



**INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
APRIL MEETING
Tuesday, December 10, 2024
Wet Fly 5:30 Meeting 6:30 PM
RAMADA INN-AIRPORT
8909 W Airport Dr, Spokane, WA 99224**

**Presidents' Message
By
Bob Johnson**

It's December. The holidays are approaching and Thanksgiving is in the rearview mirror. With that, this will have to be the last time you are going to be subjected to my ramblings. That's if you read them...so you can be thankful for that.

Thinking about what I should be thankful for, club wise.

First and foremost, is the honor and trust that had been bestowed upon me to lead this club. For that I will always be thankful.

That the club has left the COVID years far behind us. From trying hard to get 25 to a meeting to now averaging over 50 at every meeting.

The club is growing. We've grown by around 10 members this year .

That more of the members are stepping up to help with our many and various projects.

Knowing that the club is going to be in great hands. With incoming President **Guy Gregory**, **Bryan Harman** as V.P., **Lee Funkhouser** has Treasurer, **Matt Mason** as Secretary, and **Phil Beck** as a returning at large board member and our new at large board members **Stephanie Stephens** and **Jeff Pope**. Of course, the membership needs to vote them in, at the December meeting.

All those that led different things in the club. **Jerry McBride** leading all the conservation projects. **Bryan Harman** with the Big Horn show, Kids fishing projects, and instigator of the fly tying nights, **Rob and Stephanie Stephens** for all their A-V help. And who could forget **Gordon Olson** for his year long work on the Christmas Raffle. **Guy Gregory** and **Lee Funkhouser** for their monthly work on the flyleaf and other communication work.

Phil Beck for lining up those great speakers we've been listening to. **Skip Cavanaugh** for his Legacy committee. **Bob Schmitt** taking care of welcoming new members to the club among other things. **Mark Meyocks**, as the poacher. for taking away the members hard earned money for their screw ups, and **Floyd Holmes** for the

December Program

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We are having our Christmas Raffle/Annual Meeting this year on December 10th.

We hope to see you there...Raffle tickets are still just \$1!

Please refer to the Raffle article in this newsletter for details and look for an upcoming email asking for an RSVP.

We will be conducting the Raffle, electing officers, honoring our Fly Fisherman of the Year, and generally having a great time.

Make sure you put the December 10th meeting on your calendar...it's always a lot of fun and good cheer!

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dangerous job of having to collect it. **Dr. Jim Gaddy** for stepping up to keep in touch with our ailing members.

And, of course, **Lee Funkhouser**, chief bean counter, keeping us financially viable. I want to thank all of you for the things you do for this club. As a regular club member, you should reach out and thank them too.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting on December 10th. Don't forget to donate prizes for the raffle, and buy tickets to win other prizes.

As an aside, as I fade into the sunset, you're not getting rid of me that easy. I will be back to run the one fly fishout at Amber Lake, currently scheduled for the 26th of April.

Thank you
Bob Johnson