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Swirl Tips

Annual Club Auction @ Everett Yacht Club
Doors Open 5:15 p.m. Auction – 6:00 p.m.
Location Address: 404 14th St Everett, WA, 98201



The Presidents Message

By Gary Iverson

Hello Fly Fishers!

With early fall weather here, I've been fishing the main stem of the Stilly in tidal water and the upper Sauk hoping to land a Silver or early Steelhead on its way up the system. As of this writing, only one fish to hand, a 6-7 lb. Coho slammed my brown streamer in a couple feet of water behind a large boulder. It took me five minutes to get the fish landed but only a second or two to unhook the fish and send it on its way. These beautiful dime-bright fish are now appearing with some regularity in the tree-line areas of deeper water under branches, behind boulders and around other formidable obstacles. To be able to present a fly in front of a receptive fish, casting accuracy is important. An off-target cast usually results in hooking an alder branch or worse. One morning last week I lost 7 flies to a submerged stump, but this was a great spot and I knew fish would be hiding there. From experience, I know that losing a few bugs is often the price we pay for the chance of hooking larger fish. Also, spend the time practice casting your favorite river rod. This can really pay off when fishing tight and unforgiving places. You don't need to be a long caster, but an accurate cast with a tight d-loop cast is often necessary. By getting your fly in front of the fish before the tippet/leader significantly increases your chances of a take and that can be a challenge in fast moving water where it may not be possible to cast at a 45 to 60 degree angle to the river flow. Practicing to have your fly in the strike zone is a big part of what this sport is all about and its what keeps me fishing local rivers season after season.

The North Fork of the Stilly is in fishable shape since the March slide - at least that's my opinion. Although water levels are low, there's virtually no competition for good water and casting space. It's also my opinion that this is the best time of year to fish local rivers. I usually carry a 5wt or 6wt with a large collection of reverse spiders, black and brown woolly buggers and a variety of small streamer patterns. If you've been waiting for just the right conditions to drive to a river and get your waders on, now is the time. The main North Fork, Sauk or the Skagit are all fine choices. So, grab your gear, pack a lunch, and pick a spot or two to spend a few hours during this colorful season!

Board Business

On some business related news, on October 7, the Board of Directors reviewed and unanimously passed the operating budget for 2015. The annual auction followed by membership dues comprised the majority of revenues generated to support club activities. Also, please remember to submit your largest fish affidavit no later than October 31 to Dennis LeMaster. Dennis will need time to sort through the submissions and determine a winner in each category before the holiday banquet.

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

Fly Tying

November 2014

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

The club will once again offer fly tying classes for members and nonmembers alike in 2015. The 12 classes will be held in the same location, the Rosehill Community Center in Mukilteo, starting Wednesday, Jan. 7 and continuing each Wednesday through March. It's a little early to sign up, so we'll give you information on costs and how to register in a later edition of Swirl Tips.

For members who haven't been to a class, they're basically an opportunity to learn from other club members. Most of the classes will be taught by club members who will teach patterns that have been effective for them at a lake or river.

To aid some of the newer tiers, we'll try to start with an introductory class on tying tools and basic techniques and go from there. We'll also try to match newbies with more experienced tiers so that they have someone nearby who can help out.

I will be asking people to help out with the class soon by agreeing to lead one of the classes. Those who do teach a class get to attend all the classes for free. If you'd like to teach, please let me know. Don't wait for me to call on you. Or if you have questions, please ask.

I can be reached at
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Are we lucky or what?!!

We have been given the opportunity to use the Everett Yacht Club for our Annual Fundraising Auction this year at no additional cost to the club. This Yacht Club normally commands a rental price of over \$400/night and is right on the waterfront with an awesome view and tons of space for us. Along with our normal bar service, the club will also be providing appetizers for you to snack on. Of course, you are still welcome to have dinner at Scuttlebutt (or anywhere else you like) before the auction. The address of the Yacht Club is: 404 14th St. Everett, WA which is less than ¼ mile from our normal meeting location.

There is a map is on the last page





Club Auction

By Mike Schutt

It's almost here! Our October Auction is coming up on the 28th of this month.

Remember, this is our single largest fund-raiser of the year, bringing in about 2/3 of our club's operating revenue. So find something to donate and bring your wallets.

The bar will be open and we'll have a fantastic selection of member- and professional- guided trips, several of which are for 2 people, so grab a buddy and get ready to bid.

Trips so far include:

Carl Johnson - Clark Fork R. in Montana; 2 days fishing, 3 nights lodging at Carl's place, for 2 people (1 must be EFFC member).

Chris Grieve – Guided trip for two on a great selection of western Washington lakes or rivers.

Dick Snow – 2 days fishing Upper East Side's lakes (Omak, Chopaka, Blue, Buzzard, etc.) for 1 or 2 people. Stay 2 nights at Dick's place near Winthrop.

Dale Dennis – Spring 2015, salt water trip in Dale's boat, launching from Marysville, fishing for cut-throat, flies included.

Mike Benbow & Jerry Buron– Skagit River walk n wade trip for two people, targeting Chum salmon. This year or next (weather permitting). Lunch provided, must have own gear.

Griff's Fly Fishing Adventures – guided Methow R. trip for 2, summer for trout or fall/winter for steel-head.

We'll also have raffle buckets, a silent auction, member tied flies and a great live auction.

THERE WILL BE NO DINNER CATERED TO THE AUCTION ROOM THIS YEAR.

Feel free to eat at Scuttlebutt down below, then come upstairs to join us.

We can always use help setting up and taking down the room; if you can help out, arrive around 4:00.

Doors open at 5:15, with the auction starting about 6:00.

We will only be accepting cash or check at the meeting, but members may have 30 days to make payment to our Treasurer.

If you have donations or have tied some flies for the auction, please bring them to the auction early, or contact me and we can make other arrangements.

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Other News

By Gary Iverson

Thank You!

On Saturday, October 4 Jerry Solie, Dan Ferguson, Kirk Brooks, Richard Lindsey and myself participated in the Stilly cleanup. We started the morning off with an 8:00 am breakfast at the Blue Bird Café. The cleanup started at 9:00 am and went on for most of the morning. Much of the illegally dumped trash was picked up at the Lime Quarry and the east end of the Cicero Bridge. This was another great opportunity to clean up our home river and hopefully next year we'll gather an even larger crowd.



October Auction

Time to start thinking about those lightly used rods, reels and other equipment you have in your closet or the garage. The EFFC's October 28 auction is an opportunity to donate or purchase lightly used fishing equipment donated by other members. This year, the Everett Yacht Club, located at 404 14th St. on Everett's waterfront, will be our venue for the evening. The Yacht Club, is approximately ¼ mile from the Blue Heron Room and will provide a larger meeting and display area for the auction items and room to enjoy a beer, wine or your favorite drink while socializing with other members. We'll provide a great selection of hors d'ourves and finger foods along with the usual drinks and pretzel snacks. So, plan on the usual routine of eating and drinking at Scuttlebutt and then a quick drive to the Everett Yacht Club just a few minutes away.

There is ample parking in front and we plan to have doors open at early to preview auction items. We'll get maps and other auction information out to you in a follow-up email. The Auction is the Club's primary revenue source so please come and enjoy the evening we have planned!

2015 EFFC Officer Nominations

The season of selecting and nominating club Officers and Committee Chairs has arrived. Current open positions include Trustee (3-year term), Vice President, and Secretary (1-year term). The Vice President position is effectively a three-year position, with the first year serving as Vice President, the second as President, and the third as Past President. This arrangement has served the club well in the past and will likely continue for the foreseeable future. Our club has a stable 60-year history in the Northwest and is in very good financial health. For our club to continue, each of us from time to time has to step up and take a turn at a leadership position. If you are interested in serving the club as an Officer or perhaps as a Chairperson, please contact Jim Pankiewicz or myself during the coming weeks.





Other News

By Gary Iverson

Loren Bly Passing

Loren Bly passed away on September 6, 2014 at the age of 83 after an extended illness. Loren was a 50-year member of the Evergreen Fly Fishing Club. It was just last year when Loren and I had a conversation at the Old Timers meeting chatting about a past outing and other club goings-on. Loren usually had a story to share and was always in good spirits when we traded hellos. Many of may not know that Loren made his living as a sheet metal worker and later as a business owner. For years, he worked in the cold northern regions of Alaska installing heating equipment in Aleutian Island villages, mainland Alaska and later in the Seattle area. Loren was truly an artist and created interesting metal pieces of artwork for several local businesses. Next time you're in Anthony's Homeport on the Everett waterfront check out the giant brass crab over the kitchen or the stuffed marlin and plaque above the door - both are Loren's artwork. Our thoughts and condolences go out to his family.

Tight lines,

Membership News

This will be my last Membership Chairman news update for the club. Being your Membership Chairman was a super experience for me and a great place to meet long-time members and introduce new members to everyone. The experience has been a lot of fun and I'll be working with Paul Luczyk, as he transitions into his new role. I trust each of you will afford Paul the time and patience to do this job as you did for me. Thank you

New Members

Please welcome the following new members to our club: Jarrod and his wife Marina Ball of Lake Stevens; and Bryce Levin of Everett. Welcome aboard all!

2015 Membership Dues

It's that time of year again! That's right... time to pay your 2015 membership dues. Dues for 2015 are now \$40 for general members. No longer will there be a separate classification for those individuals living outside Snohomish county. Dues are important in managing the club's operating budget, so please pay them on time.

2014 EFFC Membership Renewal Form

Membership dues are \$40

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:
Paul Luczyk, EFFC Chairman, 704 9th Place, Mukilteo, WA 98275

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