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MEETINGS

General Meeting - 4th Tuesday of the month, 7pm (6pm Wet Fly) Flying Pig Brewery
Board Meeting - 1st Thursday of the month, 7pm (6pm dinner) Buck's American Café
Conservation Committee Meeting - 3rd Thursday of the month, 7pm Village Restaurant

Meeting: January 27th, 2004 - Flying Pig Brewery
Wet Fly – 6:00 p.m. Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

January Program

by Bruce Swanson

As you may know we were missing something in our programs last year - Old Timer's Night. This was due to the auction being pushed forward by our fowl weather that caused not one but two power failures that were out of our control. So for my last program to present to you, that I feel is the most important of all the meetings of the year... Old Timer's Night!

There will be two slide presentations for the evening. The first will be given by Gordon Swanson and the second by Jerry Larson. There is much history and old memories to be shared between them and presented to you, not to mention all the others who have been in our club for so very long to make this club what it is today. So if you're an old timer or a new one come to this most important meeting and take the time to talk to some of the older gentlemen that have graced us with their presence and contributions over the years. Thanks again for letting me serve you guys this last year, it was a blast.

Fly Tying Contest

by Ken Lease

The fly for the month of January is the old favorite, the Skykomish Sunrise tied on a #2-8 STLHD hook. This fly has caught a lot of fish most notable a 29 lb, 2 ounce steelhead from the Kispiox River in B.C. by the co-innovator of this fly, George McLeod, in 1955. Good tying...Ken



President's Message

by Jim McGauhey

WELCOME TO 2004!! The EFFC is off to a great start with the fly tying classes. We've had a great turnout so far, and with over 2/3 of the classes still to come, it's a great deal. I hope to see you there next Wednesday at 7pm. Just bring your vise, tools, and threads. Everything else is provided or at least you can share with others if special items are needed.

I really want to thank the outgoing officers for their service in 2003. This year we have two major changes in committees. Surely everyone appreciates the service, for over a decade, of Dale Dennis on Conservation. In addition to his duties as Past President, Jesse Scott will take the helm of the Conservation Committee. The library has been run not for one, but for several decades, by Jack Hutchinson. This year Jim Pankiewicz will run our library and he and Jesse have already started on their duties.

We are looking for someone to chair the Christmas Party, and for each of the fishouts. As we are now delegating different individuals for each activity instead of all under one chairman, we're looking for service minded members to come forward. All of you who have said you were willing to help the club – now is your opportunity! Please do let me know privately if you're willing to help the club with successful events this year. Don't worry – you'll have lots of help from past chairs and especially from those who have already offered to help on the committees for each activity. With this kind of support, it's more fun than work!

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Sportman's Show in Puyallup Jan 23-25, and especially for the FFF event at Maydenbauer Center in Bellevue on Feb 20-22. The FFF will also have a banquet and auction on Saturday evening Feb 21. The FFF has asked for flies and donations from member clubs. Your board approved, with the generous help of Jack Hutchinson, giving a framed presentation of Al Knudson flies, and we will be giving flies in our EFFC boxes. If you have flies or

other items to donate to the FFF auction it will be much appreciated. Talk to Jesse at the meeting – or give him a call right now!

As for my goals for this year, I'm hoping to improve our internet web site and communications between members on fishing activities. As board members we have a good and active email system going, but I'd like to see more "I'm fishing Tuesday after work – anyone want to join me?" type of communications between members instead of just club business.

January Raffle Prizes

by Mike Benbow

It's a shame we had to cancel the November meeting because we had a great lineup of raffle prizes. But the good news is that we've moved those prizes to January. So now you have a chance at winning a great graphite rod for only pocket change.

The rod is a 6-weight Scott, light for steelhead, but fine for fishing for big trout in Eastern Washington or British Columbia.

We also have a great book, autographed by the author, John Shewey, entitled: "On the Fly Guide to the Northwest". It's another one of those where to go, what to fish for kind of reference books that should be on everyone's reading shelf.

Everyone in the tying classes under way now will want to take a shot at winning a Keough dry fly neck. It's grizzly, which is useful on a wide variety of patterns.

We also have some fly boxes available. One is a dry fly box with a rubber gasket that seals it tightly so all your flies won't get wet if it slips out of your vest. The other is a small box that comes with a dozen different flies, mostly lake patterns.

Other prizes include some nippers on a retractor, some reel wraps and some Aquel dry fly floatant.

Thanks in advance for your support of the raffle. It helps support club operations while giving you shot at taking home a nice prize.

Year 2004 Membership Dues

by Mark Simpson

With the new year comes another friendly reminder that club dues are now due. 2004 dues are \$30 for members, and \$25 for associate members. Thanks to all who have paid so far! For all of you that paid by December 31st of last year, a raffle for a Ross "San Miguel" 4-5 reel will be held at the January general membership meeting.

Please do not send dues to the club's post office box and do not give them to other club officers. The membership committee also keeps the master club roster up to date. Send your dues and any change of address or e-mail address to me as soon

as possible. It is highly recommended to 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 the attached form on the back cover and send it with your dues check.

_____ fill in and detach form below and send with check _____

EFFC Member Renewal Form

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Address: _____

Mailing address (if different): _____

Telephone including area code: _____

E-mail address: _____

Committee Interests: _____

Amount Inclosed: _____

Please make check payable to EFFC, fill in the Renewal Form, and mail both to the following address:

EFFC 2004 Schedule of Activities

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Feb 21 st Sat, 6pm	Fly Fishing Legends of the NW	Meydenbauer Center
Feb 28 th Sat	Winter Fishout <i>Dinner</i>	Village Restaurant
May 15-16 th Sat-Sun	Spring Fishout	To be decided (Aeneas, Big Twin, Chopoka)
June 26 th Sat	NF Stilly Cleanup	North Fork Stillaguamish River
July xx?	EFFC-McKenzie Fishout	McKenzie River, Oregon
Aug 21 st Sat	Unofficial Saltwater Searun Cutthroat Fishout	(details to be announced)
Sept 12 th Sun	Cutthroat Fishout	Stillaguamish River
Oct 9-10 th Sat-Sun	Unofficial Dry Falls Fishout	Dry Falls Lake



WCFFF Auction

by Carl Johnson

The Washington Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers (WCFFF) is having an auction at Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue on Saturday, February 21st. The event is titled Fly Fishing Legends of the Northwest. FFF's Living Legends for Washington are Steve Rajeff and Bruce Ferguson; they will be at the event. This event will be held during the Fly Fishing show at the same location. The purpose of the auction is to fund the WCFFF activities for the next year. EFFF members Gordon McKay and Carl Johnson are members of the Auction committee.

The WCFFF is looking for donations from the affiliated clubs in the state. In particular they are looking for fly boxes from the various to be in the auction, donations of trips with local experts, and wine to be served at the event. If you wish to make a donation, please contact either Gordon or Carl for a donation form.

Tickets for the event are \$45 and there are no tickets sold at the door. For more information go to <http://www.washingtoncouncilfff.org/> or contact Gordon McKay or Carl Johnson.

Swirl Tips Subscriptions

by Eric Nordstrom

A reminder that the Swirl Tips newsletter is available through e-mail or download from our club's internet site (www.geocities.com/effc2000). Please help the club out by switching over to this electronic format if you can, it conserves trees! If you aren't sure if the switch will work for you, I can help you figure that out.

All you have to do is e-mail me at enorthstream@aol.com or give me a call at (425) 304-0825 to let me know of your willingness to switch. Thank you to all the members who have already converted!

Awards

by Ken Lease

Awards for year 2003 were:

- Fall Fishout (*Al Knudson Award*) - George Henry with a 16 1/2" Rainbow.
- Golden Sucker Award – Don Korzep

Trophy Fish Awards:

- Rainbow- 25", George Richardson
- Brown- 23 3/4", Don Korzep
- Chum Salmon- 35", Dolan Wernet

Due to my medical problems, Bruce Swanson has volunteered and was approved to take over as the Awards Chairman. Please give him the support that you have given me.

FFF Clubwire

The Mystery Of The "X" In Your Tippet

*by Jim Smoragiewicz of the
Black Hills Fly Fishers in South Dakota*

It was a passing thought that I had many times over the years but never took the time to look into it. What does the "X" on packages of tippet and leaders stand for? This was one of the things that I thought every fly fisher but me knew. As I came to discover, however, most other anglers didn't know the answer to this either, and prompted some research on my part.

A little history on some of our first mass produced tippet material. For some time early in the century, leaders were tied out of a silk strand that came from a caterpillar in Spain, the caterpillars were killed and then processed in chemicals to toughen their silk sacks. The silk sacks or "gut"

were then removed from the caterpillar (usually two caterpillar). This packet of silk was then stretched out, usually reaching a length of 12"-15". Lengths of silk longer than this were scarce, and brought a premium price.

The silk strands were uneven in diameter and needed to be uniform in diameter for use in building a leader. The way this evening process was accomplished was by using diamonds to cut away the excess material. The diamond that had a round hole drilled in it and was polished on one side to form a cutting edge on the hole. The silk strand was then soaked in a solution to soften it, and then drawn through the hole in the diamond with all excess silk being cut away.

This uniform piece of "silk cat gut" (gut from a caterpillar, and not a house cat) was considered to be 1x in size because it had been drawn through a diamond one time or 1x. Next it was drawn through a diamond with a smaller hole to reduce the diameter even further. This piece of silk was now a 2x in diameter, or drawn through diamonds 2 times. This was continued until a 5x tippet size was reached, the smallest most fly fishers felt was usable at the time.

Book Review

reviewed by Bruce E. Harang

Northwest Fly Patterns & Tying Guide

Author: Rainland Fly Casters
Frank Amato Publications, Inc.
Portland, OR, 2002
83 pages, softbound
illustrated, color
suggested retail price \$29.95

If you fish, or are interested in fishing, the Pacific Northwest this book will provide you with a sound selection of flies to help bring success. Written by



members of the fly-fishing club located in Astoria, Oregon these folks know the Pacific Northwest fly fishing scene as well as anyone can.

The book is divided into seven chapters by fly type. These include dry flies, wet flies, nymphs, terrestrials, streamers, and saltwater flies. Each chapter starts with a short discussion of the type of fly and how to fish them, followed by a selection of fly patterns having both an excellent photo and concise recipe. The writing and editing are superb. The photos by Jim Schollmeyer, Rick Newton and Frank Amato are of excellent high quality.

The selection will provide the fly fisherman with a winning box of flies for anywhere in the area from the salt to the varied lakes and streams. It is a first rate regional fly pattern book. This selection includes many patterns developed in the area by local fly fishermen, such as Lee Clark's Stonefly, Henry Hoffman's Chickabou Crayfish and Articulated Leech, and Colleen Hansen's 4th of July Shad Fly.

But the best part, and the part that sets it on a plane by itself is the last chapter called appropriately enough "Club Members' Favorite Flies". This very personal section written by top-flight fly tyers and fly fishermen of the Club provides a wonderful insight and personal relationship between the reader and the authors. Some of these folks are well known in the fly-fishing area, others are only well known to their local peers, but everyone one of them is both very knowledgeable and very willing to share their hard-earned knowledge with any reader willing to learn.

This book is well done, has valuable information, and the personal insights of some of the most knowledgeable fly tyers and fly fishermen in the area. If you are interested in learning about the flies that really catch fish in the Pacific Northwest this is a must have book.

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2004 Fly Tying Classes

This year's fly tying classes are currently being held on Wednesday nights at the Stillaguamish Senior Center at Smokey Point. You get there by going North on I-5 to exit 206 (Lakewood, Smokey Point) go east to the first stoplight, Smokey Point Blvd, turn left, head north .7 tenths of a mile, The Senior Center is on the left . There are 3 entrances to the center so take the last one or furthest north. Go down to the second from last building, it is marked Arts and Crafts and Ceramics classroom. The club banner should be hanging on the outside of the classroom.

The cost is \$25.00 for members and \$45.00 for non-members. You can pay and register at the class. Hope to see you all there. Any questions call Don Scott at (360) 387-7723.

