

## EFFC Club History

Based in Everett, Washington, the Evergreen Fly Fishing Club has a long and rich history. It was founded in late 1954 by a small group of avid fly fishers that included Lew Bell, Bill Beggs, Ted Knoblauch, Al Knudson, Ernie Larson, Lloyd McChesney, and Lloyd Solie. Lew was one of the early presidents of the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) and Al Knudson, whose Knudson spider fly pattern has become a standard in the Northwest. Early members included Bill Nelson, another founder of the FFF, credited by many with coming up with the original idea for a national alliance of fly fishers.

The Evergreen Fly Fishing Club hosted the first Regional Federation of Fly Fishers Conclave at Ocean Shores, WA in March 1969.

## Membership

Today the Evergreen Fly Fishing Club has well over 100 members, but still keeps its original focus on education, conservation, and activities. We are always looking for fresh new faces that will be good stewards to the sport of fly fishing. If you'd like more information on how to join the Evergreen Fly Fishing Club, simply contact the Membership Chairman at the following address:

**EVERGREEN FLY FISHING CLUB**  
**Attn: MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN**  
**P.O. BOX 221**  
**EVERETT, WA 98206**

## EFFC Club Activities

In July the club holds its meeting on the North Fork of the Stillaguamish River to coincide with its summer steelhead outing. In addition to gathering on the North Fork each July, the club holds a number of other group fishing outings, including a winter steelhead fishout, a spring lake fishout, a fishout with the McKenzie FlyFishers of Eugene, OR for the "Kalama Cup" which started in 1966, and a fall cutthroat fishout. Members also get together regularly for such projects as the June cleanup of the North Fork, a storied summer-run steelhead river that the club considers its home waters.

In December there is no regular meeting. In its place the Club holds its annual Christmas & Awards Party ceremony.

Each winter, members conduct a series of fly tying classes featuring proven & innovative patterns, and rod building classes have been conducted in the past. The club also supports a number of conservation related activities. We try to keep up on legislative issues affecting our sport and make our opinions known to the Legislature or state fish and wildlife officials. In addition to the river cleanup, the club sends four youngsters to a summer conservation camp each year and donates to various non-club projects and sponsors projects of our own. In the spring of 1999, e.g., the club spent two weekends planting trees along North Fork of the Stillaguamish feeder creeks to support young salmon and steelhead.

EFFC has worked with the City of Everett, Snohomish County PUD, & the WA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife to open Spada Lake to selective

Fishing and to make Ebey Lake open to fly fishing only.

In 1998 the EFFC worked closely with WDFW biologists and conducted a sport fishery study to determine the viability of catch & release selective gear rules on Lone Lake. Based on this study the EFFC lobbied in 1998 to change the regulations to selective gear rules. In 1999 Lone Lake became a "selective fishery."

## EFFC Newsletter

### *Swirl Tips*

"Swirl Tips" is the EFFC newsletter made available monthly before our general membership meetings (4th Tuesday of each month).



## EFFC Club Meetings

Club meetings are the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Flying Pig Brewery (2929 Colby Avenue in downtown Everett). The Flying Pig Brewery is located on Colby Ave. between Hewitt Ave. and Wall St. Monthly meetings begin at 6 p.m. with a social hour that often includes a fly tying demonstration. The dinner & business meeting begin at 7 p.m. and is followed by a program that often features a presentation from an expert on some interest to fly fishing. October's meeting is held at the Elk's Club in Everett and features the club's fund-raiser, an auction to support club activities and conservation. Members also get together regularly for other projects.

## Conservation

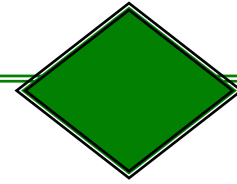
One of the Evergreen Fly Fishing Club's cornerstone principles is conservation. Since the club's founding, our members have continuously volunteered to educate others and work with projects to save our natural resources. We have a Conservation Committee that meets monthly to discuss conservation issues and related activities that the club can participate in or promote.

## North Fork Stillaguamish Monument

Our conservation committee has also constructed a historical sign/monument on the North Fork Stillaguamish River. The monument tells about the local history of fly fishing on this river and the important pioneering role the North Fork Stillaguamish played as the first river in Washington to have a "*Fly Fishing Only*" regulation for summer run steelhead.



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