

# Swirl Tips



EVERGREEN FLY FISHING CLUB, INC.  
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**Meeting: May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2003 - Flying Pig Brewery**  
**Wet Fly Hour – 6:00 p.m. Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**

## May Program

*by Bruce Swanson*

This month's program is going to be put on by Brian Simonseth. Brian is currently the president of the Fidalgo Fly Fishers. Some of you may recognize his name or know him, for he has been coming to some of our meetings and has attended a couple of fishouts on the North Fork Stilly. He will be taking us back quite a few years to a more simple time when Washington State was still a largely untouched land. The place – Pass Lake. Brian will give us some history of the lake including a slide show and catch records dating back from when they began collecting them up until the present. Some of the history about this lake is very interesting and surprising! To learn more about one of Western Washington's best trout lakes, come to the May meeting and enjoy the show.



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### MEETINGS

<b>General Meeting</b>	fourth Tuesday of the month, 7pm (6pm Wet Fly)	Flying Pig Brewery
<b>Board Meeting</b>	first Thursday of the month, 7pm (6pm dinner)	Buck's American Café
<b>Conservation Committee Meeting</b>	third Thursday of the month, 7pm	Village Restaurant

## President's Message

by Jesse Scott

You know, we had almost half of the club at the April meeting. I think it's partly due to the great job Bruce Swanson has done to keep the programs interesting and varied. Pleasing everyone every time is not easy, but Bruce is trying. I also heard a lot of favorable comments following Jack Gobel's program. Thanks again Jack, just don't give us all your secrets.

Your attendance and participation during the Organizational Infrastructure Committee discussions was crucial. I think the proposals now reflect the way you want your club to function in the future. Thank you George Henry, and hang in there, just two more proposals to go.

By the time you read this the Spring fish-out will be history, but we have a Summer fish-out just around the corner. Your dinner choices are favoring the traditional steak dinner. If this is the case, I may need a hand with a few things on the day of the event. This would involve set up, collecting money, starting the fire, etc. If you are interested, let me know. Remember, it could be your turn next year.

It's also not too soon to start thinking about the annual Christmas party. The date and location have been set. Now we need a committee to take on the job of making this a fun and enjoyable evening for everyone. The committee's sole job would be the Christmas party. Just think, the club will pay the bills, you have the rest of the year to get ready, and the main goal is to have fun. If your wife likes to

shop, this may be the answer to your prayers. Give it a thought, and if you have questions call me.

One last thing, if you are reading this on your computer, I want to thank you. Our printing costs continue to rise and switching to e-mail saves club money that can be used for other things. If you want to make the change, please contact Eric Nordstrom, our Publications Chairman.

Hey, the trucks packed, wife's got the check-book, and I'm heading for Dry Falls!

## Fishing Kids 2003

by Jesse Scott

The 2003 Fishing Kids event at Silver Lake was a sell out. Everett Parks Department stopped the pre-registration at 500 and had to return 100 applications. We started with 3000 fish and a three fish limit, so the fishing was good all day. There were three 19" fish caught and numerous young people became hooked on fishing as well. I even had to remove a hook from the thumb one of our members. More on that later.

Jack Hutchinson, Doug Nordstrom, and Gordon Swanson manned the EFFC display and introduced kids to fly tying and casting. We also had seven volunteers on the fishing beach baiting hooks and releasing fish. Manning the power bait and worms were; Carlos Ditto, Gary Johnson, Gordon McKay, Gary Medema, Don Scott, John Townsell, and Hank Wade. We owe these fellows a big thank you for spending a day helping the children and showing the community we care. Thanks again, guys.

## EFFC 2003 Schedule of Activities

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
June 21 <sup>st</sup> Sat	Stilly Cleanup	Charlie Ricketts
July 20 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Summer Fishout	Gordon Swanson's
July 25-27 <sup>th</sup> Fri-Sun	McKenzie Outing	NF Stilly
Sept 7 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Cutthroat Outing	Haller Park, Arlington
Oct 11-12 <sup>th</sup> Sat-Sun	Unofficial Dry Falls Fishout	Sun Lakes State Park
Oct 28 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Auction (Bring Friends)	Everett Elks Club?
Dec 6 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Christmas Party	Gleneagle Country Club

## May Raffle Items

*by Mike Benbow*

We have a nice variety of raffle items this month, starting with the latest edition of the Art of Angling Journal. If you haven't seen this high quality publication, it's worth a look. It has beautiful photographs and some nice stories on a variety of fly fishing related topics, including some wonderful fly patterns.

From Frog Hair, we have a nice baseball-style cap and also a 4X leader pack that contains two nine-foot leaders and a spool of tippet material.

We also had a pair of rod mounts that will clamp onto the back of a pickup truck. They're great for spot fishing rivers when you need to drive from hole to hole, but don't want to break your rod down.

With hot weather coming, you may also want to win a pair of Patagonia flats pants. They're made from a synthetic material that dries quickly and also have mesh in the pockets so they'll also dry out fast. They're a lightweight pair of pants designed for wading the bonefish flats of hot weather climates like Christmas Island, Mexico or Florida. But they'd also be great to put on in Eastern Washington whether you're wading or not when you want something light weight to keep the bugs off. Size is XL and the waistband stretches, so it should fit a lot of folks.

And there's a complete set of poly leaders. If you don't know what these are, they're essentially 10-foot tips you loop to a floating fly line. There's one in clear floating, clear intermediate sinking, fast sinking and extra fast sinking. You just put one on your fly line, add four or five feet of tippet and you've got an instant sink tip. No need to buy another line or to buy another spool for your reel. They really come in handy some times when you don't have the right line with you.

And we haven't forgotten the fly tyers in the club. We'll have a Renzetti tool caddy. They're made of a soft foam material that has a lot of holes cut out to fit tying tools, head cement, hair stackers etc.

See you at the meeting and please support the club by buying raffle tickets.

## Summer Outing – July 20<sup>th</sup>

*by Jesse Scott*

Sign up's for the summer outing began at the April meeting. You were also asked to indicate your choice of a dinner menu. So far we have 17 sign-ups, and the dinner choices favor the traditional steak dinner. The sign-up sheets will be back on the tables at the May meeting, so get your name and dinner preference on the list.

The fishout will be at Gordon Swanson's place on the banks of the North fork of the Stilly. Members of the club's casting team will be demonstrating some of the events they compete in and will also audition candidates for this year's team. There will be a free raffle for those attending; dinner costs will be prorated.

Here's your chance to fish, picnic, and share a few hours with the guys in a beautiful outdoor setting that's close to home.

## Kalama Cup July 25th - 27th

*by Mark Simpson*

The annual fishing competition between the Evergreen and McKenzie fly fishing clubs is set for July 25th- 27th at Gordon Swanson's lot on the Stilly. We will host members of the McKenzie Club from Eugene, Oregon and our members will provide a pot-luck dinner on Saturday, July 26th.

Gordon is offering camping spots on his property beginning on Thursday, July 24th . Here's a chance for a mini vacation close to home. It's all about fly fishing, and the river almost runs through it.

The McKenzie Club will reciprocate with a fishout and dinner on the North Umpqua on even years. Here's your chance to meet some great guys, and spend a day of guided fishing on a legendary Oregon river next year.

Sign-up sheets will be on the tables at the May and June meetings.

## Open Trustee Position

*by Jesse Scott*

One of our Trustee's has tendered his resignation, due to other overriding commitments. The board can fill this vacancy by appointment; however, they have agreed to solicit volunteers for the position. A ballot of members present at the June regular meeting will determine the final selection.

The bylaws require three trustees, each of who serve three-year terms, with one member terminating their office each year. The open position would terminate in December 2004. As you know, the trustees have a budget, which they use to conduct the monthly trustee raffle. They are also empowered to make changes to the Operating Procedures Manual. Their most important function is to actively participate in the management of the club. Ideally, they provide a wealth of experience regarding the club operation. They have a vote in all club board proceedings. The time requirements would be one board meeting per month, in addition to the regular monthly meeting.

This is an opportunity for someone who is seriously interested in the day-to-day operation of the club. If you think you would like to have an active voice in how your club operates, please call Jesse Scott at (425) 745-6092 or e-mail him at gardenfly@msn.com. Let me know by 21 June so I can have your name on the ballot at the June meeting.

## Club Calendars

*by Eric Nordstrom*

I still have some 2003-2004 calendars that I need to give away! If you haven't got yours yet or think you need another, see me at the May meeting.

## Conservation Camp

*by Ken Lease*

Just a reminder for those club members who want to send a boy or girl ages 12-16 to the Washington State Conservation Camp to get hold of me at the club meetings or by phone for an application. The girls camp runs Sunday, July 13 to Saturday,

July 19 and the boys camp runs Sunday, July 20 to Saturday, July 26. All applications must be in to the Conservation Committee by June 17.

## Conservation Report

*by Dale Dennis*

You've probably been wondering what the hell has the Conservation group been up to the last few months. I apologize for not keeping you all up to date and don't have a good alibi except being busy (end of excuse).

Lets start with:

- Stilly Memorial- As you all may know by now someone this winter decided they didn't like what we had done and had to let us know by doing a little defacing. Not something we can't handle but it is a little annoying to know there are still people out there today with that kind of mentality. Our fix will be to mount an acrylic cover on both sides. We will try to coordinate this with one of our outings on the Stilly this summer.

- Lower Stilly Boat Access/Launch- This was going to be a project for the club with a simple rough put in and take out at I-5. This would give more river access to many. At last report from Gordon McKay from SERC it looks like the Stillaguamish Tribe is paying for a boat launch on the North side of the river at I-5, scheduled to be in this year. From what I understand this is mitigation for something else we are losing, and it may have something to do with the Stilly Tribes casino proposal.

- Lone Lake Boat Speed Proposal- Our own Pres. (Jesse) is communicating with Island Co. parks department to warm them up to the idea of moving the date of increased speeds later in the spring. It is currently 22 days after official opening day of all lakes.

- Stilly Clean up- This is an ongoing well worth effort and great fun. Charlie makes this event a real happening.

- Conservation Camp- We have (with Ken Lease coordinating this effort) been involved in the Washington State Youth Conservation Camp for as long as I can remember and it is one of the more positive events the EFFC is involved in. We are getting lots of response this year and we are looking forward to sending 2 girls and 2 boys to this very successful program.

## Library's Used Book Sale

by Jack Hutchinson

As you may know, we have been given a selection of books collected by the parents of a friend. These books include some American classics from the past 30 years and many have been signed by the author.

Last month we began to offer a few of these for sale at current wholesale prices using the silent auction method. This month, the following titles will be available!

Flick, Art- "New Streamside Guide" (1947) 1969 signed. Very Fine condition w/ insect ID chart and Dust Jacket. (\$50) \$30

Knight, Richard Allen- "Successful Trout Fishing" 1968. Very Fine condition w/ DJ. Inscribed by Jackie Knight (\$25) \$12

Brooks, Joe- "Salt Water Game Fishing" 1968 signed 1<sup>st</sup> Edition. Fine condition w/ DJ. (\$20) \$12

Brooks, Joe- "Fly Fishing" 1958 signed 1<sup>st</sup> Edition. Fine condition. \$15

## Lone Lake Fishout

On April 19<sup>th</sup>, Oclaire Enstad Sr. attended the unofficial Lone Lake fishout with his son Oclaire II. The pair were joined on the lake by Dale Dennis and his son Troy. Apparently the fishing got so lop-sided between the father and son teams that O.C. Sr. couldn't stand to watch any longer and had to put this paper bag over his head.



## Organizational Infrastructure Committee Report

by George Henry

At the April meeting, the general membership approved proposal #5 and rejected proposal #7 of our committee's proposed organizational infrastructure changes to our club's by-laws, shown below. Deletions are shown as strikethroughs and additions are shown in **bold** text.

Proposal #5: Approved at the March 2003 General Membership meeting

Eliminate the Budget Chairman position and assign all duties of the Budget Chairman to the Treasurer.

Proposal #7: Rejected at the March 2003 General Membership meeting

Eliminate the Big Fish fly boxes. The Awards chairman would present each winner with a certificate. Or, if members are interested, they could design and build awards for particular fish categories as traveling trophies.

This leaves us two proposals to consider for the May 2003 meeting. At the May board meeting, I reviewed proposals #3 and #8 for board approval. After considerable discussion, the following two proposals will be presented:

Proposal #3: Eliminate the Assistant Vice President Position and change the duties of the Vice President.

**Present by-laws:**

- 2.1 The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the President's absence. The Vice-President shall be responsible for organizing the annual fund-raising auction and the Christmas Party.
- 2.2 The Assistant Vice-President shall perform any and all duties as directed by the Vice-President for the purpose of assisting the Vice-President. The Assistant Vice-President shall be responsible for arranging monthly programs

**Proposed by-laws:**

- 2.5 The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the President's absence. The Vice-President shall be responsible for organizing ~~the annual fund-raising auction and the Christmas Party~~ **the club's programs.**
- 2.6 ~~The Assistant Vice President shall perform any and all duties as directed by the Vice President for the purpose of assisting the Vice President. The Assistant Vice President shall be responsible for arranging monthly programs.~~

Note: If approved, our past-president will make other changes to our by-laws to ensure all portions of the by-laws are consistent.

Proposal #8: To be voted on by the membership

**Present by-law:**

- 2.2 Election of officers and trustees shall be made by a ballot of members present and shall be held at the regular club meeting in December of each year, with the candidate for each respective office receiving the highest number of votes for that office to be declared elected thereto.

**Proposed by-law:**

**2.2 Election of officers and trustees shall be made in the following manner:**

- 2.2.1 **Three months prior to the end of the elected time period, the current Past-President shall present a slate of officers and committee chairmen for the next year to the board for approval.**
- 2.2.2 **Upon board approval, the Secretary shall send a letter to each nominee, informing them of their nomination.**
- 2.2.3 **Each nominee shall respond to the Secretary in writing of their willingness or unwillingness to serve.**
- 2.2.4 **If a nominee chooses not to serve, they shall come to the next board meeting and explain their reasons to the board.**
- 2.2.5 **If the board agrees with the nominee's reasons, the Past President shall nominate another club member and steps 2.2.3 and 2.2.4 shall be repeated.**
- 2.2.6 **If the board does not accept the nominee's reasons as valid, the nominee shall be notified at that board meeting that the nominee shall be expected to serve in some position the following year or they may be asked to resign from the club.**

Finally, as I hope this will be the last article in this series, I want to personally thank all of you who participated in this revision process. I had no idea when I made my original suggestions last August that the process would consume this amount of time!

## Book Review

Patent Patterns

by Jim Schollmeyer

Frank Amato Publications, Inc.

Portland, OR, 2002

195 pages, hardbound & softbound

illustrated, color

suggested price \$39.95 & \$29.95

Jim Schollmeyer has edited a very interesting fly pattern book. There are fifteen hundred patterns and images of the flies submitted by the tiers who sent them in to the "Fly Fishing and Tying Journal" for the magazine's Patent Patterns contest. The editor has photographed each one of the submitted flies. And has presented each of them with the recipe and where appropriate, additional notes. What makes this book so interesting is that most of the patterns are adaptations of standard patterns, or new patterns, by fly fishermen all over the world to solve their own specific problems on their own waters. What this has done is provide the fly tier with a series of unique perspectives into solving the age old fly fishing problem of, "what fly should I use".

You will find beautiful flies, ugly flies, neat and tidy flies, as well as rumbled and bedraggled looking flies. But each and everyone presents the reader with an insight into different ways to solve the problem of representing a live food item in an artificial fly. Here you can find a wonderful collection of ideas on how to utilize color, form, and texture to represent or imitate food items, or simply to aggravate a fish into striking. You will also be presented with a huge tool box of fly tying materials from which to shape your own fly tying palette. Materials that range from the common place to the absolutely "out in left field". But every one of them presents an opportunity for the fly tier to tie better flies.

The book is organized into thirteen chapters with each chapter directed to a single type of fly. Mayflies, Caddisflies, Stoneflies, and Midges of course, but also Attractor Patterns, Soft Hackles and

Wet Flies, Damselflies and Dragonflies, Terrestrials, Streamers, Scud and related bugs as well. And, to include most of the fly fishing opportunities there are also chapters on Bass and Bluegill flies, Atlantic Salmon, Steelhead and Sea Trout flies, and Inshore Saltwater Flies. The book finishes with a very good fly pattern index and fly tyer index. The photographs are all very good to excellent and the editing is superb. There are at least three images that do not match the recipe associated with them, and most interestingly also don't match any other recipe in the book either. Otherwise the book is truly well edited. The printing and layout are also exceptionally well done. A first rate book that will help inspire every fly tier no matter his level of expertise.

This is a fly tying inspiration book that needs to be on every fly tier's tying bench.

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

## The Anatomy of a Club

The anatomy of a club is made up of several kinds of bones. The "Wish Bones" are those who wish someone else would do the work. The "Jaw Bones" are those who talk a lot but do nothing. The "Knuckle Bones" knock everything everyone else does.

And the "Back Bones" are those who really get behind the wheel and get things done.

Which bone would you rather be?

-- Author unknown

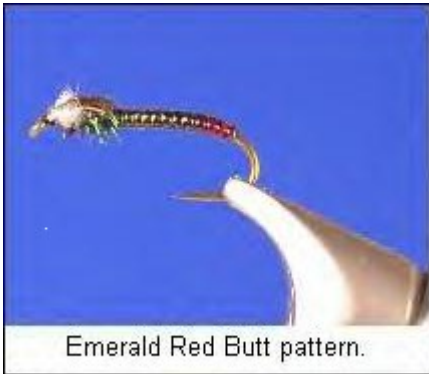




Bead Head pupa pattern.

### *Bead Head Pupa*

Thread: Color to Suit  
 Hook: Tiemco 2457 #8-#16  
 Rib: Fine Copper, Silver or Gold wire  
 Body: Frostbite, Flashabou, or Crystal Hair depending upon your color preference  
 Thorax: Peacock Herl  
 Head: Gold, Copper or Black Bead  
 Gills: White Sparkle Yarn



Emerald Red Butt pattern.

### *Emerald Red Butt*

Thread: Olive 8/0 Uni Thread  
 Hook: Tiemco 3761 #8-#14  
 Over Body: Olive V-Rib  
 Butt: Bright Red Flashabou  
 Under Body: Emerald Green Crystal Hair  
 Wing Case: Pheasant Rump  
 Thorax: Peacock Herl  
 Gills: White Sparkle Yarn

## *Charlie's Place (NF Stilly Cleanup)*

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