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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: November 23rd, 2004 @ Flying Pig Brewery
Wet Fly – 6:00 p.m. Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

November Program

by Don Scott

The next meeting, November 23rd, is Old Timer's night. It is always a great program and lots of fun. Pat Maher is in charge of the program and will present some great slides of past club functions and outings. Reed Miller will also have some old photographs available to reminisce over. If any of you old timers have slides or photo's you would like to share give Pat a call at (425) 259-3748. Hope to see you all there!

Fly Tying Contest

by Rob Gamage

Last month's winner of the fly tying contest (your favorite sea-run cutthroat pattern) was Don Korzep. Very nice fly Don!

The pattern for this month's contest is a Randall Kaufmann fly called the Freight Train. It's tied on a #2/0-8 STLHD hook. The fly is really a Skunk variation with the black body/white wing combination. The fly also has other popular steelhead colors, with the orange and red double butt and the purple hackle.

Example Recipe:

Hook: #2/0-8 STLHD

Thread: Black 3/0

Tail: Purple hackle fibers

Rib: Silver oval tinsel, fine

Butt: Orange and red floss

Body: Black chenille

Wing: White calf tail



President's Message

by Jim McGauhey

It's near the end of my term and I want to thank this year's officers for a great job. A lot has been going on and the year has run very smoothly. We had great fishouts, meetings, newsletters, and board meetings. The raffle prizes were better than in the past (IMHO), the raffle boards went well, and even the menu at the Flying Pig was made better by the rotating entrée. Well done!

The auction went well. This year's addition of the raffle seemed to work better than the silent auctions of past. Give me your feedback at the meeting. We didn't have quite the number of trips as in the past, and fell a bit short of our goal. However, some auction items were held back for the annual banquet in December. There will be a short auction, about 10 items, then, so there's a good chance we can make up the difference and stay on budget.

Make sure you have signed up for the banquet. We have over \$2,000 in ladies and men's raffle items plus the auction. Some members in the past have brought in surprise items and they have gone well. Please don't bring auction items, however, just raffle prizes. The auction for the banquet has been established and we want to keep it short so the evening moves well without going overtime.

Many thanks to Jesse Scott for his work throughout the year. He has had his plate full with conservation issues, he has worked hard on the fishouts, and has volunteered for innumerable tasks that really weren't Past President's jobs at all.

The newsletter keeps getting better and better – with many kudos to Eric Nordstrom. Thanx Eric, for putting up with my late entries, and for remembering the sign up coupons and adding interesting articles.

Please send in your coupon for the banquet. No showing up at the door without first signing up! We need a good count for the food. Why not do it right now?? Coupon is attached to this newsletter.

See you at the November "old-timers" meeting.



Awards Dinner Party Reservations

by Mark Edson

The Christmas Party is coming up in a hurry! On December 11th, at 6pm, meet at the Glen Eagle Country Club for an evening of good food, good company and fun. We've got plenty of nice items, from some very nice leather Coach handbag & accessories for the ladies, to a Reddington Spey rod & Tioga reel for the Gentlemen. There's also a couple of trips offered up from our generous club members.



The auction part of the event will have about ten items in it (as opposed to about 25 last year) so count on some really nice items up there. Like last year, our good friend Don Bayes will run the auction. Bring your checkbook, he's a crafty fellow.

The deadline is November 24th (the day after the club meeting, conveniently) so if you want to come, please be prepared to give Mr. Mathiesen a check at the November meeting or mail it to him with the form on the back page of this newsletter. Dinners are \$27.50 per person.

Unfortunately (or fortunately, I suppose), we were unable to confirm the date with "Jessica" early enough this year, so it is my understanding that she will be unable to attend. Hope to see you there anyway.

Year 2005 Membership Dues

by Mark Simpson

It's time to send in your membership dues for 2005. Calendar year 2005 dues are \$30 for members, and \$25 for associate members. Our annual "dues incentive" raffle will be held for members that pay (post-marked) by December 31st of this year. Send them soon for your chance to win a new reel.

Please do not send your dues to the club's post office box or to club officers. To keep a good record of those who pay the membership chairman needs to receive your dues directly, preferably by mail. The membership committee also keeps the master club roster up to date so we need any change to your address, phone,

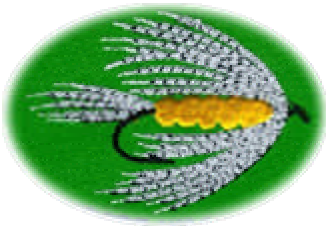
e-mail, etc. Complete the at-tached renewal form and send it with your dues so we can verify the current record of your information. It is highly rec-ommended to pay your dues by check. After I receive your dues you will be given a current membership card at an upcoming meeting. Your dues are important to the operating budget of our club. Please pay them on time – no later than the January regular meeting. See form on next page.

Please welcome our newest members accepted at the October and November board meetings:

- ◆ Hans Aarhus has been fly fishing for 30 years. He enjoys stream and lake fishing and fly tying. His address is 15109 55th Ave SE, Everett, WA 98208. Phone (425) 337-3875. Aarhus@comcast.net

- ◆ Stan Jarmiolowski has been fly fishing since his youth. He prefers stream fishing. His address is 16921 Inglewood Rd NE, Kenmore, WA 98028. Phone (206) 650-0735. Stan@hrcorp.net
- ◆ Bill McCampbell has fly fished for 21 years and enjoys lake and stream fishing. His address is 19624 Jordan Rd, Arlington, WA 98223. Phone (360) 435-0672. Wmmccampbell@aol.com
- ◆ Dave Grudin has been fly fishing for 2 years and prefers fishing streams. His address is 16227 Forty Five Rd, Ar-lington, WA 98223. Phone (360) 652-0363

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 Enclosed: _____

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

Mark Simpson
2505- 5th St
Everett, WA 98201

EFFC 2004 Schedule of Activities

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Dec 11 th Sat	Awards Dinner & Winter Raffle	Glen Eagle, Arlington
Jan 5 th Wed	Fly Tying Classes start	To be announced
Feb 26 th Sat	Winter Fishout	Village Restaurant (Marysville)
April 9 th Sat	Unofficial Lone Lake Fishout	Lone Lake, S. Whidbey Island

2005 Slate of Officers

by Jesse Scott

The following individuals have volunteered to serve the Club in the coming year:

President: Sandy Atkinson

Vice President: Carl Johnson

Secretary: Darren Peterson

Treasurer: Don Mathiesen

Ghillie: Gordon McKay

Past President: Jim McGauhey

Trustees: Dale Dennis, George Henry, Reed Miller

The election will be held at the December meeting. You will have a chance to meet each of them at the November meeting, if you haven't already. Actually, almost every one of them has been serving us for many years in some capacity.

I think a word of thanks and an offer of your support in the upcoming year would be greatly appreciated. This should be a banner year for all of us.

Conservation News

by Jesse Scott

Once again, we need volunteers to assist in the distribution of salmon carcasses into tributaries of the North Fork Stilly. Last year Dale Bly, Paul Thompson and Jesse Scott helped distribute over 600 carcasses into Kuntz and Rock Creek. The carcasses are only available during weekdays and normally between 2-4 pm. The schedule is flexible and depends on fish availability. We meet at the Harvey Creek hatchery, on Hwy 9 about 2-miles North of the Hwy 530 intersection. Usually we are finished and back at the hatchery by

4:30 pm. Please give me a call at (425) 745-6092 if you are interested.

The Conservation Committee meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Village Restaurant in Marysville at 6:30 pm. We are currently working on additional fishing access points along the North Fork, a new boat launch at Cicero, Lone Lake weed problems, and the Salmon carcass program. It's your conservation money so come have a voice in how it's spent. Hope to see you there.

Fly Tying Class

by Rob Gamage

I'm so humbled to be putting together this next years fly tying class! Also, I can't wait to get started with the next 12 patterns! The class will be held at the same location as we were last year, The Stilligumish Senior Center, located in Smokey point.

The first class will be on January 5th from 7-9 pm, and continuing every Wednesday, ending on March 23rd. All you have to bring is your own tying tools and thread. Actually, Jesse told me, the club has 5 or 6 vises that would love to be made useful, if you don't have one.

Just think, for the price of \$20 (members) you get to learn from twelve of the best fly tiers in our club! Even at \$45 for non-members, that is a great price for a 12 pattern fly tying class!

I will have sign-up sheets on the tables at the November club meeting so, be sure to sign up. If you won't be able to make it to the Nov. meeting and, would like to join us, or know someone who would be interested, contact Rob Gamage – 360-691-9997 or rgamage@eskimo.com and I'll get you in!

FFF Clubwire

(Reprinted from FFF Clubwire, Oct. 2003)

INSPIRATION

by Thomas R. Bly



Fellow FFF Members:

I would like to respond to Mr. Brian Camp's recent treatise on catch and release that was published in the "Long Cast" and the "Clubwire". I hope I can do this without stepping on toes or causing any ill will. I have been a member of the FFF for about five years because the organization appealed to me as a fly fisherman. Though having been a member of several other organizations over the years, the FFF was the one that I felt most reflected my interests. On the other hand I have been a fisheries biologist for almost twenty years working in both warm water (bass, bream, etc.) and coldwater (trout) fisheries and feel that one of the most frequent causes for contention between anglers or anglers and conservation agencies is misinformation. I found some inaccuracies in Mr. Camp's treatise that I feel inclined to address since I am one of "those" fly fishers that enjoy keeping some fish occasionally to dip in a little hot grease.

I would like to first give you a definition: conservation - the controlled use and systematic protection of natural resources. By our code of angling ethics we establish ourselves as a conservation organization. Rule #4 of the FFF Code of Angling Ethics calls for us to conserve fisheries by limiting our harvest and rule #5 states that we should help others understand that fly fishing contributes to sound fisheries conservation practices. Conservation of our fisheries and wildlife resources involves the wise use, including harvest, of that resource.

Natural resource agencies around the country enact fishing regulations as a means of managing the resource. Creel limits and length limits are not arbitrary numbers that resource agencies have implemented to inconven-

ience anglers. Their sole purpose is to protect and enhance the resource. Countless thousands of hours of research and sampling have gone into the modern management methodology used by fisheries professionals today. The one method that has been used consistently over the years to enhance fisheries is harvest. In the case of small impoundments such as private ponds and lakes, the one problem that I have encountered most often is the lack of harvest. Overpopulation resulting in overcrowding and stunting is not a rare phenomena in small impoundments. Dr. Homer Swingle, a pioneer in the development of management techniques for small impoundments, began his study of enhancing small impoundment fisheries while teaching at Auburn University in the 1930's. His concept of "balance" was a fishery that sustained harvest year after year without restocking. Recommendations for harvest that are a direct result of his work are the harvest of 25 pounds per acre per year of bass and 100 to 200 pounds per acre per year of bream from a fertile system (the rates are lower for less fertile systems). Dr. Swingle's concept is still used today by fisheries managers across the country.

In the case of our tailwater trout fisheries in the southeastern United States, rainbow trout are stocked in numbers that expect and require harvest. This is especially true in those fisheries with a resident, self-sustaining population of wild trout (i.e. brown trout). Lack of harvest in these artificial systems can lead to a reduction in forage availability, increased competition for available forage, slow growth, declining health condition, and increased natural mortality. Creel surveys conducted nationwide have revealed that few anglers actually harvest their limit on the average and this coupled with increased catch and release angling can actually exacerbate the problem.

I present this response with the hopes of giving FFF anglers the opportunity of making an informed decision when it comes to releasing or harvesting their catch. Thank you for your time.

Evergreen Fly Fishing Club

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Awards Dinner Party Reservations Glen Eagle Golf and Country Club Saturday, December 11th, 7 pm.

Menu is Honey Baked Salmon Filets and Carved Prime Rib of Beef



Name: _____

Sign me up for _____ dinners at \$27.50 per serving.

Total enclosed \$ _____ *Make check payable to: "EFFC"

and mail to: Don Mathiesen
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