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The Presidents Message

By Dennis LeMaster

A little more time than usual was spent on the budget this year, and for good reason. While EFFC is currently in sound financial condition, we want it to stay that way.

To do that, a plan is needed, a financial plan, which is what a budget is and what the Board developed on 1 February.

We are planning to run a balanced budget at \$25,710.

Our costs will probably go up this year. For example, rental of the room for this year's fly tying class went from \$360 to \$540, and if it were not for the pleas of Bob Banks, our able treasurer, the rent would have gone much higher, in excess of \$900. A committee has been formed to look into financing fly-tying the class.

Food prices will also go up this year. You may have already heard complaints from your spouse. There is a serious global food crisis due to droughts and floods. Indeed, world food prices hit a world record in January, driven by increases in the prices of wheat, corn, sugar, and oils. Cacao, for you chocolate lovers, has risen over 150 percent in the past two years. So prices for food at the Pacific Rim will likely go up, particularly for events like our annual Christmas Party, and we should be prepared to adjust.

Recovery from the recent recession--however slow in terms of employment--is providing significant income opportunities. Equity markets are strong. A committee will be formed from the Board in the very near future to explore investing EFFC long-term assets in equity mutual funds. Currently these assets are invested in CDs and are earning returns of about one percent. Equity mutual funds should earn significantly more, even double digit returns, increasing EFFC's interest income.

The principal source of EFFC income is the auction held in the fall each year. Last year, \$4626 was netted, which was good considering the weak economy. We should do better next fall. A 15 to 20 percent increase is well within reach. It is just a question of donations and assembling a good number of enthusiastic bidders, each of which are manageable.

We know what EFFC is about, the subject of last month's "President's Message." And we have the wherewithal to deliver it.

The task that remains is just good stewardship

MEETINGS

General Meeting – 4th Tuesday of the month, 7 pm (6 pm Wet Fly hr.) Pacific Rim Ballroom
Board Meeting – 1st Tuesday of the month, 7 pm (6 pm dinner) Village Restaurant
Conservation Committee Meeting – 3rd Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm Village Restaurant

Up and Coming Events

March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Board Meeting 1	Fly Tying Class 2	3	4	5
6	7	ST Cutoff 8	Fly Tying Class 9	10	11	12
13	14	15	Fly Tying Class 16	Conservation Meeting 17	18	Unofficial Lone Lake Outing 19
20	21	EFFC Meeting 22	Fly Tying Class 23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Schedule

Feb 22

EFFC Meeting

March 19th

Unofficial Lone Lake Outing

March 22

EFFC Meeting



Library

By Jake Jacobson

Thanks to the many folks who bought books last month and thanks go to the board members who took books to used book dealers after the sale. All in all it was a big success! And our library is down to a svelte and more manageable 223 books and 60 DVDs. But, because every library needs updates, our plan is to purchase a few newer DVDs in the coming months. I would like your suggestions. When I looked at Amazon.com for fly tying DVDs I saw that there were over 190 different DVDs available. Help! Which ones? Please email me at jjacobson1@gmail.com with your requests.

Also, remember the new checkout rules. You have free checkout from one meeting to the next, but there is now a fee of \$1/item for each item not returned. Alibis are not accepted. Ha. It is the responsibility of each member to return items borrowed in a timely manner so that others have access to them when you are finished. If you want to keep an item for a longer period, you must still bring it back to the meeting for re check-out. Remember, the intent of the fine is only to help you remember to return items.

Individuals with overdue materials include:

Mike Schutt,
Gregory Minaker,
John Silvey,
Steve Britsch,
Bruce Turner and
Rob Gamage.

Please return your materials (if you want to avoid a late fee).



Publications

By Bruce Turner

Its that time of year again.

This years calendar is coming to a close, now its time to create next years.

As always I need help from all of you. I know you have taken pictures throughout the year and have pictures stored deep in the recesses of your hard drive.

So bring them out and send them to me.

I would like to use some of them for the calendar and post a few to the web site.

Don't be shy any picture of fishing is a great picture.

I can receive them by E-mail or bring them on disk to the February meeting.

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Pictures of People , Places and of course Fishing all make for a Great Calendar!



Fly Tying Contest

By John Gattinella

For this month's meeting, we are again trying to synch up our fly tying contest with the Wednesday night classes. So for our contest this month, our fly is the one you will be tying on Wednesday the 16th, which is a damsel nymph pattern. Your instructor is the master of the vise, Dale Dennis. This is a great pattern for many of the lakes here in the Northwest. I've had some very productive days using this nymph pattern in the spring at Dry Falls and some of the lakes in that area, as well as Lake 16 on this side of the mountains.



I know that Dennis will have a great pattern for you, and with 40 "students" in the class, we should have a bunch of flies at our meeting. Please bring them in for us to see! Here are a couple examples of damsel fly nymphs.



"IF FISHING IS INTERFERING WITH YOUR BUSINESS, GIVE UP YOUR BUSINESS."

~ BY ALFRED W. MILLER ~



Membership

By Gary Iverson

A hearty thank you and congratulations to Ron Pera for paying his 2011 dues before December 31, 2010 and winning that beautiful 5/6 wt. reel in last month's membership drawing. Nicely done!

For those members who not yet paid your 2011 membership dues, please send dues to me before February 28, 2011 to have your names included in the 2011-12 calendar. For the twenty-three members listed below, please pay your dues before the end of this month. Club by-laws provide that individuals who are delinquent in the payment of dues may not participate in club sponsored events.

2011 dues remain affordable at \$30.00 for members and \$25.00 for associate members. Please make your checks payable to the Evergreen Fly Fishing Club.

Send your dues to:

Gary Iverson
EFFC Membership Chairman
5513 Ocean Avenue
Everett, WA 98203-1310



Members who not yet paid.

Loren Bly
Gregory Minaker
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Mike Scott
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Paul Tetzlaff
Adam Larson
Doug Tuengel
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Hank Wade
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February Speaker

Our speaker for January our one and only **Mike Benbow!**

Come one come all

Mike is prepared to enrich our lives with some fine fishing information.



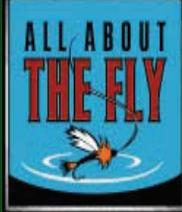
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Member's Address:

Mailing Address (if different):

Telephone Number including area code:

E-Mail Address:

Committee Interests:

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____