

Swirl Tips

EVERGREEN FLY FISHING CLUB, INC.

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Meeting: January 28th, 2002 - Flying Pig Brewery Wet Fly Hour – 6:00 p.m. Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Fly Tying Contest

by Ken Lease

The Fly for the month of January is for those who like to tie big flies! It is the Surgeon General on a hook size #2-10, and please no gold hooks.

Fly Tying Classes

by Don Scott

We had 33 tyers turn out for the 1st class, which was a wonderful response, but there is always room for more. Classes are Wednesday evenings, 7 -9 p.m. at the Tupperware office and will be going thru March 26. The Tupperware office is on 4405 Rucker. Invite your friends. The fee for members is \$20.00, non members \$40.00. If you have any questions or wish to be a tyer, please call Don at (360) 387-7723.

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MEETINGS

General Meeting

fourth Tuesday of the month, 7pm (6pm Wet Fly)

Flying Pig Brewery

Board Meeting

first Thursday of the month, 7pm (6pm dinner)

Buck's American Café

Conservation Committee Meeting

third Thursday of the month, 7pm

Village Restaurant

President's Message

by Jesse Scott

Much of what I enjoy about fly fishing are the memories and, at my age, I guess that's understandable. Many of the things associated with fly fishing are handcrafted, and they become very special when you know the person who made them. One of these items occupies a privileged spot in my house where we constantly enjoy it. Actually, my wife won it at the Christmas raffle several years ago. I'm talking about a wall hanging of a rising trout that Kathy Mattoon made and donated to the raffle. This lady spent hundreds of hours on her labor of love and then donated it to the club raffle. I also have one of Jackie Swanson's knitted caps that I save for those cold winter morning trips to the river. Lots of good memories there. My wife is still trying to win one of Sue Richardson's Christmas tree blankets, which are very, very special. Over the years I'm sure there have been numerous other ladies who have made similar contributions to the club activities. I just wanted to start this year off by giving them a big thank you and let them know how much we appreciate each and everyone of them. Thank You Ladies.

The business year started with a board meeting on January 2nd, which felt like a two hour avalanche of first of the year items. I really missed the long serving members who were replaced this year: Doug Mattoon, Jim Spainhower, Dave Nunnally, and Sandy Atkinson. It was nice to welcome Mark Simpson and Bruce Swanson to the business side of our club. We still need a replacement for Mark Gustafson who has served so well over the years as our Activities chairman. I'm warning you, if someone doesn't step up soon, you'll be eating steaks grilled by me. Speaking of me, I'm coming up on 71 this year, and we still don't have a Vice President. Do you think we need a spare, just in case?

The activity dates have been updated through April of 2004 and are in this newsletter. Notice the addition of a new Fly Fishing Show scheduled for February 22nd and 23rd at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue. The budget meeting was held on January 16th, and I will summarize it for you at the

January meeting. We now have the Flying Pig Restaurant booked for our meetings. We will start looking for a backup location for the October auction, in the event the Elk's room is not available. The big issue is getting the dinner costs incurred by you and the club under control. We are working this one as a priority and would welcome any input you may have.

Don't miss the presentation George Henry is going to make at the January meeting. He has the entire time and has included time for your ideas as well. Additionally, there will be paper, pencils and boxes on each table. If you prefer, just write your thoughts down and leave them in the box. This could be a very productive meeting, if you take the time to study the ideas and jot down some of your own. Remember, this is your club and you are only hearing one member's ideas. I want to hear everyone's ideas. I work for you, and I really need to know what you are thinking. In the mean time, I'm going fishing.

New Dinner Procedures

by Jesse Scott

Beginning with the January meeting the dinners will be purchased from the Ghillie. You may choose any one of three menu items and pay a fixed price of \$13.00. You will receive a coupon from the Ghillie with your menu choice printed on it. Place the coupon on the table in front of the chair you intend to occupy and that's it. Please have the coupon on the table not later than 6:45 p.m.

The menu choices are:

- Caesar Salad with Broiled Chicken.
- Bacon & Cheddar Burger with French Fries.
- Fish & Chips with Garden Salad and Dinner Roll.

The above price includes coffee or water and a tip. We can adjust the menu items from month to month as the members desire. The good news is we have no minimum number of meals to purchase and the club makes 40 cents per meal. A no-host beer and wine bar will also be provided.

EFFC 2003 Schedule of Activities

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Feb 15 th Sat	Winter Fishout	Village Inn (weigh-in)
April 19 th Sat	Unofficial Lone Lake Fishout	Lone Lake
May 17-18 th Sat-Sun	Spring Fishout	<i>Decided at January meeting</i>
June 21 st Sat	Stilly Cleanup Breakfast?	Charlie Rickets
July 20 th Sun	Summer Fishout Dinner	Gordon Swanson's
July 25-27 th Fri-Sun	McKenzie Outing Potluck	NF Stilly
Sept 7 th Sun	Cutthroat Outing Dinner	Haller Park, Arlington
Oct 11-12 th Sat-Sun	Unofficial Dry Falls Fishout Potluck	Sun Lakes State Park
Oct 28 th Tue	Auction (Bring Friends) Dinner	Everett Elks Club?
Dec 6 th Sat	Christmas Party Dinner	Gleneagle Country Club
Other Events of Interest:		
March 13-16 th	Seattle Sportsman's Show	
April 12 th Sat	WSCFFF Annual Meeting	

Help Wanted

by Jesse Scott

The December Swirl Tips job openings have been broken in to two categories: spring and summer. We are now taking applications for the spring event on May 17th & 18th, 2003. Openings exist for:

- Steak man- purchase, transport, marinate and cook steaks.
- Bread man- purchase, transport and serve bread & butter.
- Desert man- purchase, transport and serve dessert.

Note: Actual expenses incurred by the member for the above purchases will be reimbursed.

The executive position of Activities Committee Chairman is still available. Please contact the interim chairman, Jesse Scott, at (425) 745-6092.

Additional positions are also available for either Auction or Christmas party volunteers. Contact the Vice-President Pro Tem, Jesse Scott at (425) 745-6092.

THE BOTTOM LINE IS: WE NEED A VICE-PRESIDENT AND ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN.

Choose Your Spring Fishout Location

by Jesse Scott

The Spring Fishout is set for the weekend of May 17th and 18th, 2003. The board has proposed three lakes for the fishout. The actual lake will be chosen by a vote of the members at the January meeting. The choices are: Aeneas, Big Twin, and Dry Falls.

All of the lakes are in Eastern Washington: Aeneas is located near Tonasket; Big Twin is near Winthrop; and Dry Falls is near Coulee City. If you plan to attend the Spring Fishout, this is your opportunity to be heard and to vote. If you can't make the January meeting but plan to attend the fishout, call Jesse Scott (425-745-6092) and he will insure your vote is included.

Library Has Been Moved

by Don Mathiesen

Thanks to Dolan Wernet, Dave Nunnally and Don Mathiesen, the EFFC Library has been moved to the Flying Pig. Return your checked-out books at the next meeting. Books and video tapes will be available for check-out.

Winter Fishout

by Jesse Scott

Want a little tingle in your toes? The Winter Fishout is scheduled for Saturday, February 15th. You can fish any river you choose, as long as you get out and back for the 5 p.m. weigh-in. The weigh-in will be at the Village Inn in Marysville. The long, cold day is usually followed by dinner and a lot of good spirited Steelhead stories.

Some folks maintain there is no such thing as a Steelhead. If you can't make the fishing portion, please join the stalwart group for dinner and answer the Steelhead question yourself. We have the back room reserved at 4:30 p.m. If you arrive early check out the bar. Come and enjoy a few hours in sunny downtown Marysville with friends or Steelhead fly fishers.

Year 2003 Membership Dues

by Doug Mattoon

With the new year is another friendly reminder that club dues are now due. Calendar year 2003 dues are \$30 for members, and \$25 for associate members. As of this writing, half of our members have paid their year 2002 dues. Thanks to all of you who have paid! For all of you that did pay by December 31st of last year, the raffle for the Ross Large Arbor reel will be held at the January 28nd general membership meeting.

Please do not send dues to the club's post office box, or give them to other club officers. The membership committee also keeps the master club roster up to date. Doug has agreed to continue collecting this years dues for your new membership chairman, Mark Simpson. So, give your dues and any change of address to Doug at a general membership meeting, or mail them to him directly. Paid dues, the date paid and the check number will be entered into the master club roster as your receipt. You will be given a new membership card upon payment of dues. The membership chairman highly recommends you pay your dues by check.

Section 4.4C of the by-laws states that dues are delinquent after the January general membership meeting. If a member has become delinquent in the payment of dues, the member shall receive notice of delinquency. (via our Swirl Tips newsletter) After two such notices, the member will be dropped as a member 30 days after the last notice.

In the February issue of The Swirl Tips, we are required to publish the names of all members who have not paid their 2003 dues. This will be the first notice of delinquency. Please pay your dues, they are important to the operating budget of our club.

Please fill out attached form!

For Sale

Own a Portion of the Avid Angler Fly Fishing Shop! Incorporated in 1975, this Lake Forest Park, WA store is growing, profitable and generating cash.

www.avidangler.com

For more information, please call (206) 276-7057

For Sale

Bauer M1, Bauer M2 + a spare spool, and a Hardy Sovereign (the old gold type) 5/6/7 + a spare spool.
Contact Don Korzep at (425) 348-6285

Award Winners

by Reed Miller

The following people won awards as indicated for the year 2002. Not all the award winners were at the Christmas Party where the awards were distributed, however. I still have the awards of those names with an asterisk. Hopefully these people will be at the January meeting and can get them then.

Largest Fish Awards (Wheatley Fly Boxes)

- ❖ Rainbow Trout Alan Hensley* 28"
- ❖ Brown Trout Bruce Swanson 21"
- ❖ Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Mark Simpson 27"
- ❖ Winter Steelhead Doug Mattoon 28 ¼"
- ❖ Summer Steelhead Jerry Larson 37 ½"
- ❖ King Salmon Charlie Rickets* 34 ½"
- ❖ Spring Fish-out Alan Hensley* 21" Rainbow
- ❖ Summer Steelhead Fish-out Skinner Wood* 28"
- ❖ Cutthroat Fish-out Ted Lewis* 15 ½"

Fly Line Drawings

Doug Nordstrom*
Gordon Swanson

Special Awards

- Al Knudson Cutthroat Award Ted Lewis*
- Chuck Clevish Empty Creel Award for Conservation Dale Dennis*
- Past President's Award: -- 1999 – George Henry
2002 --Jim Melnick
- President's Trophy: -- 2003 – Jesse Scott
- Golden Sucker Award -- ???

From the FFF® ClubWire

The Fly Fishing Priest

There was a priest who loved to fly fish and did so on almost a weekly basis. One year the weather patterns were such that during the week when the priest was off the weather was rainy. All year he was unable to go fishing. All week the weather would be bad until Sunday when he had to work. On Sundays the sun was always shining.

Finally the priest had reached his breaking point. He called one of the other priests on Saturday night and explained how sick he was and the he could not conduct mass the next day. The second priest agreed to cover for him.

Not wanting anyone to see him, the fly fishing priest drove 200 miles to a trout stream to fish.

An angel seeing the priest play hooky went to God and explained the situation. God agreed that something should be done to teach the priest a lesson.

The priest slowly entered the water. His first cast was flawless. His fly drifted past a log and a huge mouth came up and gulped his fly. For almost an hour the priest ran up and down the stream as he fought the monster fish. In the end he netted a world record rainbow.

Confused, the angel asked God "What are you doing?"

God Replied "Think about it. Who is he going to tell?"

Quote

In reference to hatching mayflies:

"For a year [they] have crawled around the stream bottom. Today is the day they will sprout wings, fly into the warm air, make love for the first and last time, and then die. How I would like to sprout wings and make love on my last day on earth."

-- Peter Kaminsky; *The Fly Fisherman's Guide to the Meaning of Life*, Rodale, 2002.

FFF Code Of Angling Ethics

Several years ago, an article published in one of the national sporting periodicals conveyed an interesting message about outdoor ethics. The author discussed his recent attendance at a national sporting society meeting where the issue of sporting ethics was on the agenda. Attendees generally agreed

with the many views and positions expressed concerning ethics for the hunter. But, according to the author, when the topic changed to ethics for the angler, few views and positions were discussed and none agreed upon.

Since that time several articles about ethics have appeared in other sporting periodicals, some even addressing angling ethics. But these discussions seemed to lack a unifying theme or approach. The issue of angling ethics did seem to call out for examination by the Federation of Fly Fishers. During the Strategic Planning meeting held in conjunction with our 2001 annual show, those in attendance unanimously endorsed the concept that FFF needed to develop and promote a common angling ethic. A committee was chartered to research and develop a code.

The work of that committee resulted in the following FFF Code of Angling Ethics. The efforts of many went into this work, and several contributed more than their fair share. A special thank you is extended to Jim Boyd, Susan Halblom, Jerry McBride and Marty Sheldon; without their contributions the code would have been lacking.

As the reader will note, the Code expresses the belief that ethical behavior is a key component of the angling experience, and that anglers must behave ethically towards each other, non-anglers, and the environment. Ethical angling behavior is not a destination for one to boost about reaching. Rather, it is a continuous journey that will improve the overall angling experience.

(Gary Grant, FFF Treasurer)

FFF's Code

The mission of the Federation of Fly Fishers is to lead activities that enhance and support the fly fishing experience for all anglers who fish with the artificial fly. As part of our efforts to educate through fly fishing, we believe that ethical behavior is a key component of the angling experience. While the need to preserve for all anglers the natural beauty and quality of fisheries for future generations is paramount, consideration for fellow anglers cannot be overlooked.

FFF believes it essential that fly anglers in all waters embrace an ethic that embodies considera-

tion for the environment and for others whether they are fishing or not. This Code of Angling Ethics complements the Catch and Release philosophy that is the hallmark of the Federation of Fly Fishers and reflects the importance of ethical behavior for all anglers. Moreover, it provides a framework for improving the angling experience by combining consideration of the fishery with respectful conduct towards fellow anglers. Overall, the policy denotes a journey in ethical behavior for fly anglers and not a destination.

Person-to-person and person-to-resource ethics go hand-in-hand. Fly anglers strive to understand and practice the land ethic of Aldo Leopold, which extends ethical consideration to the land, plants, animals, fish, and water that comprise the entire ecosystem. An important part of this land ethic is that fly anglers support those programs that sustain high species diversity, and do not support policies that could cause the premature extinction of another species. The Native Fish Policy of the Federation of Fly Fishers is based on this ethic of preventing fish species extinction.

The following nine behaviors comprise the Federation of Fly Fishers' Code of Angling Ethics:

– Angling ethics begin with understanding and obeying laws and regulations associated with the fishery. Fly anglers understand that their conduct relative to laws and regulations reflects on all anglers. Angling ethics begin with and transcend laws and regulations governing angling and the resources that sustain the sport.

* The opportunity to participate in the sport of fly fishing is a privilege and a responsibility. Fly anglers respect private property and always ask permission before entering or fishing private property. They seek to understand and follow the local customs and practices associated with the fishery. They share the waters equally with others whether they are fishing or engaging in other outdoor activities.

* Fly fishers minimize their impact on the environment and fishery by adopting practices that do not degrade the quality of the banks, waters, and the overall watersheds upon which fisheries depend. These practices include avoiding the introduction of species not native to an ecosystem, and cleaning and drying fishing gear to prevent the inadvertent trans-

port of invasive exotics that may threaten the integrity of an aquatic ecosystem. In simplest terms, fly anglers always leave the fishery better than when they found it.

* Fly anglers endeavor to conserve fisheries by understanding the importance of limiting their catch. "Catch and release" is an important component of sustaining premium fisheries that are being over-harvested. Fly anglers release fish properly and with minimal harm. They promote the use of barbless hooks and angling practices that are more challenging but which help to sustain healthy fish populations.

* Fly anglers do not judge the methods of fellow anglers. Fly fishers share their knowledge of skills and techniques. They help others to understand that fly-fishing contributes to sound fisheries conservation practices.

* Fly anglers treat fellow anglers as they would expect to be treated. They do not impose themselves on or otherwise interfere with other anglers. They wait a polite time, and then, if necessary, request permission to fish through. They may invite other anglers to fish through their positions. Fly fishers when entering an occupied run or area always move in behind other anglers, not in front of them whether in a boat or wading.

* Fly anglers when sharing the water allow fellow anglers ample room so as not to disturb anyone's fishing experience. They always fish in a manner that causes as little disturbance as practical to the water and fish. They take precautions to keep their shadow from falling across the water (walking a high bank).

* When fishing from watercraft fly anglers do not crowd other anglers or craft. They do not block entrances to bays or otherwise impede others. Fly anglers do not unnecessarily disturb the water by improperly lowering anchors or slapping the water with paddles or oars.

* Fly anglers always compliment other anglers and promote this Code of Angling Ethics to them whether they fish with a fly or not.

The following is a shortened version suitable to be carried by the angler:

* Fly anglers understand and obey laws and regulations associated with the fishery.

* Fly anglers believe fly fishing is a privilege and a responsibility.

* Fly anglers conserve fisheries by limiting their catch.

* Fly anglers do not judge fellow anglers and treat them as they would expect to be treated.

* Fly anglers respect the waters occupied by other anglers so that fish are not disturbed

* When fishing from a watercraft, fly anglers do not crowd other anglers or craft or unnecessarily disturb the water.

* Fly anglers respect other angling methods and promote this Code of Angling Ethics to all anglers.

Of Icicles, Frozen Guides And Drifted Christmas Snows

*by Pete Caverhill of the Osprey Flyfishers,
Vancouver, BC*

Deep winter of the Christmas and New Year season spells for me, a narrowing of angling opportunity. Resident trout fisheries, locked in snow and ice, are no longer a viable choice for the open water fisherman. Emphasis naturally shifts to coastal streams and sea-run winter steelhead.

Millar mitts, long Johns, heavy cumbersome lines and cranky frozen fly rod guides are symptoms of this deep winter steelhead fishing. I perhaps do not appreciate these aspects the way I appreciate short sleeves, light lines and surface fish. Consequently in the months around Christmas, the intensity of my angling concentration slips into hibernation.

This is not to say that I do not enjoy being a-stream. The joys of winter fishing extend far beyond the reality of being chest deep in frozen flows with rod straining. I remember the beautiful silence of a river valley under a new snowfall; I remember cloud low and still and gray, on white mountains; I remember crystalline ice bells rattling in branches over a riffle. Winter distills the true essence of going fishing. It strips the experience of all its frills. It allows me to understand why I fish.

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Total years as a Board Member or Committee Chair: _____

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