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# Swirl Tips

## December 2006 Issue

### Evergreen Fly Fishing Club

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### MEETINGS

General Meeting – 4th Tuesday of the month, 7 pm (6 pm Wet Fly hr.) Flying Pig Brewery  
Board Meeting – 1st Thursday of the month, 7 pm (6 pm dinner) Petosa's Restaurant  
Conservation Committee Meeting – 3rd Thursday of the month, 7 pm Village Restaurant

**Meeting: There is no club meeting scheduled for December. We'll see you at the January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting!**



## President Elect Message

By Eric Nordstrom

For those of you that may have missed our Christmas Party, it was another great evening at the Hawthorn Inn. Jim McGauhey stepped up and did a fine job as MC while Don Bayes kept the wealth flowing as auctioneer. The highlight of the event was the presentation to Jesse Scott with the Karl M. Haufler *Perpetual Fly Tying Award*, which hadn't been awarded since Walt Johnson won it back in 1997. Jesse sure received a magnificent piece of artwork by our late Dub Price! Mark Edson and Jesse Scott once again deserve our thanks for making sure we, and especially our wives, had a good time.

Sandy Atkinson ended his tenure of Past-President by bringing forward a new, full slate of officers that were successfully elected at the party. In fact Sandy filled every position for 2007 except for a few Committee Chairs we still need to fill. Those are the Librarian, FFF Representative, and Auction & Christmas Party Committee. Remember that these aren't just solo acts - they can have, and usually need, more than one member on the committee so don't be bashful. Please do let me know if you have an interest in serving our club because we need members who are willing to jump up off the sidelines and have fun making things happen.

As your newly elected President I want to make sure this next year is another successful one so please have a happy, joyous, and safe holiday and I will see you after the New Year.



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## President's Farewell Message By Carl Johnson

I'd like thank all club members for their help in making my year as president of the EFFC one that has truly been rewarding and memorable!

I thoroughly enjoyed my tenure as president and look forward to the coming year as your "Past President!"



## Fly Tying Classes By Rob Gamage

EFFC fly tying classes will be twelve Wednesday evenings of new patterns, techniques, tricks, and stories to give all of us more confidence in front of

the vise! The classes will be held at The Stillaguamish Senior Center, located in Smokey point (the same place we have been for the last three years).

Classes will begin on January 3rd, from 7-9 pm, and continuing every Wednesday (except we will skip Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, Valentines Day) until we end on March 28<sup>th</sup> (these dates are listed in your Club Calendar). All you need to bring is your own tying tools and thread. If you don't have fly tying equipment yet, the club has 5 or 6 vises and basic tool sets that would love to be made useful. Just let me know ahead of time and I'll arrange to have them available for you.

This year, for the price of \$25 (members) you get to learn from twelve of the best fly tiers in our club! If you know someone who might be interested, the price for non-members is \$45 (that is still a great price for a 12 pattern fly tying class)!

It is extremely helpful for us to know ahead of time how many tyers to expect. This helps us know how much materials we will need. If you didn't attend the November meeting and, would like to join us, or if you know someone who would be interested, please contact Rob Gamage – 360-691-9997 or [ragflyguy@hotmail.com](mailto:ragflyguy@hotmail.com) and I'll get you in!



## Ghillie Report By Mark Edson

I've definitely had a fun year as Ghillie, both bringing in the raffle items every month, and visiting with everyone on the way into every club meeting. Our raffle items this year have come primarily from the **Avid Angler**, with a few month's worth coming from **Pacific Fly Fishers** as well. In every case, these shops have sold us their goods at a generous discount, so please express your gratitude next time you visit either shop. We also have had a number of items donated by club members to the raffle, and that is a great way to help the club's bottom line. Thanks to who have helped with suggestions and donations.

Somewhere between Pepsi's (or were they beers?) at the November meeting, I accepted Sandy's request for me to be the 2007 EFFC Vice President, so I will be handing the Ghillie reins over to Rob Gamage for 2007. I'll be purchasing the first couple of months of raffle items for Rob to get him started, but any time during the January or February club meetings, be sure to talk to Rob about what you'd like to see on the raffle table for March & onward.



## Membership By Mark Simpson

### Year 2007 Membership Dues

Hey fellow anglers it's time to pay your dues this month and win big!! Send them in today for your chance to win a new reel. Our 2007 dues remain at \$30 for members or \$25 for associate members. Our annual "**dues incentive**" raffle will be held for members that pay (postmarked) by December 31st.

***Please do not send your dues to the club's post office box or to other club officers. The membership chairman needs to receive your dues directly! Please send a check in the mail.***

The membership committee also keeps the master club roster up to date including your address, phone number, & e-mail address, etc. Please complete and send the renewal form (at the end of newsletter)

with your dues so we can verify the current record of your information before the next calendar/roster goes to print.

Your dues are important to the operating budget of our club so please pay them on time, preferably by December 31, but no later than the January regular meeting.



## Publications By Jerry Buron

### We Need Your Fishing & Club Photos!

It's time to start thinking of the EFFC's calendar for next year. That means I'd like to have photos from club members anytime beginning in December of this year. Digital photos are preferred (in jpg format) but regular photos will also work. I'll take photos at a meeting, on a CD, or sent to me as attachments in e-mail message.

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## Librarian's Corner By Jim Pankiewicz

### The Tube Fly By Ken Sawada

This fall I have been busy purchasing some very interesting new titles for our club library; I'm anxious to tell you about them over the coming months. About 2 ½ years ago I started tying tube flies. Tying and fishing them has been a rewarding learning experience for me. Alas, I didn't fish them much this summer. Last summer, however, I had many enjoyable days pursuing *Oncorhynchus kisutch* and *Oncorhynchus gorboscha* with my tube flies in the salt. As a result of my foray into this new area of fly tying I recently became aware of a book called *The Tube Fly* by Ken Sawada. Ken lives in Japan. I had to mail order the book from him directly. The cost was over 8,000 yen plus shipping. Not only has he fished and written extensively he has also photographed flies extensively. Ken writes in Japanese. All of his instructions have been translated into English by Miyoko Ohtake so they appear in both languages, (Don't worry the pictures are all in English).

The author gives very limited introduction to tube fly materials; only the first 8 pages of the book are text. Following that are over 200 photos with detailed, step by step instructions on how to tie a wide range of tube flies. He finishes with an additional 300 color plates of a plethora of tube flies and how to dress them.

Even if you don't tie flies, the photography in this book is absolutely stunning. The patterns almost jump off the page. Our club copy of the book is hard bound, autographed, and comes in a protective jacket. At the time I made the purchase the book was not available in the USA. It may be now but only on a very limited basis and for a limited time. Come to the January meeting and see this unusual addition to our club collection. Merry Christmas wishes to everyone.



## Christmas Party By Mark Edson

For those of you who were at the Hawthorne for our year-end celebration, we are very glad you could make it. We had good food, good friends and a great time. Bruce Swanson managed to win himself another fly rod (which I'm sure he desperately needed) in the year-end raffle. As long as you promise not to drool on the Sage logo on the case, I'm sure he'll let you inspect it at the January club meeting.

We failed to make an announcement at the party about the comment form that was part of the program. If you have any comments about the party, the food, the gifts, etc, please either e-mail me ([mark-1@edsons.com](mailto:mark-1@edsons.com)) or tell me directly at the January meeting.

I'd like to offer a personal thank you to Jim McGauhey for printing the programs and running the raffle, and to Rob Gamage and Gordon McKay for stepping up and helping wherever they could see a need.



## Fishing For Kids 2007

By Carlos Ditto

Well, here I am, sitting around watching the wind blow, the rain beat against the window and my super glue harden because I got a little baking soda in it.

Did you know that baking soda and super glue together make a kind of plastic? If you need to fix something that has broken, consider putting a little water on one broken part, dip it in a little baking soda and put super glue on the other part. When you put the two parts together, do not be surprised when you see puff of smoke (keep your fingers out of the way). There apparently is some sort of chemical reaction when the two products meet and they fuse together. If you have a hole in something, you can patch it by adding baking soda to the super glue that you have put on the edge of the hole. As you keep doing this you can close the hole completely. When I was in the automotive industry, I used this trick several times to repair a piece of broken plastic.

Okay, so I have digressed a little bit. I think you can do this when you retire.

At any rate, I was reminded in the November Swirl Tips that it is time for the calendar to be prepared for 2007 and that got me to thinking about ***Fishing for Kids*** so I placed a call to Barry Martin at Everett Parks and Recreation. He returned my call a few minutes ago and informed me that **Fishing for Kids will be held on May 12, 2007. Put it on your calendar.** This is a great event and I know many of you have enjoyed working with the kids over the years. I guarantee you that you will feel good when the day is over.

Don't forget to tell your kids, grandkids and neighborhood kids about this. The registration will start sometime in February but that date has not been set yet. I will let you know as soon as I find out. This has become an annual event with my family and my grandkids would not forgive me if I let them miss it.

When I spoke to Barry, he mentioned that if we wanted to put together some type of fly casting class, demonstration, or something like that on

Friday, May 11, 2007, the fish would be available to us.

Some thoughts that I have are:

- We could invite some Boy Scouts over to work on their Fly Fishing merit badge.
- I also wonder what would happen if we got some senior citizens out in their wheel chairs and put a rod in their hand.
- I have a friend who is blind who loved to fish before he lost his sight
- How about teaching some single parent moms how to fish?

Well, as you can see I can go on and on. However, I think that Barry has a good idea and I think that Evergreen Fly Fishing Club could do a lot worse with its time.

Let me know what you think and don't forget to add May 12, 2007 to your calendar. You won't regret it and we can sure use your help.



## Jack Does it Again!

By Pat Maher

We all know the skill and prowess of our good friend and club mate, Jack Gobel. He is currently languishing in the warmth of the south, fishing and relaxing. We all know of Jack's fishing and fly tying skills. He has taught many of us new patterns and methods for tying and has been instrumental in the development of our great fly tying classes. He is one creative man!

But did you know that Jack has some culinary skills that are also creative? He called me the other night to let me know of a new way to cook fish. In his case that fish is stripped bass.

These piscatorial delights are the ones that fall to Jack's fishing skill in Havasu Lake, Arizona. The interesting aspect of him cooking these fish is that he is cooking them in 7-UP. You know that bubbly stuff. Pop Mixer for "spirits fermenti." You know, 7 UP! I couldn't believe it!

Jack describes the cooking process like this. You prepare the fish in 1 x 3 inch strips. Cut away any skin, dark meat, or other non meat parts. Now you have just pure meat. While you were doing this, get

a pot of 7 UP boiling. Then toss in the pieces and let 'em cook until they float to the top. Ladle them out and serve up with drawn butter. I think I could hear him smacking his lips over the phone!

He said that this process has been locally quite popular. Jack suggested that one could try salmon or halibut with this process. Well, Jack, you have whetted my appetite. But say, how do you serve the hot 7UP ?



## Christmas Message to My Grandson

By Jerry Larson

*This is a Christmas message to my grandson, Sean Larson, serving in the US Army & stationed in Baghdad, Iraq. I hope you are Okay and doing well!*

I want to write a little about my favorite hobby and sport "The Art of Fly Fishing." When I was about 9 years old, I got to meet some of the better fly fishermen in Everett. Both my mom and dad were fly fishermen and very good at it. I met most of their fishing friends and got to fish with some of them. I made up my mind, right then; I wanted to become one of the best fly fishermen in the Everett area. This became one of my goals in life. Both Bernie and Ernie showed me a lot and bragged me up when I did well at my fishing. In my family catching a nice fish was the best thing you could do. Along with fishing advice my dad also said to me, have fun in your life, and do what you like but if you get the idea to steal something or do something else dishonest and get in trouble with the law they will put you where you have to stay. All the other guys will be going by with their trailers and boats on their way fishing and you won't get to go because you screwed up!"

I didn't think much about it then, but later, a few times it came up that my friends got the idea of doing a few things wrong. I thought of what my dad had said and told me then. "Not me, I don't want to take the chance of not getting to go fishing when I want to."

When Kirk and Adam were growing up and full of hell, I told them the same old story. It must have

worked. Neither Kirk nor Adam, as far as I know, ever took drugs, got in serious trouble, or did anything dishonest. Everything they did in their lives made me proud of both of them. They both love fly fishing as I do. We also know they are both the better fishermen in the area.

So now Sean, it is your time. I know you love fly fishing as I do. I am already proud of your fly fishing and fly tying ability. I really liked the way you showed everyone you knew how to fish at both the lake and the river. I am very proud of you as a fly fisherman and a grandson. So take my advice, have fun in life, do what you want and like, but don't screw up, because if you do, they might put you where you have to stay and watch all the other guys on their way fishing. I hope that never happens to you. Make sure it doesn't!

There is another thing I do when everything seems wrong and it seems the whole world is against you. That's when I think about fishing and all the great times I have had on the water, and all the more good times coming up for me. I think how nice it was one day on the lake or river or how exciting it was when a big fish hit my fly, or what a hard battle a fish gave me before I landed him. I also think about the people I got to fish with and what great times we had. You and I had those times together and they were great times for me. So if every thing seems to go to hell for you think about fly fishing and maybe you can get through your hard times and make it to your next fishing trip. It works for me. I'm sure my last thoughts in life will be of fly fishing and how much I love it. My last thoughts will be of wading down through the drift in the Klickitat and a big steelhead taking my fly, and heads down river. Or a perfect day on a lake when the trout are really taking my fly and all is right in the world for me!

I'm getting older now and don't know how many more fishing trips I will get. I wanted you to know how much our fishing time together meant to me. I hope you will continue to fly fish and love it as much as I always have.



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## EFFC Membership Renewal Form

**Membership dues are \$30 for members & \$25 for associate members**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number including area code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to EFFC, fill in the Membership Renewal form, & mail both to the following address:

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