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EVERGREEN FLY FISHING CLUB

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FEBRUARY, 2004

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: February 24th, 2004 @ Flying Pig Brewery
Wet Fly – 6:00 p.m. Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

February Program – Photography & Fly Fishing

by Don Scott

February's program will have EFFC member Jerry Buron sharing fly fishing photography memories of the past two years of fly fishing on the Skagit River and selected areas of British Columbia. Many photos include EFFC members candidly enjoying the sport we all love and enjoy.

Jerry will present a large screen interactive PowerPoint show and give members tips on how to preserve memories in a way that can be enjoyed and shared with friends for many years. He'll also be available after the presentation to talk about digital cameras and the many ways to record your memories.



Fly Tying Contest

by Ken Lease

The January contest was won by Rob Gamage who had just got into fly tying a year ago; congratulations Rob.

The fly for the month of February will be the Egg Sucking Leech, tied on a #1-6 STLHD hook. See the back page for an example of an egg sucking leech pattern.

President's Message

by Jim McGauhey

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www.cafeshops.com/effc

This is a printer that makes Evergreen logo items available in quantities as small as ONE!! That's right, if you want just one mug, or golf shirt, or stainless travel mug, or any of about 15 different items, just log on, pick your item, pay with a credit card, and it will be shipped directly to your house!! If you only order one item the shipping cost is \$4, but every item after that costs only \$1 more! So order lots, or get with your fishing buddies and order together to save shipping costs. I'll have samples at the meeting – maybe even raffle some items off so buy lots of raffle tickets! This shop is private. It is not advertised or available to the general public, not even on Café Press home page or catalog. No password required as only members should know the web site address. Our club makes \$1 for every item you order – so order lots!!

If you want something that's not on the list, or something modified, let me know. For example, the shirts have a EFFC logo on the front pocket, plus a large printed version of our patch on the back. If you want a more subtle version with just the pocket logo, let me know. If this is popular we'll expand to even more items. Right now the shop is free to the EFFC. To expand it will cost \$59 a year so we want to make sure it's popular before spending any of your dues money.

I thought it would be nice to be able to buy just one item instead of having a club member get a large order together, collect the money, etc. This is very easy for any member with a computer and internet connection.

Winter Fishout Time!! Get ready. The end of the month is the fishout with "no fish weigh-in" at the Village Restaurant in Marysville at 5 pm. Fish any river on Saturday, Feb 28th, then meet and swap tales. Whether you fish or not, you're welcome to order dinner and join in.

New location for Board Meetings. For March the board meeting will be held at the Cookbook Restaurant at 1216 Broadway in Everett. Same time, different place. Try the menu and let us know your opinion of this as a meeting place. Buck's Café needs their back room for diners on Thursday nights so we've changed. While only board members can vote, and most committee members attend, any member can come to a board meeting and be heard, or just listen.

I'll be at the Maydenbauer Center next Saturday, Feb 21st. This FFF event runs Fri, Sat, and Sunday with the Legends of the NW auction evening on Saturday. Hope to see you there!



February Raffle Items

by Mike Benbow

We have a pretty strong list of draw prize items for the upcoming meeting. Leading it is an inflatable personal floatation device. It's the kind that fits over your neck and pretty much stays out of your way until you pull a cord to trigger inflation by a CO₂ cartridge. They're great for wading, pontoon boats or regular boats - anywhere where you need safety, but don't want to wear a bulky life preserver.

For tiers we have a Keogh dry fly neck, in brown. We also have a complete set of Dr. Slick fly tying tools.

Other items include a nice padded case for your favorite reel, a group of 4X, 5X and 6X tippet spools, a three-pack of 9-foot, 5X leaders, a Ketchum release tool for people who want to release their fish untouched and finally, a Washington Atlas and Gazetteer.

For those of you who haven't used a Gazetteer, they're a great help in locating access to fisheries you don't know well.

Thanks in advance to all of you who support the club by buying tickets for the prizes each month. If there are some items that you would like to see, please tell Gordon McKay or Mike Benbow and we'll try to get them for you.

Membership Report

by Mark Simpson

The membership committee is looking for 3 or 4 members to volunteer as greeters for visitors to our general membership meetings. When a potential

Do You Just Belong?

Are you the active member,
The kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented,
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings,
And mingle with the crowd,
Or do you stay at home
And crab both long and loud?

Do you ever go to visit,
A member that is sick,
Or leave the work for just a few,
And talk about the clique?

There is a program scheduled,
That means success if done,
And it can be accomplished
With the help of everyone.

So attend the meetings regularly,
And help with hand and heart.
Don't be just a member,
But take an active part.

Think this over, member,
Are we right or wrong?
Are you an active member?
Or, do you just belong?

(FFF Clubwire)

member visits our meetings they would benefit from having a member to sit and talk with during dinner and introduce them to the club. I'm looking for a few of you to say you will do this if you are there at that particular meeting. Often the prospective member is already sponsored and accompanied by a member they know. We need some help during the other times when a visitor is alone and needs someone assigned to them for the evening. Please let me know if you can help with this. Not a big commitment but it would really help the club welcome-in new members.

Club dues are overdue for some members. According to our club by-laws an individual who is delinquent in the payment of dues may not participate as a member in club sponsored activities. As of this writing 80 of our members have paid their dues but many have not yet paid. Calendar year 2004 dues are \$30 for members and \$25 for

associate members. Important! Dues checks should be made to EFFC and sent directly to the membership chairman. Please do not send them to the treasurer or to the club's post office box.

Please send them to:

Mark Simpson
2505 5th St
Everett, WA 98201



The membership committee also keeps the master club roster. Please fill in and send a renewal form (see last Nov, Dec, or Jan Swirl Tips for form) or call or e-mail me at (425) 258-1149 markbsimpson@yahoo.com so I can verify your information is correct.

This is the first notice of delinquency, according to section 4.7 of our by-laws. As of this writing, my records indicate the following members have not paid 2004 dues:

Eric Abrahamson, Loren Bly, Bob Borup, Tom Darling, Carlos Ditto, Terrence Duffield, Floyd Elliot, Neil Farler, Carl Frisk, David Frisk, Kurt Gobel, Dick Greaves, Mark Gustafson, Alan Hensley, Kim Hultman, Tom Hutchinson, Norm Johnson, Kyle Kragseth, Adam Larson, Joe Marsh, Doug Mattoon, Gregory Minaker, Paul Moore, Michael Morris, Chuck Morrison, Dave Mullkoff, Dennis Myers, Dick Padovan, Charlie Ricketts, Dave Smith, Ken Sunderland, Paul Tetzlaff, Tom Thorsvig, Skinner Wood.

I believe I've kept an accurate list of members I received dues from, both by check and by cash, but please contact me if you believe your name is included on this list in error. In the next issue of The Swirl Tips, we are required to publish the names of all members who have still not paid their 2004 dues. That will be the second and final notice of delinquency. Please pay your dues on time. They are important to the operating budget of the club.

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 25-29 th	Evergreen Sportsman's Show	Evergreen Fairgrounds, Monroe
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

Conservation News

by Jesse Scott

For the past several years, fly fishermen have met at Buck Island to spend a day involved in a conservation project. This year the event is scheduled for Saturday, March 6th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Stilly-Snohomish Task Force handles all the arrangements and all we have to do is show up. The work involves planting small trees in a wetland so bring a shovel, gloves, and boots. This is one way to show the community that when we solicit auction items for conservation, we also follow through.

To get to Buck Island/ Al Borlin Park you exit Hwy 2 at Lewis Street in Monroe. Go South on Lewis Street and make a left turn onto Main Street. Make a right turn off of Main Street onto Railroad Avenue and a left turn onto Simons road. Simons road will go right into the park. If you have any questions just call Jesse Scott at (425) 745-6092 or gardenfly@msn.com. I'll also have a signup sheet at the February meeting. Hope to see you there.

For Sale

Able TR1 reel - \$125
Call Don Korzep (425) 348-6285

FFF Clubwire

Know Thy Flylines: AFTM

By Paul Arden, UK - FFF Master Certified Casting Instructor (www.sexyloops.com)

When casting, the rod acts as a flexible lever. For the purposes of 'thinking' about casting it helps to think about flexing the rod. This is what gives 'feel'. The caster flexes the rod by moving the rod tip against the flyline mass.

You will probably have noticed that the rod has a whole bunch of writing just above the handle. I certainly hope so, otherwise are you going to have some fun! Somewhere in amongst that text you should find the AFTM number. AFTM #4 would be an example. Sometimes the rod has a range of numbers AFTM #7-9 say. AFTM stands for the Association of Fishing Tackle Manufacturers.

AFTMA stands for the American Fishing Tackle Manufacturers Association. Just in case you were wondering. The AFTM is a scale of line weights. The heavier the line, the greater the AFTM number. The manufacturers weigh the first 10 yards excluding the level tip and rate the line according to the table.

AFTM Line Weights Table

AFTM #:	In grains: (range)	In grams:	In ounces:
3	100 +/- 6	6.48	0.228
4	120 +/- 6	7.78	0.274
5	140 +/- 6	9.07	0.32
6	160 +/- 8	10.42	0.366
7	185 +/- 8	11.99	0.422
8	210 +/- 8	13.61	0.48
9	240 +/- 10	15.55	0.55
10	280 +/- 10	18.14	0.64
11	330 +/- 12	21.38	0.75
12	380 +/- 12	24.62	0.86

Incidentally, there is some controversy with regards to very end of the flyline. The level tip on some lines can be as much as 2 feet. This, I believe, was an industry standard. I have also heard that it was also a manufacturing fault and the level tip should in fact only be 6 inches.

The point of all this is that the flyline AFTM should match the rod's AFTM. If you were to put an 8 weight line on a 4 weight rod you would probably break the rod. You would certainly overload the rod and make it slow and sluggish. If you were to put a 4 weight line on an 8 weight rod you probably would find that the rod failed to bend very much and the casting would be crap.

However life is more interesting:

The first point is that all quality rods have a progressive action. This means that the greater the mass used to bend the rod, the more the rod flexes. Therefore you can force a greater flex into the rod by either casting with a heavier line, or by aerializing* more line outside the rod tip. Up until now we have been casting with 10 yards of flyline. Aerializing an extra 1 ½ yards of AFTM6 is the equivalent of 10 yards of AFTM7.

This alone is not very interesting until I tell you that the greater the flex in the rod, the further the cast. Of course you can still overdo things and overload the rod. If you stick too much weight outside the tip ring, at best you will make the rod sluggish ('soggy' for the technicians out there), at worst you will destroy your rod (either it will break just above the handle, beneath the handle, or at some other place altogether!)

We can get thoroughly involved in the AFTM system and disappear in to some dark black hole and at some point I certainly would like to do this. Believe it or not, it can get very interesting, especially when you realize that by dropping the AFTM number and aerializing more line you can bend the rod just as fully as otherwise, but you now have a thinner and therefore more aerodynamic flyline.

I've been paid in the past to assess rods and give them an AFTM number, and I can tell you that multiple ratings are bollox. ALL rods can be used to cast a variety of line weights; this is so that you can cast 5 feet and 105 feet. What the AFTM of a rod should tell you is what the assessor thinks is the

best line for aerializing 10 yards. This is one of the things you spend your money on when you buy a rod. Quality rods are correctly rated. Many rods, especially those originating from outside the US, are very ambitious in their line ratings.

(*aerializing: keeping the line up in the air)

— Quote —

*Winter is the Angler's time to dream,
and in his dreams his flies are right
and his casts true.*

*There are no hang-ups or snags
in this winter fishing,
no aching legs and wrists,
no waders full of cold water.*

*There are only trout.
- Howard T. Walden II -*

WDFW Adopts 2-year Moratorium on Wild Steelhead Retention Statewide

The Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission has adopted new sportfishing rules for the 2004-05 season that include a two-year moratorium on retaining any wild steelhead caught in state waters.

The moratorium, adopted on a 5-3 vote, will require anglers to release any steelhead caught from April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2006 that is not marked as a hatchery fish by a missing adipose fin and a healed scar.

Commissioner R.P. Van Gytenbeek of Seattle initiated the discussion about requiring the release of wild steelhead by calling for a permanent ban on wild steelhead retention. When that motion failed, the commission considered and rejected the idea of a six-year moratorium before scaling it back to two years.

To view this entire article and other measures adopted for the 2004-05 Sport Fishing Rules pamphlet, go to

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/do/feb04/feb0604b.htm> .

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Egg Sucking Crystal Leech

MATERIALS:

Hook : 1-6 Steelhead

Tail : black marabou

Body : black estaz

Ribbing : copper or black wire

Hackle : black schlappen

Head : egg colored chenille