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Swirl Tips

Meeting: April 22nd, 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 EFFC members! I want to remind everyone of a few events coming up in April and May. All are on the calendar - just let us know if you plan to participate.

Saturday, April 26 we have the **Lone Lake outing** on Whidbey Island. Rain or shine this event is always fun to attend. You definitely want to put this on your to-do list.

Saturday, May 10 is the **"Kids Fish-In"** at Silver Lake where kids ages 4-14 can learn from expert fishing guides (that's us). Time of the event is 7:30 am - 3:30 pm ☐ at ☐ Thornton A. Sullivan Park at Silver Lake, ☐ 11405 W. Silver Lake Road, Everett. Let us know if you can help out with this event at the April meeting.

Friday – Sunday, May 16-18, we'll be meeting again at **Big Twin Lake** near Winthrop. If you plan to go, tell Gary Medema so he can give the owners of the campground a number of how many plan to attend. While you're at it, please pay Gary for the steak dinner and all the trimmings he'll be serving up on Saturday night. It's a great deal and he does a super job of putting a feast together every year. Also, be sure to look at the progress the WSDOT is making to clear State Route 20 (North Cascades Highway). WSDOT began the clearing March 31, and despite the heavy late season snowfall, they forecast the highway is still on a schedule to open in mid-May. In 2013 it took less than 4 weeks to clear the highway, but this year there's more than twice as much snow at the summit. In early March Department of Transportation avalanche-control specialists and a maintenance crew measured snow depths at 24 sites including the summit of Washington Pass that measured nearly 10 feet - double the depth of last year. It's down to about 7 feet now. But with all the late snow in the North Cascades we've had this year, keep a close watch on the snow clearing progress before planning your trip.

April 22 Meeting Time

For the April 22nd General Membership meeting, lets try to begin the meeting at 6:45 pm instead of the usual 7:00 pm start. Some members have commented that we run past the 9:00 pm hour repeatedly and several begin heading out before the raffle is over. We'll see how the 6:45 pm start time works and I'll try to move club business along a little quicker.

Mentors/Instructors

A couple of you have expressed interest in mentoring new members. Thank you! I would like to have a couple more "seasoned fly fishers" 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 instruction 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 want to offer. Together, we can figure out where the best time and location might be, but the field instruction should take place on a weekend where the largest turnout can be achieved. I'll work with you to make sure all members know the time and place of the instruction. What's important is that all participants gain additional information about how to fish a particular lake, stream or saltwater area from someone who's had success.

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

May 3rd and 4th

Fly Fishing Fair

May 16th and 17th

Spring Outing

Big Twin

June 21st

River Cleanup

"Rivers and the inhabitants of the watery elements are made for wise men to contemplate and for fools to pass by without consideration." - Izaak Walton

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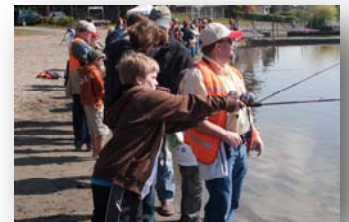
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	Board Meeting 6	7	8	9	Kids Fish In 10
11	12	ST Cutoff 13	14	Conservation Meeting 15	Big Twin 16	Big Twin 17
Big Twin 18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	EFFC Meeting 27	28	29	30	31

Kids Fish In

Just a reminder that we're looking for volunteers to help for the kids fish-in on May 10 at Silver Lake.

There will be a signup sheet at the April meeting.

We can use people to help kids while fishing and also some folks to help kids who might want to see what it's like to tie a fly. The club has tying kits available, though I'm not sure of the materials.





April Speaker

By Rob Gamage

This month Johnny Boitano will be speaking to us about trout fishing in the Yakima River. Johnny is partner/owner at Troutwater Fly Shop, Guide Service & Outfitters in central Washington. Troutwater has fly shops in Ellensburg and Cle Elum. With help from his two business partners Ted Truglio and Jim Gallagher, he gets to spend the majority of his time on the water. Johnny has been guiding for Trout and Steelhead since 2000 on several Washington Rivers. Troutwater's home river for trout is the Yakima but they also fish the Naches and Methow. For Steelhead Johnny guides the Klickitat, Methow, Wenatchee and Grand Rhonde. Central and Eastern Washington have amazing fisheries with several different species of fish.



Conservation Camp

By Niel Westover

Youth Conservation Camp Nominees Needed!

Each year our club sponsors children to a weeklong Conservation Camp on Orcas Island.

Children ages 12 to 16 years are eligible. The date for the Girls Camp is Sunday July 13th through Saturday, July 19th. The Boys Camp begins on Sunday, July 20th through Saturday; July 26th. Complete information, application forms, rules, and medical release are available on the camp website at "washingtonconservationcamp.org".

The completed applications should reach Neil Westover by June 15th so we can make selections at our June Conservation Committee meeting and notify parents in a timely manner. We anticipate that we will send two or more children this year.



Contact **Neil Westover** at (360) 659-8295 or neilwestover7593@comcast.net if you need more information.



Fly Tying Contest

By Anthony S. Scicluna



The damselfly nymph swims by a rapid lashing movement of its abdomen unlike the closely related dragon fly nymph which achieves propulsion by forcing water out of its backside. For an imitation to be effective it has to have a lot of rear end movement. The use of soft marabou as a tail gives this fly the built in action it needs to act as a trigger for a trout to attack. This material really pulses with life during the retrieve. Trout mainly eat damselfly nymphs in their aquatic nymph state, some of which can reach over one inch long. They make a substantial meal for a trout and are eaten wherever they can be found. They are generally found in the warmer shallows of the lake but also in larger weed beds in open water. Try to fish around weed beds in a water depth of four to eight feet for the best success. After casting along your chosen water bed allow the nymph to sink several feet. The natural insect often swims a few feet and then rests. The best method to copy this is a long retrieve followed by a pause.

Trout will feed on damselfly nymphs throughout the year. In the early cooler part of the year a Gold Ribbed Hares Ear Nymph on a large 10 - 14 hook can be used to represent the transparent straw colored immature nymph. The olive, claret or brown colored mature nymphs are more prevalent during late May up till August.

During the warmer months the nymphs are far more active and wriggle to the surface, whereupon they proceed to swim to the shore or towards surface weed in order to hatch into the adult damselflies.

They clamber up anything from an angler's waders to riverside reeds and rushes. It is during this trek to shore that trout actively feed on them. They even grab them when they are climbing up reeds before hatching. To simulate this activity, fish the fly on a floating line, letting it sink to the bottom before retrieving smoothly so that the fly lifts up in the water towards the surface. Where there are rushes or reeds it is often more productive to cast and retrieve along the shoreline.



Publications

By Bruce Turner

Calendars are in!

If you haven't picked up your Calendar come to the April meeting and get yours!

If you can't get to the meeting send me an e-mail and we can figure something out..

Reed Miller Report

By Mike Benbow and Sandy Atkinson

Services were held Saturday, April 5 for Reed's son, **Joseph**, at Arlington Cemetery.

Joseph, a victim of the Oso mudslide, was eulogized as a bit of a rascal as a boy who grew up to become a lover of the outdoors and of music. A representative from the governor's office read a heartfelt letter of condolence from Gov. Inslee. The family was presented a U.S. flag that has flown over the capitol. Many club members attended the service. Many more have contributed to help Reed, who in addition to the loss of his son, lost his home and nearly all his possessions in the mudslide. To date, we've collected \$5,580 to help Reed.

Not long after the March meeting, Sandy visited Reed at the Red Cross shelter in Arlington and supplied him a check for \$3,160 that had been collected at that time.

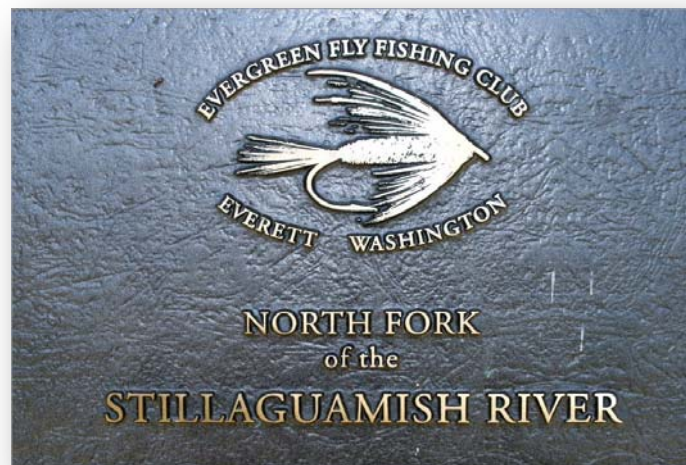
Reed said he was very grateful for the help and wanted to thank everyone for their contributions and for their kind words and support. Reed spent several days at the Red Cross shelter, where his niece and ex-wife, who both live locally, visited him regularly. His daughter, Pam, drove up from Pocatello, Idaho and stayed with Reed for several days. Reed had nothing but praise for the Red Cross. They provided some clothing, other items, and 3 meals a day. Rescue officials gave status briefings twice a day and provided transportation once to the slide area. He is staying at the Lake Stevens home of his niece, but he has planned to move into an apartment in Darrington by the time you read this.

Reed has some furniture that is in a storage locker in Arlington. His cousins will help him move into the Darrington apartment.

At the recent board meeting, members discussed what else can be done to help Reed, other victims and the Stillaguamish, our home river. Treasurer Carl Warren sent a contribution of \$1,000 to the Snohomish County Red Cross, as was approved at the last membership meeting.

Conservation Committee chairman Neil Westover noted that the North Fork of the Stilly clearly will need help and that his group will look for projects where the club can get involved.

Board members agreed that the club should continue to look for ways to help as needed.



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