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INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
APRIL MEETING
Tuesday, April 8, 2024
Wet Fly 5:30 Meeting 6:30 PM
RAMADA INN-AIRPORT
8909 W Airport Dr, Spokane, WA 99224

Presidents' Message By Guy Gregory

Chaos in March. It snowed a week ago, now it's gonna be 75 degrees here tomorrow. Rain, sun, dry, wet, cold, hot. I spent the first two weeks of the month living in the basement because of recarpet and repaint of my house, and did I get time to tie flies? Of course not. Well, I was busy sorting out new lines and leaders based on Phil Rowley's stillwater presentations, but… Move furniture out. Move furniture in. Make room for family, and host an impromptu dinner for 16 of them, just because. Oh yeah, take time out for a bout of whatever seems to be going around this spring for a couple days.

At last, a bit of return to normalcy. I think I'll take advantage of the warm weather to repack some wheel bearings on the trailer and get on the water for a bit of this spring angling. There'll be some river fishing in the usual spots once runoff is over, until then there'll some lake fishing in some usual and other not-so usual spots.

I've got my pattern chosen for the One Fly on April 26 at Amber. That is the same day as this year's lowland lake opener, so we should have plenty of room for lots of competitors. Matt Mason won last year going away, but this is a new year and I've got lots of faith in my pattern, my rig, and my chances. I hope for good weather so it'll be fun to fish in the afternoon following lunch. Join us, last year was a really good time.

Most committees are getting together this month and next to plan activities for the upcoming fall and winter season. I'm sure there's a job for you should you need one, there's also some task that can sure use your help. Catch up with a committee chair and pitch in.

Kids Fishing is coming up in May, always one of our most rewarding club efforts. It's another club activity you'll find where what you receive exceeds your expenditure.

Early lakes have been open since March 1, so if you're not taking advantage of some of these fine weather days in all this chaos, shame on you. Get fishing!!

Guy Gregory

April Program
Randy Osborne WDFW
Andy Dux IDFG
Guy Gregory

It's April, it must be 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 President of IEFFC..

Email your questions for Randy, Andy, and Guy by April 4 to flyleaf.editor@gmail.com to get better answers!

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