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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: March 27, 2007 @ Flying Pig Brewery
Wet Fly – 6:00 p.m. Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**

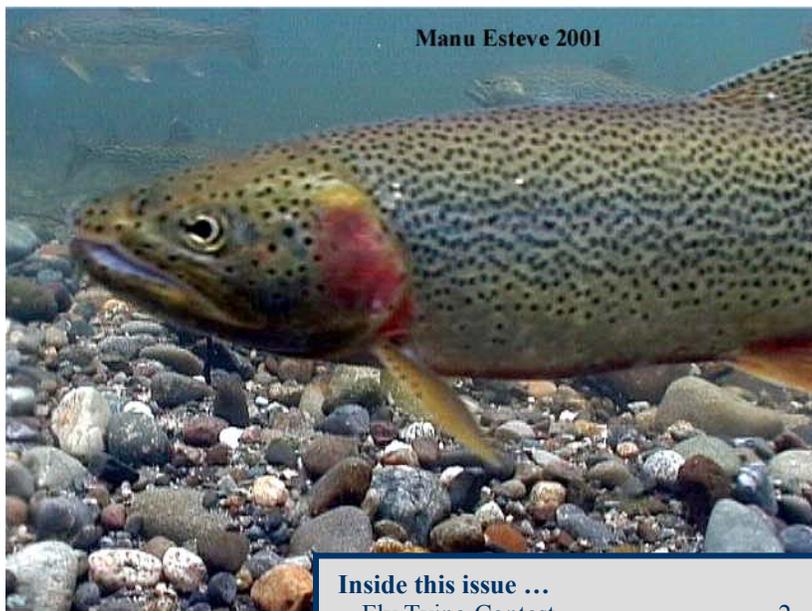


Club Program By Mark Edson

Our February speaker was Todd Seamons, a post doctorate student at the University of Washington. His talk on early maturity in salmon and steelhead was certainly interesting. He mentioned some work that was being done by Manu Esteve in Toronto that included some great fish videos & pictures. As promised, Todd emailed me the link to Manu's site. Manu has done a lot of work with underwater cameras, and some of his pictures and videos are incredible. If you care to visit, it is here

<http://www.zoo.utoronto.ca/manuesteve/UTmanu.html>

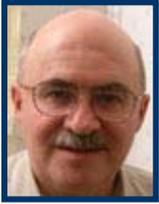
For our March meeting, we will have a pair of speakers, our own Mike Benbow and Gary Medema. Together, they will be sharing a trip that they did on the Bogachiel River and talking about steelhead and sea-run cutthroats. I'm certain it will be interesting. Hope to see you there.



Manu Esteve 2001

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Fly Tying Contest By Joe Bernstein

The winner of last month's fly tying contest was Jesse Scott. His unique PT Flashback nymph caught the attention of plenty of fellow fly tyers. Congratulations Jesse!

The fly pattern for March is your favorite damsel nymph. There are many different patterns for this fly. The history of this fly is hard to trace, but there are several patterns attributed to such well-known tyers as Dave Whitlock, Skip Morris, A.K. Best, Fred Arbona, Randall Kaufmann, and others too numerous to mention.

Recipe: Whatever you come up with! Here are some pictures to get your imaginations running.



President's Message By Eric Nordstom

The Old Farmer's Almanac was correct again predicting that winter's grip would hold on through the end of February into the beginning of March.

The 6 or so inches of snow we received around here on Feb. 28th – Mar. 1st created a beautiful backdrop for fishing along our local rivers, or so I saw through pictures since I wasn't fortunate enough to weasel my way out of work. Now it's starting to feel so warm that the freezing conditions at the beginning of this month are feeling like months ago, not just a couple weeks.

Thanks to the leadership of our past-President and current WSCFFF President, Carl Johnson has been working with our club historian Gordy Swanson to

nominate the EFFC for the FFF's highest tribute any club can receive. The award is named The McKenzie Cup and goes to the club that has made the most significant contribution on behalf of the FFF. Hopefully by mid-July we'll know if our club was chosen to be the recipient of this prestigious award. Many on the board think that given our club's contributions it should be obvious that our club is long overdue to receive this honor.

I would like to remind you that there will be an inaugural Washington Fly Tying Expo put on by the WSCFFF on Saturday, April 21st in Ellensburg. It should be a very fun event and I encourage you to contact Carl Johnson if you would like to attend. Let's support this event to make sure it will become an annual event (admission is only \$5!!!).

Our club still is in need of an auction committee chairman, along with a Christmas Party chairman, contrary to my joke at the last meeting at Joe Bly's expense. I will be resorting to bribery to get someone to step up for either of these positions - remember that you'll have plenty of support from members who have experience at this and the positions really aren't that difficult.

Also, don't forget to renew your annual fishing license which will be expiring next month. The method I prefer is to use the convenient online renewal that WDFW has set up (<https://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov>) where you simply pay with your credit card and they send you your new license in the mail and you can print out an interim receipt that you have paid for your new license. I usually need to do this because it isn't until the night before a fishing trip that I remember that I've forgotten to purchase a new license and don't like making a last minute trip to the store.

Look forward to seeing you all on the 27th... keep those lines wet in the meantime.



Membership By Mark Simpson

Club dues are still overdue for some members. As of this writing most of our members have paid their dues but a few have not yet paid. Calendar year 2007 dues are \$30 for members and \$25 for associate members. Dues checks should be made to EFFC and sent directly to the membership chairman. Please do not send them to the treasurer or to the club's post office box. Please send dues to: Mark Simpson, 2505 5th St, Everett, WA 98201

As of this writing, my records indicate the following members have not paid 2007 dues:

Joel Bell, Brent Flinn, Bill McCampbell, Lyle Melton, Michael Morris.

I believe I've kept an accurate list of dues received. Please contact me directly by phone (425-258-1149) if you believe your name is included on this list in error.

This is the second and final notice of delinquency. Unless your dues are paid your name will be dropped from the member list 30 days after the date this newsletter is mailed out. Please pay your dues and remain as an EFFC member.



Conservation By Jesse Scott

Youth Conservation Camp

Each year our club sends four children to a week long Youth Conservation Camp at Moran State Park in the San Juan Islands. Club members may nominate a child and the Conservation Committee makes the final selection. The only requirement is that the children must be between ages 12 and 16 years of age. The girl's camp is scheduled for July 15-21, 2007 and the Boys camp is July 22-28, 2007. This year the camp has a web site at <http://www.washingtonconservationcamp.org> which answers most questions and also has the required forms. Just fill out the form and give it to Jesse Scott by May 15th. I'll also have the forms at the next two club meetings. Give me a call if you have questions (425) 745-6092 or "gardenfly@comcast.net".

**Moving? ... Didn't get your newsletter?
Changing your phone number or e-mail?
Be sure to notify Mark Simpson at:
425-258-1149 or e-mail at:
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Publications By Jerry Buron

Evergreen Fly Fishing Club Calendars for 2007 are being printed and should be ready to be handed out to members at the March meeting. Be sure to attend and receive your calendar which includes club photos, meeting notices, activities, membership roster, and more!



Activities By Gary Medema

Up-Coming Club Activities

The unofficial Lone Lake outing day is March 31st. Plan to spend the day at Lone Lake. Early reports have been good. There should be plenty of club members there to make it a fun day.

The unofficial Yakima River outing is April 21st. If you want to make a weekend of it, camping is available at Yakima R V Park, www.yakimarv.com or 509-925-4734. There is also a Fly Tying Expo in Ellensburg on the 21st as well. Contact the Evening Hatch at 866-482-4480 for current river conditions and hatches.

The Spring Outing will be May 18-20 at Big Twin Lake Resort near Winthrop. A sign up sheet for dinner will be started at the March meeting. Dinner this year will be \$12 per person for the usual steak, beans, potatoes, salad, rolls and cake.



“Sunnies” By Reed Miller

I recently read that lakes Lenice and Nunnally are infested with sunfish, again! This is a recurring cycle of infestation, poisoning and restocking. But, I digress.

This reminded me of the old days when I lived in Longview, WA. On Memorial Day weekend I would drive to Coeur d’ Alene, Idaho and run the Coeur d’ Alene marathon.

I would take a day of vacation on Friday to drive over. Saturday morning I would run the race, usually winning my age division (40-49). Saturday

afternoon and evening were for recovery – running 26.2 miles is hard work.

Sunday morning I would head for the Potholes area to fish. A bit of research would give me some good ideas where to fish. I’d camp Sunday night, and then fish again until mid-day Monday before going back home.

Anyway, one of those Mondays I hiked into Nunnally to do a little fishing before fighting the traffic on I-90. I’d read there were sunfish there, but I was overwhelmed by their numbers. Schools of them were everywhere on the shallow shelves. Different schools had different sized fish.

I’d read these fish were good to eat, so I figured, what the Hell. They were easy to catch, and I just threw the little ones up into the sagebrush. When I had a good batch of fish that looked big enough to eat, I headed home.

They were a lot of work to clean, but, yes, they tasted damn good.



WSCFFF By Carl Johnson

WSCFFF Fly Tying Exposition and Annual Meeting

The WSCFFF will be holding their Inaugural Fly Tying Exposition and Annual Meeting in Ellensburg, WA on April 21st. The **Fly Tying Exposition** will be held in the Hal Holmes Center from 9 am to 5pm. The center is located at 209 N Ruby St. The cost of admission to the Fly Tying is \$5.00 and will be collected at the door. We will have four 2-hour tying sessions: 9:00 am-11:00 am, 11:00 am- 1:00 pm, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, and 3:00 pm-5:00 pm. The tiers will feature a variety of fly patterns from complex full dress Atlantic Salmon flies to presentation flies, to fishing flies.

The **Annual Meeting** will be held that evening at the Ellensburg Inn, 1700 Canyon Road. The meeting will start at 6:00 pm with a reception and a no host bar. A buffet dinner of London Broil and Salmon Fillet will be served at 7:00 pm. The dinner will be followed with a brief business meeting,

which will include introduction of the candidates for election and the announcement of Council awards. This will be followed by the auction/raffle and speaker. Our speaker for the evening dinner is CPT. Eivind Forseth. He is a participant and project coordinator in Project Healing Waters (PHW) at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, DC. CPT. Forseth was injured in Iraq in January 2005 from an explosive device. PHW teaches wounded service members the adaptive skills of fly fishing and fly tying as emotional, occupational and physical therapy. CPT. Forseth delivered the keynote address at the FFF 2006 Conclave in Bozeman, MT. Several members of the council have heard CPT. Forseth speak. He comes highly recommended by the council.

Reservations are required for dinner. The cost is \$30 and includes admission to the Fly Tying Exposition. Tickets must be purchased by April 14th. Please contact Carl Johnson (425-308-6161) flyfishalso@verizon.net or talk to Carl at our next meeting.

The Council has arranged for a block of rooms to be held at the Ellensburg Inn for the Friday and Saturday nights. Available are single Queen rooms and Rooms with two Double beds. The rates are \$72 for the Queen and \$76.50 for the double plus tax. Please make your reservation directly with the Ellensburg Inn at 509-925-9801. Mention the Washington State Council Federation of Fly Fishers (WSCFFF) to get this rate.

PRESS RELEASE

By Dick Nye

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YOUTH FLY FISHING SUMMER CAMP OFFERED

The Washington Council Trout Unlimited and the Washington State Council, Federation of Fly Fishers jointly announce that applications are being accepted from youth, ages 12 to 16 to attend the annual Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy. The Academy will be held from

June 24 – 30 at the Gwinwood Conference Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey, Washington. It was established in 2004 to educate youths about the importance of natural resources conservation and stewardship, and to provide an introduction to the sport of fly fishing. The weeklong summer camp is modeled after the nationally acclaimed award winning Pennsylvania Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp held annually in Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania. The Olympia Chapter Trout Unlimited and the South Sound Fly Fishers are the hosting organizations.

The curriculum is structured to provide students with a background in fundamental science and includes lessons in ecology, hydrology, aquatic entomology, invasive species, watersheds, wildlife management, and fish behavior. Participants also learn the essential fly fishing skills that include fly casting, fly tying, fly selection, streamside ethics and etiquette, knot tying, reading water, and water safety.

Twenty-four youths who show an interest in the outdoors and fly fishing will be selected to attend. The Academy is co-educational with acceptance based upon a candidate's written essay indicating his/her desire to attend and the expectations she/he hopes to learn from it.

The deadline for applications is April 15, 2007. Total cost, including meals and lodging, is \$275. Scholarships may be offered through local Trout Unlimited chapters and fly fishing clubs. Fly fishing rods, reels, and fly tying equipment will be available.

For application brochure or additional information contact Dick Nye at (360) 491-9227 or e-mail 2007academy@comcast.net.



I finally remembered—red with hunter, white with fisherman.

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