

Kelly Creek Flycasters

Riffles, Runs & Lies

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*****IMPORTANT NOTICE*****

Regular monthly meeting for Kelly Creek Flycasters:

DATE: **Thursday January 14th 2010**
WHERE: **Quality Inn, the Stern Wheel or the Mahogany Room**
ADDRESS: 700 Port Drive, Clarkston WA 99403
WHEN: **Dinner** will start at **6:00pm**. **Meeting** and **Program** to follow at **7:00pm**.
FOOD: \$15 Buffet

Message from the President

Will Godfrey - Kelly Creek Flycasters President

On behalf of the Kelly Creek Fly Casters Board of Directors and myself, I wish each member of the Club a very happy, successful, hopeful and healthy New Year. I am looking forward to my association with each of you as we enjoy a new year.

The year ahead holds opportunities for each of us to make a contribution to our sport by participating in the various KCF projects. Being of service to each other as members of the Club and to the publics we serve can only make our individual lives better. I am reminded of our purposes as outlined in the original KCF Articles of Incorporation:

To promote fly fishing through education as the most enjoyable and sporting method of fishing, and the method most consistent with the preservation, conservation and wise use of our fishing waters and game fish;

To provide assistance, advice, and suggestions to other angling groups and to help them become more important and effective in their areas;

To publicize the best practices and techniques of fly fishing, fly tying, casting and other related subjects;

To be a voice for organized flyfishers, maintaining liaison with other conservation and sporting organizations, and with the governmental agencies involved in so many aspect of the sport.



I invite every member of KCF to participate in the various projects, outings and activities that are planned for 2010. The following represents a partial list of those events that the Club will sponsor:

1. Monthly KCF meeting -- 2nd Thursday of each month held at the Quality Inn as a dinner buffet and program. Please come and enjoy the meeting whether you choose to have dinner or not.
2. North Idaho Fly Fishing Expo -- February 19 and 20. The KCF Board and Expo Committee extends an invitation for everyone to participate and help make this event a great success.
3. Monthly Fly Tiers table held the last Thursday of each month. Come and learn, teach, and tell "stories".
4. Idaho State Juvenile Correction fly fishing program for qualified boys – last of March, April and May.
5. Fly Tying at the Packers and Outfitters Show and at the Outdoor shows both held in Lewiston during March and April

Certainly there will be more. Please check the monthly calendar in your Newsletter and come and participate. I once read that, **"Everywhere is within walking distance if you have the time"**. Perhaps we should say that. **"Every KCF project is within the grasp of its members if they take the time to start."** Best wishes for a great 2010.

Will Godfrey
President

Flyfishing – Just Get Out There and Do It

I hadn't had a pull in over a month, my patience was waning, and we were preparing for Christmas with family back east. But my soon-to-be host in Chile sent pictures of flies they use on the Puelo River, I copied one, and it looked like a steelhead fly. I had to try it, so I went up to the first gravel bar on the Snake, made a few casts, and released a small wild steelhead. Life is good! I don't know what we'll find there. The Puelo River empties into an inlet of the Pacific and my Spanish isn't good enough to distinguish between the several possibilities. I hope to have a fish story for the March meeting.

I began flyfishing 60 years ago as a young lad living in a place most unfriendly to fishing. Locals joked that we were right in the middle of fabulous fishing – 500 miles away in any direction. I lived for the one week I got to spend in Colorado each summer, and was on a first name basis with most of the bluegills I caught and released in farm ponds around home. About 48 years ago, I took a new partner on my annual fishing trip, that was Sandie, but it was really a honeymoon. I made the mistake of expecting to teach her to fly fish that week. Not only was she not ready for that lesson, she reacted with incredulity when I caught and released perfectly edible fish. "You're doing *what??* We eat those!"

Over the years we've had an "open marriage" (relative to fishing). I get to fish and she gets to read, pick mushrooms and berries, take pictures, hike, and anything else that suits her fancy. Then I found the infamous "secret" steelhead hole off the mouth of Asotin Creek. I can't tell you where it is -- sworn to secrecy. After bringing home a succession of fish and a wide grin, I explained that she too could catch one if she could wade out all the way up to her ankles and if she could cast half way across the room. Skeptical but willing to try, she suited up, and thus began another story too long for this newsletter.



Sandie is a joiner and I'm a loner. That's just the way we are. I had heard of that elite cadre of expert flyfishers over the years, the Kelly Creek Flycasters, but thought that my self-taught style of fishing would be completely out of place. I've always been pragmatic about my fishing. Sometimes I will use a spinner or drag a plug, or even (gasp!) thread on a little garden hackle. I use what I expect the fish to eat, and around here that is more often than not a bug of some sort. I have always thought of myself as a fisher first, and a fly fisher of convenience. No purist here. So it was with some reluctance that I came along when Sandie joined and paid for a family membership in this illustrious group.

Since exposing my personal deficiencies to this group, I've made some interesting discoveries. There are a few members who are not better fishermen than I, perhaps because we had the same teacher. Experimentation and experience are not particularly good teachers. They sometimes leave you with bad habits and adverse muscle memory that are hard to break. Much better to get it right the first time.

That's where our women's fly fishing clinic comes in. After three annual sessions, Sandie's traditional cast is better than mine. Knowing where in the river to put the fly takes a little longer, but she's coming along there too. She doesn't quite have the Spey cast figured out yet, but that will come. Several students have evolved into very respectable fishers. At the last women's session one beginner asked how her husband could learn. I jokingly told her that wasn't a problem, cause men are born knowing how to fish. It's in the genes. I repeat, JOKINGLY! But that brings up another point. We have programs for women and youthful offenders, so should we consider something for others? Or are we teaching the two groups most receptive to instruction?

Another realization is that I'm a little impatient with the idea by non-fly fishers and wannabes that this is some sort of artistic ballet. The comment that fly casting is so graceful is, to me, a little like fingernails on a blackboard. That might be why some people are reluctant to try, and why I self consciously shied away from club involvement for many years, denying myself this valuable camaraderie. Please! It is a craft, a potentially very efficient craft for connecting with nature, gathering food, or both. Don't make it what it isn't. Just get out there and do it. Don't be embarrassed if your cast looks like mine. And have fun!

Jim Lowther
KCF Board Member



Kelly Creek Flycasters JANUARY Program

Thursday, January 14th at 7:00 PM
Quality Inn, Clarkston WA

Program: Argentina Browns and Jurassic Lake **By:** Joe Roope

Argentina has long been known for mysterious landscapes and huge fish. Join Joe Roope from Coeur D' Alene's Castaway Fly Shop and travel through Argentina in search of trout and huge sea-run browns. Travel with Joe back in time, to a land where the fish are plentiful and fishermen are scarce. When you experience the fishing on Jurassic Lake, you'll believe that Argentina is a fishing destination second to none. Come meet Joe and enjoy this photo-essay.

KELLY CREEK FLYCASTERS TREASURER'S REPORT

Account Balances through DECEMBER 2009

Savings CD:	\$10,319.81
Checking Account Balance:	\$ 10,125.75

Total Funds:	\$20,445.56

2009 - 2010 EVENT SCHEDULE

January 05, 2010	1st Tuesday, Board Meeting , 5:30pm at Roosters Restaurant, Clarkston WA
January 14, 2010	2nd Thursday, Regular Meeting, Quality Inn, 700 Port Drive, Clarkston WA 6:00 pm dinner = \$15, 7:00 pm meeting & program.
January 28, 2010	4 th Thursday, Fly Tying Night, 6pm at Ortho Pro, 823 16th Ave, Lewiston ID
February 02, 2010	1st Tuesday, Board Meeting , 5:30pm at Roosters Restaurant, Clarkston WA
February 11, 2010	2 nd Thursday, Regular Meeting , Quality Inn, 700 Port Drive, Clarkston WA 6:00 pm dinner = \$15, 7:00 pm meeting & program.
February 19, 2010	3 rd Friday, Social Hour, No-Host Bar, and presentation by Trey Combs for KCF members & Invited Guests. Time and location TBA.
February 20, 2010	3 rd Saturday, FLY FISHING EXPO, BANQUET & AUCTION
February 25, 2010	4 th Thursday, Fly Tying Night, 6pm at Ortho Pro, 823 16th Ave, Lewiston ID
March 02, 2010	1st Tuesday, Board Meeting , 5:30pm at Roosters Restaurant, Clarkston WA
March 11, 2010	2 nd Thursday, Regular Meeting , Quality Inn, 700 Port Drive, Clarkston WA 6:00 pm dinner = \$15, 7:00 pm meeting & program.
March 25, 2010	4 th Thursday, Fly Tying Night, 6pm at Ortho Pro, 823 16th Ave, Lewiston ID



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TYING CORNER – Crease Fly

By Bob Bates, FFF Newsletter

Comments:

The Crease Fly is a well known salt water fish catcher. Striped bass, albacore, bluefish, roosterfish, grouper, redfish/drum and many other game fish have fallen to its charms. As Randy Stonebreaker of Green River, WY demonstrated this pattern at the 2009 FFF Fly Fishing Conclave in Loveland, Colorado it screamed I catch fresh water bass too. Indeed, Randy has caught smallmouth bass, kokanee and trout with it. An internet search indicates it also catches largemouth bass, pike and muskie.



Created by Capt. Joe Blados of Greenport, Long Island, NY it quickly became a favorite for many anglers. If the fish are on top use a floating line, it is always a thrill to see a fish hit a fly on the surface. If they are not on top, go down with a sinking line. Let the line sink to the bottom, and strip it back with pauses to let the fly float up.

Randy uses a number 3 full sinking line on a six weight rod to chase smallmouth bass. If larger patterns are used a larger rod might need. For kokanee he ties it pink and orange and puts it on a downrigger. There are several drying times during the construction of a Crease Fly so rather than wait, we switched to a fly that was already dry. So you will see different flies as we go through the steps.

Materials & Equipment:

Hook: Daiichi 2461 big gap 2/0 lay thread base

Thread: Fairly heavy thread any color

Tail: Brahma hen from Whiting farms, buck tail, lama and chickabou.

Body: White foam, 2 mm sheet



1. Lay a thread base all the way down to bend.
2. Take one hen feather, cut it to get the fluff out of the way, tie it on hook, lift up and wrap underneath.
3. Add a little polar flash maybe 3 strands on each side. Now you are “done with tying.” Have the body foam pre-cut, and you are ready to start building the rest of the fly.}]
4. Fold it over the hook to form the body and cut the rear section off on top and bottom to taper it a little. When you squeeze it around the hook it splays out the tail a little especially with llama or bucktail. Use a red permanent marker to paint the front, “put lips on it.” Put Zap-A-Gap on the edge of the foam. Do not put Zap-A-Gap near top of foam because you want keep the front open. Use a golf tee or something similar and stick it in to make sure the body is open. Next use Sally Hanson’s as a primer. Coat it thoroughly, but don’t touch the red marker because it will color the finger nail coating. The one he used had glitter in it, so it gives a sparkly undercoat. Randy has used all kinds of sparkle nail polish. Set it aside to dry.
5. Decide what kind of eyes you want and glue them on the dry body. Randy likes to use oversize eyes.
6. The next steps involve painting the fly to look like the baitfish the big fish you want are eating. Randy uses a Copic sprayer and pens. It is more convenient than an air brush. The sprayer needs a source of 50 psi compressed air. This might come from compressed air cans or a compressor. Some tying instructions I found on the internet recommended waterproof pens to color the flies. The results were simple light belly and grading darker on the back.
7. Randy started painting lighter colors on the bottom and darker on top. The pens have a fine point on one end and a dull point on the other. He also likes to put a red gill on each side.
8. Use 30 min epoxy, sometimes get bubbles in it. Randy hasn’t tried to flame out the bubbles. He was told to never mix epoxy with wood, but he used wooden tooth picks anyway. If you want to put glitter in it wait until epoxy is mixed. Cloudy at first then clears up, put on liberally and get it all over. Stick a little bit inside to keep body open.
9. Make sure the eyes are well covered.
10. Let epoxy flow off.
11. Put on turner to let the epoxy cure.

Closing Comments: There is almost an unlimited variety of patterns that can be produced. He has painted some light gray and put dots on them to look like shad. The chartreuse versions also work on kokanee. He has put scales on them, but he is still experimenting with techniques. He mentioned several stores where he can find Copic pens etc., but I didn’t recognize any of them, so look around.

Call for Fishing Photos

I would like to start including some KCF club member fishing photos in our monthly newsletter and on our website. If you have any photos then please email them to KCFNewsletter@gmail.com with some who, what, when, where information. Thanks, Diane

Riffles, Runs & Lies is edited by Diane Lillibridge on behalf of the Kelly Creek Flycasters. All club members are welcome to submit articles for inclusion into the club newsletter by contacting Diane at KCFNewsletter@gmail.com or by phone at (208) 743-8970.

