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Meeting: March 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



Today I feel renewed and tired all at the same time as I just got back from the Northwest Fly Tiers Expo in Albany, Oregon. Renewed from picking up ideas from some great tiers and meeting friends who made the trek. Tired from a long trip back home after another full day of learning, walking, and talking. This is an incredible event that seems to grow every year. Even the fly shops and manufacturers are taking notice and attending with their vendors' booths. If you've got the opportunity to go next March, do it. Now I'm looking forward to the Washington event in Ellensburg this May.

Well, spring is in the air here in the Northwest. Can't you feel the rain and wind? Paul Wiltberger and I spent part of Sunday morning, March 4th, saltwater fishing at Kayak Point in one of the many windstorms that we've been having. As we tried casting sideways into 20 mph winds and 3-ft high white capped waves, the park ranger, who was picking up the trash, looked at Paul and just laughed, then went back to his business. I guess that's the price we had to pay for having decent weather the day before at our first annual spey clave. As well as a dry day, we had great instruction and a good-sized turnout. Kudos to Paul, Chris Grieve, and Dale Dennis for planning a wonderful event. A second day is so if you want to learn how up a few more tips in refining head out to the Blue Stilly. really great things about the some valuable lessons and or the conversations I had with members, was the opportunity to try out some different gear and set-ups thanks to everyone sharing.



It is activities like this that make the club stronger, more interesting, and provide more value to our members. To find out what other things we can do to make the club better and improve your overall experience in it, the strategic planning committee is assembling some questions to ask you at the next general meeting. The mention of a questionnaire has raised concerns by a couple of people that we are trying to radically change the club. I can assure that we are not trying to do that, although it would be pretty funny to have a new rule that says everyone has to wear their waders to meetings (a great visual at the buffet line!). The truth is that the more we try to stay the same, the more we change. It's incremental, or evolutionary in nature, but it happens. For example, this club was founded by guys who were predominantly steelheaders. Now we are a club made up of predominantly lake fishermen. At one time catch and keep was the norm; now we catch and release. The type of gear, the type of flies, and the type of members has changed - all this while we've tried to stay the same. As a club, we've adapted to the political and environmental changes that have affected our fisheries, which in turn, has changed how and where we fish. We've also been blessed with a sound financial situation which also affects the nature of the club. So to stay in sync with its membership, it is the more successful clubs and organizations that ask their members what they like, or don't like, and how can the leadership make it better. And I look forward to any changes in which the club collectively feels is good.

As for fishing, let's hope we start getting some dry days with no wind so that we can have some fun on the water. I wanna go fishing!

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



April 2012

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

Schedule

April 14

Unofficial Lone Lake

June 9th

Unofficial Salt Sea Run

June 23rd

Spring Cleanup

July 29th

Summer Fish Out



Spey Days

By Paul Wiltberger

Fifteen people participated in the first EFFC sponsored two-handed rod casting seminar. Thirteen club members and two guests braved the potentially bad weather to stand in the cold water and cast hookless flies. They were rewarded with new techniques for throwing flies further and finer.



Both beginners and experienced casters learned something new. By the end of the class all the students were making fishable casts. It was great to see the willingness of the more proficient casters to share skills with others in the group. We also had a multitude of different rods and lines to play with. Try doing that at the fly shop. (Sorry, Judy; John G. thinks he needs a new (expensive) rod. I told him it was his skill, but he still wants the new rod.)

My thanks to Chris Grieve and his friend Erik for their excellent instruction. Thanks to John G. for bringing coffee and doughnuts.

Oh... We are doing it again this March 17th from 9:00 a.m. until noon at Blue Stilly Park. We will cover both new casts and fishable presentations during the second class. I hope we see some new faces. Do not be shy; regardless of your skill level you will walk away with something new to show the fish and your friends. The class is free for club members. There is a \$5.00 fee for guests of club members. Contact me if you have any questions.





Fly Tying Contest

By Anthony Scicluna

This month's fly is: The Carey Special

There have been many great fly patterns developed in and for the North American west. The Carey Special is one of the best known and also one of the most versatile and adaptable. In the literature it is usually referred to as a wet fly or a nymph and occasionally as a steelhead fly (especially the Orange Carey Special). Yet, it isn't that well known to anglers, except in those regions of Western USA & Canada where it is a staple.

The pattern was developed about 1925 by a Dr. Lloyd A. Day of Quesnel, British Columbia. Its original name was The Monkey Faced Louise. However, a Colonel Thomas Carey popularized the pattern and the fly was eventually renamed in his honor.

Primarily thought of as a lake and pond fly, the Carey Special is at home in many kinds of water. Its adaptability allows it to suggest a wide range of fish foods. These include damselfly and dragonfly nymphs, cased caddis, small fishes and even crayfish. The pattern can be weighted or not and tied in a wide variety of materials.

The pattern is a straightforward tie as so many truly effective flies are.



Good luck Fellow anglers. Lets those flies ready for the show down. We could possibly have a trophy as well to give out to this month winner!



"Lots of people committed crimes during the year who would not have done so if they had been fishing. The increase of crime is among those deprived of the regenerations that impregnate the mind and character of the fisherman."

- Herbert Hoover



Reminder, you need a new fishing license April Fools' Day! You can get a new license on-line at: <https://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/> . You can also get a Discover Pass at this site. The Discover Pass is good for one calendar year from date of purchase (asks 'Botts' about not having the correct one at Pass Lake).

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Membership News

By Gary Iverson

Congratulations

To **Neil Farler, Jerry Harris, Pat Maher** and **Dick Padovan** as our newest **Honorary Members**. As many of you know, all four are long-time EFFC members and each is highly deserving of the honorary designation. Congratulations and well done!

Please welcome **Ron Downing** and **George Phillips** into the Club

Ron Downing lives in Granite Falls and comes to the club with over 50 years of fly fishing experience. He enjoys lake fishing and collecting and selling fly rods and reels.

George Phillips lives in Woodinville and is a Financial Advisor with Wells Fargo. He has been lake fly fishing for about 10 years and is eager to attend several fish outs.



Speaker Of The Month

By Jim Pankiewicz



Bob Triggs is our speaker for March. His presentation is titled, "Flyfishing Alaska and Kamchatka Russia- from a Guide's Diary". Two seasons of behind the scenes life at remote wilderness fly-fishing camps in southwest Alaska's Lake Iliamna and Katmai region and Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula.

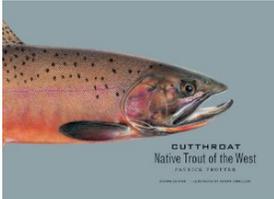
Bob began his outdoors life on the small ponds and streams of the sprawling Adirondack Mountain Wilderness Park in upstate New York. He is a lifelong fisherman, boater and outdoorsman with a broad range of wilderness experience and skills. He studied literature and biology at Rutgers University and at Purchase College, and worked for many years in the restoration and conservation of antiquities, and as a writer. In 1980 he took up the grand obsession of fly fishing on the storied waters of the Catskill Mountains of New York; birthplace of American fly fishing. He has fished extensively throughout the Atlantic states for numerous species in both fresh and salt waters. Bob began his guiding career in 1994 and since then has guided in New England, New York, Alaska, Kamchatka-Russia and Washington's Olympic Peninsula. His articles and essays on the fishing life have appeared in Fly Fisherman Magazine, Fly Fishing in Salt Waters, Heading Out, The Yale Angler's Journal, Land Rover Journal and numerous regional outdoors publications and newspapers. He writes and fishes on Washington's Olympic Peninsula.



Library News

By Dave McCutcheon

We have a new book in our library thanks to **Milt Thompson**! Milt was recently browsing in a local bookstore when he ran across this book and decided to donate it to the club. The book is “CUTTHROAT Native Trout of the West” by Patrick Trotter. Some of you may recognize the author as he lives in Seattle and also helped Bruce Ferguson and Les Johnson write “Fly Fishing for Pacific Salmon”.



Cutthroat tells the full story of the genuine native trout of the American West. This new edition, thoroughly revised and updated after 20 years, synthesizes what is currently known about one of our most interesting and colorful fishes, includes much new information on its biology and ecology, asks how it has fared in the last century, and looks toward its future. In a passionate and accessibly written narrative, Patrick Trotter, fly fisher, environmental advocate, and science consultant, details the evolution, natural history, and conservation of each of the cutthroat's races and incorporates more personal reflections on the ecology and environmental history of the West's river ecosystems. The bibliography now includes what may be the most comprehensive and complete set of references available anywhere on the cutthroat trout. Thanks Milt!

Library Committee:

We now have a “Library Committee” - **Brad Steiner**, active member since October 2010, **Gary Thayer**, active member since February 2005, and **Dave McCutchen** active member since March 2011.

We are looking to round out the Library Committee with one or more “Senior/Honorary” members that would serve in an oversight capacity. The culture of our club is very rich in tradition that will be preserved as we move forward with some of the following challenges of the EFFC Library:

Inventory – the library cabinets (2) are only available when there is a function going on at our meeting facility i.e. our monthly meeting. We need to schedule a time and at least 2 people to complete a comprehensive inventory.

On-Line – we would like to make the library inventory available on-line so that everyone could more easily utilize the tremendous resource we have and perhaps include a reservation system.

Library Organization – presently housed in two carts, it is nearly impossible to locate a particular library book. DVDs and CDs are relatively easily to “flip” through as there are only about 50 covers to search. Finding a book in approximately 500 spread over two carts – a significant challenge (especially if we only roll one cart out). We may need to have another sell-off to reduce the over number of books.

DVD/CD Backup – some of our media was created by club members via personal computers. This media has a limited shelf life (approximately 5 years). This includes all the “tapes” we converted to DVD. We need a backup of the media to preserve our collection. The media we purchased does not have the same issues and can be replaced by the producing vendor.

Have you seen a good book or DVD we should add to our collection?



How To Read A Small Trout Stream

From Harper Creek Fly Fishing Company. Web Site <http://www.nc-flyfishing.com>

In order to be able to read a trout stream, it is important to understand and be able to combine the key elements of a trout's preferred habitat by species as well as the three types of trout lies. Thus, when you first approach a trout stream, you need to be able to identify riffles, runs, and pools, and then be able to categorize the types of water that you see as either Brook, Brown, or Rainbow Trout habitat. Then, you must understand and be able to recognize Sheltering Lies, Feeding Lies, and Prime Lies within each species' preferred habitat.

Thus, it is important to be aware that Brook and Speckled Trout require colder water and more oxygen than either Rainbow or Brown Trout and thus they prefer small, heavily shaded streams with a moderately flowing current and sections of larger streams that are heavily shaded and have in-flowing springs. Also, they are most often found inhabiting mild riffles and pockets of calmer water adjacent to swift current flow but are seldom found in large, slow moving, pools. Brown Trout, on the other hand, have a greater tolerance for higher water temperatures and lower dissolved oxygen content than Brook or Speckled Trout and thus they are most often found in the slower and calmer sections of the stream and in large pools that are sufficiently deep to offer them protection from avian predators. Rainbows, however, seem to have a distinct preference for swiftly flowing water and thus they are most often found in rapidly moving riffles and runs with rocky bottoms where they have easy access to food drifting in the current.



Next, it is important to understand and be able to identify the three types of lies trout make use of and how they relate to each trout species. For instance, a good example of a Brook or Speckled Trout's Feeding Lie would be in the middle of a deep, moderately flowing, pool with a dark bottom where they can either attack emerging Caddis Flies or sip rising May Fly larve and emerging May Fly duns. However, a Brown Trout would be far more likely to hold in the tail of a calm pool with a lighter bottom where they can lazily sip drifting May Fly nymphs and Midge pupae. A Rainbow, on the other hand, would be far more likely to hold in white water at the head of a plunge pool or in the rocks at the bottom of a swiftly flowing riffle with a surface that is covered in white water so that they can dart into the current to ambush anything that catches their interest.

Similarly, a Prime Lie for each species would also reflect their habitat preferences. For instance, a Prime Lie for a Brook or Speckled Trout would be at the edge of a riffle, on the outside of a bend, against a steep bank, and over a dark bottom where they can hold in the layer of slow water adjacent to the bank but have easy access to food drifting in the riffle. A Prime Lie for a Brown Trout, on the other hand, would be a lie underneath or in the shadow of a submerged log within a distinct current tongue in a calmly flowing, crystal clear, section of the stream where he could feed without exposing himself to the view of any predators. A Prime Lie for a Rainbow however, would be behind a large rock in the middle of a swiftly flowing riffle that is three to four feet deep with a stream bed consisting of small to medium sized pebbles and rocks. So, by now you should be starting to recognize a theme by noting that each species has particular habitat preferences and those preferences affect where they choose to hold when feeding.

2012 - 2013
Calendars are in!



Publications

By Bruce Turner

Calendars are here!

Evergreen Fly Fishing Club Calendars for 2012 are being printed and will 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!



International Fly Fishing Film Festival

The Fly Fishing Film Festival is coming to North Bend!

The International Fly Fishing Film Festival (IF4) consists of short and feature length films produced by professional and amateur filmmakers from all corners of the globe, showcasing the passion, lifestyle and culture of fly fishing. From trout in British Columbia to giant pike in Alaska, the variety of films at this event are sure to peak the interest of all anglers. The IF4 contains exclusive content not available in ANY OTHER fly fishing film event

At each IF4 screening there are great door prizes and all viewers get a chance to vote for their favorite film! Don't miss IF4 at the 2012 venues. Vote and get a chance to win the IF4 viewer grand prize at the end of the festival season!

Vote for your Favorite Film & Win!

The grand prize includes:

A G.Loomis Pro-4X fly rod!

A day on the water with a Fly Nation TV personality

The ultimate fly line collection from Airflo

A bundle of goodies from Superfly International

The best of IF4 DVD collection

You can view there website here

<http://flyfilmfest.com/IF4/>

Looks Like Fun!

Date: Friday, March 30, 2012

Doors open: 6:00pm. Showtime: 7:00pm

Venue: North Bend Theater

Tickets: \$10 - Advance, \$15 - Door

Discount tickets can be purchased in advance on the IF4 website through the IF4 Online Box Office and are also available at the following fly shops:

- Creekside Angling
- All About the Fly
- Hook Line & Sinker
- Holiday Sports
- Pacific Fly Fishers
- Puget Sound Fly Company
- Worley-Bugger Fly Company
- The Avid Angler

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