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### Evergreen Fly Fishing Club

[www.evergreenflyclub.org](http://www.evergreenflyclub.org)



### MEETINGS

General Meeting – 4th Tuesday of the month, 7 pm (6 pm Wet Fly hr.) Flying Pig Brewery  
Board Meeting – 1st Thursday of the month, 7 pm (6 pm dinner) Petosa's Restaurant  
Conservation Committee Meeting – 3rd Thursday of the month, 7 pm Village Restaurant

**Meeting: September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006 @ Flying Pig Brewery**  
**Wet Fly – 6:00 p.m. Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**



## September Program

By Eric Nordstrom

Dave McCoy, owner and head guide of Emerald Water Anglers, will be our guest this month to show us the great opportunities we have for fly fishing around the Puget Sound. Dave has grown up in the Northwest and is an extremely skilled guide for waters of this region. He has fished and guided in many different areas of the world so he can give us a fine perspective on what to appreciate about our local salt water ecosystem. If you care to check out Dave's bio, you can visit his website at [www.emeraldwateranglers.com](http://www.emeraldwateranglers.com).



## Fly Tying Contest

by Rob Gamage

The winner of last month's fly tying contest was Rob Gamage.

The pattern for September's contest is "Your Favorite Sea-Run Cutthroat Pattern". What? You say you've never heard of that pattern? Well, then just bring an example of the fly you have the most confidence with when fishing for our local Sea Run Cutthroat. Good luck!



Recipe: Whatever you come up with!

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## President's Message by Carl Johnson

I hope that everyone is having a good summer with more time to go fishing than I have, and I thought that I would have more time to fish when I retired. To date I have spent my summer visiting family on the east coast and at the FFF Conclave in Bozeman, about ten thousand miles driven on my truck this summer.

I had a very good time at the FFF Conclave in Bozeman. My week started out by attending the Board meeting as Council President on Tuesday. After having sat through the Board meeting in West Yellowstone two years ago, this meeting was a welcome surprise. The Board used be about 60 members and was very ineffective. The new Board structure is about 25 members and operates much more effectively. I left that meeting with a good feeling on the future of the Federation. This continued with the Council and Club Presidents meeting the next day. At the meeting there was a lot of open and frank discussion on the FFF and the relationship between Headquarters, councils and clubs. The highlight of the week for me was the Presidents Dinner. The speaker was one of the wounded warriors from Iraq who participated in the Project Healing Waters at Walter Reed Hospital. During the week I had an opportunity to talk to all four of the soldiers that were there. These men all made me realize how insignificant all of my problems are. I want to thank everyone who has been working to help the soldiers at Madigan. THANK YOU!

There are a few events that are scheduled for September. The Cutthroat outing is on September 17th, The WSCFFF Casting EXPO is scheduled for September 23rd in Carnation and the Kalama Cup outing with the McKenzie Fly Fishers is September 29th through October 1st on the North Umpqua River in Oregon. I look forward to seeing you there.

Our Auction is scheduled for October 24th at the Elks. I hope everyone can make the event and come out and enjoy themselves. We are looking for volunteers for the night of the auction. If you

would like to help please let Jesse Scott, Mark Edson or me know.

## Auction Meeting by Carl Johnson

There will be a meeting for anyone interested in helping with the Auction at the Village Restaurant in Marysville on October 12th at 6:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting will be to go over the final details for this year's auction.

We are looking for volunteers for the night of the auction (check in, item runners, check out, etc.), if you would like to help please contact Jesse Scott, Mark Edson or me.

Thank you for your support of the important event.

## Kalama Cup Fishout by Gordon Swanson

The time is just about here for the Kalama Cup fishout with the McKenzie Flyfishers on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and October 1<sup>st</sup>. We will stay at Susan Creek Campground on the North Umpqua River. If you're going please call Gordon Swanson at (425) 337-8246 so he can give a head count to the McKenzies so they can plan for Saturday night's dinner.



## Membership News by Mark Simpson

Please welcome Jerry Rochford as our newest member to EFFC. He was accepted at the August board meeting.

Jerry is retired and plays golf. His fishing interests are lakes and streams and he has been fly fishing for about 10 years. Jerry enjoys reading and fly tying. His interests match with Politics, PR, and Activities and is willing to help in those areas. Welcome to our club Jerry!

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## Auction Final Call

By Jesse Scott

The Auction is less than a month away, and the list of items is growing. There is something for everyone this year. This is a great chance to pick up a box of flies tied by a fellow club member and tailored to a specific species or location. There is equipment, both used and new, plus discount certificates for some of the larger items like pontoon boats, rods, and reels. You'll find books, magazine subscriptions, art work, and a diverse array of "stuff". There will be raffle buckets for the smaller items like floatant, sun glasses, leaders, tying materials, etc. This is the once-a-year opportunity to get that special item and help your club at the same time.

The trip list now includes:

- **Clark Fork River** – Carl Johnson is the host for two days of drift boat fishing. The location is Superior, Montana, and the trip includes food and lodging for two people.
- **Sauk or Skagit River** – Ted Lewis is the donor. The trip includes a day of drift boat fishing and lunch for one person.
- **Stillaguamish River** – Dale Dennis is the donor. The trip includes a day of drift boat fishing for Searun Cutthroat for one person.
- **Puget Sound** – Dale Dennis is the donor and the trip includes a day of boat fishing for Searun Cutthroat for one person.
- **Skagit River** – Mike Benbow is the donor. This is a walk-in trip to the Skagit River to catch those big Chum Salmon. The trip includes lunch and photos for two people.
- **Yakima River** – Dick Snow is the donor. This is your chance to drift the Yakima with an expert.
- **Skagit River** – Chris Grieve is the donor.
- **Aneas Lake** – Dick Snow is the donor and the trip includes transportation from Everett.

- **Bitterroot Area, Montana** – Chuck Starahan (Speaker at February Meeting) – “A Day with Chuck” A day waded fishing with Chuck. The winner and Chuck will plan the day together. You're invited to fish out of Chuck's fly box, and try his personal rods. If you're a tyer, we can spend part of the day tying flies. Chuck will bring the camera and sketchpad. Chuck will do all that he can to enrich your appreciation and skill as an angler, and give you an experience that will live in your memory.

Remember, the location is the Everett Elks Club at 2731 Rucker. We'll begin setting up about 4:30 p.m. and dinner will be at 7 p.m. Come early to help us set up and take time to inventory all the items. Remember, dinner is by prepaid reservation only, and the reservation form is on the last page of this Newsletter. You can mail it in or bring it to the September meeting.



## Librarian's Corner

By Jim Pankiewicz

*Federation of Fly Fishers  
Fly Pattern Encyclopedia*  
edited by Al & Gretchen Beatty

This book is not a “how to” resource in that it does not teach or show a single fly tying technique. It doesn't talk about material selection or fly tying tools. It presupposes you know the techniques or can learn them somewhere. What this book does have is the recipe for tying over 1,600 patterns. It is an extensive and comprehensive resource. Each and every pattern has a vivid color plate showing the completed fly. The book includes dry flies, nymphs and wet flies, streamers, steelhead and salmon flies, warmwater flies, and saltwater flies. It is fascinating to just wander through well over 200 pages of diverse patterns. If you want to know how to dress a particular fly this book will help you. You could easily while away an hour or two just paging through the book and enjoying the tremendous variety of patterns.

There are some tried and true favorites that have withstood the test of time and are still in use. There

are some oldies that have gone out of popular use. There are some newer flies and there are interesting ones that I would venture to say the vast majority of fly tyers have never seen or heard of.

Let's have a little smile with the names of some things. Let's say you are Gordon Swanson; you are a seasoned angler to be sure. You probably don't listen to modern rock music, Gordon, you would probably laugh at the names of many modern bands; you might even be disgusted with them.

Now let's say you're 17 years old and you don't fly fish. You would probably laugh at the names of some fly patterns; you might even be disgusted with some of them.

Often I think there are more bridges between generations than we normally think there are; they just aren't always obvious. Here are 34 "handles". Are they all names of flies from the book? Are they all names of rock bands? Are some of them flies and some of them rock bands? Before you get frustrated with kids and the crazy music of today, be careful please, there might be at least one fly pattern in this list that will make the 17 year old laugh just as much as the band names make an old timer laugh. Gordon, and all of you seasoned anglers, can you find the flies? You may have to check out the book.

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Green Butt Bomber   | 18. Rusty Rat               |
| 2. Dead Fish           | 19. This                    |
| 3. Chickabugger        | 20. Ta                      |
| 4. Doris Daze          | 21. UB-40                   |
| 5. Chucker Smucker     | 22. Jerry's Baby            |
| 6. Evil Weiner         | 23. Well Strung             |
| 7. Chick Pea           | 24. Lime Squeeze            |
| 8. Phish               | 25. Blotto                  |
| 9. Green Weenie        | 26. Goat Fish               |
| 10. Jabbering Trout    | 27. Chumbawamba             |
| 11. Gary's Bone Buster | 28. Leftovers               |
| 12. Jerry's Kid        | 29. Fastball                |
| 13. U-B                | 30. Sang Frog               |
| 14. Lung Mustard       | 31. Green Day               |
| 15. Hot Spot           | 32. Ugly Bitch              |
| 16. Rat                | 33. Lemonhead               |
| 17. Big Black Nun      | 34. Whipped Cream and Jello |

## Conservation News

By Jesse Scott

You'll find several hand written letters on the tables at the September meeting. They were sent by the young people that our Club sponsored to the Youth Conservation Camp on Orcas Island. I wanted to share them with you and let you know how much your sponsorship was appreciated.

The club has been doing this for years and thanks to your support of the annual auction it will continue. I just wanted to add the Conservation committee's appreciation and add a big THANK YOU.

## Steelhead, Anyone??

By Reed Miller

In early August, my son and I were out sightseeing and stopped at Fortson. We walked up to the Fortson Hole. The river was very low, and the pool was filled with hundreds, if not over a thousand hatchery steelhead smolts that had never gone out to saltwater. They were up to about a foot long, and rising to anything that flew close to the water.

In late August, my son went fishing for sea run cutthroats above the mouth of Boulder River (Creek??). He caught no cutts, but did catch 12 hatchery smolts up to about a foot long. He said most of them were pretty skinny.

One can only wonder, will this have a severe adverse effect on future adult populations, or will these fish try to go out and survive after the fall rains put more water in the river?

## For Sale

2-person Kingfisher Cataraft with 11'4", 20-inch diameter pontoons. Aluminum frame with cedar deck. Large rear deck for lots of storage space. Roller anchor system & 8' Carlisle oars. \$950 - Call Eric Nordstrom at (425) 304-0825



**Awards - Big Fish???**  
**By Doug Nordstrom**

Who caught the biggest fish from last November through this October? Remember any fish caught from Nov. 1, 2005 to Oct. 31, 2006 is included for the 2006 Biggest Fish awards. Unfortunately many categories of fish had no entries the past couple years. In an attempt to improve reporting of catch records a new card was distributed at club meetings. I've received a few of those back.

Included on this page is a condensed copy of the catch record entry form with all the categories and minimum sizes. Using a copy of this form, the card distributed at the meetings, or a similar format please submit all qualifying entries by Nov. 3. This should allow anyone fishing up to Tuesday, Oct. 31 to enter. Forms can be turned in at the Auction on Oct. 24, e-mailed to [DrNordy@aol.com](mailto:DrNordy@aol.com), or snail mailed to:

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P.S. All non-winning entries are put into a raffle for a fly line. So fill out the affidavit on this page even if you think they may not win.

**EFFC Trophy Fishing Awards**  
**Rules & Affidavit**

Rules:

1. We encourage you to release the majority of fish caught to insure a future fishery. In case of two equal fish caught in the same category, the released fish will take priority. Please do not enter spawning fish.
2. Time frame for affidavits is Nov. 1 of one year and continues to Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. Present this affidavit to the Awards Committee Chairman no later than Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.
3. Fish must be caught on a cast fly, using conventional fly lines (no lead core) and leader with only one fly. Barbless hooks are preferable.
4. Awards will be presented for the largest fish in each category.

**Classification and Qualifying Lengths**

Trout – (in state)	18-inches
Trout – (out of state)	20-inches
Cutthroat – Sea-run	15-inches
Brown Trout	18-inches
Char – (Brook, Dolly, Bull, Lake)	15-inches
Steelhead – Summer (May 1-Oct 31)	25-inches
Steelhead – Winter (Nov. 1-Apr. 30)	25-inches
Salmon – King	30-inches
Salmon – Coho and Pinks	25-inches
Salmon – Chum	28-inches

Species \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date caught \_\_\_\_\_  
 Length \_\_\_\_\_ Released? (Y) (N)  
 Pattern \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hook size \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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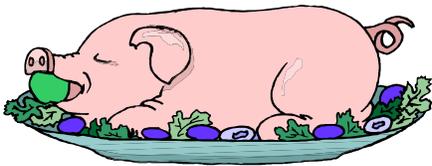
**EFFC Coming Events**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
September 17 <sup>th</sup>	Cutthroat Fishout	Stillaguamish River, Arlington
Sept. 29th-Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Kalama Cup	North Umpqua River, Oregon
Oct. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Dry Falls Fishout	Dry Falls Lake
Oct. 24 <sup>th</sup>	EFFC Annual Auction	Everett Elks Club
Dec. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas/Awards Dinner	Hawthorne Inn, Smokey Point

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**Auction Dinner Reservations at Everett Elks Club**  
**Tuesday, October 24th at 7:00 PM**



**Menu is Roast Pork, Tossed Green Salad, Vegetable Medley, Baby Red Potatoes, Rolls, Coffee or Tea**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sign me up for** \_\_\_\_ **dinners at \$20.00 per dinner.**

**Total enclosed \$'s:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Make check payable to: "EFFC"**

**Mail Reservation to:** **Don Mathiesen**                      **- or bring form & pay at the next meeting**  
**15319 NE 166<sup>th</sup> Lane**  
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