

Swirl Tips

EVERGREEN FLY FISHING CLUB, INC.

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Meeting: February 25th, 2003 - Flying Pig Brewery
Wet Fly Hour – 6:00 p.m. Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

February Program

by Bruce Swanson

We have a really great program planned for you. It's Pete Soverel from the Wild Salmon Center, founded in 1992, the Wild Salmon Center is an international non-profit organization dedicated to protection of Pacific Salmon, Steelhead, Char, and trout stocks and their ecosystems. They are committed to identifying the last, best Pacific Salmon habitat and devising practical and scientifically sound strategies to protect forever these extraordinary places and their biodiversity.

Pete will have a slide show of the Kamchatka Peninsula and Alaska. Lots of big fish, beautiful scenery and good information. So come to the February meeting and see a great slide show.

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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

The program for the January meeting consisted of a review and discussion of one member's ideas regarding our club. The fact that almost half of our members turned out for this meeting is not surprising. The display of mutual respect for one person's ideas combined with your reasoned and concerned responses shows what holds this club together. While we may have diverse interests within the sport of fly fishing, when it comes to the club our interests are as one. What a great group of guys; I'm proud to be one of you.

The next step will involve appointing a special committee to review the club organization and operation. George Henry has volunteered to head this committee. I'm pleased to report that three members have already stepped forward. If you are interested, contact George Henry or sign up at the February meeting.

Someone suggested a member feedback or suggestion box. It's Done! Look for an empty wader box that has a "leaky waders" sign on the side. I tend to put off patching waders and sure enough the next time out I'm wishing I had. So help me to

"patch" the things that bug you by dropping a note in the box. You could tell me, but sometimes I forget. So write it down, and I'll get on it. Also look for a new activities bulletin board with all the latest information on current and future club activities.

I want to thank everyone that took the time to write down their thoughts regarding the Christmas Party and/ or George's proposals. George summarized them at the February board meeting and they are with the committee now. The committee will have a copy on each table at the February meeting. Your ideas drive this outfit and sure make my job easier. Thanks and tight lines.

Fly Tying Contest

by Ken Lease

The January winner of the contest was Doug Nordstrom with his version of the Surgeon General. Thanks Doug. The fly for the February contest is the Grease Liner tied on a #2-8 STLHD hook. The majority of the flies picked for the contest comes from a spiral soft cover book Flies of the Northwest by our brethren of the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club in Spokane and can be purchased from a fly shop or Amazon.com. Just a reminder that all flies for the contest are on the club calendar.

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	Dry Falls
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

Draw Prizes

by Mike Benbow

Get ready for spring fishing with our February lineup of raffle prizes. They include: A matrix headlamp for hands-free night fishing that comes with a lifetime warranty; a RIO clear line (weight forward, 6 weight) for catching those wary lake fish; an ESPN video on basic fly fishing featuring Greg Lilly and Dave Corcoran in Montana; a plastic box for hooks, beads and other small tying items featuring several hundred hooks to start things off; a small fly box with a dozen flies, including some bloodworms, caddis pupa, grey scuds and brassies; a Ron Cordes and Gary LaFontaine pocket guide to fly casting with lots of tips to improve your skills; and finally a leader straightener. Please buy some tickets to support the club. Also, if there are some items you'd like to see as raffle prizes, please let Mike Benbow or Kyle Kragseth know about them. One item suggested recently was an inflatable life vest for river anglers. We'll get one for later in the year.

Spring Fishout – Dry Falls

by Jesse Scott

The spring fishout is set for the weekend of May 17 & 18 at Dry Falls. We will use the Sun Lakes Park as our camping location. Detailed information about the campground is available on the computer at www.parks.wa.gov. This information will also be posted on the Activities Bulletin board at the February meeting. Right now the campground is being reorganized so you can't make reservations quite yet. They plan to start taking reservations shortly.

Several options regarding the Saturday evening dinner were discussed at the January meeting. The options were: Potluck with everyone bringing some-

thing, the traditional steak dinner with fixings of baked potato, beans, salad, roll and desert, or just the fixings and you bring and cook what you choose (grill will be provided). There will be a signup sheet at the February meeting, which will include your preferred dinner option. The option with the most votes wins. If you want to sign up and vote absentee contact Jesse Scott at (425) 745-6092. Don't send money!!

Awards

by Ken Lease

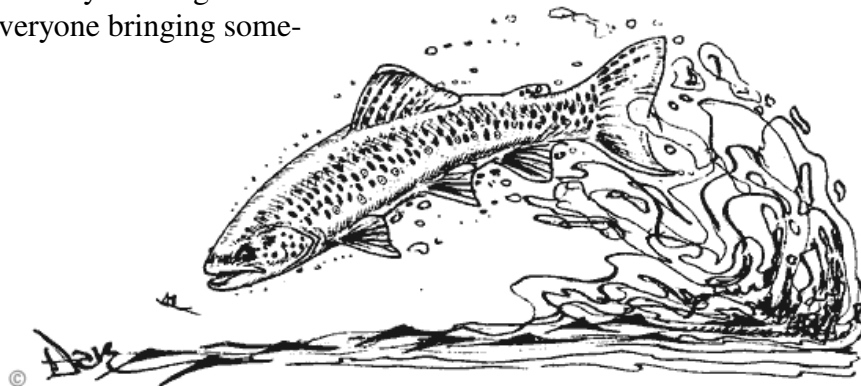
I wanted to thank Reed Miller for doing a great job as the Awards Chairman for the past years. And just a reminder that the time frame for affidavits for the Club Trophy Fishing Awards runs from Nov. 1 2002 to Oct. 31. 2003. Affidavits are found on the back of club calendars or can be picked up at meetings. Please send them to me ASAP and don't forget the date and try to get the smallest fraction if possible because we have had ties on length. Awards not filed for last year were Cutthroat, Eastern Brook, Silver, Chum, Pink, Large and Small Mouth Bass and Out of State species. I want to believe the most honest fisherman is the Fly Fisherman and that is what keeps these Awards going. Good fishing and Good Luck!

Pass Lake Update

by Jesse Scott

Just received word that the State has installed a money box at the Pass Lake parking lot. The daily parking fee is \$5. The WDFW parking pass does not apply in Washington State parks, so the new fee is legal and due.

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Membership News

by Mark Simpson

Please welcome our two new members Michael Morris and Jerry Buron and our two returning members Joel Bell and Lyle Romack. All were accepted at our most recent board meeting. Congratulations to Bob Borup as the winner of the "pay your dues" incentive prize - a new Ross brand reel.

Membership Report

by Doug Mattoon

A reminder, club dues are overdue. Calendar year 2003 dues are \$30 for members and \$25 for associate members. As of this writing, 91 of our members have paid their dues. Thanks to all of you who have paid!

Important! Dues should be paid directly to the membership committee. Please do not send them to the treasurer or to the club's post office box. Please send them to me at:

Doug Mattoon
34913 SE Kinsey St. #101
Snoqualmie, WA. 98065

Phone 425-396-4679

The membership committee also keeps the master club roster. Paid dues, the date paid, and the check number will be entered into the master club roster as your receipt. You will also be given a signed membership card by the Membership Chairman. Please see Mark Simpson at a general meeting if you have not received your card.

As of this writing, my records indicate the following members have not paid their 2003 dues:

Larry Adams	Howard Averill	Joe Bly
Terry Carlson	Denis Channing	Stephen Crane
Tom Darling	Terrence Duffield	Steve Edgecomb
Oclair Enstad II	Carl Frisk	David Frisk
Dick Greaves	Kevin Heacox	Kim Hultman
Rick Jeter	Kyle Kragseth	Adam Larson
Gregory Minaker	Chuck Morrison	Jim Morton
Ron Nelson	Chris Price	Tony Roon
Don Scott	Craig Shreeve	Rod Snyder
Ken Sunderland	Paul Tetzlaff	Chuck Thompson
Toby Tobias		

Please call me or Mark Simpson if your name is included on this list in error. This is the first notice of delinquency, according to section 4.4C of the club by-laws.

In the next issue of The Swirl Tips, we are required to publish the names of all members who have still not paid their 2003 dues. That will be the second and final notice of delinquency. Please pay your dues. They are important to the operating budget of the club.

Nominate an Endangered Fishery

From high mountain lakes to deep-water oceans, fisheries across the United States and Canada face new threats every day. Whether you enjoy bass fishing in Louisiana, steelhead fishing in British Columbia or striped bass fishing in Chesapeake Bay, you understand the true beauty and value of a healthy fishery. We are asking for your help in identifying fisheries that face serious threats so that we can all work to help preserve and restore these precious treasures.

Recognizing that many of our nations fisheries are in danger of decline, the Federation of Fly Fishers annually identifies our most endangered fisheries and advocates for their protection. We believe that by highlighting these waters and telling their story we can raise awareness of their plight and enlist others to help us make a difference.

The EFI program has been a great success and we are asking for your nominations for 2003. Local people know best the threats that their waters face. If you know of a resource that deserves attention, this is your opportunity to make a difference by submitting a nomination.

To be eligible for listing the water must be in or surrounding the United States or Canada. It must represent a significant resource to fly fishers and be facing a dramatic decline. Complete information including a nomination application can be found at www.fedflyfishers.org or by email at conserve@fedflyfishers.org.

The deadline for nominations is April 30, 2003 and the final list will be released in early August.

Quote

"Three-fourths of the Earth's surface is water, and one-fourth is land. It is quite clear that the good Lord intended us to spend triple the amount of time fishing as taking care of the lawn".

-- *Chuck Clark, on Fly-fish*

Found in a River, by Jeff Bright
Frank Amato Pub., Inc., Portland, 2002
73 pages, hardbound, illustrated, color
suggested price \$19.95

This small volume is a wonderful interlude of peace in a busy world by a man who has refused to lose the wide eyed wonder of childhood. A collection of poems vividly describing the ephemeral qualities of the Steelhead Rainbow Trout accompanied by photographic images that evoke a dreamlike vision of being on a river with them. The author brings to reality the emotional soul of why some of us cast a fly, in the worst weather, for a fish seldom caught in large numbers. Like a sailor always believing a mermaid is possible, so to the steelheader believes that a steelhead on the end of the line is just as possible.

If you are a steelheader you will smile and feel the passion of being on the river casting repeatedly on belief alone. If you have never cast a fly for this great fish, curl up in a quiet corner with this book, open your mind and your heart and you may just be able to glimpse the spirit of a steelhead swimming through your future.

The editing and photography are beautifully adapted to the text and the emotions they evoke. Extremely well done and well worth the price of admission.

One of the purest reading pleasures to have been printed in a long time.

(reviewed © 2001 by Bruce E. Harang of the Smoky Mountain Fly Fishers of North Carolina, courtesy of the FFF ClubWire Email Newswire)

Angler Definitions:

Catch – and – Release

One of three increasingly common forms of no-kill fishing practice by conservation minded anglers. The other two, in which fish are never actually caught in the first place, are known as "lose-and-lie" and "nibble-and-fib."

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