

Swirl Tips

EVERGREEN FLY FISHING CLUB, INC.

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

March Program

by Bruce Swanson

The incomparable fly fisherman of many waters, our own Mike Benbow will present our program for March. He will bring us to the Copper River in Alaska, but not the combat, commercial river you are thinking of. Come and see this mystery river at the March meeting.

Fly Tying Contest

by Ken Lease

The Fly Tying Contest for Feb. was won by our Club President, Lt.Col (Ret). Jesse Scott. The other three contestants did a great and I would not hesitate to use these fly's on any rivers, Thanks fellas. The fly for the month of March will be the Pale Morning Dun Nymph which was created by Walt Cubley of Spokane, Wa. In designing this nymph, Walt wanted to take in the nymph body colors that vary in the waters of the Northwest such as gray, tan, pink and wheat. This pattern is tied on a #14-16 hook, 8/0 cream tread.

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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

I am sorry to report that Dick Greaves lost a loved one early this month. Dick's son David suffered a fatal heart attack while fishing a river near his home in Oregon. Dick, our thoughts and prayers are with you. We look forward to having you back with us soon.

The March board meeting was another busy one. George Henry's committee presented their proposals to the board. There are now eight proposals that George has included in this newsletter. I encourage you to study them and come prepared to discuss them with the membership.

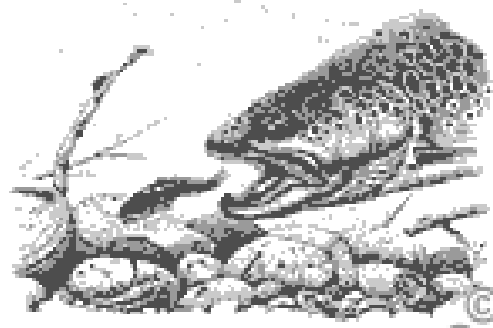
Gary Medema brought the new club decals for the board's review. They look great and will sell for 2 dollars at the Ghillie's table. Dave Nunnally and Dolan Wernet collaborated to produce updated club business cards, which will also be available at the Ghillie's table. They will be free to those who request them.

The board reviewed a list of books donated to the club by relatives of a fly fishing couple. There

will be more information on the books at the March meeting.

If you haven't picked up your copy of the club calendar please do so at the March meeting. They look great and the plastic binding is a real improvement. Eric Nordstrom is the one to thank, and he did it for less than budgeted.

Hope to see you at the unofficial fishout at Lone Lake on April 19th. Don't forget to buy your 2003 license.



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EFFC 2003 Schedule of Activities

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
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	Charlie Rickets
July 20 th Sun	Summer Fishout	Gordon Swanson's
July 25-27 th Fri-Sun	McKenzie Outing	NF Stilly
Sept 7 th Sun	Cutthroat Outing	Haller Park, Arlington
Oct 11-12 th Sat-Sun	Unofficial Dry Falls Fishout	Sun Lakes State Park
Oct 28 th Tue	Auction (Bring Friends)	Everett Elks Club?
Dec 6 th Sat	Christmas Party	Gleneagle Country Club

Other Events of Interest:

April 12th Sat WSCFFF Annual Meeting

March Raffle Items

by Mike Benbow

We're going to try something different this month. We're including a nice Scott 4-weight rod among the door prizes. It's our sneaky way of encouraging you to buy more than your usual amount of raffle tickets this month. We also hope that it won't discourage you from buying squares on a new spey rod that will be offered by the trustees.

As an incentive for buying chances on that rod as well, we'll include a nice spey line among the door prizes. It's from Scientific Anglers' mastery series and is for a 9/10-weight rod. You can exchange it for a different size if you like.

And since this awful weather means that it's still prime season for fly tying, we're including the new book by Steve Probasco, editor of Northwest Fly Fishing. It's called Probasco's Favorite Northwest Flies and has a number of patterns I'm sure you've never tried before. It's a good book, with flies for some of the less popular species like shad and surf perch.

Other prizes include fin savers that can strap on so you never have to worry about losing your fins while in your float tube or pontoon boat. And, once again, we're offering a small fly box with a dozen flies, including some good lake patterns for the upcoming season. And since we know you'll need some fresh trout leaders, we've included a three-pack in the nine-foot 5X size. And there's also a pair of nippers on a retractable spool for people like me who are always losing theirs. Please support the raffle, you could walk home from the meeting with a new rod.

In other news, Ghillie Kyle Kragseth has a new item for sale: club decals. There are two varieties, one for inside your window and one for outside. The cost is a mere \$2. Unlike the state's parking details, they won't go to hell in a couple months. We also have club business cards for those who would like them. The cards are free for the asking.

See you at the meeting. Again, please support both the door prize raffle and the trustees' spey rod raffle. The club appreciates your support.

April Unofficial Outing

by Jesse Scott

The April unofficial outing is planned for Saturday 19 April 03 at Lone Lake on Whidbey Island. The activity will be fishing, with a little fellowship thrown in. The lake should be warming and provide good chromomid and nymph fishing. If you've never fished Lone Lake this is an ideal opportunity to learn the hot spots and share patterns with the experts.

Lone lake is 7 miles from the Clinton Ferry dock. Take highway 525 to Bay View road (6 miles). Turn right at the traffic light onto Bay View road. Follow Bay View road for 1 mile to Andreason Road. Turn left onto Andreason Road and follow it to the first stop sign (Lone Lake road) and turn left.

The road goes into the trees and comes out at the launch site. There will be a map posted on the activities board to give you a better idea of how to get there. Hope to see you there.

Awards

by Ken Lease

When I inherited the Awards Chairman's books little did I realize the valuable information that were in the affidavits saved in the years 1985-2002. In the affidavits are the species of fish, the length of fish, where caught, what type of fly, date and sub miter. I have gone through these papers and would consider these Club records because of being verifiable.

- Rainbow Trout in State: 1997, 31", Mark Gustafson, Big Twin, Bloodworm
- Rainbow Trout out of state: 1996, 31 3/4", Paul Tetzlaff, Lk. Alamanor, Calif., Woolley Bugger
- Brown Trout: 1992, 26 3/4, Richard Greaves, Fish Lake, Black Leech
- Cutthroat Trout: 1994, 23 1/2, Don Korzep, Unnamed Lake, Pheasant Tail Nymph

- Cutthroat Sea-Run: 1991, 22", Joe Bly, N.F. Stilly, Red Spider
- Cutthroat- Lahontan: 1996, 28", Steve Odd, Lake Lenore, Carey Special
- Eastern Brook: 1996, 20", Steve Odd, McGinnis Lake, Carey Special
- Dolly Varden: 1991, 24", Kelly Moore, Sauk River, Red and Black Marabou
- Steelhead-Winter: 1999, 42", Mark Gustafson, N.F. Stilly, Red and Black Spey Fly. 1995, 40", Dub Price, Skykomish River, Skykomish Sunrise
- Steelhead-Summer: 1997, 38", Jerry Larson, Klickitat River, Lars Klickitat Special. 1995, 38", Maury Travis, N.F. Stilly, Woolley Worm
- King Salmon: 1998, 35", George Richardson, North Umpqua River, Ore., Orange Marabou. 1987, 45 lb, Jack Gobel
- Coho Salmon: 1999, 26", Paul Tetzlaff, Skykomish River, Woolley Bugger
- Chum Salmon: 1996, 1999, 36 1/2", Paul Tetzlaff, Priest Point, Chum Cookie
- Pink Salmon: 1995, 25 1/2", Don Korzep, Snohomish River, Pink Marabou Spider
- Largemouth Bass: 1995, 5 lbs, Don Korzep, Weldon Springs, Mo., Elk Hair Popper
- Smallmouth Bass: 1995, 3 1/2 lbs, Don Korzep, Weldon Springs, Mo., Perch Fly

All information was taken from affidavits and any corrections contact me.

Silver Lake "Fishing Kids"

by Jesse Scott

The annual Fishing Kids event is scheduled for Saturday, 10 May 2003 at Silver Lake. The event is for children ages 5-14 years old. The registration fee is \$5 and each child gets a T-shirt and a Zebco fishing outfit. They also get one hour of fishing and any fish caught will be cleaned for them.

Registration forms will be available at the April club meeting or you can get them at Forest park.

Hey, if you're over 14, but want to get involved, you can volunteer to bait hooks, teach children's fly tying or casting. There will be sign-up sheets at the

April meeting for anyone interested. Call Jesse Scott at (425) 745-6092 if you have any questions.

Membership News

by Mark Simpson

Please welcome our new member Rob Gamage and returning member Jim Pankiewicz. Both were accepted at our most recent board meeting.

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, 102 of our members have paid their dues. Thanks to all of you who have paid!

Please pay your dues! This is the last notice before your name gets removed from the club roster, and I know the following members have simply allowed this to slip their mind, and truly wish to maintain their membership.

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

Larry Adams	Howard Averill	Joe Bly
Terry Carlson	Stephen Crane	Tom Darling-
Steve Edgecomb	David Frisk	Dick Greaves

Kevin Heacox	Kim Hultman	Rick Jeter
Adam Larson	Gregory Minaker	Jim Morton
Ron Nelson	Chris Price	Tony Roon
Rod Snyder	Paul Tetzlaff	Toby Tobias
Chuck Thompson		

If you believe your name is listed in error, please contact Membership Chairman Mark Simpson or me immediately so that we can correct the list.

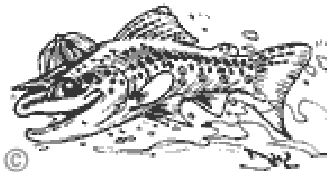
Send your dues to: Doug Mattoon
34913 SE Kinsey St. #101
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(425) 941-6723

Spring Outing Update

by Jesse Scott

The Spring fishout is set for 17 and 18 May at Dry Falls Lake. We will be camping at Sun Lakes state park. The park is now accepting reservations for those who want confirmed camping sites. Reservations can be made online or by calling 1-888-226-2688. We will focus on area "B" which is sites 26-62. This area is straight through the park and on the right.

There were 18 signups at the February meeting. Everyone voted for the Potluck



option for Saturday night dinner. Signup sheets will be on the tables at the March and April meetings so there is still time to get your dinner votes in.

The camping fee will also include the new \$5 parking fee, so parking at the lake will be free for the campers. Check out the activities board at the next meeting, there are maps and photos of the park. Also, the Spring 2003 issue of Northwest Fly Fishing has an 8 page article on Dry Falls Lake.

Think Spring and sunshine!

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Organizational Infrastructure Committee Report

by George Henry

At the January meeting, I presented a program detailing several ideas I had to streamline the organizational infrastructure of the Evergreen Fly Fishing Club and to encourage membership attendance at Evergreen Fly Fishing Club general membership meetings. That meeting generated quite a bit of debate and input from you, the club's members. I presented that input as a handout at the February general membership meeting and informed you that I had formed a committee, consisting of Boody Gilbertson, Jack Hutchinson, Gary Medema, Reed Miller and me, to distill all of your suggestions into a number proposed changes.

Our committee met, developed nine proposals and presented these proposals to the Board at the March 6th Board meeting. After discussing each proposal, the Board approved eight of our nine proposals, which are printed below. Some of these proposed changes affect our club's by-laws and, as such, must be voted on by the general membership. Here are the club's by-laws covering amendments:

7.1 These by-laws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the membership if notice of the proposed alteration or amendment is contained in the notice of the meeting. A two-thirds (2/3)-majority vote of a quorum shall be necessary to amend the by-laws of the club.

7.2 The Board shall not have the power to alter or amend the by-laws, but may suggest amendments. In the event any amendment or alteration of the by-laws is proposed, such proposed alteration must be reduced to writing with reference to the section of the by-laws that it amends. The said writing must be mailed to each member of the club by the secretary, together with a notice of the time and place that such proposed by-law amendment or alteration shall be brought up for vote.

Consistent with these by-laws, the committee offers the following amendments to the club's by-laws, consistent with articles 7.1 and 7.2 above. We would like you to vote on each proposed amendment at the March general membership meeting. Jim Melnick, our past president, tells me quorum is defined as greater than 50% of all club members in good standing as of the March general membership meeting. If a quorum is present, a proposed by-law requires at least a two-thirds majority of that quorum to amend that proposed by-law.

Please read these proposed amendments over carefully prior to the board meeting. We will address any questions and then ask for your approval on each proposal.

I want to personally thank each of you who participated in the January discussion and who took the time to write down your suggestions. I especially want to thank Boody, Jack, Gary and Reed for taking the time to help distill all your comments and to generate the proposals below.

Evergreen Fly Fishing Club – Proposed Operating Changes

1. Eliminate committee reports from general membership meetings. Committee report minutes will be made available to the general membership. **Note: This is a proposed amendment to section 3.5 of the club's by-laws.**
2. Eliminate the Activities Chairman position. Have one club member, assigned by the Vice President, coordinate each outing. **Note: This is a proposed amendment to section 2.4 of the club's by-laws.**
3. Eliminate the Auction and Christmas Party responsibilities from the Vice President's position. Elect or appoint a specific chairman and committee for each of these activities. **Note: This is a proposed amendment to section 2.5 of the club's by-laws.**
4. Assign all new members to a committee for a one year period. Assignments would be based on club needs.
5. Change the club's "year" to start in **[a summer month, determined by the membership]**. Hold elections in the month prior to the end of the "year" and eliminate the August meeting to allow the new board to organize and plan for the coming year. Note: This is a proposed amendment to sections 2.2, 4.6 and 4.7 of the club's by-laws.
6. Eliminate the Budget Chairman position. Have the Treasurer develop a proposed budget for the coming year by the end of the last month in the calendar year, approved by the old board in May and reviewed and modified by the new Board between June and the September Board meetings.
7. Eliminate the Big Fish awards (saving \$700 annually). The Awards Chairman would present each winner with a certificate. Or, awards could be designed and built by club members and given as "traveling" trophies.
8. Change the way we nominate officers and committee chairmen. The present year's Past President would become responsible for nominating officers and committee chairmen for the coming year. The Secretary would send a letter to each nominee, informing them of their nomination. If the nominee chooses not to serve, he must come to the Board and explain his reasons. If the board agrees, the Past President must nominate another club member. If the board does not accept the member's reasons as valid, the nominee will be notified that the club will fill the position with another person but, the nominee will be re-nominated the following year and expected to serve. **Note: This is a proposed amendment to section 2.2 of the club's by-laws.**

From the FFF[®] ClubWire

Quotes

"Soon after I embraced the sport of angling I became convinced that I should never be able to enjoy it if I had to rely on the cooperation of the fish."

Fishless Days, Angling Nights--Sparse Grey Hackle

"Dad doesn't fish much now. I still call him whenever I catch a big one on the river, and he is as delighted over it as if he had caught it himself--no, more delighted. And this is the lesson he taught me,

taught me slowly and subtly all those summers in the boat when I cast and pontificated, cast and fumed. Catching a fish is a joy, but what is even better is having someone you love catch one, when the delight is doubled. This is the true lesson to be taught a fishing son, more important than any theory regarding fish or fly, and I hope that one day I may pass it on to a son as patiently and unselfishly as my father passed it to me."

W. D. Wetherell, Vermont River, 1984, Nick Lyons

Such A Deal I Got

The other night in a rag-chewing session among a bunch of us fly fishers, fly tyers, and hangers-on, the subject of buying fly fishing gear came up and branched into buying on the Internet, particularly on e-Bay. Some were bragging about the lower than list prices available that way, citing some of the deals they made.

An objection was raised that these good deals and the -Mart buys were taking business away from the local fly tackle shops. It was an objection that was hooted down by those concerned with getting the best price without considering the ultimate price they're going to pay.

Many members have always pumped their own gas and can't remember the days when the pump-jockey washed the windshield and checked the oil and the tires while the gas was pumping-at no extra charge, all for the price of the gas. All of this is history now-gone because of gas shortages, higher overhead, and the "bargain" prices. Gone too are the guys who would change windshield wiper blades and fan belts for the price of the parts; who could give you directions to almost any place within a ten mile radius; who would tell you road conditions or where the next motel was; who gave you a friendly smile and a cheery greeting. And every once in a while, the guy was a gal. (I know that you don't pump your own gas in some states, but try getting any service from that minimum wage slave who pumped your gas.)

Now, with a credit card, you don't have to come face to face with a real person, and if you ask directions or road conditions, you get a dazed look and a "Huh?" If you want a light bulb, wiper blade, or fan belt replaced, you're lucky if you can by paying a hefty "service" charge, even if you furnish the part, and you usually have to. Often you have to get it done at a dealer's garage-and then paying for overhead charge and more.

Well, folks, while I'm not denying that the price of rods, reels, lines, and everything else is too high, it's not the local dealer who sets those prices. When you buy that stuff on eBay or at -Mart, you're denying that profit margin that keeps his shop in business. The minute profit from flies and tippet material and other small items won't pay the rent, light bill, small salaries, insurance, and all the other ex-

penses required to keep a shop open. And you wonder why, when you bring in that line you got at -Mart and want it loaded on the reel you got for 55% of list on eBay, the guy behind the counter makes you pay for the backing that was often free when you bought the reel and line at the shop.

Try finding out what's working on Muddy Creek or when the shad run will start on the river on eBay. Ask the clerk at -Mart, if you can find one, to rig up that rod and reel outfit you got for such a bargain. These and all the other free services you used to get at the local shop aren't available on-line or at -Mart.

As more people do their major item buying do so on eBay and at -Mart, that friendly guy at the fly shop is going to go the way of the pump-jock of recent history. What are you going to do then?

Such a deal I got!

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HAVE BUGS INFESTED YOUR FLY TYING SUPPLIES?

Here is a mixture to keep them away and keep you from gagging on mothballs.

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Weight Equivalent</u>
2 cups --	yarrow leaves (2 oz)
4 cups --	mint (4 oz)
2 cups --	worm wood (3 oz)
1 cup --	rosemary (1 oz)
1/2 cup --	ground cloves (2 oz)
1/2 cup --	oris root (2 oz)
2 cups --	penney royal leaves (2 oz)

This recipe was 2 years in the development and field tested. The aroma from this is in no way offensive and can be obtained locally from most Herb shops.

Once mixed, place in linen bags and store with your materials. I have added what I found to be the weight equivalent, since herb shops tend to sell by weight not volume.

(by Rodney Priddle of the Capital District Fly Fishers of Voorheesville, NY)

ALICE'S DON'T ASK



About 15 or 18 years ago Alice Deaver in Rathdrum, Idaho designed this pattern quite by accident. She phoned another fly tier to find out how to tie a certain pattern. Oral descriptions sometimes get a little confused. So when she combined her considerable tying skill with the sketchy notes a new fly emerged. It has everything that a fly should have: a bit of color, a bit of flash and pheasant tail fibers. Pheasant tail fibers are used as wings, legs and beards on proven flies like Doc Spratley, Pheasant Tail Nymph and Halfback; so why not use it for a full hackle. It is a little more tedious to tie, but the results are worth the effort. Alice's Don't Ask has fooled a lot of brook trout and rainbows. It has even interested a few

browns.

This has been a very successful pattern for lake fishing. The question usually comes up "What ya usin?" when some guys are catching fish and those around them are not. The answer "Don't Ask" leaves the fellow angler a bit dismayed.

MATERIALS: Hook: Mustad 9672, Dai-Riki 710, Tiemco 5263, 10-12; Thread: Black; Tail: Pheasant tail; Body: Orange or Burnt Orange, dubbed or wool yarn; Rib: Silver tinsel, fine or medium; Hackle: Pheasant tail fibers

TYING INSTRUCTIONS: 1. Select a few fibers from the mottled side of a pheasant tail. Tie them on at the bend to make a gap length tail. 2. Attach a piece of tinsel at the bend and dub some orange material on your tying thread. Wind an even body forward and then spiral the tinsel forward (five wraps are usually enough). 3. Select a few brownish-red fibers from a pheasant tail. Gently attach them on top of the hook, and spread them around the far side. Tie the fibers so they reach past the middle of the tail. Take another bunch, attach them on top and spread them around the near side. Finally, with smaller third and maybe fourth bunches, fill in any large gaps. Alice reminded me a couple of times to make the hackle sparse enough that some orange shows through. You may even leave a gap or two, assuring that some of the orange body is visible. 4. Finish the head and add a little head cement. Alice likes to use a thick head cement.