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Swirl Tips

WWW.EVERGREENFLYCLUB.ORG FEBRUARY

Meeting: Feb 25th, 2014 @ Blue Heron Room

Wet Fly – 6:00 p.m. Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Location Address: 1205 Craftsman Way Everett, WA, 98201



The Presidents Message

By Gary Iverson

Hello everyone and welcome to the February 2014 edition of Swirl Tips!

I don't know your favorite time of year to fish, but January and February ranks right up there as my least favorite time to paddle my pontoon around in 30 degree temperatures. For those of you who did venture to a lake during the recent cold snap, my hat's off to you. Hope you enjoyed the day! While I have done a fair amount of walking, wading, waiting and wanting for steelhead in the upper Skagit and Sauk in snowy weather, I usually call it a day when my rod guides begin to ice-up or I have lost feeling in my finger tips (yes, I'm wearing gloves) and toes. Call me soft, but I know my limitations.

Based on fishing reports at the January meeting, apparently the challenge of finding and catching fish has been...well, slow. Area lakes remain in their winter mode and fish don't appear to be moving much. With the cold and overcast days still with us and many local rivers closed, I try to get my fishing fix in other ways. If you like being around fly fishing people as I do, check out the Fly Fishing Show at the Lynnwood Convention Center on February 15 and 16. This show is a worthy distraction to actually fishing. If you go, better make it early. Last year the show was packed and parking was hard to find if you arrived late. New fishing products are demonstrated throughout the day and you can learn a lot by just walking around and asking questions. But my favorite thing to do is watching the incredible fishing films from around the world. There are some gorgeous places on this planet to visit with a fly rod and you'll see several of them at the International Fly Fishing Film Festival. Check out www.flyfishingshow.com for more information.

As discussed in the January meeting, I am committed to making 2014 the year that new club members gain additional hands-on fishing knowledge from more experienced members. At the February meeting, I will be asking our more "seasoned" fly fishers to host a class/clinic at a lake or river of their choice. For those willing to participate, the instruction can be whatever works best. You can hold "class" at a lake from the tailgate of your pickup, or if you like, we can allocate time during one of our upcoming meetings. The important thing is that everyone attending gain additional knowledge about how to fish a particular lake or stream.

Tight Lines

MEETINGS

General Meeting – 4th Tuesday of the month, 7 pm (6 pm Wet Fly hr.) Blue Heron Room
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

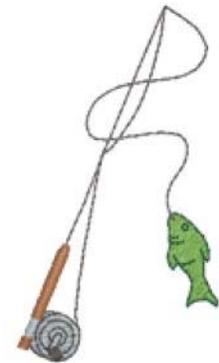
Up and Coming Events

March 1st

Spey Casting Clinic

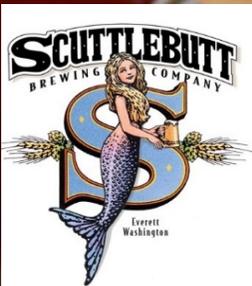
April 26th

Lone Lake



March 2014

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



Evergreen Fly Fishing Club Special Menu Items – February 25th, 2014

Choose Fries, coleslaw or salad with the following:

- Boson's Bacon Burger
- Mushroom Burger
- Blue Moon Burger
- Veggie Burger
- BBQ Dip Burger
- Dockside Cheese Burger
- Chili Burger
- French Dip
- Cod Sandwich
- Steak & Bacon Po' Boy
- Grilled Chicken sandwich
- 2 or 3 piece Fish & Chips
- Fish Tacos
- Cobb Salad
- Oriental Chef Salad
- Chef Salad

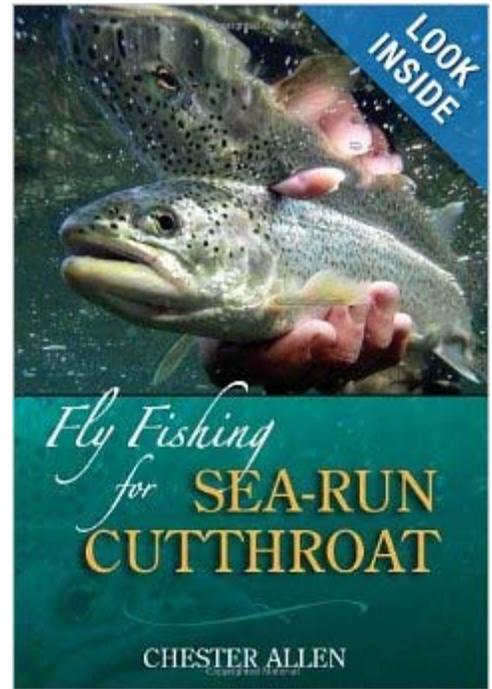




February Speaker

By Gary Iverson

Our speaker for February is **Chester Allen** who has been a fly angler for 45 years and is the author of "Fly Fishing for Sea-run Cutthroat". He's been a journalist and writer including being the outdoors columnist for The Olympian newspaper for seven years and is currently finishing his second book. Chester will talk about our 2000 miles of saltwater shoreline and much of it is prime habitat for sea-run cutthroat trout. Because of our mandatory catch and release law of cutthroat trout in saltwater, Puget Sound is now a world-class fishery. It is now common to catch 16-18-inch wild trout from saltwater in many parts of the Sound. Additionally, he will discuss how tides trigger cutthroat feeding, how to find a good sea-run beach and what flies to use.



Meeting Location Reminder

By Gary Iverson

The General Membership meeting on February 25 will again be held at the Port of Everett's Blue Heron Room. As you now know, dinner will no longer be provided, but I have reserved the Scuttlebutt banquet room at 5:00 p.m. As before, you can select from several off-menu items prepared just for our members at prices less or equal to what you were paying before. Scuttlebutt's Happy Hour lasts until 6:00 pm, so you should have plenty of time to eat, drink and visit with other members before coming upstairs to the Blue Heron room. If you wish, you can eat in the main restaurant and order off that menu too.

To get things rolling along a little quicker, please be seated and ready to begin our meeting promptly at 7:00 p.m. I think we can get through the officer and committee reports in fairly short order and still have enough time for fishing reports, a brief break and our speaker to begin at 8:00 p.m.

The Club will have several varieties of beer, wine, liquor and mixer available at the meeting. I think you will agree, this is a much better way to serve drinks and for the club to make some money. So, no need to bring anything but a good fish story. Cups and ice will be available too.





Fly Tying Contest

By Anthony S. Scicluna

The Pheasant Tail Nymph is certainly a pattern that should always be in your fly box. It can be tied either weighted or unweighted, and in a range of sizes. This pattern was devised over 50 years ago to imitate several types of Olive nymph (Baetis).

There are numerous variants of this pattern, such as utilizing holographic tinsel for the body, bead heads, and different colored pheasant fiber and with or without legs that originate from the underside of the head of the pattern.

Use copper wire under the thorax for weight, I prefer to utilize a few turns of lead wire for the weighted pattern and I use unweighted patterns when the fish are higher up in the water.



FFC Flies for the Fly Tying Contest 2014

January Steelhead Sculpin Pattern (Classroom Fly)

Winner **Jim Pankiewicz**

February Pheasant Tail Nymph (Classroom Fly)

March Yellow Humpy (Classroom Fly)

April Damsel Nymph Fly Pattern

May Mayfly - Dry (Adams)

June Steamer Fly Pattern (Mickey Finn)





Club Outings

By Dale Dennis

Next EFFC Spey casting clinic will be Saturday March 1st at 9:30am to approximately 12pm. This will be held at Blue Stilly Park just off of Hi-way 530. Take Arlington exit off I-5 head east approximately 1/8 mile turn left on 27th (at fire station). Stay on 27th as it turns to gravel you will see parked vehicles.

This will be two handed casting only this time, non EFFC members fee is \$5 to cover coffee and donuts.

Bring waders, only yarn will be used for the fly and I recommend bringing a floating or intermediate line (head) for practice purposes.



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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2014 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 the following address:

Gary Iverson, EFFC Membership

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