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Swirl Tips

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Meeting: May 26th, 2015 @ 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 Rob Gamage

More good things are happening in the Evergreen Fly Fishing Club! I'm extremely happy to announce that we now have a Vice President! His name is Richard Lindsey, and all of the Board members are confident that he will do an excellent job. Richard has been our Librarian for a while now and has attended and participated in many board meetings. In conversations that I've had with Richard I can tell that he genuinely cares about the well-being and continued success of the EFFF. Please join me in welcoming Richard into this position and thanking him for stepping up to take on this important role for our club.

We're making good headway by identifying new jobs that have arisen in the last couple of years that haven't been officially accounted for. Most of these tasks will wind up as part of a new committee with more information coming later in the year.

I should also put out another call for volunteers. We're still looking for more people to serve on several of our committees. Denny LeMaster is looking for some assistance in the Awards Committee. Bruce Turner is looking for someone that would like to take over putting together the Swirl Tips newsletter. Mike Benbow is looking for some help in transporting and setting up the AV equipment for our fly tying classes next year. Finally, it should go without saying, but now we need a new Librarian too. Aside from these more specific requests there's always enough room for you wherever you feel you would like to help contribute to the inner workings of the EFFF.

On a lighter note; I'm just starting to gather things up to make the pilgrimage over the North Cascades for our annual Spring Outing to Big Twin Resort. If you've never joined us over there, you're missing out! It's not a guarantee, but the fishing is usually pretty good and the camaraderie is excellent! More experienced members are very helpful with tips to help catch fish and the Saturday night dinner is always AMAZING! This year I won't have any of my boys coming along, which honestly I'm a little torn about. They always have such a good time over there. I'll miss not spending that quality time with one of my boys, but it'll be fun to just relax and hang out with other members without having to be "Dad". (I'll make it up to them by taking them to some of the lakes closer to home later this year.)

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

June 2015

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

June 27th

Stilly Cleanup

July 24th — 26th

Summer Outing the
Methow River



Fly Tying Report

By Mike Benbow

There are a couple things I'd like to report to members about fly tying. One involves money, so let's start there. Sandy Atkinson handed out the club mail during the last board meeting and one of the letters contained a check for \$742. It was from the Rose Hill Community Center, where we hold the tying classes. The center handles the registration, keeps a percentage for administration and a facility fee, and gives the biggest share of the money back to us in the form of this check.

I had never seen the check before. It usually goes straight to the treasurer. I was surprised to see how big it was. It looks like we will make money on the tying class this year, but I thought I would mention that making money has never been the intention. We don't want to lose money on the classes, so we always want to make enough to cover materials, the facility, and other expenses.

Expenses for materials look about \$300 this year, partly because some tiers don't charge the club anything and cover the costs themselves. But we still have quite a gap between what we're spending and what we take in, so we should think about what that means for next year. For example, we could charge members a bit less (it's now \$40, \$60 for nonmembers). We could let members do some more complicated flies that have more materials. We could hire a guest tier to learn some new techniques of tools. Think about this and pass along any ideas. I like the guest tier idea if for no reason than we had difficulty getting enough volunteer tiers this year and I ended up doing two classes myself.

Second item: I was called to task (appropriately) at the board meeting for not doing my job. One of our board members noted I've been failing to have someone tie flies at most of the meetings, which is one of my duties. So don't be surprised if I ask you to tie at a meeting in the coming year. And feel free to volunteer if you have a pattern that you'd like to share. Doug Nordstrom has volunteered to do an elk hair caddis (the contest fly) during this month's meeting. We need people for June, August, September and November.



Fly Tying Contest

By Mark Minshall



Damsel Fly Nymph

Sparseness--the First Key Characteristic

Consider the first characteristic, sparseness. The natural insect is terribly thin, a problem that requires constant attention lest your fly blow up like Marlon Brando. Thicker patterns will pick up an occasional opportunistic fish, but when you're targeting trout that are focused on damselfly nymphs, the sparse patterns will outfish the chunky ones five-to-one.

Dubbing is a great material for the body of damselfly nymphs. Try to avoid chenille, Estaz, and other bulky materials except when tying larger patterns. Just try to make sure your body girth is no more than two and a half times the gauge of wire of the hook you are tying it on.

Motion--the Second Key

Motion, while not as vital as sparseness, is also crucial. Damselfly nymphs swims with a side-to-side motion of the abdomen, something anglers have tried to imitate for years (with minimal success) by changing materials and retrieves. That's why I tie all my patterns short, but with an extended marabou tail. When combined with a lightly weighted body, this creates a lot of motion.

Many nymph styles have nothing but a small tuft of marabou or filoplume at the tail, and this does nothing to create an illusion of motion in your fly.

Eyes--the Third Key

Many people will debate the importance of eyes in damselfly nymph imitations. I side with the great Cascades Lakes tier Jim Cope, who uses eyes on almost all of his damselfly nymphs. Eyes are very prominent on the natural insect. When imitating damselfly nymphs, I recommend green mono eyes. You can buy them pre-formed or you can make your own. By using mono eyes you give your nymph a large flat head. The head of a natural damselfly nymph can often be as much as two times the width of the rest of the body.

Reference

Three Keys to Effective Damselfly Nymphs by Jeff Morgan on "Westfly Website"



February Speaker

By Rob Gamage



Carol Ann Morris will be our guest speaker for the May Meeting. She will give us a 50-minute PowerPoint presentation on fly-fishing photography. Over the past two decades Carol's photographs have not only appeared in most of her husband Skip Morris's 18 fly-fishing and -tying books but on the covers and interior pages of such magazines as GRAY'S SPORTING JOURNAL and FLY FISHING & TYING JOURNAL.

She has performed her PowerPoint show "Fly-Fishing Photography 101: How to Capture What You See" all over the West--in Washington, Oregon, British Columbia--and in the East--Michigan, Ohio--at fly-fishing clubs and sportsmen's shows and fly-fishing expositions.



Club Outings

By Mike Benbow

We had a good turnout May 9 for the kids fish-in at Silver Lake. If I try to mention all the people who turned out to help, I'll forget someone, so I won't try. There were eight or ten club members helping the kids out and I think everyone had a good time.

Jim, the main guy for the Everett Steelhead and Salmon Group, recently passed away, but the steelhead club did its usual good job of having rods and gear for the kids. There were about 4,000 hatchery trout put in the net, so the kids caught a lot of fish. It was a beautiful, sunny day, so fishing did slow down as the sun rose in the sky.

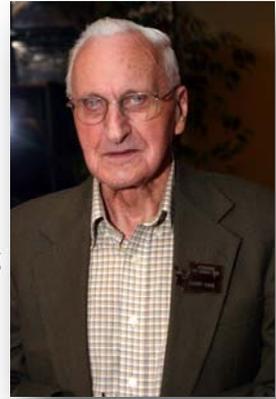
Thanks to all who volunteered.



Passing Member

Harry Hazlett Dahl died suddenly May 1, 2015, in Edmonds. He was 98 years old. Harry enjoyed many activities including golfing, dancing and poker, but his passion was fly fishing. He had a cabin at Oso and he thoroughly enjoyed staying there and fishing for steelhead on the North Fork of the Stillaguamish River.

He was very proud of the trophy that he received in 1981 for the 17 lb. - 4 oz summer steelhead he had caught.



Harry was an active member in the Evergreen Fly Fishing Club for many years and was also a member of the Elks, VFW and Sons of Norway.

Harry was a life-long resident of Everett. He grew up on Rockefeller Avenue and in later years lived at Washington Oakes retirement center, also on Rockefeller Avenue, just a few blocks from his childhood home. He often mentioned that he started in Everett on Rockefeller and, after almost 90 years, he was still on Rockefeller. Over the years, he worked various jobs including The Meadowmoor Dairy Store (ice cream fountain) that he, and his wife Eva, ran for 10 years. The whole family worked there and Harry enjoyed meeting people and visiting with the customers. After closing the store in 1967 he worked at the Washington State Liquor store in Everett. Harry has two daughters, Deanna (Grant) Gould and Vicki (Randy) Niman.

There will be a public graveside service on Saturday, May 30, at noon, at Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, 1516 SE Everett Mall Way, Everett, and a reception at 1:30 at the Edmonds Church of God, 8224 220th St. SW, Edmonds.

You can sign a guest book here.

<http://bauer-fun-chapel.tributes.com/dignitymemorial/obituary/Harry-Hazlett-Dahl-102434678>



-Meeting format change-

After last month's "Hurry-up" fishing reports and lack of officer and committee reports, it was decided that maybe we need to switch things up a little bit so we don't have to cut our guest speaker's time short. So, for the May meeting I will begin the meeting with officer and committee reports and then move on to fishing reports. Fishing reports will be halted at 7:50 if needed, to take our 10 minute break before announcing our guest speaker at 8:00. I'm hopeful that with your cooperation this will help things go more smoothly.

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