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# Swirl Tips

EVERGREEN FLY FISHING CLUB

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FEBRUARY, 2005

## 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: February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2004 @ Flying Pig Brewery**  
**Wet Fly – 6:00 p.m. Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**

## February Program - The Bitterroot after the Fires

In 2000, western Montana and the Bitterroot Valley was the scene of massive forest fires. This month Chuck Stranahan of Riverbend Flyfishing in Hamilton MT will talk about the Bitterroot River and it fishing after the fires. Chuck Stranahan is a nationally published writer, and a sought-after speaker at flyfishing clubs and conservation organizations. He is a regular in the Fly Tying Theater and seminar presentations at Sportsmen's Shows including the Evergreen Sportsman Show in Monroe February 23 through the 27. His early mentors are among the legendary names of the sport.

Chuck's fly patterns are becoming standards throughout the West, and are featured in books by Randall Kaufmann, Jack Dennis, and John Holt and many of the fly fishing magazines. Chuck will be tying his sculpin pattern during the

## Fly Tying Contest

by Rob Gamage

I would like to thank Jesse Scott for filling in the duties of running the fly tying contest at last month's club meeting (and fly tying class M.C.) as I was sent out of town, thanks a lot Jesse!

The winner of that tying contest was Gordon Swanson with a very nice looking floss-bodied Purple Peril.

The pattern for February's contest is a Scud. It is tied on #10-16 hook. This should be a fun contest because there are so many ways to tie this freshwater shrimp-like crustacean. Scuds are found in slow moving streams and lakes. Some popular body/leg colors are olive, pink, white, orange, yellow, gray or light brown. Good Luck!

**Recipe: just an example...**  
**Hook:** #10 - 16 curved shank  
**Thread:** to match body  
**Rib:** wire or mono

**Body:** usually dubbing of your color choice  
**Shellback:** strip of plastic bag, Scud-Back, etc.



A group of scuds feeding. The top scud with the orange spot is the pregnant female.



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## President's Message

by Sandy Atkinson

Many thanks to Mike Benbow and Don Bayes for their excellent presentation on the Blackwater River last month. The "action shots" of Joe Bly sitting down were so fitting and appropriate. Invariably, the best presentations we have at club meetings are put on by club members.

We have filled a couple of important positions recently. Reed Miller has volunteered, once again, to be Awards Chairman. Thank you, Reed. Dennis Myers has volunteered to head up the Auction committee this year. I have promised Dennis that he will get a lot of support from previous Auction Chairmen and committee members. So, let's support Dennis in this critical position.

At the February Club meeting, we will vote on the location for the Spring Fishout. At the board meeting, we narrowed the choices to the top 3 contenders: Aeneas Lake, Dry Falls Lake, and Chopaka Lake. Come to the meeting prepared to vote for one of these choices. We hear that Big Twin continues to have problems and is not worth fishing.

On Saturday, I attended the Fly Fishing Show at the Meydenbauer Center. It was good to see several fellow club members there, including Carl Johnson who was manning the FFF booth. He even managed to sell me a raffle ticket. I just had to buy some fly-fishing gear, but I restrained myself, and didn't go berserk on big-ticket items.

With the oddball winter we've had, I haven't made a steelhead trip, yet. But, I'm sure that the rains will be back in time to bring in a shot of fish for the Winter fishout on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Several years ago, our club created a very special award for the winter fishout in honor of Dub Price. However, Gary Medema was the last person to catch a steelhead, eons ago, at the winter fishout. Somebody has got to catch a fish this year, just to get the Dub Price award out of Gary's living room! I'll be out there. Even if you don't want to experience the icy waters with a flyrod in your gloved hand, join us for dinner and "weigh-in" at 5:00 pm at the Village Restaurant in Marysville.



## Feb. 2005 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 member visits our meetings they would benefit from having a member show them around during the meeting and introduce them to the members. 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 a "walk-in". 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 most of our members have paid their dues but many have not yet paid. Calendar year 2005 dues are \$30 for members and \$25 for associate members. Dues checks should be made to EFFF 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 dues to: Mark Simpson, 2505 5th St, Everett, WA 98201

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 2005 dues:

Joel Bell, Ed Caine, Stephen Crane, Harry Dahl, Steve Edgecomb, Neil Farler, Dick Greaves, Norm Johnson, Kyle Kragseth, Joe Marsh, Rick Mathias, Doug Mattoon, Michael Morris, Dennis Myers, Dave Nunnally, Chris Price, Lyle Romack, Craig Shreeve, Brian Simonseth, Paul Tetzlaff, Lyle Theige, Toby Tobias, Maurice Travis, Bruce Turner.

I believe I've kept an accurate list of members I received dues from, both by check and by cash, but please contact me (phone 425-258 1149) 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 2005 dues. That will be the second and final notice of delinquency. Thanks for paying your dues. They are important to the operating budget of the club.

## EFFC 2005 Schedule of Activities

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
now-Mar 30 <sup>th</sup> (Wed.)	Fly Tying Classes	Stilly Senior Center (Smokey Pt)
Feb 26 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Winter Fishout	Village Restaurant (Marysville)
April 9 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Unofficial Lone Lake Fishout	Lone Lake, S. Whidbey Island
May 21-22 Sat-Sun	Spring Fishout	To be decided @ Feb. meeting
June 25 <sup>th</sup> Sat	NF Stilly River Cleanup	Charlie Rickett's place
July 24 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Summer Fishout/ Meeting	Gordy's property on NF Stilly
July 29-31 Fri-Sun	EFFC-McKenzie Fishout	Gordy's property on NF Stilly
August 20 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Unofficial Saltwater Searun Cutt. Fishout	To be announced
September 18 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Cutthroat Fishout	Haller Park, Arlington
October 8-9 Sat-Sun	Unofficial Dry Falls Fishout	Dry Falls Lake
October 25 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Auction	Everett Elks
December 10 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Christmas Party/Awards Dinner	Hawthorne Inn, Smokey Point

### Spring Fishout

*by Jesse Scott*

The spring fish-out has been scheduled for the weekend of May 14-15. The board has narrowed the location choices to the following three:

- Aeneas Lake
- Chopaka Lake
- Dry Falls Lake

A vote will be taken at the February general meeting to determine the location of the fish-out. Be sure to be there and make your wishes known.

### Draw Prizes

*by Mike Benbow*

As I write this, I'm at work, far away from the giant prize vault of the Evergreen Fly Fishing Club that I also refer to as the box in my spare room. So I don't remember the entire list of door prizes for the February meeting.

But I can guarantee that we will have some good prizes, mainly because our gilley and the club's board members have insisted that that happens. And the budget has enough money to follow things through.

Now's a good time to gear up for the lake fishing season. The season never really ends, but it seems to pick up in March when Lenice, Nunnally and some

of the other quality fisheries open in Eastern Washington. So how about we include a float tube? It's donut style, but otherwise quite a nice one. Not bad for a ticket that costs only 50 cents.

And how about a new Cortland 555 fly line?

And since it's still a great time to keep busy tying flies, we'll have a nice dry fly neck and a caddy for your tying tools.

Not the least and certainly not the last item is a book by John Shewey on where to go fishing in the Northwest. It's a great guide to look into whenever you're doing some traveling and want to check out some new water.

I can't think of the rest of the stuff off the top of my head. But it will be good. So please come to the meeting and please buy some door prize tickets.

### Buck Island Tree Planting

*by Jesse Scott*

The Stilly-Snohomish Fisheries Enhancement Task Force has requested our support for their 5th annual Fly Fishers Tree Planting day. What started as a tree planting at Buck Island has now grown into a gathering of fly fishers, with several local fly clubs participating.

The date is Saturday, March 5th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Buck Island is located on the Skykomish

River in Downtown Monroe. We will meet in Al Borlin Park at 10 a.m. Bring a shovel, gloves, rain-gear, and rubber knee boots or wet footwear. There is a porta potty at the park and ample parking.

To get there take Hwy 2 into Monroe, turn south at Chain Lake/ Lewis Street. Go south on Lewis to Main Street. Turn left (east) onto Main Street. Turn right onto Railroad Ave and it runs right into the park. This route will take you past the new fly shop in Monroe, Look for “All About the Fly” on your right as you go along Main Street.

Now the good stuff. Carl Johnson has invited the volunteers to a chili feed at his house after the planting. I can’t tell you how good that chili tasted after last years planting. Carl only lives about 4 miles from the planting site and he will he have maps. I’ll have a signup sheet and map at the February meeting or call me, Jesse Scott, at (425) 745-6092 or [gardenfly@msn.com](mailto:gardenfly@msn.com). Come on out and get a belly full of some really good chili.

## Display From the Hutchinson Collection

Jack plans to exhibit a few miscellaneous paper items which are not expensive to buy and yet can make an interesting wall or table arrangement.

Items will include reproduced scenes from old books or magazine, apple box labels and other types of advertising copy, and packaging of fishing items from the past.

The following items will be offered for sale:

- 2 photographic prints of Tommy Brayshaw pastels. Originally, these were produced by the McKenzie Flyfishers in a limited edition only for McKenzie and Evergreen members. They are not available elsewhere.

## Wind In That Line *by Reed Miller*

Trivia time: Which hand do you use for winding in your line – casting hand or the other hand?

When I was a kid, my first fly reel was an automatic, so I used the little finger of my casting

hand to activate the reel and wind in my line. I also had a closed-face spinning reel, which was left hand crank. This seemed perfectly logical, since I cast with my right hand and did not need to change hands to wind in line.

When I finally bought a single action fly reel, I set it up for left-hand retrieve. Again, it seemed totally illogical and inefficient to switch hands to wind in line.

Over the years, I have seen people switch hands to wind in line. If you are playing a big fish (I don’t hook or catch big fish), it seems to me you would want to use your strong arm to put pressure on the fish. In addition, switching the rod from one hand to the other raises the possibility of a screw -up and a lost fish or a dropped rod.

Out of curiosity, I’ve watched some of the television fishing shows. Again, some people wind with their casting hand, others don’t. Bait casting reels seem to be mostly right hand crank, so if the angler casts with the right hand, it is necessary to change hands with every cast. Conversely, most spinning reels have left hand crank so only left-handed casters need to change hands to retrieve.

Back when I was studying industrial engineering, I took a course called “Motion and Time Study.” Later, while working as an industrial engineer, my employer offered a course through a consulting firm called “Methods-Time-Measurement”. Both of these courses would conclude it is highly inefficient and wasteful to switch rod hands to wind in line.

But then, maybe fly-fishing is wasteful and inefficient as well.

## Murphy’s Law & Fly Fishing *by Paul Shook- Fort Worth, Texas Fly Fishers*

You probably heard Murphy’s Law when you were a child. You thought it was a cute joke. “If it can go wrong, it will go wrong.” Murphy’s Law is not a joke. It is just as real as gravity or inertia or any of the other laws that govern the universe. Here are a few of Murphy’s Laws that our members have observed.

- ❖ The fishing is always best the day before and the day after.

- ❖ Approaching dark clouds are a sure indicator that you forgot your raingear.
- ❖ If, on the way to the fishing hole you feel like you have forgotten something, you have. You may as well turn around now and hope that you remember what it was by the time you get home.
- ❖ If your fishing partner has a fly that is slaying them, you can be sure it's the only one he has. If you have the magic fly and give your partner the only extra one you have, you will lose yours.
- ❖ After you have waited for the rain and wind to quit, you will find that the boat's battery is dead.
- ❖ If you only bring one rod on that , "once in a lifetime" trip, you will break it the first day.
- ❖ If you take a beginner fishing, he or she will catch more and bigger fish than you.
- ❖ If you catch a fish on the first cast of the day, you won't catch another the rest of the day.
- ❖ You arrived real early, ready to fish, and it's raining and lightning. You decide to wait it out. You wait for hours and finally give up. On the drive home the sky will clear and it will be beautiful. It won't do any good to drive back, for it will just start raining again.

## Steelhead Conservation Rules –

*by Eric Nordstrom*

I recently read an article in the NW Women Fly Fishing Club's newsletter about a WDFW regulation that is in effect for the 2005-2006 season. I guess I hadn't read this official rule in this State's fishing regulations yet but I think it brings up an important point that all steelhead fisherman should be more aware of. The rule, on page 11 of the Regs pamphlet under Rules for Handling Fish, states "In freshwater, bank and boat anglers. . . may not totally remove from the water any salmon or steelhead that is required to be released." This effectively means that no one should hold up a wild steelhead (that *must* be released) for a picture if it means taking the fish out the water.

Now I know I have been guilty of holding up a wild fish for a couple quick photos just as many of you have probably done if you've been lucky enough to catch one. The important point here is that as our fisheries become more and more at risk of losing their wild runs of salmon and steelhead, we need to be more aware of how we handle these prized fish. You may have heard this analogy before but it's all too true; holding a fish up to remove the hook or snap a photo after you just reeled it in is just like someone forcing your head under water after you have just finished running an exhausting marathon. So when you do catch one of these fish there are a number of things that you can do to avoid harming the fish and still obey the regulations.

Be careful with the way you land the fish. Do not drag it up on shore where it can hurt itself by trashing around on the rocks, not to mention suffocate. If you are not able to quickly tail the fish, have a buddy help you tail it or land it in a fish friendly net where you can carefully remove the hook while still keeping it just under the surface of the water.

As for picture taking, just roll the fish onto its side while keeping it partially submerged and quickly snap a shot. Then take time to fully revive it before you let it take off. This is just as important as how you land the fish, so be sure it is totally recovered before you let it swim off.

When I was in Canada on the Bulkley River this last fall, my friends and I saw a group of fishermen that became known as the "Photo Killers". These gentlemen, all fly fishers, acted like glamour models posing with their steelhead, rattling off several pictures in just about every possible position before letting their catch go. They held these fish out of the water for what seemed like an inconceivable amount of time just to get that one last shot. Please don't let anyone you know be a photo killer!

Finally, remember by all means that if you do happen to catch a hatchery steelhead or salmon, please bonk it and take it home to eat. These fish are there for our sporting enjoyment and should not be put back to spawn with the wild population. So remember your ethics as a responsible fisherman and enjoy those hatchery fish over your barbeque!

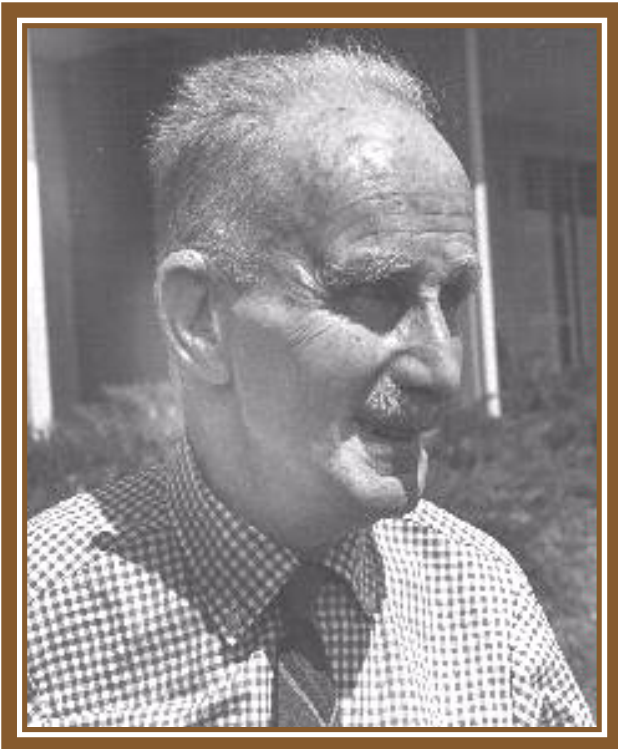
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## Tommy Brayshaw, 1886-1967



Well known for his fishing and artistic abilities, in June 1965 Tommy Brayshaw was a guest panelist at the first Conclave of Fly Fishermen organized and hosted by the McKenzie Flyfishers of Eugene, Oregon. This event brought together nearly 200 anglers from nine states and British Columbia for the purpose of organizing an international federation of flyfishing clubs.

Brayshaw's presence at the Eugene conclave played a major part in the good feeling and the unity of purpose engendered among all who were in attendance. His selection as a member of a discussion panel on the theme "Reflections and Philosophies of Fly Fishing" recognized both a long life devoted to high ethical standards in his sport, and his presence as a living link to the roots of fly fishing, especially in his native England.