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# Swirl Tips

WWW.EVERGREENFLYCLUB.ORG MARCH 2014

Meeting: March 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 members! Hope all is well with you. I have a couple of important announcements I would like to pass on. At our last Board of Directors meeting on March 4, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee that dues be increased for the 2015 year. Both Associate and Membership dues will increase to \$40 next year. This was a necessary decision that will enable us to maintain our checking account balance, pay for the new meeting venue, pay for producing a quality calendar, continue with the holiday banquet subsidy and fund other necessary operational as they arise. I'm told our last dues increase was long ago – perhaps as many as 20 years. Since that time, club size and needs have steadily increased, as have our costs.

Secondly, the Board approved investing in an equities-based mutual fund for a portion of the Bly Trust (restricted funds) and the club's operating (checking) account. The Bly Trust will have \$10,000 invested in a Vanguard equity account. \$10,000 will also be invested in a similar (or the same) equities fund account for our operational purposes. It was the desire of the Board to both grow and diversify our cash assets while protecting the purchasing power of these funds in the near term. All dividends and capital gains will be reinvested in the fund(s) we have selected. Also, by seeking a more growth-oriented path to investing, we hope to avoid dues or other member cost increases in the near future.

### On-site Fishing Class

As mentioned in the January and February meetings, I am committed to make 2014 the year that new club members gain additional fishing knowledge from our more experienced members. To this end I'm asking for a few "seasoned fly fishers" to host a class/clinic at a lake, river or saltwater launch of their choice. The instruction can take whatever form you like. You can hold a prearranged class at a lake from the tailgate of your pickup, showing line and fly setups you find most productive. Or, we can set time for a demonstration during one of our monthly meetings with a follow-up at a lake or river. Let me know if you would like to host a class and what kind of instruction you would like to offer. Together, we can figure out where the best time and location might be, but ideally the field instruction should take place on a weekend where the largest turnout can be achieved. I'll work with anyone to make sure all members know the time and place of the instruction and other important particulars. The important thing is that all participants gain additional information about how to fish a particular lake, stream or saltwater area from someone who's had success.

**Remember to renew your fishing license for April and I'll see you at the Meeting!**

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

## Up and Coming Events

# April 2014

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

April 26th  
 Lone Lake  
 May 3rd and 4th  
 Fly Fishing Fair  
 May 16th and 17th  
 Spring Outing  
 Big Twin  
 June 21st  
 River Cleanup

Next to prayer,  
 fishing is the most  
 personal relation-  
 ship of man." -  
 Herbert Hoover

# Silver Lake Fishout

For years, the club has been among several sports groups participating in a kids fishout at Silver Lake in Everett.

We'll do it again this year on May 10.

If you haven't heard about the fishout, it's basically an opportunity for kids to fish for hatchery trout released in a net in the city park on one end of the lake using regularly gear, not fly gear.

We need people who can help the kids gear up, bait their hooks (power bait is supplied), cast and land their fish and put them in a sack if desired.

The club also will have some tables under one of the picnic shelters where kids will be taught how to tie flies if they like. We could use a couple volunteers to help with that. The club has a banner so people can find us as well as some vises and tying kits the kids can use.

The club Conservation Committee is working to find the volunteers, but you don't have to be on the committee to help. Everyone is needed and welcome. Typically the first group of kids shows up at 7:30 a.m. and the last are in the mid-afternoon. You don't have to be there all day. The morning is when people are most needed.

The Kiwanis Club will provide a free hotdog and a drink for lunch for all volunteers.

Basically all you need are shoes you don't mind getting sandy or a little wet, a towel to keep your hands clean, and maybe a pair of pliers.

Kids either bring their own equipment or borrow a loaner rig. There generally is a lot of free power bait and some snelled hooks.

We'll be sending along a sign-up sheet during the April meeting. Or you can let Mike Benbow know you plan to show up. I would like to know who wants to work with fly tying because it will be be if no one else volunteers.

Save the date. Hope to see you on May 10.



## March Speaker

By Gary Iverson

There is link is between noxious weeds and the health of our rivers and Puget Sound. Hundreds of acres of knotweed threaten salmon in rivers and streams. In saltwater estuaries, Spartina threatens over 23,000 acres of native vegetation. Our speaker for March is **Sonny Gohrman** who is the Noxious Weed Coordinator for the Snohomish County Noxious Weed Control Board. Mr. Gohrman will explain the role of the Noxious Weed Control Board, noxious weed law in our state, varieties of noxious weeds, and how State and County government has responded to the threat posed by these plants.



I can recognize a noxious weed going 60 mph down the highway," he says.

His mantra: "The weeds are always growing."

His bumper sticker: "Tansy is a pain in the grass."



## Meeting Reminder

By Gary Iverson

We Have two new members.  
Please welcome  
Rich Gaspar and Ray Keasey

To get things rolling along a little quicker for our March 25 meeting, please be seated and ready to begin our meeting 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 or before 8:00 p.m. If we get through our fishing reports before 7:45, we'll bring our speaker on a little earlier. So, please lets be ready to start at 7:00 p.m. Also, Bruce Turner indicated the 2014/2015 calendars should be ready to hand out at the meeting, so please be sure to pick yours up before the meeting starts!

*Remember* to renew your fishing license for April and I'll see you at the Meeting!



## Club Outings

By Gary Medema

Our next club outing day is set for sat. April 28th at Lone Lake.

The spring outing has been set for May 16-18 at Big Twin Resort.

They are holding space for our club.

If you would like to reserve a site you can do so by calling the resort at [509-996-2650](tel:509-996-2650).

They have some hook-up sites and tent sites set aside for us. I will start collecting for the sat, evening dinner at the next meeting. The cost will be \$12.

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