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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) Cookbook Restaurant
Conservation Committee Meeting - 3rd Thursday of the month, 7pm Village Restaurant

Meeting: May 25th, 2004 @ Flying Pig Brewery
Wet Fly – 6:00 p.m. Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

May Program –

by Don Scott

We are fortunate to have as our speaker this month Les Johnson renowned fisherman, writer, and TV personality. Les is going to present a 20 minute video from a previous TV show, Fly Fishing the Northwest.

Les's bio:

Les began fishing and hunting in western Washington as a young boy more than sixty years ago with his grandfather and mentor, Edward J. Knight. He has been a writer for more than forty years, concentrating on fishing, fly-tying, hunting and conservation subjects. His articles have appeared in Field & Stream, Western Outdoors, Saltwater Sportsman, Salmon Trout Steelheader, Fly Rod & Reel, Fly Fishing in Salt Waters and Fly Fisherman. His books include, The Sea-Run Cutthroat Trout; Fly Fishing for Pacific Salmon (co-authored with Bruce Ferguson and Pat Trotter), and Tube Flies (co-authored with Mark Mandell). Les was founding editor of Western Fly Tying magazine which he later expanded into Fly Fishing & Tying Journal. In 2000 Les moved temporarily to Jackson, Wyoming to help develop and manage the editorial content for a national fishing and hunting web site, Greatlodge.com

In addition to writing about his fishing adventures, Les has been a tireless advocate for the protection of salmon, steelhead and coastal cutthroat trout. In 2000 The Washington Fly Fishing Club presented him its Tommy Brayshaw Award for contributions over and above, outside of the club, contributions to conservation efforts and conservation-oriented legislation. In that same year he helped to found the Wild Steelhead Coalition, an advocacy group dedicated to saving wild steelhead in Washington. In 2002 he was given the Dawn Holbrook Memorial Award from the Northwest Fly Anglers for lifetime achievement in teaching others to grow in the art and science of fly fishing.

Les lives in Redmond, Washington with his wife and fishing partner, Carol. Their present favorite fishing areas include Washington's central basin lakes, the Coeur d'Alene River in Idaho, and Vancouver Island, British Columbia. Les has a new cutthroat book is due out in about 2 months.

President's Message

by Jim McGauhey

What a great weekend it was at Aeneas!! About 35 dinners served Sat night. Weather was perfect. Fish were biting – at least for most of the members. As usual, some caught more than others. Heck – I even caught one!

Many thanks to Jesse Scott and crew for putting the event on and buying all the fixin's. A great time to share flies, stories, and company. It was especially nice to see Maury Travis there. Maury was on the lake, giving everyone casting lessons.

I took a little video for posterity and Lars didn't want me to leave. Every time I came around with the video camera he got a bite – even filmed him netting one!

The dinner Saturday night was excellent. The steaks were large and perfect, the potatoes were even larger, and the beans were great.

Many thanks to Don Scott, our VP, for running the Board Meeting. I had an emergency business trip to Las Vegas at the last minute – (no – really – it was business). I heard it was a great meeting – very fast with lots accomplished!

This meeting should be great. A professional presentation, a new menu item, and I'm sure there will be wonderful stories.

Fishing season is upon us. Many lakes are now in their prime. I hope every one has purchased their fishing license by now. Don't forget to turn in your affidavits for end of the year trophies.

See you on the water.



Fly Tying Contest

by Ken Lease

The winner of the April contest was Don Korzep with a very nice Zug Bug. Good job Don.

The fly for the month of May will be your favorite chironomid pattern tied on a size #10-18 hook. That's right, tie any chironomid pattern you want. Any color, any style, anything that you think resembles one of these wiggly, little insects.



May Raffle Items

by Mike Benbow

It's only May, but it's been awfully hot and dry this spring. So let's kick things off with a Fishpond chest pack for people who don't like to wear a hot sweaty fishing vest in summer.

To put in that vest we have a nice slimline fly box that also fits well into a standard shirt pocket and a bottle of Aquel dry fly floatant. We're also offering a digital thermometer so you'll be able to check the water temperature at your favorite lake or stream.

For tubers, we have a nice float tube rod holder.

For tiers, there's a beautiful wooden portable tying table that's compact and nicely designed. There's also an advanced video on trout fishing, and to round things off, some UV knot sense to make sure your tackle stays together.

Thanks to everyone for supporting the club through purchasing tickets. If there's an item you'd like to see for the club raffle, let me or Gordon McCay know about it.

River Cleanup Coming Up

by Jesse Scott

The annual cleanup of the North Fork of the Stilly is scheduled for June 26th. We'll meet at Charlie Ricketts for breakfast at 7 a.m. then team up and hit the river. After the trash is picked up, we'll regroup at Charlie's to consolidate the loads. Charlie has even agreed to feed up lunch. So come on out and meet Mr. Charles and enjoy his hospitality.

Here's a great chance to share fishing stories over breakfast and meet other members. Don't worry if you do not have a truck, you can pair up with someone. Remember we will cover all the drifts so if you are not familiar with the North Fork now is your time to learn. A stick with a nail in it is handy for picking up the nasty stuff and knee boots are recommended. The river will be open, so bring a rod and spend the afternoon fishing those drifts. There is a [map to Charlie's on the back](#) of this newsletter. Hope to see you there.

Send a Child to Youth Conservation Camp

by Jesse Scott

Nominations are now being accepted for the club-sponsored trips to the Youth Conservation Camp on Orcas Island. We sponsor 4 children each year and they are chosen from children nominated by you. The child must be at least 12 years old by July 1st, 2004 and not yet 17. The Camp is at Moran State Park on Orcas Island and runs for 7 days. Classes may in-



clude firearm and archery safety, hiking, outdoors survival, ecology and water safety, first aid, fly tying and casting, and leadership skills. The Girls Camp begins on July 18th and runs until July 24th. The Boys Camp runs from July 25th to July 31st.

Call Jesse Scott (425) 745-6092 to get an application or pick up one at the May meeting. After the parents fill out the application, please return it to Jesse Scott. After they are mailed in the Camp will mail additional forms to the parents. These must be signed and returned prior to the start date. As you can see this will take a while to exchange the information so the sooner you start the better. Thanks.

Boy Scout Fly Fishing

by Jesse Scott

Several Scout Troops have asked our club to help them with the fly fishing merit badge. The badge requirements involve casting, fly tying, and fish catching. Dale Dennis has supplied six complete casting outfits and 12 fly tying kits. We also have fly tying materials that have been donated by several people. Everything is packaged in two boxes and ready to go.

Norman Johnson and Jesse Scott are working with Troop 83 in Startup on Tuesday evenings. Another Troop in Mukilteo indicated they would be available on Wednesday evenings. If you want more information or would like to help out give Jesse Scott a call at (425) 745-6092.

Membership Report – April 2004

by Mark Simpson

Please welcome our four newest members accepted this month. Darren Peterson, from Snohomish, has been fly fishing for about 3 years, and enjoys tying, fishing lakes and streams. Jim Holmes lives on Camano Island. Jim enjoys fishing streams and has been for about 30 years. Ed Caine is from Mukilteo and has fished for 44 years. Ed enjoys fishing streams and likes tying, rod building, photography. Dick Snow has fished for 46 years and likes both lakes and streams. Dick likes tying, books, and rod building.

Darren Peterson - 15632 64th Ave SE, Snohomish, WA 98296, (425) 379-9596, brdchr@gte.net, sponsor is Ken Peterson.

Jim Holmes – 141 Blue Mountain Rd, Camano Island, WA 98282, (360) 387-6418, sponsor is Don Scott.

Ed Caine – 4431 80th St SW, Mukilteo, WA 98275, (425) 353- 5625, edsel.caine2@verizon.net, sponsor is Dale Dennis.

Dick Snow – 7402 10th St SE, Everett, WA 98205, (425) 334-9530, sponsor is Jim Pankiewicz.

EFFC 2004 Schedule of Activities

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
June 26 th Sat	NF Stilly Cleanup - <i>Breakfast</i>	Charlie Ricketts' place
July 25 th Sun	Summer Fishout & Meeting	Gordy Swanson's – NF Stilly
Aug 21 st Sat	Unofficial Saltwater Searun Cutthroat Fishout	
Sept 12 th Sun	Cutthroat Fishout	Stillaguamish River
* Oct 1-3 rd *	EFFC-McKenzie Fishout	North Umpqua River, Oregon
Oct 9-10 th Sat-Sun	Unofficial Dry Falls Fishout	Dry Falls Lake
Dec 4 th	Awards Dinner & Winter Raffle	To be announced

McKenzie Fishout Update

by Eric Nordstrom

For those of you that missed last month's meeting or simply didn't hear, the McKENZIE FISHOUT IS NOW ON OCTOBER 1ST – 3RD. Gordy Swanson announced this change in date at April's general membership meeting. If you look for it in the club's new 2004-2005 calendar, you won't find it. By a fluke I didn't get it in there, so you will now want to mark it down so you don't miss this great outing. The McKenzie club will be hosting us down on the North Umpqua this year.

Club Calendars

by Eric Nordstrom

I have many more calendars to hand out to members that haven't got one yet. The calendars really turned out great this year because they're in color and I don't want them to go to waste. Please come to the May meeting and pick one up or contact me to claim yours (enorthstream@aol.com or (425) 304-0825).

For those of you that want a second calendar, I will be selling a select number of calendars for the reduced rate of \$6. Remember, these calendars are good until next April and they are the first of two

calendars that will commemorate our club's 50th Anniversary.

Fishout Thoughts

by Reed Miller

At the April general meeting we were discussing the spring fish-out. One of our members asked the question "Why do we always go to a lake for the spring fish-out?" He then suggested having it on the Yakima River and members could fish anywhere on the stream, then meet back at camp in the evening. This brought to mind a couple of ideas I have become aware of this spring.

In a newsletter of one of the other local clubs (I forget which), their fish-out was not confined to a single lake. They stayed at a camp (I think it was Sun Lakes State Park), but were free to fish any lake they wished. Then, in the evening, they would all meet at camp and do the meal bit. This was a weekend event.

An even more radical approach has been used by the Lower Columbia Fly Fishers of Longview, Washington. When I was a member, they would have a week-long fish-out at Lake Hi Hihume in Canada. I went one year and it was a lot of fun. This past February at the fly-fishing show at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue, I was talking with Norm Norlander (Inventor and distributor of the Nor-vice) about the activities of the LCF group.

He told me about their fish-out trip last fall. They went to Montana for a week. For part of the trip they camped on lower Rock Creek and each person then fished wherever they wished each day. They fished Rock Creek, the Clark Fork, the Blackfoot and other places. Each night they would return to camp and “Get drunk and tell lies”. That sounded like quite an event.

I was wondering if there is any interest in the club to make any changes in the spring fish-out in future years. It’s something to think about.

Passing of a Legend

*by Randy Shaber of the Inland Empire
Fly Fishing Club*

On March 13th fishermen all over the world lost a good friend. Many do not know him personally, but we all have benefited from his life long efforts to improve fly fishing equipment.

Jimmy Green was raised near San Francisco and as a teenager was introduced to fly casting at the Golden Gate Casting Club. A few years later he was selected to the US Casting Team and traveled to Paris to compete in the World Casting Championships. Jimmy won each event he entered and won the Amateur All Around title. He was just 18.

Jim spent four years in the army during WWII, and returned home to California for tournament casting and fishing. He then went to work for Winston rods. Later he worked at the Sunset line company where he experimented with plastic coated lines. Among other things, Jim introduced a better floating line using hollow glass spheres mixed into the plastic. His next job was with Fenwick as a rod designer. In his spare time he continued participating in various casting tournaments, often winning many of the events. At Fenwick he invented the Feralite ferrule used in most fly rods today and introduced the first production model graphite rod. Jim lived in a golden era. He loved his work and had the opportunity to fish all over the world during a time when much of the fishing was at its best. He developed lasting friendships with fishermen in many countries. He was well respected as a tournament caster,

casting instructor, fisherman and his continuing contributions to the improvement of fly fishing equipment.

Jim and his wife Carol chose property near the mouth of the Grande Ronde for their retirement home. Gordon Olsen was the first of our club to venture up to Jim’s house, and a friendship soon developed. A year or so later I too visited Jim and joined the group of steelheaders who had discovered the wealth of Jim’s knowledge and the warmth of his hospitality.

About that time Jim was very interested in the development of two hander rods and encouraged us to try

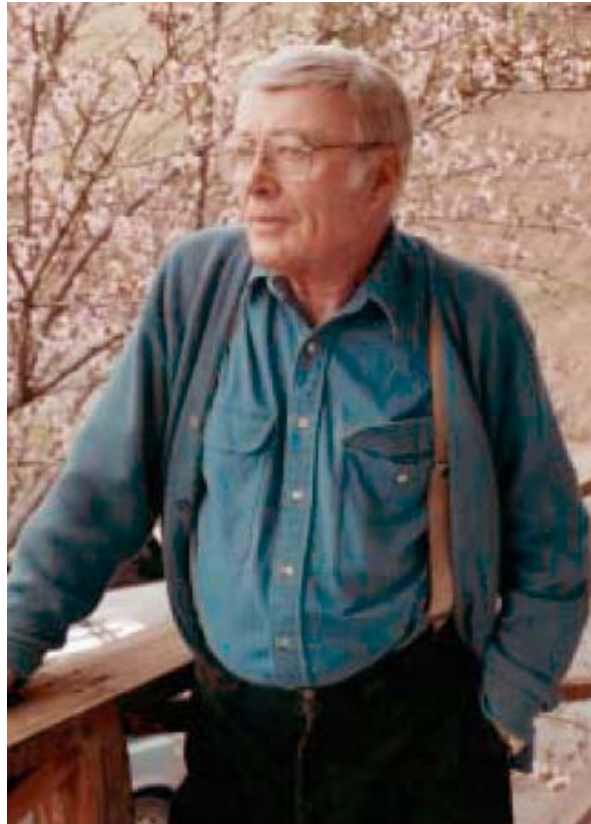
them out. After overcoming our initial apprehension to the idea of two hand rods and the embarrassment of trying to cast the “Big Stick,” we slowly began to realize its full potential.

Over the next few years, Jim taught us how to make graphite blanks, continued to school us in the art of overhead and spey casting, and encouraged us to participate in casting tournaments.

Jim is remembered not only for the innovations he brought to fly fishing, but also for the way he interacted with everyone around him. He generously shared his love and understanding of casting and fishing with just about anyone and everyone who sought his

advice. We already miss him but are grateful for all that he has given us.

Among his other honors, the Federation of Fly Fishers honored him with the Lew Jewett Memorial Award in 2002 as a proven teacher, fly-fishing innovator and significant contributor to fly fishing organizations.



**Jim Green at his home on the Grande Ronde.
April, 2002 Photo by Bob Bates**

