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MEETINGS

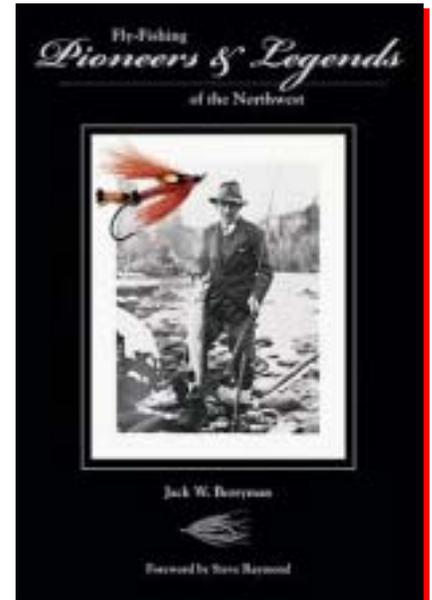
General Meeting – 4th Tuesday of the month, 7 pm (6 pm Wet Fly hr.) Flying Pig Brewery
Board Meeting – 1st Thursday of the month, 7 pm (6 pm dinner) Petosa's Restaurant
Conservation Committee Meeting – 3rd Thursday of the month, 7 pm Village Restaurant

Meeting: November 28, 2006 @ Flying Pig Brewery
Wet Fly – 6:00 p.m. Meeting – 7:00 p.m.



Club Programs By Eric Nordstrom

In celebration of Old Timers' Night I've invited back a local fly fishing historian that has done a fine job of collecting a lot of the stories that commemorate the early fly fishermen that shaped this sport in the Northwest. Jack Berryman will be here to share his knowledge of three men that I know some of our members will recall; Ralph Wahl, Ralph Olson, and Ken McLeod. You might remember that we had Jack at our meeting in April 2005 to talk about Enos Bradner, Letcher Lambuth, Roderick Haig-Brown, and Tommy Brayshaw. I regrettably missed that meeting, but thankfully Jack has recently published a book that compiles his knowledge of these fine men and many others under the title "*Fly Fishing Pioneers & Legends of the Northwest*" with a forward by Steve Raymond. Jack will bring several copies of this book with him to the meeting in case you'd like to get a copy personally signed by him. I've already got mine reserved! Hope to see you at the meeting on the 28th.



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Fly Tying Contest By Rob Gamage

The winner of the last fly tying contest was Mark Simpson. Mark won with a classic, a nicely tied Knudson's Spider. Congratulations Mark!

The fly pattern for November's contest is the "Green or Red Butt Skunk". This pattern is one of the most popular of all the Steelhead flies. Most likely, this pattern is a variation of the "Skunk". The exact origins of this pattern are lost but one theory is that Wes Drain originated the "Skunk" for the Stilly. Good Luck!

Recipe:

Hook: #1-10 STLHD

Thread: Black

Tail: Red Hackle Fibers

Rib: Silver Tinsel

Body: Green or Red with Black Chenille

Hackle: Black Saddle

Wing: White Bucktail



President's Message By Carl Johnson

I want to thank everyone who helped make our annual auction a success. Thanks to everyone who donated and bought the items at the

auction. We raised over \$7,000! In particular, I want to give a big THANK YOU to Mark Edson and Jesse Scott. They both put a lot of hours into making the auction a success. Great Job! This was the last year for the auction to be held at the Elks Club. Next year they will be moving into a new building and we will have to find a new location for the auction. Any suggestions?

We are still looking for a few people to fill some of our vacancies for next year. If you are interested in becoming more involved in the club please see Sandy Atkinson. This is a great way to get to know many of our fellow club members.

November is Old Timers month, as I sit here writing this I think back to last years meeting and all of the past Presidents that we had in attendance. What an impressive sight to see all of them. Then I start thinking about how things have changed over the past 51 years of the EFFC.

Remember to get your reservation in for the Christmas Party. I also want to remind everyone that since we were so successful last year, we have used some of the money to help keep the price of the tickets down this year. Let's make this year's party as successful so we can continue to subsidize the cost of the dinner.



Membership By Mark Simpson

Please welcome our newest EFFC member, Ira Siebert. Ira has been fly fishing 18 years and enjoys lakes and streams. Fly tying and reading are some of his interests. He's a teacher at View Ridge Elementary School in Everett. Ira is sponsored by John Townsell.

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December is the best month to send in your membership dues for 2007. Dues are \$30 for members and \$25 for associate members. Our annual "dues incentive" raffle will be held for members that pay (postmarked) by 12/31/06. Send them soon for your chance to win a new reel.

Please do not send your dues to the club's post office box or to other club officers. The membership chairman needs to receive your dues directly, preferably by mail, along with any change to your address, phone, e-mail, etc. Please complete the annual renewal form (located in this issue of Swirl Tips on page 7) and send it with your dues so we can accurately verify your information listed in our next calendar. It is highly recommended to pay your dues by check. After receipt of your dues you will be given a 2007 membership card at an upcoming general meeting. Your dues are important to the operating budget of our club so please pay them on time, preferably by December 31, 2006 but no later than our January 2007 general meeting.



Publications By Jerry Buron

We Need Your Articles!

If you want to see more articles involving local events, outings, trips and great fishing tips involving our Puget Sound fisheries, then please submit your own articles for publication to Swirl Tips! If you have a story, share it! If you have a favorite fly, share it with the entire club. Planning a trip outside our area and want some club members to come along and share the fun? Write an article for our Swirl Tips newsletter. Send submissions to me at: jburon2@msn.com.

It's time to start thinking of the EFFF's calendar for next year. That means I'd like to have photos from club members anytime beginning in December of this year. Digital photos are preferred (in jpg format) but regular photos will also work. I'll take photos at a meeting, on a CD, or sent to me as attachments in e-mail message. jburon2@msn.com



Librarian's Corner By Jim Pankiewicz

***The Estuary Fly Fisher* By Steve Raymond**

At 92 pages this is a relatively short book and an easy read. Chapters in this book include: A taste of Salt, The Nature of Estuaries, Pacific Salmon in Northwest Estuaries, Trout and

Char in Northwest Estuaries, Marine Game fish in Northwest Estuaries, The Nature of Tides, Observations of Fish and Tides, So Many Estuaries, So Little Time, Tackle and Tactics, An Assortment of Estuary Fly Patterns.

There is technical information in this book but it is also mixed with Raymond's musings which I personally enjoy-- "In the estuaries there is a curious sense of both distance and intimacy, of silence and sound, of stillness and movement, all somehow conveying the feeling of a primal place, a place close to the origin of things."

Okay, who remembers this? For you old timers, on page 78 there is a small picture of Charlie Walkinshaw playing a Sea-Run Cutthroat in Hood Canal. His father is shown in the background photographing him. Sometime in the late 70's or early 80's Charlie's dad did a program for our club when we were meeting at the Elks. Charlie is wearing an unusual hat. His father explained that Charlie had just returned from Portugal or Spain and that the hat was something worn by the locals.



Washington State Council Fly Plate 2007 By Carl Johnson

The WSCFF is planning a fly tying program for our April 21, 2007 annual meeting in Ellensburg. The event will consist of fly tying, demonstrations and an evening meeting. We would like to have fly tyers from every WSCFFF club, tying their favorite flies. If you are interested in tying at the meeting please contact Vern Jeremica at vern@jeremica.com or (425) 837-9303. You can also contact Carl Johnson for more information.

The Council plans on developing a "Fly Plate" containing flies tied by members from the clubs of the WSCFFF. The fly plate will be auctioned at the event. If you are interested in submitting a fly for the plate please send two flies to Mike Clancy by December 31st. With the flies please include your name and the Evergreen Fly Fishing Club.

Please forward your flies to:

Mike Clancy
2531 Simon Lane N.E.
Olympia, WA 98506
360-753-1259
Email – mtclancy@earthlink.net

With the flies, please send a description of the fly, use for the fly, and where it might be fished.



Fly Tying Classes By Rob Gamage

Yet again, it's getting to be the time of year to start thinking about our Fly Tying Classes! Classes will be twelve

Wednesday evenings of new patterns, techniques, tricks, and stories to give all of us more confidence in front of the vise! The classes will be held at The Stillaguamish Senior Center, located in Smokey point (the same place we have been for the last three years).

Classes will begin on January 3rd, from 7-9 pm, and continuing every Wednesday (except we will skip Feb. 14th, Valentines Day) until we end on March 28th (these dates are listed in your Club Calendar). All you need to bring is your own tying tools and thread. If you don't have fly tying equipment yet, the club has 5 or 6 vises and basic tool sets that would love to be made useful. Just let me know ahead of time and I'll arrange to have them available for you.

This year, for the price of \$25 (members) you get to learn from twelve of the best fly tiers in our club! If you know someone who might be interested, the price for non-members is \$45 (that is still a great price for a 12 pattern fly tying class)!

It is extremely helpful for us to know ahead of time how many tyers to expect. This helps us know how much materials we will need so, I will have sign-up sheets on the tables at the November club meeting. Please be sure to sign up if you want to join us. If you won't be able to make it to the Nov. meeting and, would like to join us, or if you know someone who would be interested, please contact Rob Gamage – 360-691-9997 or

ragflyguy@hotmail.com and I'll get you in! I can't wait to get together again in January!



Conservation By Jesse Scott

Conservation News

The conservation committee, and Dale Dennis in particular, organized a supplemental fish stocking program for Lone Lake. Three other clubs joined us and we raised enough money to buy 300 rainbow trout. The fish were put into the lake (see photo below) last month and indications are that the fishing has been very good. Enjoy the photos.





Club in attendance. Suzan Creek Campground was once again the location for the event. Ted, Gordon and I arrived a day early to do a little scouting around and "pre-fishing" as Gordon likes to call it! A few of the McKenzie's were there early as well. Jeff Grass, their outing chairman, caught a nice fish on Thursday before the competition officially began. It would probably have been big enough to win the event, but that's steelheading! There were a couple of small fish caught during the weekend by McKenzie's, Jeff Grass and Jeff Devore. The fish that officially won the event was nailed by James Foxx; although its head and tail had been whacked, the consensus was that it was the biggest fish. Dan White cooked up a great dinner that was enjoyed by all on Saturday evening. The award presentation was made on Sunday noon to wind up a great weekend.

Fly Earrings By Reed Miller

Some of you have seen the fly earrings I make. I usually donate a couple of pairs for women's prizes at the Christmas party. Here is how I make them. HOOK: I like the Eagle Claw #202, a gold plated, Aberdeen bend, straight eye, long-shank hook. I don't know where to get them locally, but they are available in the Cabela's spring fishing catalog. I first bought them at Wal-Mart in Clarksville, TN.

You will also need the following, which are available at Craft Mart and probably other craft stores.

- 3mm gold colored beads.
- Earrings. I have both silver and gold plated brass ones. You can get real gold from jewelry supply stores. The ones I use have a loop that fits through the ear pierce hole.
- Zap-a-Gap glue.

Prepare your hooks by clipping off the point just ahead of the barb. Next, slide a 3mm bead over the barb so the remaining hook point is covered. Then, give it a small droplet of Zap-a-Gap.

When the glue has set, tie a pair of flies, whatever pattern you wish. I sell these, and Purple Peril is quite popular.



Activities By Gary Medema

Fall Cutthroat Outing

The weather was good, the river was in shape, and the fish were relatively cooperative. There were about 20 members who went out and fished for at least part of the day and many caught a fish or two. Most of the fish were on the small side but a few stretched into the mid-teens. The largest was a 17 inch fish caught by Bruce Swanson; nice fish Bruce! Every one met at Haller Park in Arlington for dinner and weighed in at 5:00 p.m. BBQ hamburgers, potato salad, watermelon and chips were on the menu. There were the usual fish stories and jokes and a picture of Don Korzep's latest nose piercing, courtesy of his girlfriends pin point casting ability. A good time was had by all!

Kalama Cup

September 29th-30th & Oct 1st were the dates for the Kalama Cup held this year on Oregon's North Umpqua River. Six members of the Evergreen Club attended; Doug Nordstrom, Gregory Minaker, Carl Johnson, Ted Lewis, Gordon Swanson and, Gary Medema. There were 17 members of the McKenzie

After the head cement is dry, you can mount the fly on the earring. Open the earring eye-loop with needle-nosed pliers and slide the hook on, making sure the hook point will hang towards the wearer when they put the earring on. Close the loop and the earring is finished

All rods are in excellent condition with socks & rod tubes.

Call Ted Lewis at (360) 435-5748

For Sale
By Gene Smith

For Sale: 8 foot, One man Pontoon Boat, *J.W. Outfitters* “Renegade,” Carlisle Oars, Anchor System, Tackle Bags, Outcast Stripping Apron, Gear Basket. Additional accessories: *Fish On* seat & swivel mount w/Outcast bag/cushion on seat back, *Fishin’ Buddy* fish finder w/convenient front custom mount, Bicycle wheel w/custom mount for portages, Custom rod holder for up to 4 rods,. **\$300.00** Gene Smith at (425) 353-3529



For Sale
By Ted Lewis

Ted has 5 items for sale:

Item	Model	Price
RL Winston Spey Rod Derrick Brown favorite!	15’ 7-8 wtg.	\$550
Sage Spey Rod	5120	\$400
Sage Spey Rod	8150	\$400
Jim Green Fenwick spey rod	-12	\$
Wheatley swing leaf fly box	1642	\$60

All items are at prices listed “**Or Best Offer!**”



EFFC Membership Renewal Form

Membership dues are \$30 for members & \$25 for associate members

Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Member's Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Telephone Number including area code: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Committee Interests: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make check payable to EFFC, fill in the Membership Renewal form, & mail both to the following address:

Mark Simpson
2505-5th Street
Everett, WA 98201



Christmas Dinner Party Reservations **Oberg's Restaurant at the Hawthorne Inn at Smokey Point** **Saturday, December 9th, Wet Fly – 6 pm, Dinner – 7 pm**

Buffet Menu: Salad choices are fresh fruit platter, mixed green salad, Caesar salad, or garlic new potato salad. Entrée's are roasted pork tenderloin, Sirloin beef medallions, and fresh salmon. Your choice of rice pilaf or parmesan rosemary potatoes. Desert choices are cheesecake or carrot cake.

Cost is \$30 and reservations have to be made by December 2nd. Mail reservations to Don Matheisen and make check payable to **EFFC**.

Name: _____

Sign me up for \$ _____ dinners at \$30 per person!

Total enclosed \$ _____ Make check payable to: **EFFC**

Mail to: **Don Mathiesen** or deliver to Don at a club meeting
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