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# Swirl Tips

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**Meeting: Nov. 27th, 2012 @ The Pacific Rim Ballroom**  
**Wet Fly – 6:00 p.m. Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Location Address: 3228 Marine Drive Northeast, Tulalip, WA**



## The Presidents Message

By John Gattinella

So we are now heading into the winter months, the steelheaders' favorite time, the lake guys' not-so-favorite time, and salt guys' least favorite time. But the holidays are fast approaching, and if you can't fish, then eat!

Regarding the holidays, our annual Christmas party is just around the corner. It will be December 8th at the Pacific Ballroom. Jim Pankiewicz is providing all the details elsewhere in this month's newsletter. It's always a fun time and this year should be no different. I got to see the list of fishing items to be raffled and it looks great. And Bruce Turner's wife, Lavanda, will be shopping again this year for the non-fishing items. She does an awesome job - you're a lucky man, Bruce! We will also be having our second annual food drive, so please bring in a shopping bag, or more, to the Christmas Party. This was a great success last year and the food bank really appreciated it.

On the business side, new candidates for the vacant officers' posts have been received and the Board has approved the nominations. Meanwhile, the Budget & Finance committee has gotten a head start on the 2013 budget. The committee chairs have submitted their proposals to the Budget & Finance Committee, and some adjusting will occur between now and the first of the year when it will be presented to the Board. Regarding committees in general, my expectation is to see our new members be incorporated into the various committees. This does two things: it obviously helps that particular committee (some are currently 1-man committees!) and it helps the new members in becoming involved in the club and offering an opportunity for them to meet some of the folks. We need help, so please don't be shy about signing up.

And speaking of help, the entire Auction team led by Mike Schutt and Don Bayes did a fantastic job! The auction was a real success. The people who bid got some great items, and the ones who got the guided trips are going to have a great time with their expert guides. I must admit that while Don is absolutely the best auctioneer going, his protégé, Mike, is getting pretty darn good. Nice job guys, we'll look forward to next year's auction.

Finally, don't forget that this month's meeting is the "Ole Timer's" meeting. If you know one of our senior members, or live near one, see if they need a ride and bring them along. It's the club's version of Homecoming.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving and don't eat too much!

### 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



## Schedule

December 8th

Christmas Dinner

January 2nd

Fly Tying Classes Begin

January 26th

Winter Fishout



# December 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	Board Meeting 4	5	6	7	X-Mass Dinner 8
9	10	ST Cutoff 11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	Conservation Meeting 20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



## November Speaker

By Jim Pankiewicz

Jim will be doing a video presentation on catching Carp on the fly.

Jim Pankiewicz has been an avid fly fisherman since 1971. He has caught many species of trout, four species of Pacific Salmon, Atlantic Salmon (planted in a lake) Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, and several other species of fish. His favorite species to fish for is Carp. They are big, smart, strong, wary, and in so many ways the world's greatest sport fish.



November is also "old timers night". Gordon Swanson will be exhibiting some of our very cool club memorabilia



# Annual Auction!

By Mike Scuhrt

**Thanks** to everyone who supported our club by donating some of their gear and other things to the 2012 auction, and to our illustrious auctioneer, Don Bayes. I swear that a couple times I actually saw him walk out into the crowd and hang a couple guys up by their ankles until every last penny fell out of their pockets, but maybe I'm just delusional?

And thanks to all the guys who helped out with the setup, running & take-down of the auction and banquet room. A big thanks to Jake for helping me to keep the numbers straight during the feeding frenzy. We met our forecasted revenue, thanks to your generosity.

As usual, the great selection of trips, art work, and boxes of member-tied flies really helped to bring in some money. We also had a very pleasant surprise when Carl Johnson offered to sell a second trip to his cabin on the Clark Fork in Montana.

Some of the items sold were from our local fly shops, as well as other local businesses.

Please remember to mention that you belong to the EFFC, and thank them for their support of your club's activities when you patronize them, and thanks to Jake Jacobson for pounding the pavement to gather donations from the following:

- Pacific Fly Fishers**
- Avid Angler**
- Ted's Sporting Goods**
- John's Sporting Goods**
- Harbor Marine**
- Sisters' Restaurant**
- Patty's Egg Nest**

Thanks again for making the 2012 EFFC Auction a success.



## For Sale

For Sale: Sage 9140-4 Graphite III 7 3/8 oz Spey Rod + Rio Line + Real \$350.

Has only been used 4 or 5 times, plus a few practice outings.

Contact

Dave Nunnally

1410 Alpine View Dr.

Mount Vernon, WA 98274-8724

Phone: 360-422-3589

Cell: 971-226-5270

email: dvnunnally@gmail.com

**Christmas Party Dinner Reservations**  
**The Pacific Rim Ballroom**  
**Saturday, December 8th 2012– Wet Fly – 6 pm, Dinner – 7 pm**

After the clubs controbution the final cost to you is \$30.00 per person. There will be two entrees and five side dishes. Hot and cold drinks will be provided with the price of admission. There will be a no-host, full bar. Reservations have to be made by November 27<sup>th</sup>. You can mail your reservations to Jake Jacobson or hand them directly to him at a club meeting and make check payable to **EFFC**.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Please make check payable to: **EFFC**

Mail to: **Jake Jacobson or deliver to Jake at a club meeting**  
**912 5th St**  
**Mukilteo Wa. 98275**



## Fly Tying Classes

By Mike Benbow

Here's a reminder that the club will be holding its fly tying class again this year at the Rose Hill civic center in Mukilteo. It will start on a Wednesday night in early January and continue each Wednesday for 12 weeks.

As we did last year, we'll need to sign up through the civic center. I'll send info on the cost and the number to call later, but I wanted everyone to be thinking about the class. If you're interested in tying at a class, send me an e-mail with what you've got in mind.

I'm at [mikejbenbow@gmail.com](mailto:mikejbenbow@gmail.com).

After several years of putting the classes together, both Carlos Ditto and Les Bouck have stepped down. The next time you see them, thank them for a job well done. That provides a volunteer opportunity for someone who would like to work with me on the classes. If you interested in fly tying, want a chance to get to know other members in something other than a meeting environment, or if you just want to help the club, e-mail or give me a call at 360-913-3565



Or if you have any comments about the classes, good or bad, or just want to talk about the types of flies you'd like to see in class, again e-mail or call.

Mike Benbow



**Get Ready  
For Fly Tying!**





# Membership News

By Gary Iverson



For those of you who have mailed me your 2013 membership dues, a hearty Thank You! Your dues are an important source of club revenue and we value your support. For those members who have not yet sent your dues, may I encourage you to do so at your earliest convenience. Dues remain at \$30.00 for members residing in Snohomish County and \$25.00 (Associates) for those who reside outside Snohomish County. Dues are necessary for club operations, so please pay them on time.

Please send your 2013 dues payable to the EFFC with the form below. Do not send dues to the club's post office box. Please note any changes to your address, telephone number(s), email, etc. Send checks only - no cash.

## 2013 EFFC Membership Renewal Form

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number including area code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee or Board Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

# Membership Dues

### Service Badges

As mentioned in last month's news letter, I have been reviewing our roster to determine who qualifies to receive a 20-year (silver) or 30-year (gold) service badge. In our membership database, we know when a member joined the club but do not have on record is who actually received a silver or gold badge. So, if you have 20 or 30 years of continuous service and have not received a silver or gold badge, please let me know and I'll order one for you. There's no cost - it's one of the many benefits of club membership. Just send me a note and I'll get the badges ordered.

Also, several members listed below do not have email service but each of them qualify for a silver/gold badge. If you are in contact with these members, please ask if they want a silver/gold badge.

Dick Greaves, Edward Horn, Hank Wade and Ed Werlich.

Thanks for your help.

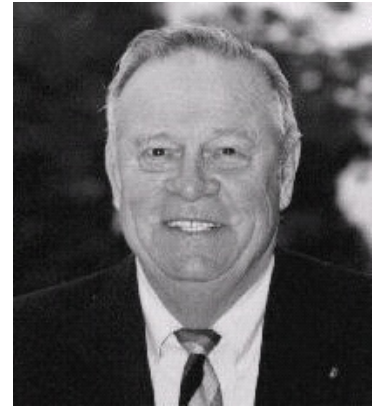


## Former EFFC Member Passes

**Bill Nelson**, a former president of the Evergreen Fly Fishing Club and a founder of the Federation of Fly Fishers, died in late October in Eugene.

Bill moved to Eugene for business in the early 1960s and founded the McKenzie Flyfishers there. He was the new club's first president and used it to back his idea of forming a national federation of fly fishers. It's an idea that Bill discussed with his friends at the Evergreen club during regular trips at the Grande Ronde River to fish for summer-run steelhead.

There was a conclave of fly fishers in 1965 in which the federation was founded, and Bill was instrumental in making that happen. In 1990, he was awarded the Order of Lapis Lazuli, the federation's highest honor. Bill retired from his regular job at age 50 and became a well known saltwater fly fishing guide at April Point resort in British Columbia. Many of his salmon patterns have become institutions in Northwest fly fishing lore, including his Mrs. Nelson pattern. Bill will be missed.



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# What's in a Name?

By Paul Wiltberger

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife defines trout as follows: "...the term 'trout' includes rainbow trout, steelhead, brook, brown, cutthroat, tiger, golden, lake trout, and Kokanee, as well as landlocked Chinook, Coho, Atlantic salmon, and grayling." \* The minimum size limit for trout on the Stillaguamish river system is 14 inches. What are these 14 inch and larger trout that inhabit the Stillaguamish and its tributaries?

A "rainbow trout" 14 inches or larger in the Stilly system is either a jack steelhead or a steelhead that did not go down to the saltwater (a resident rainbow trout). Both have the same genetics as protected wild steelhead. It has been demonstrated in both the scientific and legal opinions that jack steelhead and rainbow trout are an important component of the potential gene pool of wild stocks. This pool includes both summer and winter run steelhead on the Stillaguamish.

"Cutthroat" refers to a coastal cutthroat in the Stilly drainage. This wild anadromous trout is currently protected in all marine environments. The coastal cutthroat 14" or larger are on a spawning run when in the Stilly drainage in late fall.

Though not defined as a trout in the WDFW rules pamphlet, the bull trout 14" or larger is often regarded as a trout by the fishermen. This fish is widely protected elsewhere.

With few exceptions, these "trout" may be harvested throughout the Stillaguamish river drainage. It is inconsistent regulation and detrimental to the health of our wild anadromous fish stocks to kill them within their natal river. The daily limit of 2 trout per fisherman has a significant impact on wild fish numbers.

Currently several tributaries are limited to catch and release from the first Saturday in June until October 31<sup>st</sup>. After November 30<sup>th</sup> these wild fish may be harvested. Canyon Creek is the exception and is closed throughout the open season.

It is doubtful that WDFW has current data to support these regulations. Limited budgets preclude the annual complete evaluation of the Stillaguamish watershed.

Seasonal high water events, slides, and resource management can and do alter the capacity of the river system to support wild stocks of fish. Change can happen quickly and result in outdated regulations. The loss is not noticed until after it has occurred.

We have few selective "Blue Ribbon" waters west of the Cascade mountains. Fishermen travel elsewhere to enjoy their sport and spend their monies. Taking home a limit is not the goal of these active fishermen. They seek wild fish in their natural environment. Maximizing license revenue does not represent wise resource management. It has been demonstrated elsewhere that protected waters generate significant monies for local communities. Money talks.

What does it take for WDFW to alter their policy regarding wild fish stocks in the Stillaguamish watershed? It would be difficult to ignore the voice of concerned fishermen if they publicly protested WDFW regulations. Writing letters to the media, sending letters to politicians, and supporting local clubs will help. Public pressure to change WDFW regulations will make a difference.

Let's recognize the "trout" in the Stillaguamish for what they are: they are wild fish that need our protection. WDFW will find it difficult to defend inconsistent regulations for the Stillaguamish drainage when fishermen publicly demand a change. We are asking for the entire Stillaguamish river system to be a catch and release fishery for all wild fish stocks.

- WDFW Sport Fishing Rules Effective May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013

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# Take A Tour With Jerry



Sage Factory Tour  
By Jerry Buron



Recently my good friend Jack Gobel made me a very generous offer on a Sage fly rod. I used it at Dragon Lake in Canada this spring and fall to see if it was as good as Jack said it was. The first time I put it together and made my first cast I liked the way it handled. About an hour later I hooked and landed a ten pound Kamloops rainbow and was immediately in love with this rod. During the summer I decided that it would be nice to ensure I'd always have this rod, and another favorite rod, with me including a spare tip in the event of breaking a tip section. So I called Sage and was pleased to hear they have a new program where you can get a spare tip made for almost any of their rods. They aren't inexpensive but if you're on a trip and break your favorite rod, which I've done several times, it would certainly be worth it.

Wanting to make sure I got it right, I called Sage on a Monday morning and arranged to bring

both rods to them and thought it would be nice to see if I could arrange a tour at that time. I asked Jack Gobel if he'd like to accompany me and we both headed out on a very rainy Friday morning. When we arrived at the plant we were greeted by a friendly receptionist named Marcy and told that another couple from Arizona would be accompanying us on the tour. Shortly after 10:00 am we were greeted by David Lantz, a Sage Marketing Assistant and began our tour.

Our tour consisted of viewing two sections of the plant. During the first part of the tour I was told, I



David Lantz

couldn't take any photographs of what I was viewing. I was okay with this but tried to pay close attention to what I was seeing. David was explaining how they begin the process with the graphite material they use to manufacture their

rods. The graphite material was on very large rolls about two feet wide. They had several "grades" of graphite they use depending on the rod being manufactured. The best rods are produced with graphite that has a higher degree of "modulus." I learned Sage's "proprietary graphite" comes from a domestic Boeing Company supplier. In the corner was a rack that contained hundreds, if not several thousand, mandrels which are used to initially wrap the graphite around. Once the mandrels are wrapped with the graphite sheet, they are adhered with resins and then baked in a special oven for several hours. After coming out of the oven the newly formed "blanks" go through a series of processes where the blanks are "buffed," and cut to appropriate lengths.



Sage Receptionist  
Marcy



Jack Gobel inspecting blanks





We then proceeded to the second area of the plant where rods were completed. At this time I was told I could now take photos. Here we observed as ferrules were constructed on blanks, more buffing, and



phases of the manufacturing of their rods. It was fascinating to watch the women wrap the rod guides. They were quick and extremely efficient! The final steps we witnessed were the making of the cloth rod socks and placing finished rods in rod cases.



eventually reel seats, cork handles and guides were attached. At this point rods were nearing completion. We watched as workers applied epoxy finish on wraps and guides then placed on large rotators until the applied finish hardened.

Each step involved someone ensuring quality control of all



Epoxy is being applied to finished rod



Behind the plant there is a casting pool where someone was testing a rod. David mentioned there was another part of the plant where they do "R & D" (Research & Development) which they do not show you on the tour. At the time of our visit they were "over-flowing" with rods needing repair.

The photo on the right shows the large number of rods sent to Sage at the end of each summer for repairs.





While waiting for the ferry at Kingston for our return trip home, Jack and I reflected on our trip to Sage. We agreed the tour was very interesting and well worth taking.

Tight Line!

*Jerry Baron*



### What I Learned from the tour!

- ❖ Sage currently manufactures approximately 43,000 rods per year which are shipped to dealers. At its height of manufacturing several years ago, Sage produced & shipped approximately 63,000 rods that year.
- ❖ Sage currently only makes 4 piece rods.
- ❖ Sage can repair any rod which they sold with a life-time guarantee. I didn't know this!
- ❖ Sage owns the Rio Fly Line Company located in Idaho. They also own the Reddington Company which manufactures their less expensive line of fly fishing equipment.
- ❖ Reel handles are made from special cork they get from Portugal. It is said to be a finer grade of cork.

### Tour Information

*Sage manufacturing plant is located at 8500 Northeast Day Road, Bainbridge Isl., WA 98110.*

*Tours can be arranged for weekdays (Mon. – Fri.) from 8:00 – 2:00 PM. You need to call in advance to schedule a tour.*

*I'd suggest using the Washington State Ferry system if you decide to go. The round trip fare for Jack & I was \$26.25 (senior rate).*

*Once on the Island it's about a 20 minute drive to the Sage factory.*

*You can contact Sage via the web at:*  
[www.sageflyfish.com](http://www.sageflyfish.com)

*Or by calling (206) 842-6608 or toll free at (800) 533-3004.*

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