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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) Buck's American Café
Conservation Committee Meeting - 3rd Thursday of the month, 7pm Village Restaurant

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

March Program –

TROUT STREAMS OF THE NORTHERN ROCKY MOUNTAINS (ON THE CHEAP)

by Reed Miller

The Madison River. The Yellowstone River. The Big Hole River. Yellowstone Park. These places are classics for serious fly fishers. But what about Gold Creek or Ross' Fork? Ever hear of those? They're good fishing. Interested?

I've fished streams (and high lakes) in the Northern Rocky Mountains since 1950. I'd like to share my experiences and knowledge with other fly fishers, so I've put together a slide program covering streams in Northern Wyoming, including Yellowstone Park, Idaho and Southwestern Montana. In addition to fishing itself, I will discuss access and places to stay without going broke.

I will also have handouts listing the streams shown, their location, species present and other information such as my recommendations for flies, rods, etc.

Fly Tying Contest

by Ken Lease

The February contest was won by Don Scott, among the eight entries. Congratulations Don and thanks to all those that participated.

The March contest will be the Pheasant Tail Six Pack which was originated by Carl Haufler of Lynnwood in 1965. This wet fly consists of long-hackled pheasant rump feathers for the body, tail, and hackle. The hackle is yellow dyed to match the coloration of damselflies. The ribbing is gold wire. Hook size is #8-10, Wet Fly with a 2-4 XL shank. See back page for an example recipe with instructions.

President's Message

by Jim McGauhey

DUST OFF YOUR RODS!! It's Fishin' Time!! While many of our favorite lakes are open all year, there's something about the official start of the season and change in the weather that says: "It's time to fish!" I'm looking forward to using some of the new patterns I tied at the fly tying classes. Which, by the way, are still going strong.

Some of you have ordered EFFC logo merchandise at www.cafeshops.com/effc. It's nice to see members wearing logo gear to the meeting, but especially when fishing and visiting fly shops.

We need a couple more volunteers to wrangle some events. I'm especially inviting every member with less than ten years service who hasn't taken a position yet. Dip your toe in the water by leading just one event. We're looking for help with the July outing, the Fall outing, and even next Winter. Now the Winter one is easy - just call The Village in Marysville and reserve the meeting room, then promote it as we get closer. Since it's next year you'll have a lot of time to make the phone call. Fish with us if you want to, but mainly it's handle the organization, which is really easy. And, you'll have lots of help from those of us who have done it before.

I'll tell you a secret. About 8-9 years ago I'd been in the club a couple years and still had not attended an outing. Somehow job, family, other events always took a higher priority. So somehow I needed to get fishing higher on my priority list and get support from my "social director." So I volunteered to be Activities Chairman. Here I was, never been to an official outing, now in charge of all the outings for the next year for the whole club. Did that ever rearrange my priority list!! I liked it so much, I did the job for 2, maybe even 3 years (I have a very good memory, except it's short). It worked great! My wife agreed that now I had to go fishing; cooking was not a big deal; and suddenly club members started inviting me to other, private fishing days. Now we don't have an Activities Chairman. We need several, but each doing only

one event. So I'm particularly looking at those of you with the club less than 10 years who haven't taken an office position or a leadership job yet. Send me an email at jmcgauhey@usa.net and let me know you're interested. We're looking for help at the Spring Fishout May 15-16th at Big Twin. This one is easy - Jesse has already made the reservations for you. Just promote, and decide whether to have a potluck or if you want to cook steaks. Then there's the Cutthroat Fishout Sept 12th, and next year's Winter Fishout. Again, send me an email.

At the last meeting there was a lot of interest in doing PowerPoint type presentations. Unfortunately, PowerPoint is a Microsoft program, bundled with Office, and costs hundreds of dollars. I have found Open Office. A free office suite of programs, including word processor, spreadsheet, and presentation software, that works very similar to Microsoft, reads and writes the same format (like doc files for Word), but it's FREE! Do a Google search for Open Office and you'll find the download link. But it's over 40 megs, so for those of you with dialup connections it'll take over an hour to get. HOWEVER, I can burn a few CD's for members. Send me an email, and I'll burn disks for you. It's free, legal, and works great. jmcgauhey@usa.net



March Raffle Items

by Mike Benbow

It seems like some members really won quite a few of the prizes last month. Since they were mostly people who had bought a lot of tickets, they deserved winning more than one prize. But we also want to keep everybody interested in the door prizes and make sure that lots of folks win some stuff every once in a while. So we're adding more prizes this month in an effort to get more winners.

The most expensive gift this month is a book called "Spring Creeks" by Mike Lawson. It's an
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excellent book with great information and very high quality photos and illustrations (see the review in this edition of Swirl Tips). The book is autographed by Mike, so that will increase its collectors value. We have a second book as well. Since it's still winter and time to do a lot of tying, we have a copy of "The Fly Tying Bible" — a nice book with 100 trout and salmon flies. For the tiers there's also a soft foam tool caddy and a pair of nice tying scissors.

We also have a Coldwater leader wallet, a small fly box with a dozen dry flies (including some parachute callibaetis and baetis may flies, some ants and some elk hair caddis). There are also a lot of items to help refill your fly vest, including some Aquel floatant, some 4x,5x and 6x tippet spools, a three-pack of nine-foot, 5x leaders and some nippers.

Another good thing to carry in your wader pocket or your vest is a tube of Super Patch UV wader repair. I haven't used this, but a friend of mine swears by it. It sure doesn't hurt. While we want to have lots of winners this month, it's OK to buy lots of tickets and to win several prizes.

Thanks guys for your support each month.

Conservation News

by Jesse Scott

We had a sunny day for the Buck Island tree planting on March 6th. Thanks to Larry Adams, Carl Johnson (with his wife, Mara) and Paul Thompson there are now 1500 new trees on the Island. Actually, we were assisted by members of the Northwest Women's Flyfishers and the Northwest Fly Anglers. All in all, it was a rewarding day followed by some great chili at Carl Johnson's. See what you missed!

The next event is a fishout at Lone Lake and a chance to see the weed problem first hand. This is an informal outing scheduled for Saturday, April 10th. Just come on over and join the fishing action. Currently, the Lone Lake homeowners are working with noxious weed professionals to develop a weed eradication plan for the lake. The target weed is the Brazilian Elodea and it is a real nasty one to get rid of.

The conservation committee meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Village Restaurant in Marysville. We send out the meeting agenda and a reminder of the date a week before. If you would like to be included please call Jesse Scott at (425) 745-6092 or gardenfly@msn.com.

Book Review

by Mike Benbow

"Spring Creeks"
by Mike Lawson.
Stackpole Books 2003.

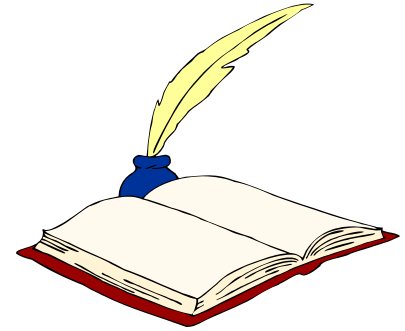
Since we have only one public spring creek in Washington state (Rocky Ford), it would be easy to pass on Mike Lawson's "Spring Creeks". After all, it costs \$60, which is an awful lot of money for a book on fly fishing. But that would be a big mistake, for several reasons.

"Spring Creeks" is Lawson's first book and it's a great one. Published by Stackpole Books, it's printed on high quality paper and is filled with spectacular photographs and illustrations. Mike has taken many of the photos, but so have many of the better writers and photographers in the sport.

The best part of the book is the writing. Lawson, whose home waters is the Henry's Fork of the Snake River, knows how to catch trout. He's been a guide and a fly shop owner, has spent many years giving seminars at Sportsmen Shows around the country and knows many of the better fly fishers and authors extremely well. So Mike's book has a lot of good information. Some is his. Some he credits to friends and fishing partners.

While spring creeks aren't well known in Washington, they typically are some of the toughest fisheries in the United States. The water is clear, there are lots of hatches and there's a lot of traffic on the public waters. So the fish are smart.

If you never fish a spring creek, it's still wonderful to learn the tricks and techniques for catching big and intelligent fish. Those tricks can be applied to any river or any lake and make you a better fisherman. The flies tend to be exact copies of the naturals, so the featured patterns will work anywhere where these insects live.



"Spring Creeks" is a good book, one that belongs in your library and one that you'll read over and over again.

Membership Report – March 2004

by Mark Simpson

Please welcome our three newest members.

Brian Simonseth, a resident of Stanwood, brings 30 years of fly fishing experience to our club and is very active in other fly fishing related organizations in the area. Brian likes to river fish for Steelhead.

Brent Flinn, also from Stanwood, has fly fished for 4 years and has been active in our recent tying classes. He enjoys fishing lakes and streams.

Bruce Turner, from Edmonds, is new to fly fishing and eager to learn about stream fishing. Bruce's sponsor Rob Gamage will no doubt be coaching him on some award-winning fly tying.

Club dues are still 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 many have not yet paid. Calendar year 2004 dues are \$30 for members and \$25 for associate members. Important! Dues checks should be made to EFFC 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 them to:

Mark Simpson
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The membership committee also keeps the master club roster. Please fill in and send a renewal form (see last Nov, Dec, or Jan Swirl Tips for form) or call or e-mail me at (425) 258-1149, or markbsimpson@yahoo.com, so I can verify your information is correct.

This is the second 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 2004 dues:

Eric Abrahamson, Loren Bly, Bob Borup, Carlos Ditto, Terrence Duffield, Floyd Elliot, Neil Farler, Carl Frisk, David Frisk, Kurt Gobel, Dick Greaves, Mark Gustafson, Alan Hensley, Kim Hultman, Norm Johnson, Kyle Kragseth, Adam Larson, Joe Marsh, Doug Mattoon, Gregory Minkner, Chuck Morrison, Dave Mullkoff, Dave Smith, Paul Tetzlaff.

I believe I've kept an accurate list of members I received dues from, both by check and by cash, but please contact me if you believe your name is included on this list in error. Some of you have told me you'd pay but I haven't received it if your name is still on the list. According to our by-laws an individual will be dropped from membership 30 days after this second notice. If any of you can help - please give these guys some encouragement to stay in the club and to mail their dues within the next week. Thanks.

EFFC 2004 Schedule of Activities

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Feb 21 st Sat, 6pm	Fly Fishing Legends of the NW	Meydenbauer Center
Feb 25-29 th	Evergreen Sportsman's Show	Evergreen Fairgrounds, Monroe
Feb 28 th Sat	Winter Fishout <i>Dinner</i>	Village Restaurant
May 15-16 th Sat-Sun	Spring Fishout	Big Twin (Winthrop)
June 26 th Sat	NF Stilly Cleanup	Charlie Ricketts' place
July 24 th Sun	Summer Fishout & Meeting	Gordy Swanson's – NF Stilly
Sept 17-19 th	EFFC-McKenzie Fishout	North Umpqua River, Oregon
Aug 21 st Sat	Unofficial Saltwater Searun Cutthroat Fishout	
Sept 12 th Sun	Cutthroat Fishout	Stillaguamish River
Oct 9-10 th Sat-Sun	Unofficial Dry Falls Fishout	Dry Falls Lake

— Quote —

Herbert Hoover Speaks on Fishing

"Be patient and calm –
for no one can catch fish in anger."

"The joys of fishing are not confined
to the hours near the water."

"Fishermen are an optimistic class,
or they would not be fishermen."

"Next to prayer, fishing is the most
personal relationship of man."

"It is not the fish we catch that counts. It is
the joyous rush of the brook, and the
contemplation of the eternal rush of the
stream."

"Fishing is the eternal Fountain of Youth."

*From the December 03 Target Talk the newsletter
of the Long Beach Casting Club*

Adopt-A-Stream April Activities

Aquatic Insect Mania

Are you wild about aquatic insects and other underwater inhabitants? Then come with us on an "aquatic safari" where you will meet a cast of thousands. Stalk the carnivorous dragon fly larvae and peer at the beauty of the mayflies with their fan dancing gills. And if that weren't enough, explore the live exhibition of creatures from the Northwest Stream Center's aquatic jungle. Get up close and personal to these creatures with a videoscope so you can observe them on TV. Finally, create your very own insect to take home. April 19th, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Ages 6 and up with adult supervision. Tickets: \$4 members (Adopt-A-Stream) /\$6 non-members. Advance purchase necessary.

Entomology 101

What is Entomology? Meet entomologist Dave Pehling from the Washington State University Ex-

tension Office who will present a general overview of insect life using slides. Dave will focus on the fascinating life cycle of mosquitoes and will have some of his own insect pets for observation. If weather permits, we will explore the grounds of the Northwest Stream Center and catch some mosquito wigglers. April 27, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Ages 10 and up. Tickets: \$4 members (Adopt-A-Stream) /\$6 non-members. Advance purchase necessary.

All programs in partnership with Snohomish County Parks and Recreation. They will be held at the Northwest Stream Center in McCollum Park, 600 128th St. SE, Everett. These programs can be taken for teacher clock hours. Call 425-316-8592 for more information.

The Uni-Knot

(The uni knot might well be your most basic knot. It can be used to tie on your fly, to tie on a dropper, to tie tippet to leader, or tippet to tippet.)

1. Run the line through eye of hook at least six inches and fold to make two parallel lines. Bring end of line back in a circle toward hook or lure.



2. Make six turns with tag end around the double and through the circle. Hold double line at point where it passes through eye and pull tag end to snug up turns



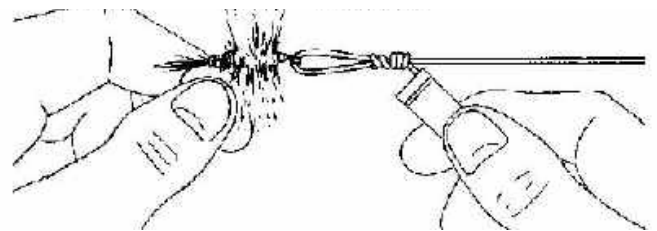
3. Now pull standing line to slide knot up against eye.



4. Continue pulling until knot is tight.



5. Trim tag end flush with closest coil of knot.



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Six Pack

MATERIALS:

Hook : #8-10, 2-4 XL shank

Tail : Speckled pheasant tail fibers

Body : Speckled pheasant tail fibers

Ribbing : gold wire

Hackle : Speckled pheasant tail fibers

Tying Instructions:

- 1) Tie in speckled pheasant at bend of hook for tail, and trim butts.
- 2) Tie in gold wire and speckled pheasant fibers.
- 3) Wrap speckled pheasant fibers forward to eye of hook and trim.
- 4) Tie in a clump of speckled pheasant out of each side, and top and bottom, and trim butts.
- 5) Whip finish and head cement.