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# Swirl Tips

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Meeting: No Meeting this month be sure and attend the Kalama Cup on the 26th at Swansons Place.

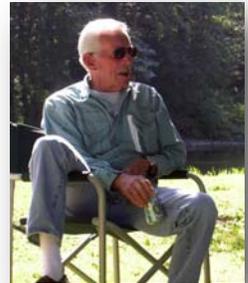


## The Presidents Message

By Jim Pankiewicz

Hello my brothers and sisters of the fly.

In the last several days the Evergreen Fly Club lost, **Gordon Swanson**, one of our oldest members. He joined the club in October of 1955. Gordon had been a member for almost 58 years. He will be missed for sure. I particularly appreciated the care that Gordon took of our club memorabilia. When he brought it to club meetings I always enjoyed looking through it. I always enjoyed Gordon's stories too. Our respect and sympathy goes out to his wife Jackie, and his kids—Susan, Mary, and Bruce. Gordon was an icon to be sure.



I hope this wonderful, warm weather finds you feeling sunny yourself. This summer I have not taken many still pictures of the fish I have been catching. I have been working to get video of takes. I have lots of hook sets on video and some very visible sequences of fish moving to the fly. This past week I got a sequence on video where, as I set the hook the fish jumped and did a summersault in the air. An 11 ½ pound fish makes a nice splash; it was very cool! I hope you are getting out to fish, feeling the tug on your line, and getting to see some fat fish splash.

I set the hook the fish jumped ...

The Kalama Cup is the last weekend of this month at Swanson's place on the North Fork. Contact Gary Medema for more details. This outing is a decades long tradition between our club and the McKenzie Club from Oregon. What a great tradition!

We have the first ever Humpy outing coming up on August 22, at Kayak Point. I hear that Cliff Bottemiller grills a mean burger. Even if you don't want to fish for the 5 million Humpies that are coming you are sure to enjoy one of Cliff's burgers. It promises to be a fun day for sure.

Our club auction is coming up in October. Come to the auction and buy something. How about donating a box with a few dozen of your favorite ties? It all helps.

### 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 – 3 rd Thursday of the month, 7 pm Village Restaurant

## Up and Coming Events

August 22

Humpy Fish at Kayak Point

Sept. 7th

Still Cutthroat Outing

Sept. 16-20th

Carp Corral—Lone Lake

Sept. 26th—28th

International Fly Fish Fair



# August 2013

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



## Outings

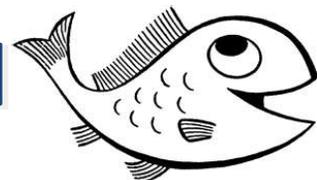
By Gary Medema

The summer outing is coming up On July 26th -the 28th . The weekend will also be the Kalama Cup weekend. Saturday will be the dinner evening. There will be no meeting on the 21st as noted in the calendar. The event will take place as usual at the Swanson's lot at Oso. We're welcome to camp there for the weekend and fish. The dinner menu for Saturday will be BBQ chicken, and the cost to our club members will be \$10, the McKenzies will be our guests. Let me know as soon as possible if you plan to come for dinner.

E-mail to [gary\\_and\\_deb@comcast.net](mailto:gary_and_deb@comcast.net) or call [360-653-7686](tel:360-653-7686). The Brashaw Kalama Cup is back up for grabs. All you need to do is land the biggest steelhead, sounds kind of simple doesn't it. Come on out and enjoy the weekend or just the evening. Any questions or need more info. give me a call.



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# Humpy Fever

By Dale and Cliff

Pinks fresh from the salt make great BBQ table fare!



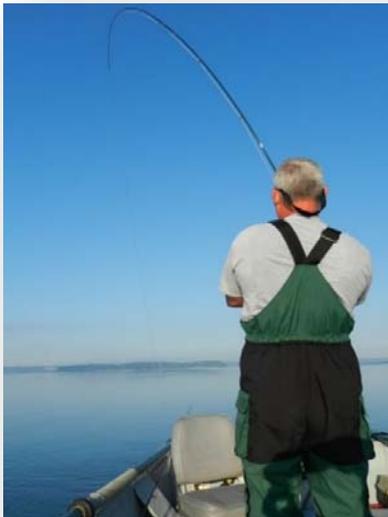
The South Sound (south of Seattle) generally gets the first burst of pinks from late July to early August the North Sound pinks begin showing approximately a week or two later.

Because of presentation the fly fisherman has a real advantage when it comes to successful fishing. Everyone has heard that adage as long as you're using the color pink that's all you need. Well, that's partly true but presentation plays a bigger role when it comes to success. Pinks can be taken in the river or the salt and I prefer the salt for two reasons,

one they are more aggressive and two they are fresher. Pinks fresh from the salt make great BBQ table fare and of course smoking is favored. When you boat your pink bleed it immediately with a slice through the gills and put it on ice this will insure its quality.

**Rods** - although a 6wt will land a pink over the years I have settled into a 7 or 8wt rod this will insure a quicker fish to the net, these fish will not hang around all day and you want to take advantage of these schools while you can.

**Lines** - most sink tips will do, I prefer the SA Mastery streamer express 30ft intermediate clear tip this is my go to line for all my salt fishing.



**Flies** – nothing fancy here a size 2 – 4 SS hook some marabou and some flash with a cone head or dumbbell eyes, clousers also work well. Did I say “make sure its pink” the color pink can come in many forms but if you stay with the descriptions of “hot pink”, “fuchsia” or “cerise” and add a little flash your good to go. I prefer the medium cone head in a contrasting color and my favorite over the years has become chartreuse but fluorescent orange is also good. I have found cones to dive and cast better.

**Presentation** – As with most fish they can't resist a jigging (up and down) action with the fly. The strip will vary test different retrieves to see what works best, you don't need a fast strip as you do with silvers.

**Time** – Kayak point Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>, I would recommend getting there when the gate opens I believe its 6am. There will be a small entrance fee into the park. We also will have a reserved spot with a roof and tables on the beach. If you haven't signed up already it's a \$5 fee you can also sign up at Gordys place during the steelhead outing or call or email me or Cliff Bottomiller by Aug. 18th this will get you hamburger and or hot dogs served around noon. No alcohol is allowed in the park. See you there,  
Dale and Cliff



# Casting Clinic

By Paul Wiltberger

All EFFC members may attend the clinic for free.

**Don Simonson** will conduct a casting clinic for the EFFC on **Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

For those that do not know Don, this guy is the real deal. Don is the Grand Poobah of casting for the FFF. I recently spent two hours casting with Don. It was amazing how quickly Don saw my casting faults, their cause, and communicated the correction. Big fish aside, it was the best two hours I've spent with a fly rod in my hand.

There is the program: We will meet Saturday from 9:00 a.m. 'til noon at Blue Stilly Park. Don will conduct the clinic for one-handed rods. We will work with two-handed rods later in the morning. To get to Blue Stilly, take Hwy 530 east from I-5, go 1/3 mile and turn left (north) on 27<sup>th</sup> Ave N.E. and go to the end of the road. Bring waders, hats, eye protection and yarn flies (no hooks).



All EFFC members may attend the clinic for free. Members' guests may attend for a \$5.00 donation. The general public is not invited to this event. This is a special opportunity to be taught by one of the best instructors in the country. It should be a real benefit for those who attend.

# You Will Be Missed

Gordon W. Swanson

July 20, 1929

June 27, 2013



Obituary

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# Stillaguamish WATERSHED Council

By Gina Gray

On a sunny Saturday in late June, the Evergreen Fly Fishing Club started the day with breakfast at a member's home to gather, tell stories and get going for a long and trash filled day. As part of their annual event, about 20 people including club members, their kids and grandkids as well as a few enforcement officers got together and cleaned up nearly 500 pounds of trash between Trafton and Fortson (about 17 miles of the North Fork between Arlington and Darrington). They managed to fill the back of a pickup truck with material from the river shore and heavily used recreational access points.

Afterwards, they performed a bit of "yard work" around the EFFC monument at Hazel. The monument at this time recognizes one of the Club's members, Mr. Gordon Swanson, who passed away just a few days after the cleanup and the installation of the plaque honoring him.



round. We consider it our "home" water and caring for it is not an effort. This is one of the most attended functions our Club does. Fortunately the debris has lessened over the years, but there continue to be many who do not share in the pride of this beautiful river, and we will continue to be good stewards of it."

Thank you to the Evergreen Fly Fishing Club for helping make sure our river is a clean and pleasant place for people and salmon!

Article taken from the Stillaguamish Watershed web page  
Be sure to check it out . <http://www.stillaguamishwatershed.org>

Over the years the group has found everything from stolen vehicles to discarded refrigerators, pickup canopies, ever present empty cans and bottles and other "unmentionables".

Bob Banks, EFFC Conservation Chairman said "It is a pleasure for our members to do this for the North Fork of the Stillaguamish River, a magnificent resource year



**Gordon "Gordy" Swanson**

*Bob's Favorite*  
Skunk Stevie Bigger Attacher

Gordon Swanson is one of the finest advocates for the protection and conservation of our natural resources. His deep appreciation and respect for the Stillaguamish River was honored by the fact that he spent his entire life on and around it. Born, he was an avid hunter and, more importantly, a fisherman. This dedication began as a boy on the riverbank his father and continues to this day.

As a young man, in 1955, he joined the Evergreen Fly Fishing Club (EFFC) and has since dedicated his life to river conservation on the North Fork of the Stillaguamish River. He has been instrumental in the formation of the Stillaguamish River Conservation Council and the Stillaguamish River Conservation Commission. He has also been instrumental in the formation of the Stillaguamish River Conservation Council and the Stillaguamish River Conservation Commission. He has also been instrumental in the formation of the Stillaguamish River Conservation Council and the Stillaguamish River Conservation Commission.

This dedication to the river and its fishery made Gordon Swanson a legend of the Stillaguamish River. June 2008

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