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The Presidents Message

By John Gattinella



Well it's a new year and I hope everyone had a great Christmas/New Year holiday. I know I had a wonderful holiday season enjoying Christmas with the family and having dinner with friends (fishing friends, of course). I even got to spend a little time on the water. One of the other things that I always do during this time of year is something that many of us do - reflect on the past year and make our plans and resolutions for the upcoming one. As I got to thinking about comments and suggestions that many of you have told me

during the past year, it became clear to me how I might be able to contribute to the club. And so this year as president I plan to focus on two areas.

The first area of focus is the administrative aspect of the club. Last year with **Dennis LeMaster** and **Rob Gamage** leading the Board, we began updating the club's Policies & Procedures, as well as the Bylaws. This year I plan to finish that job. I am working on having a set of updated, proposed Bylaws to you in time for a vote in February.

The other area that I will focus on will be our members. From comments that you guys have made to me, I would like to see what we can do to re-energize the club. It is becoming apparent that our club is going through the typical generational changes that most organizations experience, where younger guys (in our case 40- 50+ yrs old, a few who are younger) have joined, or are interested in joining our club, and would like to get more out of their experience. Some of this ranges from learning more about fishing techniques, including the latest techniques talked about in fishing circles and books, casting techniques, and fishing tactics. Others want more help in learning where to fish and what flies are best in that fishery. While still others are expressing interest in more conservation/restoration projects where they can physically pitch in and feel some sense of accomplishment while giving back to the community. These are all valid interests and some are easily doable with a little extra help from some of our more experienced senior members. And we have some financial resources available if the activity makes sense.

In order to see what activities and projects make sense for the club, I believe we need an overall plan that helps us map out where we might want to go. To that end, I have asked Dennis LeMaster to form a strategic planning committee that will put together that map based upon your ideas and comments. Yes I know that the comments will range from keeping things just as they are to doing some far out and expensive projects. And all of this is good stuff that Dennis's committee can sort out and use as part of that plan. I also believe strongly that this will help us in finding ways to get more of our members re-engaged into the club which can only make us better.

Well, in my first message I've shared with you some of my thoughts, and as you can see, this should be an interesting year for our club. Now, let's go fishing! Happy New Year!

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, 7 pm Village Restaurant



February 2012

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

Schedule

January 28th

Winter Fishout

February 1st

Fly Tying Continues



Awards

By Paul Wiltberger

The following is a list of the awards presented at the 2011 Christmas Party. Winners of the “Big Fish” category were:

- * Trout (in state) **Jim Pankiewicz**
26” Rainbow Trout
- * Trout (out of state) **Patrick Maher**
29” Blackwater Rainbow
- * Steelhead – Summer **Oclair Enstad**
31” Methow Steelhead
- * Smallmouth Bass **Jake Jacobson**
18 ½ “ Smallmouth Bass
- * Carp **Jim Pankiewicz**
34” Common Carp
- * Kalama Cup **Paul Wiltberger**
25” Steelhead
- * Fall Cutthroat + Fishout **Alex Dorchak**
17” Cutthroat

Our two “Service Recognition” awards recipients were:

- * The Charles Clevis Memorial Award for Conservation (also known as the Empty Creel Award) went to **Jake Jacobson**.
- * The Karl Haufler Perpetual Fly Tying Award was given to **Jerry Buron**.

The Golden Sucker Perpetual Award was passed from Jake Jacobson to **Dennis LeMaster** for his exceptional and borderline effulgence while attempting to catch a big fish.

That’s it for 2011. Please submit your fishing affidavits and service award nominations for 2012 to the Awards Committee.

Tight Lines!





Fly Tying Contest

By Anthony Scicluna

January's Fly is your favorite **Spey Fly**. Good luck and let get plenty of entries in this month.

Some of the sleekest, raciest fly patterns are the speys. Of equal importance, fished under the correct conditions, speys are deadly.

Speys are pattern style versus a strict pattern and as such there isn't any constriction on how or what to tie. This style is characterized by long flowing soft hackle that gives movement under very slight pressure. It's a style that the thinking tier/anglers will have the greatest success with. Though they have gained a great resurgence lately there is a great deal of misunderstanding both in the tying and fishing of speys.

Spey flies have been in existence from the 1850's. Developed on the Scottish river that carries it's name, the spey patterns had a great deal of popularity when the Atlantic Salmon runs were heavy. Though most Atlantic fly patterns are attractors, the tying, and the color of the speys many attributed to that of a prawn/shrimp imitator.

In the northwest United States, about a hundred years later a one man fly tying renaissance named Syd Glasso started tying and fishing speys. Not only was Syd a world class tier, but a thinker and a suburb angler.

Syd saw the potential of the long soft hackle melded it with a contemporary look, viewed it with an artistic eye to be pleasing to both fish and fisherman and the spey renaissance was born.

Syd was an angler first, so it was important that speys caught steelhead. His sense of tying history allow him the leeway of know what had been done and where it could go. He was constantly experimenting. His initial hackle point wings were close to the shank, Then Syd raised the angle higher. Still not getting the desired effect he used 2 sets of hackle point wings, each pair set at different angles. The body and the hackle didn't allow the diversity of different winging styles/materials to fit the varied conditions. Here was a style of fly that could be tied/varied for water flow.

Spey fly are what you make of it. There are no right on wrongs. The sole judge being the fish. In action the long hackles allow the illusion of life, with its movement.

An usually sign of a knowledgeable angler/tier is upon changing a fly is an inspection of the fly's action. Dropping it off the rod tip so it's visible, pulling it thru the water at different speeds to see if it's providing the desired action for the conditions at hand.



"Fly-fishers are usually brain-workers in society. Along the banks of purling streams, beneath the shadows of umbrageous trees, or in the secluded nooks of charming lakes, they have ever been found, drinking deep of the invigorating forces of nature - giving rest and tone to over-taxed brains and wearied nerves - while gracefully wielding the supple rod, the invisible leader, and the fairy-like fly."

~by James A. Hensall,
MD, 1855~





Membership News

By Gary Iverson

Members who have not yet mailed me your 2012 dues, may I encourage you to do so before the end of the month. Pursuant to section 4.7 of clubs bylaws, dues are considered delinquent after the January membership meeting. An individual who is delinquent in the payment of dues may not participate in club sponsored activities. Dues remain at \$30.00 for members residing in Snohomish County and \$25.00 (Associate Members) for those who reside outside Snohomish County. Dues are necessary for club operations, so please pay them on time. Send your 2012 dues to Gary Iverson at the address listed below and note any changes to your address, telephone number(s), email, etc. Please send checks only - no cash.

As of this writing, the following members need to send me your dues payment.



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| Dale Bly | Gregory Minaker |
| Steve Britsch | Dennis Myers |
| Mike Cairus | Charlie Ricketts |
| Carlos Ditto | Mark Simpson |
| Brent Flinn | Gene Smith |
| Ted Lewis | Paul Thompson |
| John Low | Ed Werlich |
| Bernard McCauley | Paul Wiltberger |
| Dale McCollum | Skinner Wood |



EFFC Membership Renewal Form is located On the Last Page.



Monthly Club Dinners

By John Gattinella



A large number of you commented at our November meeting that the buffet dinner we had that night was delicious and preferred it over the 4 set dinner choices we've had in the past. So, starting this month, January, we will have buffet dinners at our monthly club meetings.

The owners of the Pacific Rim Ballroom will provide a buffet that will have at least one or two entrees and will vary each month. Because of the variety they will offer, we need to know if any club member has



a serious allergy to any particular food. If you have any serious food allergy that we should know about, please email that information to Jake Jacobson. The folks at Pac Rim want to make sure that everyone in the club who is having dinner, can do so safely, and will try to provide alternatives to those with serious allergies to a particular food. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Jake or me. Also, we want to clarify that the bar for the regular monthly meetings will only serve beer and wine, as well the usual soft drinks they provide. And finally, the owners of Pac Rim have assured us that the doors to the meeting room will be opened on time, the heat on as appropriate, and the restroom is clean. See you at the meeting!



Speaker Of The Month

By John Gattinella



For January, we have an opportunity to hear from one of the foremost fly fishermen in our area, Preston Singletary. Preston lives in the Arlington area and is an avid fisherman for cutthroats. He has also acquired a great deal of knowledge about insect entomology over the years. And, after having written a few articles about aquatic insects, and having been exposed to the woeful lack of knowledge concerning entomology in a large segment of the fishing populace, he has put together an extremely non-technical presentation about some of the aspects of aquatic entomology, which he believes will be of interest to the fly angler. Preston has also written a "product and book review" column for Flyfishing & Tying Journal since 1995. Please join us as this should be a very informative evening.

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Library News

By Jake Jacobson

At the Christmas Dinner someone at a different table mentioned the word *steelhead*. Almost immediately someone at our table turned and said “*steelhead*, what's that?” I know the person made the comment with “tongue in cheek” but nonetheless your library has several answers to the question that had been posed. With the shortened season for our local rivers it may be too late to invest time and energy into steelhead, but take a look at some of what our library has to offer.

Steelhead DVDs

Catching More Steelhead	Jim Teeney
Steelhead Legacy	Lani Walker
Steelheading Outside the Box	Scott Howell

Steelhead Books

Steelhead Fly Fishing Journal, Vol. 1	Amato Publications
Steelhead Waters	Bob Arnold
Steelhead Fly Fishing and Flies	Trey Combs

These are just some of what our library has to offer on the subject. Your library has books and DVDs on nearly all aspects of fly fishing.

And don't forget we have some new material also – last month's Swirl Tips mentioned our new copy of the DVD “Fly Fishing Still Waters – Chironomid Techniques” presented by Brian Chan and Don Feschi and Ray Gould's book “Fly Fishing for Kamloops Trout”.

Check out the material in your library, who knows, with a little help even you may be able to answer the question, “steelhead, what's that?”.

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EFFC Membership Renewal Form – Year 2012

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

Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Telephone Number including area code: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Committee or Board Interests: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please send your check payable to EFFC along with the completed the renewal form (above) to the following address:

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