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**50th ANNIVERSARY
1955-2005**

Swirl Tips

EVERGREEN FLY FISHING CLUB

WWW.GEOCITIES.COM/EFFC2000

OCTOBER, 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) Petosa's Restaurant
Conservation Committee Meeting - 3rd Thursday of the month, 7pm Village Restaurant



Auction: October 25th, 2005 @ Everett Elks Club
No Host Bar – 6:00 p.m. Dinner – 7:00 p.m.

Auction Time!

by Dennis Myers

Don't miss a great chance to book a trip with our club's best fishermen or nap a great deal on fly fishing gear, art, and other items. The best thing of all is that you're supporting our club and our operating budget in the process. We've had quite a few generous donations including:

- Carl Johnson's trip down the Clark Fork, 2 Days with food & lodging at his place in Superior, MT.
- Ted Lewis' steelheading float trip
- Roy Morris' guided trip on the Olympic Peninsula for steelhead or kings.
- Gene Smith's trip to Dry Falls Lake
- Bruce Swanson has a guided trip & secretes on Lone Lake.
- Gordy Swanson has some of his mystery flies, always a hit.
- Bitterroot Guide Service in Montana for a full day float.
- Reds Guide Service float for 2 on the Yakima River. Food & knowledge.
- Dale Dennis' trip for cutthroats on the salt water in the South Sound.
- Guided trip on the Yakima River with the Evening Hatch Guide Service.
- Bob Banks, club member, and artist painted the original "Requiem Rapid". This is a highly sought after print of a drift boat.

Suppliers have donated everything from reels, rods, feathers, cloths, vises, sun glasses, books & more.

There will be an early bird prize, a prize for whoever brings the most guests, and other surprises too.

Remember that you need to bring 5 flies or \$5 to get in the door (members only – not guests). Those that won last year's perpetual auction items need to remember to bring them back early during the setup of the auction if they haven't already given them to someone on the auction committee.

President's Message

by Sandy Atkinson

It is impossible to over-emphasize what the month of October means for our club. We're talking Auction!! It goes without saying, but I'll say it anyway, that the auction provides the biggest source of operating funds for our club. All of the fun activities and worthy projects that we do and sponsor in our club depend on a successful auction. Dennis Myers and his auction crew have done an outstanding job of preparing an action-packed auction scheduled for Oct. 25th at the Everett Elks Club.

At the September meeting and in the September Swirl Tips, Dennis highlighted some of the exciting fishing trips and high-end items already donated. Now it is up to all of us to show up, bring our donated items, bring friends, and bid generously. One auction rule-of-thumb: when in doubt, raise your hand! Remember that Dennis is promising a special prize for the member who brings the most guests. A large turn-out is crucial for a successful auction. Let's make this a memorable auction worthy of our 50th anniversary.

This is the time of year when club members can think about how they would like to help the club next year. Our Past President, Jim McGauhey, has been actively filling both officer and chairman positions for 2006. Fortunately, we are benefiting from several of this year's officers and committee chairman who are willing to "re-up" and serve the club again next year. However, Jim is looking for someone to fill the Vice-President position. With Bylaws changes we've made over recent years, we've re-balanced workloads, so the VP job is a lot easier. Our club operates a lot smoother when we can establish a regular succession from VP one year to President the next year. Talk with Carl Johnson and

he'll tell you that he has enjoyed being VP of our club this year.

Well, I'm cashing-in stock options (yeah, right) and bringing a fat wallet to the auction. See you there!



Last Call - Auction Dinner Reservations

by Jesse Scott

The menu is tossed green salad, roast pork, baby potatoes, vegetable medley, rolls and coffee or tea. The reservation form is on the back of Swirl Tips or call Jesse Scott (425-745-6092) before noon next Friday, Oct 21st and pay at the door.

Remember, If you don't reserve a dinner, you won't be able to buy one at the door.

You can always eat at home and save your money for the auction.

Membership News

by Mark Simpson

Please welcome our newest member. Alex Dorchak is a software design engineer. He has been fly fishing 29 years and enjoys river fishing and fly tying. Mike is interested in our conservation, publications, and politics committees. His sponsors are Skinner Wood and Dale Dennis. Tight Lines Alex!

Alex Dorchak (wife Rebecca)

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EFFC 2005 Schedule of Activities

DATE

October 25th Tue

December 10th Sat

Jan 4 – Mar 22 Wed

February 25th Sat

EVENT

Auction

Christmas Party/Awards Dinner

Fly Tying Classes

Winter Fishout

LOCATION

Everett Elks

Hawthorne Inn, Smokey Point

Stillaguamish Senior Center

Village Restaurant

Old Timers Night November 22nd

by Carl Johnson

2005, our 50th year, is a special year for EFFC and Old Timers night is part of the celebration. Earlier this year we approved a new patch and a fly box with the members name and the 50th year logo for every member. These items will be handed out to our members that evening. As part of the evening we are going to honor two groups of members. The first is our 50-year members. We have three members who joined EFFC in 1955, Jerry Larson, Jerry Solie and Gordon Swanson. The second group will be the past presidents of EFFC. According to the list in the calendar, over half of the past presidents are still members. The Board hopes that as many of the past presidents as possible will attend the meeting.

The program for the evening will be on the beginning of the Federation of Fly Fishers and the EFFC. The program will consist of a short video of the first Conclave and founding of the FFF by the McKenzie Fly Fishers with some added discussion on EFFC participation. As part of the program EFFC will be presented a certificate from the FFF recognizing EFFC as one of the Founding Clubs of the FFF. Hope to see you there.

Conservation News

by Jesse Scott

Remember the picture of the perched culvert in the August Swirl Tips? The above picture shows what a few volunteers can do on a Saturday morning before lunch. The culvert was removed and the stream bank restored using rock and large logs to enhance the fish habitat, the entire area was seeded, and covered with straw to control erosion. The volunteers were; Dale Dennis, Gordon McKay, Reed Miller, Gary Medema, Mike Schutt, Jesse Scott, and Paul Thompson. Don Bayes donated the seed, Bill Blake provided technical advice, and Steve Daggett volunteered to operate the excavator. The next step will be a tree planting in late October. The Stillaguamish Tribe is providing the plants. By Decem-

ber, we should see Coho moving up the stream for the first time in 10 years, and hopefully forever.

In November we will start the Salmon carcass distribution program. You'll also have a chance to see Don Bayes and his middle school students during a "hands on" hatchery visit. Unfortunately, it all happens during weekdays, but if you are interested give Jesse Scott a call.



FFF Conclave

by Carl Johnson

Gordon McKay and I recently attended the FFF Conclave in Livingston, MT. If you have never attended a Conclave, let me tell you they are a wonderful fly fishing experience. The Conclave officially runs Thursday through Saturday with a number of workshops earlier in the week. Unlike the fly fishing shows, the booths are a small part of a Conclave, it is the casting and fly tying demonstrations, the banquets, and the people that make a Conclave special. My highlight of the Conclave meeting and talking to the various fly fishing personalities, such as Joan Wulff, Mel Kreiger, John Bailey and many others. In addition, I had a good discussion for Pete Van Gytenbeek, the CEO of the Federation concerning the founding clubs of the Federation. I expect EFFC to receive documentation naming us as one of the FOUNDING Clubs of the FFF

The best part of the Conclave for me was watching the young participants. I had volunteered to man the FFF membership booth where we were selling FFF merchandise and memberships. Across from us were some of the fly tiers. One afternoon, I noticed a father and son watching foam bodied flies being tied. The next thing I saw was the young man, about 10- to 12, sitting on the tier's lap, tying a grasshopper. The payoff was the grin on this young man's face as he walked away holding the fly he had just tied.

Next year's Conclave will be held in Bozeman, MT the last week of July. If you can attend, I would highly recommend it.

2006-2007 Calendar
by Eric Nordstrom

The time of year is here where I need to start collecting photos from everyone for next year's club calendar. You can either give them to me in digital format on CD, through e-mail at enorthstream@aol.com, or just hand them to me in hardcopy print – whatever works for you. I will be

at the auction so you can give them to me there, or just hold onto them until the November meeting.

Swirl Tips Reminder
by Eric Nordstrom

I want to remind everyone that currently receives the newsletter in hardcopy through the US mail, that if you are able to access the internet or you have access to e-mail that we encourage you to switch over to receiving the newsletter electronically.

There are many benefits to converting to the electronic format which include earlier newsletter delivery and notification of club events, cost savings to the club, future added links and features only offered in the electronic format, and you'll be conserving our precious trees. Next year we may be faced with the decision of going back to the plain black on green printed version for hardcopy mail recipients. In that case, you will definitely be missing out on the full color photos that are always included in the electronic version.

If you are able to convert over, just let me know either at (425) 304-0825 or enorthstream@aol.com.



Christmas Dinner Party Reservations
Oberg's Restaurant at the Hawthorne Inn at Smokey Point
Saturday, December 10th, Wet Fly - 6pm, Dinner - 7 pm.

Buffet Menu: Prime Rib and Fresh Salmon, Parmesan rosemary potatoes, seasonal vegetables, bleu cheese and walnut or mixed green salad, foccacia bread. Dessert is your choice of Carrot, Chocolate, or Cheese cake.

Name: _____

Sign me up for _____ dinners at \$25 per person.

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

Club's cost = \$35.00
50 th Anniv ₂
Discount = -\$10.00
Your cost = \$25.00

and mail to: Don Mathiesen
(by 11/28/05) 15319 NE 166th Ln - or deliver to him
Woodinville, WA 98072 at the meeting



From The Tyers Bench

by Craig Smothers – Tampa Bay Flyfishing Club

I thought all of you might like to hear about what types of glues I use while tying flies. After the years of tying that I have done I've found a few favorites and can generally reason why I like them over others.

Likely the most important would be Dave's Fleximent. This is tying glue as opposed to head cement. Tying glues are most important to the durability of the fly rather than the final (fly) finish. By applying this cement after each step of the production of the fly, they just won't come apart quite as easily. It is important to keep this glue quite thin in order to soak through the thread all the way down to the hooks shank. So having thinner is very important.

Dave's Fleximent can be easily made at home. The formula is simple: Household Goop thinned with Xylene. Both can be purchased at your local hardware store quite inexpensively.

Head cements give the thread a final sheen or gloss. The most common non-fly-tying head cement is Sally Hansen's Hard As Nails finger nail polish. I prefer Loon's Hard Head water based head cement. Two coats of this stuff looks almost as good as epoxy. It also comes in colors as well as clear. It can be thinned with Isopropyl Alcohol (Yes I know I said it is water based, but trust me).

The tube of Goop you bought to make the fleximent can also be used to glue 3-D eyes or doll eyes on your fly's. I use Fletch Tite. Its normal use is for fletching arrows. It can be found in most hunting mail order catalogs, and someone told me WalMart has it. This stuff has just the right body to stick on eyes, has a great applicator, and can be fished in

about twenty minutes.

Epoxies on my bench come in four forms: one-minute, five-minute, twenty-minute and two-hour set times. One-minute is just to stick something on (then generally put another coat of slower epoxy over the top). Five-minute is thick and fast setting. Twenty-minute (Flex Coat) is normally used in rod building (for handles etc.); it's still fairly thick, but dries much clearer.

Two-hour is what I use the most of. Flex Coat rod (thread) building epoxy is thin, fills all the gaps in smoothly, remains slightly flexible and is gin-clear forever (faster five-minute yellows in color in a few months).

Don't forget Crazy Glue. This is a super-fast way of gluing similar surfaces. Zap-A-Gap is a super-fast way of gluing dissimilar surfaces.

Tear Mender (www.tearmender.com) is a great glue for double bunnies. I used to use Crazy Glue, however it dries stiff. Tear Mender has the consistency of white glue, dries in three minutes, remains perfectly pliable, and is fishable in twenty. It is great on leather and will repair your waders in a pinch.

And lastly, although it's for my fly lines rather than fly tying, Pliobond. It's a bit like rubber cement. I glue over all of the nail knots attaching my leaders or backing to the fly line.

By building a few coats up around the nail knots (like a football in profile), when that Tarpon peels the fly line off the reel, the nail knot doesn't snag on you guides as it flashes bye, stripping all of the snake guides off you rod. Enough Said The more I fly fish the more I realize that trophy size fish, exotic locations, long casts, fancy flies and fillets for the table are not necessary elements for a wonderful day on the water with the "long rod".



My biggest worry is that my wife (when I'm dead) will sell my fishing gear for what I said I paid for it. ~Koos Brandt

Evergreen Fly Fishing Club

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Auction Dinner Reservations at Everett Elks

Tuesday, October 25th, 7 PM



Menu is Roast Pork, Tossed Green Salad, Vegetable Medley,
Baby Red Potatoes, Rolls, Coffee or Tea.

Name: _____

Sign me up for _____ dinners at \$16 per dinner.

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

*** Call Jesse Scott immediately to reserve your dinner before Friday, Oct. 21st at noon (425) 745-6092, and then bring your payment to the auction.*