



GENERAL MEETING  
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB  
Spokane Airport Ramada Inn  
October 14, 2025  
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner: 6:30 p.m. Dinner cost \$35.00

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## OCTOBER PROGRAM Fly Fishing the Greater Yellowstone Region

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By Guy Gregory

Volunteers are the heart of our club. There's pictures of our volunteers clipping fins for WDFW in this issue. Upcoming, on October 11 a group of volunteers armed with shovels, weed wackers and buckets will descend upon the Bayley Lake Spawning channel, again clearing the way for that lakes' rainbows to provide wild fish in that system. Contact **Jerry McBride** to see if he has a spot for you. Volunteers will represent our club in the Spokane Shootout October 4, a for-fun fishing competition with other regional angling clubs. And volunteers for Washington State Council of Fly Fishers International will host a casting clinic October 5. Importantly, our Christmas Raffle at the December meeting is our major fundraiser for the year, and **Gordon Olson** could likely use some help. All these events provide you and me with the opportunity to make more friends, catch more fish, and have more fun. We're gonna have more fun October 18 at our Fall Fishout at Medical Lake. Contact **Lee Funkhouser** and see if you can help him set up or something.

There's more! Club leadership is turning over, we're in need of a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Vice President this year. I can tell you from my time in these jobs, I have met a lot of new people and got to know and learn from some fantastic anglers. There's facets of this sport which I had little if any knowledge. They've educated me. Clearly, I get a lot more from the Club than I could imagine.

If you're interested in a leadership position or other volunteer opportunity, email me a [ggregory@rocketmail.com](mailto:ggregory@rocketmail.com). If you're on the fence, we'll talk and I'll convince you. Or ask **Bob (any of them), Bryan, Lee, Jerry, Phil, Leon, or many others among us at the meetings**. Volunteering with the Ieffc is a great opportunity to engage, learn and be involved with the community. And we've exciting plans for the next year to make volunteering even more rewarding.

Remember: No one is paid money for the work done for our club. Your wages are friendship and satisfaction. I don't think you can do much better than that.

If I don't answer your email right away, I'll either be fishing or messing about with fishing stuff. For various reasons I've been shut out of the wonderful late spring we've had, and frankly I'm

We have a great speaker coming in and the full title of his presentation is **Fly Fishing in the Jackson Hole and Greater Yellowstone Region: Seasons, hatches, rivers, and offerings.**

**Colin Ah** is the Operations Manager at Westbank Anglers in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Colin has been guiding for Westbank Anglers in the Jackson area for 8 years, and Westbank Anglers has been a premier fly fishing outfitter in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, since opening their doors on October 1, 1986. For over 37 years, they've served as a trusted destination for fly fishing gear, guided trips, and outdoor adventure. They're proud to still operate from their original location on Moose Wilson Road, continuing their legacy in the heart of the Tetons.



For those wanting to venture outside of our little paradise, this will be a great program. Colin is extremely knowledgeable and those who have fished his area can tell you that they have a little paradise of their own. You won't want to miss this program.

### Presidents Message (continued)

sorta cranky about it. Since by late October my floating devices will need to be winterized and shut into their winter quarters, I gotta get after it. I do return messages.

I will be at the October meeting for our long-anticipated program on the South Fork of the Snake. I hope to see you there!

Guy

# FIN CLIPPING 2025

Our club showed up and clipped fins again this year on September 23rd and 24th. Along with volunteers from the Spokane Fly Fishers we clipped the adipose fins of 60,000 sterile female trout destined to be planted in Lake Spokane (Long Lake). The Rainbows this year came from Trout Lodge, and Avista paid for the fish as part of their mitigation for dams on the Spokane River.



Fin clipping is done to allow fishery biologists to determine the source of the fish as there is some natural reproduction in the lake.



The IEFFC was represented by **Jerry McBride, Guy Gregory, Doug Brossoit, Mike Fortney, Barbara Fortney, Tamara Knudson and Jeff Pope.**

Thanks to the IEFFC volunteers who clipped fins this year.

## Washington State Council Fly Fishers International Fly Casting Skills Development Program Franklin Park, October 5th 1-5 PM

The Fly Casting Skills Development Program (FCSD) helps anglers at every level sharpen their skills, unlock new opportunities, and have more fun on the water—at their pace, on their terms.

Fly fishing is equal parts art, science, and humility. The Fly Casting Skills Development program (FCSD) is about removing friction from that journey. Most people quit fly fishing not because they don't love it, but because they don't get good fast enough. FCSD helps solve that. It gives anglers—whether you're touching a fly rod for the first time or chasing perfection after decades on the water—a structured path to competence.

The program runs on four rungs: Foundation, Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Foundation is where you learn the language of fly casting: loops, roll casts, and basic accuracy. Bronze, Silver, and Gold are about leveling up—direction changes, distance, presentation. The results: More fish, fewer disappointments. And yes, there's bling: pins and recognition at each level, because achievement feels better when someone acknowledges it.

Important caveat: this is not about becoming a teacher. FCSD is not the instructor certification program. It's not an exam. It's a gym for your casting muscles. You go at your own pace, you decide how far you want to take it, and you'll know—by the tug at the end of your line—that it's working.

The secret sauce is starting at the beginning. Too many anglers want to skip to the sexy stuff. But most bad habits are born at the foundation. Fix those problems, and everything downstream is easier.

Bottom line: FCSD is the cheat code to more fun, less frustration, and better days on the water. The fish are waiting!

Join us at Franklin Park, October 5 in the afternoon for this event! Watch your email for updates.

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# LIARS CLUB BBQ

This years barbeque was a very enjoyable time. Great food, great people and some great stories. The event was held on September 3rd at Touchmark on the South Hill and was very well attended.

The Liars Club group has been meeting for over 70 years now and is a major part of the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club. Having this event each year gives us a chance to bring our enablers together for a feast that includes hot dogs, hamburgers and salmon. No one leaves hungry and our sponsors are to be commended for another well organized event.



*Sponsors of this awesome event are Jim Athearn, Scott Fink, Bob Burton, Bill Papesh, Greg Bever and Stephen Aspinwall. Our thanks go out to them for the hard work they put into the barbecue.*



## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE By Bob Schmitt

Fellow Members,

You may recall from the May meeting I indicated **Greg Stevens** and I would begin sharing the Membership Committee duties. We will alternate on a monthly basis. For the October meeting we expect to welcome two new members into our Club. Greg is preparing New Member Packets and will be doing the honors of introducing the new members at the meeting.

Additionally, over the summer the badge cases got reorganized. Some members indicated they didn't have a badge. New badges were made for about fifteen members as well as a large number of badges were retired because they weren't active anymore. **If you still don't have an official IE-FFC badge or your name is misspelled, let Greg or I know and we'll take care of it.**

Thank you for being patient and enjoy the Fall fishing.

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# SPOKANE SHOWDOWN 2025

## *Introducing the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual* **SPOKANE SHOWDOWN 2025** *Fly Fishing Competition*



**WHO:** Members of Spokane Fly Fishers, Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club and Spokane Women on the Fly and Washington State Council Fly Fishers Int'l. Each club may host as many two-person teams as they want, but participants must declare which club they represent.

**WHAT:** Teams will fish together from 9am - NOON. Winners will be decided based upon most fish (to hand or net), and biggest fish (strictly honor system). Participants are encouraged to bring a tape measure to record their best fish. Ties will be decided by Ro Sham Bo (Rock, Paper, Scissors). PHOTOS OF FISH OUT OF THE WATER WILL NOT BE COUNTED.

**WHEN:** Saturday, Oct. 4, 9am - NOON. Awards will be presented at 1pm, with a possible barbeque afterwards.

**WHERE:** One of three possible venues; Amber Lake, Medical Lake, and Waitts Lake. The names will be thrown in a hat and drawn Friday night, Oct. 3 at Lumberbeard Brewing and announced over social media.

For additional information, contact Guy Gregory at [gggregory@rocketmail.com](mailto:gggregory@rocketmail.com)

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## CLUB DONATIONS

### Treasurer—Lee Funkhouser

#### Supporting Our Mission: Two Ways to Donate to the Club

Dear Members,

Your support keeps our club thriving and our mission alive. Whether you're passionate about conservation, education, or simply want to give back to the community that brings us together, we offer two meaningful ways to contribute:

**Donate to the FFI Fund** The FFI Fund is dedicated to advancing our educational and conservation efforts.

- Minimum donation: \$1,000
- Purpose: Funds go directly toward impactful projects that preserve our natural resources and educate future generations.
- Tax benefit: Donations to the FFI Fund are eligible for a tax deduction.

Designations welcome: You may choose to direct your donation toward a specific project or initiative within the fund.

**Support the Club Directly** If you're not able to contribute at the \$1,000 level, your generosity still makes a big difference.

- Any amount is welcome
- Purpose: These donations help cover essential club operations and member programs.
- Note: While these gifts are not tax-deductible, they are deeply appreciated and vital to our success.

Designations welcome: You may also specify how you'd like your gift to be used within the club.

**Legacy Giving** Consider leaving a lasting impact by including the club in your will or estate plans. Legacy gifts ensure that our mission continues for generations to come and can be tailored to support specific areas that matter most to you.

**Your Gift, Your Way** To donate or learn more about legacy giving, contact our Treasurer at [mail.ieffc@gmail.com](mailto:mail.ieffc@gmail.com). You can also speak with any board member at our next meeting—we'd love to hear from you.

*Every contribution, big or small, helps us grow stronger together. Thank you for being part of this journey.*

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## BAYLEY LAKE SPAWNING CHANNEL

### By Jerry McBride

**We just need one more volunteer!! Contact Jerry McBride if you are interested and available on October 11th.**

We will be cleaning up the spawning channel and renewing the gravel between Potters Pond and Bayley Lake again this year to provide spawning habitat for the resident rainbow trout next spring. It is a fun project that typically takes about two hours and then we go fishing in Bayley Lake for the rest of the day.

Last year we encountered an extra heavy growth of grass and we were unable to clear the grass all the way to the lake. This year we are renting a DL String Trimmer so that we can clear the grass all the way to the lake.

We have five boats now and just need one volunteer to help with the clearing of the channel and would like to fish in the afternoon. Transportation is available and we will also have breakfast provided by the club.

## IEFFC FALL CALENDAR

Date	Event	Location	Contact/Time
October 3-4	Spokane Showdown Fishout	To be determined	Guy Gregory
October 5	FFI Casting Skills Develop. Program	Franklin Park 1-5 PM	Guy Gregory
October 7	Fly Tying Night—North Spokane	Fieldhouse Pizza	Phil Beck
October 11	Bayley Lake Spawning Channel Cleanup		Jerry McBride
October 14	IEFFC Club Meeting	Spokane Airport Ramada	Bryan Harman
October 16	IEFFC Board Meeting	Spokane Valley Library	Guy Gregory
October 18	Medical Lake Outing	Medical Lake	Lee Funkhouser
October 21	Fly Tying Night—Spokane Valley	YAYA Brewery	Lee Funkhouser
November 4	Fly Tying Night—North Spokane	Fieldhouse Pizza	Phil Beck
November 11	IEFFC Club Meeting Program; Cecelia Beale, El Encuentro Fly Fishing, Patagonia Fly Fishing		
November 13	IEFFC Board Meeting	Spokane Valley Library	Guy Gregory
November 18	Fly Tying Night—Spokane Valley	YAYA Brewery	Lee Funkhouser
December 2	Fly Tying Night—North Spokane	Fieldhouse Pizza	Phil Beck
December 9	IEFFC Annual Meeting and Raffle	Spokane Airport Ramada	Guy Gregory
December 11	IEFFC Board Meeting	TBA	Guy Gregory
December 16	Fly Tying Night—Spokane Valley	YAYA Brewery	Lee Funkhouser

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# BIG FISH AWARD

We have a new trophy that will see action at our outings as it is not designated for any one event.

The first award was given to **Pat Stuart** for his 21 and 1/2 inch monster at the Coffeepot Lake Outing. The competition was close with a number of competitors catching large fish, which made the contest rather exciting.

Catching big fish is something Pat knows how to do and the next outing to feature the **Big Fish Award** will be the upcoming Medical Lake Outing. As many of you know, Medical Lake is considered Pat's home waters, so you will have to bring your "A" game to outfish him.

Congratulations, Pat, for catching the BIG FISH.



Pat Stuart catching another monster fish

## FLY TYING NIGHTS Starting Again in October

Fly tying has returned for another season.

We will again be using YAYA Brewery and Fieldhouse Pizza and they are both excited to see us return.

This is a great time to learn some new patterns and fill your fly box with flies for next years fishing season.

Fly tying will be the first Tuesday of the month at Fieldhouse Pizza and the third Tuesday of the month at YAYA. Fieldhouse Pizza is located at 4423 W. Wellesley Ave, across the street from Veterans Hospital. YAYA is located at 11712 East Montgomery Drive in the Spokane Valley, and we tie from 6PM to 7:30PM. They have food service at both locations and the beer is cold. Guests are welcome and we look forward to seeing you.



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## MEDICAL LAKE OUTING October 18th

We are bringing back the Medical Lake outing again this fall after last years successful debut. Mark **October 18th** on your calendar and we will be watching the weather to make sure this happens.

Last year we had a little wind, but it did not seem to bother the fishing as everyone caught fish and most were of monster size. **Pat Stuart** has been checking the lake out for us and the reports have been encouraging. We look forward to another great day on the water.

No set time to show up, but we will have **lunch on the park shore at 12:30 PM**. Lunch is provided, but make sure you bring your favorite beverage to go with the lunch.

There will be a **Big Fish competition** during the outing and the name of the fisherman who catches the largest fish will be added to our outing trophy.

The Medical Lake launch is located on the southwest corner of the lake and the park beach is a short distance to the west of the launch. **An RSVP request will be sent out in early October.**



Jeff Pope and Jake Nelson



Lunch Time



Pat Stuart

## FLY OF THE MONTH CONTRIBUTIONS

For over 60 years, the Fly of the Month has been a major part of our newsletter. Hundreds of patterns have been chosen to be our Fly of the Month and most of those flies were introduced by club members. We do look outside our club for patterns that members can tie and utilize in our waters, but our preference will always be member contributions.

**If you have a special fly that you would like featured, we welcome your input.** Here are a few things that will allow us to feature your fly.

**1. Name your fly. 2. Provide a list of materials. 3. Provide a step by step description of the tying process. 4. Provide approximately five pictures taken during the tying process. 4. Provide a brief description of the fly, (how it came about, how to fish it, etc,) 5. Provide a picture of the completed fly.**

We look forward to seeing your favorite pattern in an upcoming edition of *The Fly Leaf*.

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# ***FLY OF THE MONTH***

**Magneto Stone Steelhead Nymph    October 2025**

**Tactical Fly Fisher**

**This is a recommended fly for the Grande Ronde and should reward you. This fly is tied by a number of fly tyers, but I found a good video that you can follow as you put this together. It is listed as one of the top flies for both the Grande Ronde and Wallowa Rivers. Try it out and let us know how you do. I know my past experience with stone fly patterns has been good, so I can only say this is certainly worth tying. The video is easy to follow and you can find it at the following site:**

[Magneto Stone Steelhead Nymph - Fly Tying Video](#)

**Hook:** Long shank streamer size 8-10.  
**Bead:** Tungsten 3.3 to 3.8mm.  
**Lead Wire:** Lead or lead-free .020 to .025.  
**Thread:** Black 14/0.  
**Rib:** Brassie size silver wire.  
**Body:** Black Fino skin.  
**Abdomen:** Purple micro polar chenille.  
**Legs and Tail:** Standard rubber leg materiel black.  
**Thorax:** Black polar chenille.



Start by putting on the bead and then place in vise. Wrap lead wire halfway down the shank, then coat the hook and end of wire with Zap A Gap or similar cement to keep the wire from rotating. Then finish wrapping the wire.

Start wrapping the thread near the bend of the hook. Now fold over a black rubber leg and attach it near the bend for the tail. Tie in the Brassie wire near the hook bend. Cut the fino skin in a strip about 1/4" wide with a bevel at the end. Tie it near the bend with the matte side up.

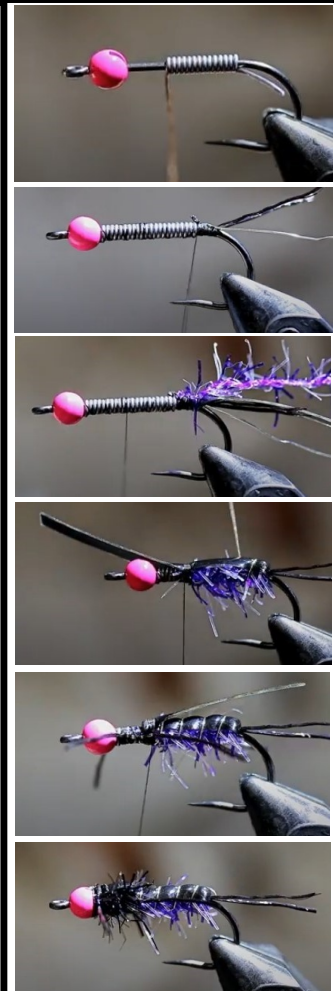
Now we tie in the chenille near the bend. Bring your thread halfway up the hook shank and whip finish or half hitch, but do not cut the thread. Spin the chenille two thirds up the shank of the hook, making sure the wraps are touching.

Pull your fino skin over the abdomen wrap and lock it down. Now wrap the silver wire around the fino skin and abdomen materiel to make a segmented body. Be careful in wrapping so that the shell back does not rotate on you. Pull your fino skin back and lock it down.

Add in two sets of rubber legs in the last quarter of the shank, near the bead. Have the front set pointing out while the set near the bead will point slightly back.

Tie in the black chenille and wrap to form the thorax. Make sure you make enough wraps to even out the taper. Now pull your fino skin over the thorax and tie it down. Now to make sure the shell back does not unravel, pull it back over and lock it down with a couple of whip finishes. Trim off the excess.

Apply Zap A Gap to the thread and make a couple of wraps, followed by a whip finish.



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## 2025 IEFFC OFFICERS

### Your IEFFC Officers for 2025



**Bryan Harman**  
Vice President



**Lee Funkhouser**  
Treasurer



**Guy Gregory**  
President



**Jeff Pope**  
Secretary



**Phil Beck**  
Board Member



**Matt Mason**  
Board Member



**Stephenie Stephens**  
Board Member

## 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**



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**The Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club**

**FFI Charter Member and McKenzie Plaque Winner**

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