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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 – 3 rd Thursday of the month, 7 pm Village Restaurant

Meeting: January 23, 2007 @ Flying Pig Brewery
Wet Fly – 6:00 p.m. Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Club Program

By Eric Northstrom

Remember when our club decided to give out two \$2000 scholarships to UW Fisheries students as a special way to help commemorate our 50th Anniversary? At January's meeting we are going to have a chance to meet one of those students, Cathy Curran, who will tell us about her Master's Degree research that she recently completed regarding the effects herbicides have on salmon's ability



to smell. The herbicides she studied are commonly used to control nuisance aquatic plants. Aquatic weeds can be a huge problem for a variety of water bodies to both the wildlife in the water and the people who want to use the water. Her research looked at 4 different herbicides and she will be presenting the results of her work, including which of the herbicides

seem to affect salmon and those that don't. It should be interesting to see what our man-made chemicals may or may not be doing to our salmon so we can better educate ourselves about where we need to target our conservation efforts in the future.

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Fly Tying Contest By Rob Gamage

The winner of the last fly tying contest (way back in November) was Gary Medema. Way to go Gary, congratulations!

I will be taking over the Gillie role starting at the January club meeting and I don't think I'll be able to run the front table and the Fly Tying Contest at the same time. I'd like to extend the opportunity for anyone interested to volunteer taking charge of this for the club.

Okay, now back to contest business.

The fly pattern for the January contest is your favorite Leech. Tie it with rabbit strips or lash some Mohair to a hook. Heck, your favorite leech pattern may even be a Woolly Bugger! Whatever it is you like to fish as a leech pattern, bring one in (that you tied) and show it off to the rest of the club, it could very well earn you the \$25.00 prize! Good Luck!

Recipe: Whatever you want...



President's Message By Eric Nordstrom

Here we are in our club's 52nd year of service. It amazes me to think that this year I will have been a member of this club for a decade, but that's nothing when I look around at some of the other members who have shaped and formed the EFFC over the years. I love being a part of this great organization of fly fisherman and how much you get in return with your membership. Which is why I want to remind everyone to send in their annual dues if you haven't yet?

There are still a couple of positions our club greatly needs someone to grab the reins of – Auction Committee and Christmas Party Committee. These are actually two very fun positions to take on and they aren't lonely jobs by any means, because there are always lots of people with experience who are willing to help you out. Please contact me at (425)

304-0825 or enorthstream@aol.com if you're interested. I don't want to wait and have to result to bribery! Also, the position of Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) Representative is open for anyone so inclined to keep the club up to date with issues and act as our liaison. Please contact club member Carl Johnson if you'd like to know more about this.

The fly tying classes have started again, and they're every Wednesday evening through March. I highly recommend attending because they are a fantastic deal for the miniscule fee. All you need to do is just show up with your tools, vise, and \$25.

The board will be meeting on the 21st to set the operating budget for this year and reviewing our finances. I want to quickly remind all that members are always welcome to attend any board meetings. Look forward to seeing you on January 23rd.



Membership By Mark Simpson

Please welcome our newest member, John Low. He's been fly fishing for about 1 year and looks forward to spending time with others who enjoy fly fishing, swap stories, and learn. He has fished in lakes and plans to try stream fishing. John is a teacher in Everett. His sponsor is Mark Simpson.

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I received dues from the following members postmarked on or before December 31. The following names will be in the raffle for the new Bauer reel: J. Townsell, G. Henry, R. Miller, G. Richardson, E. Horn, D. Scott, J. Bernstein, H. Wade, P. Sacks, C. Johnson, G. Medema, F. Moll, J. Harris, G. Swanson, B. Swanson, R. Gamage, D. Snow, R. Morris, P. Beck, W. Mills, J. Spainhower, O. Enstad, B. Borup, D. Bayes, J. Solie, H. Solie, G. Smith, K. Peterson, P. Maher, J. Silvey, N. Wisser, D. Mathiesen, J. Rochford, P. Moore, J. Scott, L. Roxby, G. McKay, J. Grieve, J. Melnick, J. Holmes, N. Cummings, M. Simpson, T. Lewis, M. Edson, B. Bell, D. Wernet, A. Vavra, P. Palmer, M. Travis, J. Ware, G. Minaker, D. Nordstrom, E. Nordstrom, T. Thorsvig, A. Carlson, B. Banks, J. Buron, D. Dennis, K. Larson, C. Ditto, G. Thayer, D. Burgess, J. Pankiewicz.

In January I've received dues from J. Mathiesen, D. Padovan, D. West, J. Larson, M. Schutt, B. Gilbertson, J. Magnussen, N. Sorenson, and our newest member J. Low.

Thanks to all who have paid so far - please check this list to be sure I've received your dues. To all others - please send me your 2007 dues soon.

I plan to use your renewal form, sent with your dues, to verify your data in the master club roster. The 2007-2008 calendars with roster will be printed soon. If I haven't received your dues and renewal form by February 27, 2007 your name may be omitted from the printed roster in the calendar.

Let's make the printed roster as accurate as possible – please send in your dues!

EFFC Renewal Form is on page-8- of Swirl Tips!



Librarian's Corner By Jim Pankiewicz

Dear EFFC Members,

During 2006 our club purchased some exciting and varied titles to add to the club library. Twenty new titles covering such topics as inshore fly fishing, fly fishing Pacific Salmon, knots, leaders, tube flies, desert and high arid lakes, spey casting, steelhead fishing on the OP, Northwest flies, Washington waters, British Columbia waters and much more are now on the shelves. Additionally, I purchased three extensive DVD collections co-produced by Jack Dennis and Cabela's. Listed below are the titles and the authors.

I have very much enjoyed being the club librarian the past three years. I believe that I have provided accountability in terms of money and inventory, plus a user friendly experience for members. At this point I am not going to continue as the club librarian in the capacity in which I have previously served. The job, as I have done it, entails: checking items in and out, talking to members about what they would like in the library, contacting members about overdue items, purchasing new titles, and writing reviews. I would like to give a very sincere thank you to Phil Sax and Paul Thompson for helping with checking items in and out and calling members regarding overdues.

I have spoken with Eric Nordstrom about the job of club librarian. I am willing to continue to search for and purchase new titles along with writing a monthly review of something in the club collection. I am not going to be able to be responsible for checking items in and out. If someone would like to take over that responsibility I would happily help you with purchases and reviews. If someone wants to be club librarian and would like to do the purchases and reviews himself that is totally okay. If someone would like to take over the job and take things in a new direction that is also okay. I guess I'm saying I'm willing to tag team this job with someone but that I don't feel territorial about it

all. I'll search, I'll listen, I'll buy, I'll write; is there someone out there who will check titles in and out?

Author	Title
Hanley, Ken	Fly Fishing the Pacific Inshore
Soucie, Gary	Woolly Wisdom
Probasco, Steve	Probasco's Favorite Northwest Flies
Probasco, Steve	Fly Fishing Desert & High Arid Lakes
Thomas, Greg	Flyfisher's Guide to Washington
Sawada, Ken	The Tube Fly
Thornton, Barry	Saltwater Fly Fishing for Pacific Salmon
Ptalis, Paul	Century End A Fly Tying Journal
Lingren, Art	Famous British Columbia Fly Fishing Waters
Fulsher, Keith	Thunder Creek Flies
Hafele, Rick	Nymph Fishing Rivers & Streams (with DVD)
Galligan, John	The Nail Knot
Gawesworth, Simon et. al	RIO's Modern Spey Casting
Notley, Larry	Fly Leaders & Knots
Streit, Taylor	Instinctive Fly Fishing
Rose, Doug	Steelhead Fly Fishing on the Olympic Peninsula
Lingren, Art	Contemporary Fly Patterns of British Columbia
Dennis, Jack/Cabela's	Jack Dennis Fly Tying DVD Collection
Dennis, Jack/Cabela's	The Skills of Fly Fishing DVD Collection
Dennis, Jack/Cabela's	The Ultimate Fly Tying Collection

Something new for this year will be an unofficial outing to the Yakima River. I hope to have more information on the river and possible lodging etc. in the next month or so.

Three locations for the Spring outing were suggested at the last board meeting. They are; Big Twin Lake, Fish Lake, and Anneas Lake. We will be making a choice at the January meeting so that the location can be published in the new calendar.

For Sale
Equipment for Sale

REEL/LINE combo: Tica Veteran G211 large arbor fly reel with a Rio Wind Cutter Spey line (\$149) with the tips. Size 7/8/9. Excellent/new condition. \$175, Bob Banks 360-659-6164

Reddington 5/6 four-piece rod, Sage reel, line, leader and rod/reel case. Tip/mid flex, excellent caster. Ready to use. New/never used \$250, Bob Banks 360-659-6164

Winston BL5 saltwater rod, 8 wt., 9' - 0", 5 piece \$325

Sage SP, 7 wt., 10' - 0", 4 piece \$295

Scott STS saltwater rod, 10 wt., 9' - 0", 3 piece \$275

Jim Melnick (425) 379 - 9681



Activities
By Gary Medema

Club Activities 2007

- ➔ March 24- Winter Steelhead outing
- ➔ March 31 Unofficial Lone Lake outing
- ➔ April 21 Unofficial Yakima River outing
- ➔ May 18-20 Spring lake outing (location TBD)
- ➔ July 22 Summer Meeting Stilly R. outing – dinner
- ➔ July 27-29 McKenzie – Kalama Cup outing Stilly R.
- ➔ Sept. 16 Stilly R. fall cutthroat outing – dinner
- ➔ Oct. 6-7 Unofficial Dry Falls Lake outing
- ➔ Feb. 28 (08) Winter Steelhead outing day
- ➔ March 28 (08) Unofficial Lone Lake outing day

Ted Lewis has 5 items for sale: **Reduced Prices!**

Item	Model	Price
RL Winston Spey Rod Derrick Brown favorite!	15' 7-8 wtg.	\$500
Sage Spey Rod	5120	\$375
Sage Spey Rod	8150	\$375
Jim Green Fenwick spey rod	16' 11-12 wtg.	\$400
Wheatley swing leaf fly box	1642	\$60

All items are at prices listed "**Or Best Offer!**"

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

Call Ted Lewis at (360) 435-5748



Publications By Jerry Buron

I have received a number of photos from members for this year's EFFC calendar. I could still use a few more if any member out there has a photo they'd like to submit. Digital preferred or regular photos will also work. Send digital photos to my e-mail account at jburon2@msn.com

I'd also like to thank members Jerry Larson and Pat Maher for submitting articles for recent Swirl Tips publication. Thanks also to Bob Bank for his feature article this month on the Harrison River in British Columbia.

I'd encourage others members to submit articles for Swirl Tips in the future. We'd love to read them!



Harrison River By Bob Banks

I have had the very good fortune of fishing the "Harrison" several times with our fellow club member Jerry Buron, and with other friends. Some of you have also shared this experience with Jerry. The river is located in the Fraser River Valley, 125 miles NE of Marysville and is the drainage for Harrison Lake.

The river begins just NW of Harrison Hot Springs, a very popular destination resort community, and flows westerly for about 10 miles to the Fraser River. The Harrison River has a lot of flow, in spite of little elevation difference from its source at the lake to the end at the Fraser. It



rolls along about 4 plus MPH and is about the size of our Skagit River in width. There are no rapids, but there are plenty of sandbars that both Jerry and I have "found" occasionally. In October this past year's very low water levels exposed the bottom of the boat launch, and those sandbars were more of an issue!

My boat is an older 16-foot Wooldridge with an outboard jet and Jerry's is a 13-foot Gregor with a prop. A 13 foot boat with plenty of power, width and freeboard is about as small as you want to get, as most of the boats you see on the river are 20 foot plus inboard jets. This is the minimum two fishermen can get by with on this river, and a fair amount of river savvy and safety is also required.

My trips have always been in October, however, this might be a great river to fish in the early spring before the summer runoff begins. It holds all 5 species of salmon and is reportedly a great cutthroat fishery in the early spring.

In October this is *at least* an 8-weight fishery. The fish will be from 10-20 pounds for the chum, and if you are fortunate (?), you may end up hooked up to a 40# plus King. If you choose to target the Chinook, then you'll need a 10 weight, at least. Heavily weighted flies and fast sinking heads are the order of the day. It is the Fraser Valley, so wind

can be a bit of an adventure, and the phrase "chuck and duck" will develop a whole new meaning.

This trip can easily be a day adventure and a typical trip starts early, 5:00-7:00 AM. with breakfast along the way in Lynden, WA, or Chilliwack, BC. Getting in

to Canada is fairly easy at either the Sumas or Aldergrove (not open before 8:00AM at Aldergrove) crossings, and after a quick stop for a \$22 BC day (about \$90/annual) fishing license (there are at least three places along the way depending on what time you are there) and then to the launch. We get in to our waders

here, climb aboard and make a short run up the river to the “Buron Bar”, where we slide the boat up on the huge gravel bar and get to work! We are generally fishing between 8:30 and 10:30 AM.

The wading is shallow, and most of the fishing is done casting from ankle deep water, or from shore. You need not worry about the back cast as the bar is of mammoth proportions with little or no brush to cause problems. Cast out and upriver to get the fly to the bottom. It is critical the fly gets down to the bottom that is literally covered with fish. The river is typically 6-15 feet deep in the fishing zone.

We are throwing black, chartreuse, purple, peach and cerise colored flies. These are size 1/0 or 2/0 and have 10 –12 turns of lead and dumbbell eyes. Crosscut rabbit is easy to tie and produces a very visible fly with a great deal of movement. When I tie these, I generally cover the lead wraps with



“super glue” prior to wrapping of the rabbit. These flies need to be tough! The barbs **MUST** be pinched down for salmon on this river. It also makes them a bit easier to remove in the event you do not duck appropriately, assuming you do not get KO’d from the impact!

On my most recent trip, one of my fishing partners was “hooked up” before I even had my line through the eyes of my rod. I will admit to having been a bit slow nursing a serious case of elbow problems from my efforts of a couple of weeks prior, and it had put me in the position of a two-handed rod, just to ease the elbow pressure, but no excuses. We eat lunch and rest as required, because it is indeed a workout. On my last outing, three of us landed between 60-80 chums, many of which were foul hooked, all of which were a “handful!” Nothing like an aggravated 18 # chum with a hook in his dorsal fin or tail or the furious head shaking associated with a clean hookup.

We usually have had enough exercise by 3:00 or 4:00 PM and will reluctantly begin the trip back down river. While laughing about our experience, reliving hookups and losses, we start thinking about a bite to eat after crossing the border about an hour away.

Coupled with the many immense eagles constantly overhead, spectacular scenery, and good company, it is an incredible experience. On my trips we have encountered it all for weather, from shirtsleeves in the sunshine, to rain and near gale force winds. This latter event makes for a very interesting ride back as the lower Harrison can develop some pretty serious waves, not fun in a flat bottomed jet boat no matter how slow you go!



Crossing the border back in to the USA can be a bit of an adventure after 9/11, but our crossing guards are generally more interested in where we had been fishing and our success than anything else and have passed us through without many questions. Perhaps being a bit old and gray haired, and dragging a boat behind, have its benefits after all.

Useful Harrison River Information:

Fred's Custom Tackle, Chilliwack, B.C.
(604) 858-7344 www.freds-bc.com

Kent Outdoor Sports, Agassiz, B.C. (604) 796-0006

STS Guide Service www.guidebc.com

Silver Dollar store is a handy place to purchase B.C. fishing licenses. It is right near the Harrison River just across the Harrison River on hwy. 7.

Evergreen Fly Fishing Club
PO Box 221
Everett, WA 98206



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:

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