle those pliers. The depth of your fly will depend on moving these line Stops up and down your leader. They will move with pressure.



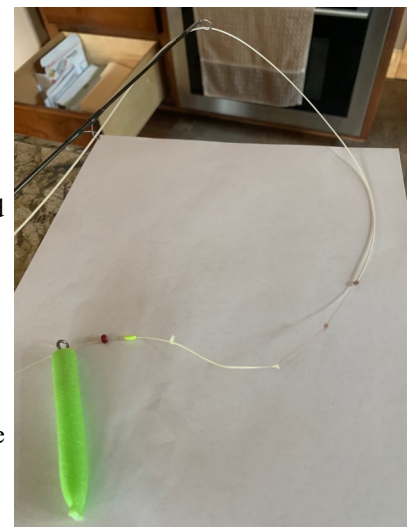
Last, leader to fly line

As you have already ascertained, casting is a challenge. However, it is not insurmountable. Think of casting a 15 foot sink tip. We have to work 2 to 5 feet of fly line past the sink tip before you can let it fly. Here we have to work out all of the leader plus 2 to 5 feet of fly line. The line stops will not pass through your rod eyes effortlessly. It is important to make sure that ALL of the long leader completely straightens out behind you before any forward motion. Please don't try to shoot it. Just throw a soft, loopy cast allowing the extra fly line to come out. All you need is 20 or 30 feet of fly line.

The indicator will lie flat on the water; will slide back towards you as the fly sinks; then will tip up when the fly is vertical under the indicator.

There has not been enough time since ice off to experiment further with this system. A lot of improvements were made last fall. There will be further information on fine-tuning this method soon. Once more perfected, we will have a follow up article here in our flyleaf.

So close. But no cigar yet.



Jerry McBride Receives WFFC Letcher Lambuth Award

Here's a few pictures of Jerry with the Letcher Lambuth Angling Craftsmanship Award for 2023, received at the Seattle Tennis Club meeting of the Washington Fly Fishing Club on March 19, 2024.



Jerry with the award



The award trophy



Jerry's award for his collection

Jerry is the latest in a distinguished group of IEFCC anglers to be honored with this award. That group includes John Propp, Del Coppock, Gene Lorenson, and Steve Moran. All these anglers were recognized for making "original, significant, and lasting contributions to the sport of fly fishing".

Congratulations, Jerry!

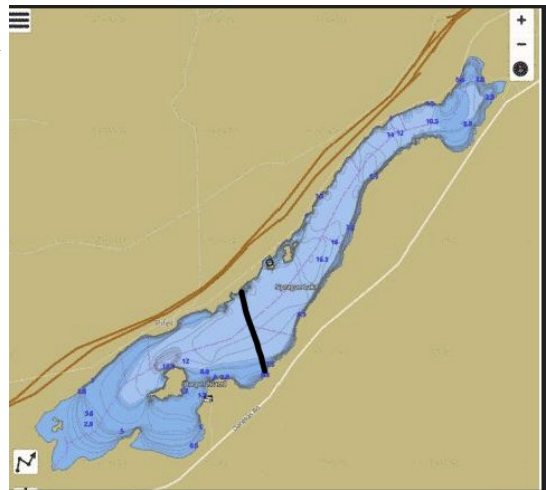
Sprague Lake Barrier Proposal

By
Lee Funkhouser

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has long debated over what to do with Sprague Lake. The lake would be ideal as a trout fishery, but there has also been tremendous support for the largemouth bass that currently share the lake with the trout. The combination, plus other factors has made the fishery less than ideal for fly fishermen. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is excited to announce an upgrade for the lake that should improve this situation.

Recently, WDFW recognized the issue and has been working with a company that builds lake barriers. The company, Lake Splitters, Inc., has the capability of sectioning off a lake so that it can have two separate and distinct fish populations in the same body of water.

The proposal is to have Sprague Lake separated by the barrier using the Adams/Lincoln County line as the separation point. The western side of the lake will continue to have bass, bluegill and even channel catfish, while the eastern portion will be dedicated to trout and would be designated as fly fishing only. Access to the western portion will continue to be through the current WDFW launch area, while access to the eastern section will be through the launch off Harder Road.



The barrier itself is sunk 4 feet into the bottom of the lake and rises 6 feet above the surface of the lake to prevent fish from moving from one side to the other. There will also be a boat elevator located on the south side of the barrier that will raise a boat over the barrier and place it in the adjoining section of lake, for those seeking to fish for all species of fish. It is designed to lift boats up to 24 feet in length, a fee would be charged for use of the elevator system.

I think that's enough information for now, but as Randy Osborne reads this, I trust that a smile appears on his face, as he knows that this is the April issue of the newsletter, and he is used to this kind of fiction appearing. Hope you all have a Happy April Fool's Day.

New members!



Membership Chair Bob Schmitt introducing new members Jeremy Strang and Doug Burpee at the March meeting.

We've many new members this year, due to Bob's tireless effort, and the efforts of many current members.

Growing our club is good! New faces and new friends.

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Big Horn Show Booth

I would like to Thank all the people that volunteered for the Big Horn booth including, Bob Schmitt, Denny Carson, Phil Beck, Lee Funkhouser, Bob Johnson, Jerry McBride, Guy Gregory, Jim Mcdevitt, Dan Lobb, Charlie Boettcher, Dick Avery, Jerry Harms, Mike Fortney, Skip Cavanaugh, Jeff Pope, Stephen Aspinwall, Jerry Hust, Rob Stephens, Stephanie Stephens, Doug Brossoit. This would not be possible with out all the great volunteers.



The booth was a great success lots of flies tied with kids, we talked to lots of fly fishers in the community and made some contacts with some potential new members. Again thank you to all the volunteers we could not do it without you.



Thank you from Spokane Riverkeeper

From all of us at Spokane Riverkeeper, thank you for your generous support! Your contribution of \$150 helps us to continue our mission to preserve, protect and restore the Spokane River for future generations. In 2023, we were able to accomplish so much thanks to your support. With your help we:

- Brought almost 2000 volunteers to the river
- Collected more than 40,500 pounds of trash from the river
- Floated 132 river miles
- Cleaned up 265 miles of river banks
- Collected over 450 turbidity samples with close to 30 community scientists
- Uploaded 100 photos documenting the Hangman Creek confluence into the Spokane River
- Caught 210 crayfish for mercury analysis in four events with over 80 volunteers
- Installed 4 real time temperature loggers and 10 in situ water temperature loggers sharing out temperature data our community can access via our website
- Brought 40 homeless outreach professionals to the river on 9 outreach floats distributing 90 bag to camps along the river
- Planted 6000 trees into 40 riparian acres
- Comment to EPA on PCB Cleanup Plan
- Paddled from Kettle Falls to the mouth of the Spokane River with tribal and non-tribal canoe family
- Led whitewater clinic on Spokane River
- Coordinated two Rights of Nature discussions
- Hired a new executive leadership team and more!

As we look ahead to the rest of 2024, we are excited to continue our work with renewed energy and commitment. As a new executive team, Jule Schultz, Katelyn Scott and I have plans to continue develop and expand our programming that positively impacts the well being of the river. To that end, please let us know if you have any feedback or observations you'd like to share with us about our river.

Once again, thank you for your generosity and support. We are so grateful to have you as a partner in our work..

Katherine Thompson
Managing Director

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Kids Fishing Call By Bryan Harman

In my opinion Kids Fishing Day Support is the best opportunity to volunteer each year, I know you're hearing this from me a lot but conservation only matters if we are saving it for the next generation and the next generation only cares if we teach them to like the outdoors. These days we are up against stiff competition between social media and parents that are afraid to let kids get dirty. Here is where we come in!

WDFW is offering Kids Free Fishing day at Clear Lake on May 11 from 8 am to 3 pm. These kids just want to fish and have a good time like we all did all those years ago, (spin casting rod and a tub of worms) but they can use pointers on rigging a bait, when to set the hook, fighting the fish and even cleaning fish.

If you think this is a thankless job come clean fish with me for about an hour, I get so many "thank yous" and "thank god I don't have to do that" from parents that aren't that "outdoorsy". You don't have to come for the whole day if you can do a few hours we can find stuff for you to do,

If you're there after 3, Bring a pair of needle nose pliers. When Randy and his team pull up the nets confining the fish for the kids there are hooks caught in the nets. A pair of pliers helps to get them out. You also get to warm up to the game wardens and fish biologists in the area so they don't get stuck doing it all by themselves that's just icing on the cake.

Also remember the Ronald McDonald house effort. We meet on Friday 5/10 at the Ronald McDonald House at 2 pm and then head out to Clear Lake (or you can meet us at Clear Lake Recreation area about 2:30). These kids from Ronald McDonald house get to come out before the other kids and catch a few fish before the crowds on Saturday.

If you can help these kids catch a few fish, their excitement and smiles will stick with you for a long time to come. Side note for volunteers seems like every year we need people with long handle landing nets, a pair of needle nose pliers (hemostats) for removing hooks from fish and the nets, and if you happen to have an old fish bonker those are handy from time to time. Please considering volunteering

And look at this flyer: bring along two cans of food, and get entered into a drawing from these other fine supporters of Kid's Fishing!

Contacts for this program are Floyd Holmes and Bryan Harman.

Editors note: This is an absolutely great time!

Spokane Kid's Fishing Event

Canned Food Drive

Donate at least 2 cans of food at the Event, and your name will be entered into a drawing for a prize from one of these fine supporters!!



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FLY OF THE MONTH

Shakey Bealy

April 2024

Nick Nicklas

The Shakey Bealy is a pattern with several great stories behind it. Most agree it was first tied by Nick Nicklas at Blue Ribbon Flies in West Yellowstone in the '40s. Originally tied to appeal to browns in the fall, it also has devotees for spring March Brown hatches in the waters around Yellowstone, and around the world. Was it named for a ranger who got so excited to go fishing he shook? You decide. I was honored to watch the legendary Kuni Masuda, Washington FFI director-at-large tie this pattern recently in Albany OR at the NW Fly Tying Expo. Watch Nick Nicklas himself tie this fly on a YouTube from 2011 here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zARuKrezzbY>

Hook: Dai Riki 280 or TMC 2312, size 10-14
Tail: Orange Crystal Flash and dyed mallard
Rib: Brown cotton thread/brown embroidery floss
Body: Amber dubbing
Thorax: Orange ostrich with or without optional yellow grizzly
Wing: Orange Crystal Flash folded back over the thorax
Hackle: Hungarian partridge



Tie in 8-9 strands of orange crystal flash, leaving enough sticking out the front to fold back to the tail of the body later. Tie in a pinch of dark dyed mallard to complete the tail.

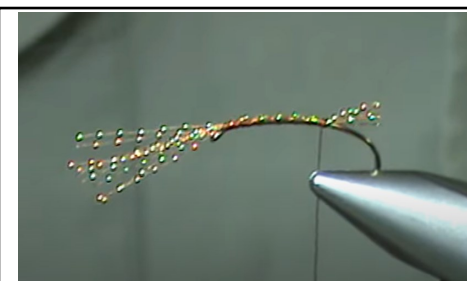
Tie in ribbing of brown cotton thread or embroidery floss, then dub a body forward, tapered thicker toward the thorax.

Reverse wrap the rib and secure. Tie in orange ostrich for the thorax and wrap forward. At this point, if you're tying to simulate March Browns, tie in a yellow grizzly hackle with the hackle pointing aft to help the ostrich float the fly. If you're not simulating March Browns, don't worry your pretty little head about it.

Fold the crystal flash back over the ostrich, flaring it over the back and sides of the fly to add some flash to the upper thorax. Trim at about where the tail starts.

Tie in a partridge feather for the hackle and wrap, using your preferred technique for soft hackle creation. A couple wraps should work, fold back over the fly. Whip finish.

You can find this pattern in *Fly Patterns of Yellowstone – Volume 2* (2008) by Craig Mathews and John Juracek



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FFI Fly Casting Fair

Washington FFI's third annual Fly Casting Fair will be Saturday May 4 at Ballinger Lake Park in Montlake Terrace from 9-4:30. The day-long event will offer Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced, Women Casting, Spey Classes and an introduction to Fly Tying course geared for all ages. There will be Fly tying demonstrations, a free Walk-in Casting clinic and Casting Skills Development Course led by FFI certified instructors.

For more information: <https://wscffi.org/casting-fair-2024/>

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*.



Upcoming Club Activities and Speakers

- Don't forget the Fishout-One Fly: 9AM-Noon on Amber Lake, April 6. Only one fly may be used, turn in your totals of fish brought to net at lunch: It's all for fun, the club will provide Hot Dogs and Chili
- Luis Villa-Gomez of Boggan's Oasis will have a great program on fishing the Grande Ronde River in May

We've great speakers in store for the fall.....Have you a speaker you'd like us to track down to come to the club? Let us know!!!

IEFFC Officers and Board of Directors

Bob Johnson - President
Guy Gregory - Vice President
Bryan Harman - Secretary
Lee Funkhouser - Treasurer

Board Members are: Bob Schmitt, Phil Beck, and Matt Mason.

Membership Committee Chair: Bob Schmitt

Contact information for all Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs are in the 2023 Roster or on the website. If you've inquiries please email us at: 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 before the last Friday of the Month! Lee and Guy will get your story, your fly of the month, your member product review, whatever, into the next issue...

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