

Kelly Creek Flycasters

Riffles, Runs & Lies

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Regular monthly meeting for Kelly Creek Flycasters:

DATE: **Thursday March 11th 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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Will Godfrey - Kelly Creek Flycasters President

Congratulations to Zach Funkhouser and Bruce Young, chairman and co-chairman, of the North Idaho Fly Fishing Expo. The program that these fellows and their committee put on was a great success for the Kelly Creek Fly Casters and the public at large. The Expo Committee included Jeanie Centenari, Ginny Foote, Laura Gifford, Richard Scully, Dave Clark, Will Godfrey, Rene' Krokus, Bob Long, and several other behind the scenes volunteers. I remember Mrs. Clinton's statement about how it takes a village to raise a child. Well, I can tell you it takes a full KCF village to put on the North Idaho Fly Fishing Expo. Thanks to all of you who gave of your time and effort to make the Expo a success.

The Committee will soon review the entire Expo effort. The final financial reconciliation will be completed and a report will be prepared for the next crew of people that will put on the Club's Expo. I think the attitude is to try and improve our Expo and so your thoughts and comments are welcome and should be sent to Zach, Bruce or a committee member. By the way, preliminary reports suggest we are in an Expo profit position.

We owe our major sponsors a great big "thank you". I am hoping that when you consider a purchase or you are in need of a service that you will consider our major sponsors. **Vern Eide Motor Cars:** These folks have made it clear they want to be our sponsor next year. **The Eye Care Center:** Dr. Mark Eggelston and his team were great to work with. **Tri-State Outfitters** really did work with our Expo team to build our brand as well as theirs'. **The Bank of Whitman:** Our committee meetings were held at the Clarkston office and they allowed us a storage room prior to the assemblage of the many gift contributions that were made. Dr. Greg Dietrich and the **Lewiston Orthopaedic Institute** continued their support for our effort this year. Dona and John at **Art and Frame at Klings** just went out of their way to be helpful. Each of



these sponsors helped to finance the North Idaho Fly Fishing Expo. When you are in their places of business please thank them for their sponsorship.

In general, our club is moving along in a positive direction. We are about ready to start the Juvenile Correction fly fishing program. We have a team working with the Boy Scouts of a America Fly Fishing merit badge program. Ginny Foote has our outing and activities schedule well in hand. Zach is well organized with our monthly programs. We have a great supplier of “KCF Swag”. The Board is working on the By Laws; revamping of the Web Site; organizing a new member’s package; formalizing the Bill Asplach Award criteria; establishing the written criteria for our Scholarship Fund and Jeanie has our financial and administrative records up to date. We do have a lot on our plate.

One last note. I am appreciative of Kent Mayer. He has resigned his Vice President position as he will soon be moving to the Puget Sound area to take on new fishery responsibility for the State of Washington. Kent has volunteered much of his spare time to help make KCF successful. His work as a Board member and as Vice President has helped us through a tough period last year when we were without normal leadership. He has strengthened our By-Laws with his committee and he has taken command when the President was not available. We are appreciative of his work in defining the parameters associated with our Scholarship Program. His style, to question items of interest that may or may not be pertinent to the Clubs mission, will be missed. He has been a great Board member and a leader when needed. Thanks Kent, you have done a good job and we wish you well in you new assignment.

Sincerely, Will Godfrey

Bill Asplach Memorial Award

Congratulations to Jeanie Centenari, the winner of the 2009 Kelly Creek Fly Caster of the year, The Bill Asplach Memorial Award. No doubt, this award has been presented to a tireless KCF worker. Jeanie has served as a Board Member for several years as well as the KCF Treasure. She loves the club and she along with her husband Dan have made a major contribution to the success of the Kelly Creek Flycasters’ fly fishing programs.

Way to go Jeanie!

Everything I learned, I learned on the KCF Board

As most of you know, I am leaving the area to operate a fish weir on the Elwha River, as part of the largest dam removal project in U.S. history. I have served on the KCF Board of Directors for 3 years. Being on the board has been rewarding and frustrating. One of the rewards of being on the board has been in the understanding of how much time and effort it takes to make the KCF work for all of its members. Every night we had a board meeting, I always hoped that we would be home by 9:00 – It rarely happened. I was inspired by the board members, which was most of them, that did the additional work of putting together our most important activities: The NIFFE, juvenile



correction program, and the scheduling of club events. Like any organization, personalities play a big role in how club business gets done. I learned to be more accepting and appreciative of how others contribute to the successes of the KCF.

I am sad to leave, but I can honestly say that the club is in better shape now than when I joined the board 3 years ago. There is renewed energy and commitment among board members, with increased activities, amended bylaws, and a new direction for our website. So, how do I end this? There are board members who have sacrificed more and given more to the club than I have. To those people, I am grateful – They have taught me well.

Board Member, Kent Mayer

Kelly Creek Flycasters MARCH Program

Thursday, March 11th at 7:00 PM
Quality Inn, Clarkston WA

Program: *The Angler's Bitterroot: An Appreciation and an Approach*
By: Chuck Stranahan

This program covers the Bitterroot's fishing seasons, its wild trout, the river's history from Norman MacLean's stay there through the fires of 2000, and more - all back-dropped by a landscape that is at once gentle and spectacular in its beauty. Chuck's unique sense of the Bitterroot comes from twenty-odd years on the river as a fly shop owner, guide and outfitter, fly tyer, and writer. Over that time, his love for the place has continued to grow.

There will also be a few of Chuck's flies in a raffle so be sure to see this program and visit with Chuck. This program is sure to be a great primer for April Skwalas in Montana.

KELLY CREEK FLYCASTERS TREASURER'S REPORT

Account Balances through FEBRUARY 2010

Savings CD:	\$10,000.00
Checking Account Balance:	\$ 22,913.99

Total Funds:	\$32,913.99



2010 EVENT SCHEDULE

March 02, 2010	1st Tuesday, Board Meeting , 5:30pm at Roosters Restaurant, Clarkston WA
March 11, 2010	2nd 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
April 06, 2010	1st Tuesday, Board Meeting , 5:30pm at Roosters Restaurant, Clarkston WA
April 08, 2010	2 nd Thursday, Regular Meeting, Quality Inn, 700 Port Drive, Clarkston WA 6:00 pm dinner = \$15, 7:00 pm meeting & program.
April 22, 2010	4 th Thursday, Fly Tying Night, 6pm at Ortho Pro, 823 16th Ave, Lewiston ID
May 04, 2010	1st Tuesday, Board Meeting , 5:30pm at Roosters Restaurant, Clarkston WA
May 13, 2010	2 nd Thursday, Regular Meeting, Quality Inn, 700 Port Drive, Clarkston WA 6:00 pm dinner = \$15, 7:00 pm meeting & program.
May 27, 2010	4 th Thursday, Fly Tying Night, 6pm at Ortho Pro, 823 16th Ave, Lewiston ID
June 01, 2010	1st Tuesday, Board Meeting , 5:30pm at Roosters Restaurant, Clarkston WA
June 10, 2010	2 nd Thursday, Regular Meeting, Quality Inn, 700 Port Drive, Clarkston WA 6:00 pm dinner = \$15, 7:00 pm meeting & program.
June 24, 2010	4 th Thursday, Fly Tying Night, 6pm at Ortho Pro, 823 16th Ave, Lewiston ID

Kelly Creek Flycasters Board of Directors

KCF Board Member	Positions	Term Exp	E-Mail Address	Phone Number
Will Godfrey	President	2010	wgodfrey@cableone.net	(208) 798-5424
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TYING CORNER – Shop Vac

By Bob Bates, FFF Newsletter

This is a go to fly for many anglers. It is a generic pattern representing many different insects. With its white wing and brass bead it has been called a great searching pattern. Roger Thompson, Inkom, ID tied this one at the 2009 East Idaho Fly Tying Expo in Idaho Falls, ID. It was developed years ago by Craig Mathews and company at Blue Ribbon Flies in West Yellowstone, MT

It can be used in streams or lakes. One reference said that it most effective in tail waters, but it is excellent in freestone waters. Any type of fly line can be used depending how deep you want to fish it. Some anglers use it as a dropper from a high floating pattern like a stonefly, hopper or may fly. When fishing it deep in a stream, adjust the length of the leader to be twice the estimated depth of the water. Then cast upstream so it will sink as it comes back to you. Watch end of the fly line to detect a strike. If you are using a floating pattern as a strike indicator be sure to watch it carefully. If the floating pattern does anything strange like stop, move upstream or sideways, tighten your line. It might be a rock or a nice brown trout. I usually don't STRIKE because that is when the tippet breaks. I just tighten the line, and if it wiggles it is probably a fish.



In lakes you can use a floating line or any of the sinking lines to put the fly in the proper place. Let the fly sink to where you think the fish are, and then retrieve the fly in a manner to attract the fish. Books have been written on the subject.

Materials & Equipment:

Hook: DaiRiki 135, 14

Bead: Brass 3/32 Gold

Thread: Uni-thread, 8/0 white

Rib: Copper wire, small

Body: Pheasant tail

Wing: Darlon, Zelon or Sparkle yarn, white

Step 1: Attach thread behind bead.

Step 2: Hold copper wire on top of hook, and wind thread over it to past the barb.

Step 3: Attach 6 or 8 pheasant tail fibers on top of hook.

Step 4: Wind thread forward to just behind the bead, and then wrap peacock tail fibers forward to bead, secure and trim excess.

Step 5: Spiral the copper wire forward and secure. Wiggle the wire to break it off. Sometimes when the wire is cut, a sharp edge is left that cuts the thread. Also Roger is reluctant to use his good scissors for cutting wire.

Step 6: Select a small bundle of Darlon, and attach it as a wing behind the bead. Trim at back of the body. (Other tiers make shorter wings.)

Step 7: Whip finish, trim thread and coat thread winds with a little head cement.

Closing Comments: As with any great fly there are a few variations. One tier used chartreuse wire. Another added two winds of lead free wire and shoved into the back of the bead. Two others added a peacock herl thorax (under the wing and in front of the wing). They all sing the praises of the Shop Vac as a great fish catcher. It is easy to tie, so tie a few and go fishing.

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.

