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# Swirl Tips

## EVERGREEN FLY FISHING CLUB

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APRIL, 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: April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004 @ Flying Pig Brewery**  
**Wet Fly – 6:00 p.m. Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**

## April Program - Pioneers & Legends

by Carl Johnson

Jack Barryman will give a presentation on four Northwest flyfishing pioneers and legends: Enos Bradner, Letcher Lambuth, Roderick Haig-Brown, and Tommy Brayshaw.

Jack, who writes the Pioneers & Legends column in every issue of NORTHWEST FLY FISHING magazine, will talk about some of the information he has discovered during his research for the column.

## Fly Tying Contest

by Rob Gamage

The winner of last months fly tying contest was Jesse Scott with a fine example of the Prince Nymph. Nice fly Jesse!

For this month, the pattern chosen for the contest is the Adams. Leonard Halladay invented his classic fly back in the 1920's, which has certainly stood the test of time. It has inspired several variations and, continues to be a favorite general mayfly dun imitation. Usually, the Adams is tied on a #14-24 dry fly hook. Good luck!



### Example Recipe:

**Hook:** #14-24 dry fly      **Thread:** Gray 8/0  
**Tail:** Brown and Grizzly hackle fibers or, moose hair  
**Body:** Traditionally muskrat or, gray dubbing of your preference  
**Hackle:** Brown and grizzly together      **Wing:** Grizzly hen hackle tips

## President's Message

by Sandy Atkinson

There has been some good discussion recently about possible ways we can spend some of our savings to significantly recognize and celebrate our club's 50th anniversary. At the March club meeting, Jerry Harris kicked off a dialogue that generated several good ideas. We continued the theme at our last Board meeting, where this subject dominated the agenda.

The Board decided it was well worth spending some of our savings as long as we accomplished two important goals. First, we wanted some form of personal recognition that is broadly based, benefiting most, or all, club members. Second, we wanted to do something to benefit the community, while honoring our club and promoting its values.

Within this context, we considered many ideas offered by club members. After much spirited debate, the Board decided on the following proposal:

To meet the first criteria for broadly-based, personal recognition:

- 1) Give a personalized fly box to each club member. This will be our green fly box stenciled with the Knudson Spider, a 50th year recognition, and the club member's name. Approximate cost is \$700.
- 2) Give each club member one of our new patches, which recognize our club operating since 1955. Approximate cost is \$300.00
- 3) The club will pay \$10.00 toward the cost of each meal at this year's Christmas Party. For a couple, this is a \$20.00 savings. Since we get a big turnout at the Christmas Party, we felt this will benefit a lot of club members. Approximate cost of this subsidy is \$1000.00.

To benefit the community while honoring our club:

- 1) The Board will investigate a way for our club to fund one-time scholarships for two students, Washington residents, majoring in Fishery Science at the University of Washington. The scholarships will be in honor of the Evergreen Flyfishing Club's 50th anniversary and each student will receive \$2,000 towards tuition. Since there are a lot of details to work out, we are asking for club approval to

pursue funding such scholarships. The total scholarship cost is \$4,000.00

It is the unanimous decision of the Board to propose the complete "package" of all four items above, which will cost approximately \$6,000.00. Even after spending this amount, we will have approximately \$18,000 in savings – still healthy reserves. I will be calling for a vote on this proposal at the April meeting. A "yes" vote means you approve spending approximately \$6,000 for the above items, and you are authorizing the Board to work out the scholarship details. Please give this proposal serious consideration.



## April Door Prizes

by Mike Benbow

Quite a few prizes this month are intended to help people stock up for lake season. There will be not one, but two fly lines. Both are Cortland 555s, one is a five-weight and the other is for a six-weight. There are also two boxes of flies, small ones, each with a half dozen flies. To keep those flies floating high, there is a bottle of floatant as well as a holder for it to clip it to your fly vest. And there is also a package of self-releasing strike indicators, in a large size, for chironomid anglers who use long leaders.

For readers, there's a good book on stream fishing: "Fly Fishing Western Trout Streams" by Jim McCleenan.

For people who like some good eats after a hard day on the water, there are some cans of smoked salmon pate.

Something everyone should have is a tube of wader repair goop. Ditto for a tube of knot sense, some material to put on nail knots and other permanent knots that hardens in daylight.

For fly tiers, there's Hoffman's Super Cape. And to keep the sun out of your eyes, there's a Sage baseball cap.

I hope that's enough to convince you to buy lots of door prize tickets. Your support is appreciated. Also, if you have some ideas for things you'd like to see as door prizes. Let us know.

## April '05 Membership Report

by Mark Simpson

As of this writing, my records indicate the following members have still not paid 2005 dues and I have not been contacted by them concerning their membership status:

Ed Caine, Stephen Crane, Chris Price, Craig Shreeve, Brian Simonseth, Steve Edgecomb, Lyle Theige, Toby Tobias, Rick Mathias.

According to our by-laws these individuals will be dropped from membership and need to be re-accepted by the board for future membership. Please contact me if you believe any name on this list is included in error.

## 2005-2006 Calendars

by Eric Nordstrom

I started handing out the new club calendars at the March meeting and will have them available at the April meeting as well if you would like to pick one up. They look great with even more color thanks to help of Jim McGauhey. If you are unable to make it to the meetings but would like to get one, you can contact me at [enorthstream@aol.com](mailto:enorthstream@aol.com) or (425) 304-0825 to make arrangements to get you one.

I unfortunately will also have to distribute an updated roster along with the new calendars, and to those who've already picked up a calendar, because the old 2004 club roster accidentally was printed

into the new calendar. The new roster will be e-mailed out in addition to being available in hard copy at the meeting.

## Spring Fishout

by Eric Nordstrom

Remember that the Spring Fishout (May 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>) at Lake Chopoka is going to be potluck for the Saturday evening dinner. So fix up that favorite dish, dessert, appetizer, road kill, whatever you think others will enjoy. In case you haven't been to Chopoka before, you won't want to forget something because it's a long, bumpy drive back to a decent grocery store.

## Raffle Board

The raffle board must get sold out at the April meeting for the Buck's Bags Southfork 8-foot pontoon boat. The Trustees have some awesome raffle items lined up, so we need to make sure the board's last few spaces are filled up at this next meeting. I know someone wants to start using it this spring!



## EFFC 2005 Schedule of Activities

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
May 14 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Fishing Kids Event	Silver Lake, Everett
May 21-22 Sat-Sun	Spring Fishout	Chopoka Lake
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

## How To Report A Poacher

by Jesse Scott

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is offering a free training course on how and what to report if you witness poaching. Representatives of the Eyes in The Woods program, in partnership with WDFW, will present the course. Completion of the training will identify you to WDFW as a creditable witness and your report will be treated accordingly. The training will take place on Friday, May 13th from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Arlington area. The exact location has not been decided. A sign-up sheet will be available at the April meeting or call Jesse Scott at (425) 745-6092 to sign up.

### Life Jackets and the Law : For Personal Fly Fishing Watercraft

By Kim Lyons (NW Women Flyfishers)

*...Picture yourself out fishing on your favorite lake. It's a beautiful day and you're enjoying the experience of being on the water in your favorite float tube, Uboat or pontoon boat. While finning in toward shore for a lunch break, you notice a state Fish & Wildlife officer approaching you, with a ticket-pad in hand. Your barbs are appropriately pinched, and you think you are following all rules and regulations. You smile, greet the officer and reach for your fishing license. Instead, the officer asks to see your Personal Flotation Device (PFD)...*



I recently heard an anecdotal story very similar to this scenario that supposedly happened at a local lake popular with members of our club. I do not know the details of this story, or if it is even true. I do know that I have never used a PFD in my float tube. I also realized that I did not know what the actual regulations are regarding PFD requirements for float tubes and other personal fly fishing watercraft. As a result, I decided to investigate this issue.

So, the question is: are PFD's required by law when using a float tube, U-boat or small pontoon boat? To get to the answer, one needs to navigate through the murky waters of our state's legal codes and U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) regulations.

Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 352-60-030 states:

"No person shall operate or permit the operation of a vessel on the waters of the state unless the vessel has on board U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation de-

vices (PFD's) as follows: Vessels less than sixteen feet in length, and canoes and kayaks of any length, must have one Type I, II, or III PFD of the proper size for each person on board."

Our float tubes, U-boats and pontoon boats are less than 16 feet in length; but are they considered to be a "vessel" according to state definitions, and thus fall within the requirements of this mandate?

The Revised Code of Washington (RCW) is the compilation of all permanent state laws now in force. RCW 79A.60.010 provides the following definition of a "vessel":

"'Vessel' includes every description of watercraft on the water, other than a seaplane, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on the water. However, it does not include inner tubes, air mattresses, sailboards, and small rafts or flotation devices or toys customarily used by swimmers."

This is where things become ambiguous. Float tubes are basically an inner tube with a fabric seat sewn into it; and U-boats and personal pontoon boats could be considered to be small rafts. This law states these devices are exempt when used by swimmers. But, the law also states that a "vessel" includes every description of watercraft used as a means of transportation.

When fishing, we are definitely using these watercraft as a means of transportation and not as a swim toy. Welcome to the murky waters...

To further assist in determining the definition of "vessel", a federal regulation mandates that all "vessels" manufactured after 1972 must have a 12-character Hull Identification Number (HIN). These numbers are located on the starboard, outboard side of the hull or transom. (Look for yours at the rear of your boat, on the right-hand side.) Most float tubes, U-boats and smaller pontoon boats do not have a HIN number. So, if applying this criterion, these devices would not be considered to be "vessels".

So far, it appears that if your craft does not have an HIN, it may not legally be regarded as a "vessel". If it's not considered to be a "vessel" you are exempt from being required to have a PFD with you while fishing, right? Again, this is not completely clear.

Mark Kenny, Marine Law Enforcement Coordinator for Washington State Parks, states that some vessels are sold in the U.S. without the required HIN. These boats slide onto the market under the radar screen of the US Coast Guard since the USCG no longer has the resources to follow-up on each new watercraft that comes onto the market. According to Mark Kenny, enforcement officers learn that state law requires vessels to have a hull identification number, and a watercraft used as transportation is required to have a HIN, but it may

not have one. Since it's a federal and state requirement, the officer can take a closer look to determine if the craft has been marketed as a vessel to determine if a PFD must be carried.

So even without an HIN, officers can still consider you to be using your device for transportation, and therefore a "vessel" requiring a PFD. Until the state legislature or a court clarifies the law, the individual discretion of the officer at the scene will be the decision-making factor. Commissioned officers who can actively enforce this law on local waters are Deputy Sheriffs, Park Rangers and State Fish & Wildlife Officers. The state mandated fine if cited for "not having a lifejacket available" is \$76.

In an attempt to help educate anglers regarding PFD requirements, the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) will begin distributing posters addressing this issue at agencies that sell fishing licenses. The poster is adapted from one originally designed and utilized by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks. If you are a traveling angler, be aware that many states share similar laws or regulations, and it is your responsibility to check for the rules in each state that you travel to.

The poster's headline is: "Anglers, do you need a lifejacket?" The poster's graphics depict a woman sitting in a pontoon boat and a man in a raft. It states that a life jacket is **REQUIRED** to be on board when any of the following three conditions exist:

- (1) The angler sits above the water,
- (2) The device is rowed or paddled, and the angler also might use kicking fins,
- (3) The vessel has a 12-character Hull Identification Number.

Another image on the poster depicts an angler in a float tube, and states that life jackets are **RECOMMENDED** to be on board when:

- (1.) The angler's body sits in the water, and
- (2.) The vessel is propelled by kicking fins.

According to Mark Kenny, here's the reasoning behind these distinctions:

(1.) If the angler sits above the water, the watercraft is being used as a vessel for transportation. This is not the case with a float tube because the angler sits in the water. If an angler sits above the waterline, he/she **MUST** have a USCG approved wearable-type of life jacket (it does not have to be worn).

(2.) If a fishing device is rowed or paddled, it is being used as a vessel. Rowed or paddled craft sit above (or on top of) the water and the operator maneuvers it with oars or paddles. Fins could also propel it, but when

the angler sits above the water it's being used as transportation. This type of angling watercraft **MUST** have a USCG approved wearable-type life jacket. (It does not have to be worn, but must be readily accessible.)

(3.) If your fishing watercraft has a Hull Identification Number (HIN) it is a "vessel" and was sold as a vessel. You must have a USCG approved wearable type life jacket (Again, it does not have to be worn, but must be readily accessible.) So, what's the bottom line here? As an angler in a float tube, do you need a lifejacket? A PFD is highly recommended, as it is just plain cheap insurance to have the protection it offers. As an angler in a pontoon boat, U-boat, or any other type of raft where you sit above the water line and/or you have oars or paddles, a PFD is required to be on board. If you are in a boat, raft or any vessel with a hull identification number, you most definitely are required to have a PFD for each person on board. As an additional note, all children 12 years of age and under are required to wear a PFD at all times when on any vessel. Also be aware that if a watercraft is classified as a vessel, in addition to the PFD requirements, the vessel must have some way of making sound signals, and for smaller boats that typically is a horn or whistle. Small rafts and pontoon boats would then be required to have a sounding device, usually a whistle on a lanyard or attached to the PFD.

Half of all recreational boating deaths in Washington result from boats under 16 feet long, and wearing a PFD could have saved most of those lives. Public safety is prioritized by enforcement officers when evaluating situations regarding PFD use. Luckily, fatalities by anglers in float tubes or similar types of craft are very rare; so PFD use among anglers in personal fly fishing watercraft is not considered to be a pressing priority by enforcement officials. Be a responsible angler. Life jackets don't work if you don't use them. Compact, inflatable life vests are available at retailers for about \$75-\$100. These inflatable life vests meet US Coast Guard Type III specifications required for PFD's. If the bulk of wearing or carrying a PFD in a float tube is objectionable to you, consider this type of PFD. They are cheaper than life insurance and about the same price as the fine if you ever get ticketed.

If you would like more information about this issue, or would like an opportunity to discuss this with your local enforcement agency, contact your county Sheriff's office and ask for the Marine Patrol Supervisor. For information regarding Washington State boating regulations and PFD's, see: [www.boatwashington.org](http://www.boatwashington.org).

Tight lines.... and be safe out there!

# Evergreen Fly Fishing Club

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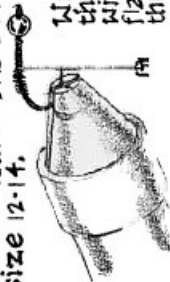
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## Red Butt Chironomid



Here is a variation of a nymph developed by Brian Chan. Red pattern chironomids seem to work best in the Fall - tie some now so you'll be ready.

Start by slipping a silver bead on to a Tienzo #MC 2312 hook, size 12-14.



Wrap the shank with red, flat waxed thread just past the bend.

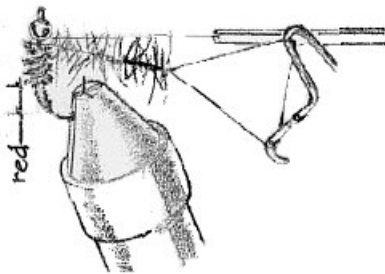
Return the thread winds to form the red butt.



Pheasant tail fibers behind ribbing.

Next, tie in fine silver oval tinsel for ribbing.

The body is pheasant tail fibers, picric acid dyed, natural or dark. Make first wrap behind the ribbing and wrap short of the bead. Counter wrap the ribbing four turns and tie off. Tie off and cut the red thread. Finish the fly with white G/O thread. Form a dubbing loop to create sills. The dubbing is white Australian oposeum. Wrap the sills behind the bead, whip finish.



Actual Size