

Kelly Creek Flycasters

Riffles, Runs & Lies

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

Regular monthly meeting for Kelly Creek Flycasters:

DATE: **Thursday April 8th 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

The North Idaho Fly Fishing Expo Committee held its final meeting this past week. Under the direction of chairman, Zach Funkhouser, the financial report was presented along with comments from each of the committee chairman. While this was a time to suggest improvements for the 2011 NIFFE and to pick a part some of the problems that were encountered, it really was a time to say that the NIFFE was a great success.

Yes, we will make improvements and make the changes that are necessary to improve our performance as we try to reach KCF Club and NIFFE objectives. But, this is a time also to give thanks to Zach Funkhouser, Chairman of the 2010 NIFFE and Bruce Young, the second in command for a job well done. These two club members along with their various committee chairman, Jeanie Centenari, Administration; Dave Clark, Fly Tying; Richard Skully, Vendors; Ginny Foote, Raffles-Auctions and the Woman's Program; Laura Gifford, Youth Program; Diane Lillibridge, Web Site and Will Godfrey, Marketing, deserve more than a "pat on the back" for a job well done. A lot of "man-hours" went into making the Expo a financial success. We were fortunate to have Bob Long as an advisor. Bob has been instrumental in putting on several Fly Fishing Expos, including the Southeast Idaho Fly Tying Expo and the National Federation of Flyfishers Conclave. All in all, Zach and his NIFFE committee worked together very well which was reflected in the end result, a profitable experience for the club.

Looking a head to the 2011 NIFFE, it was the feeling of the committee that we continue and that we work to make this Expo a strong part of the Lewiston/Clarkston community fabric. By time you read this message, the KCF Board of Directors will have met and made decisions regarding the direction the Club should take as we move forward to accomplish our objectives.



We are just a bunch of fly fishing enthusiasts that want to promote our sport. Yet, we are volunteers to do the same. The Expo requires a commitment on the part of each club member to jump in and help. It requires each of us to stretch ourselves just a little more to participate as a committee chairman, ticket seller, fly tier, casting instructor, auction spotter, greeter, teacher, finder of gifts--- it really takes a bunch of us working together to make the thing work.

So, here we go--- working to make the rest of this year a good one for the club. Jump in! Volunteer to help when the call comes, when the opportunity presents itself. Thank you Zach, Bruce, Jeanie, Richard, Bob, Ginny, Laura, Dave, and Diane for giving of yourselves to make us a better club. And, thanks to the many of you who worked behind the scenes just because you wanted to. You receive very little recognition and you deserve more. Thank you for helping to make KCF and the NIFFE program a success. Your passion and commitment is appreciated and recognized.

Will Godfrey

Kelly Creek Flycasters Dues Notice

At the April 8th Club meeting we will have a special incentive drawing for those who have paid their 2010 dues. Those of you that have paid your dues by the time of the drawing at the meeting will have an opportunity to win one of two great prizes that the Board has provided. You do not need to be present to win but you must have paid your dues by the deadline.

If you paid your dues since September of 2009 or you have paid in the past for multiple years ahead, you are eligible for the drawing. Jeanie Centenari, our Treasurer, has the updated records of when you last paid. You may check with her at the meeting on April 8th.

Special Note

As many of you know, Kent Mayer, Board Member and Vice President, has taken an exciting position with the State of Washington Fisheries Department on the Olympic Peninsula's Elwha River. Kent has resigned his KCF positions in order to get ready for his move. He will be missed and we do appreciate his work for the Club.

Following the procedures outlined in our bylaws, I have asked Joe Douglas to accept the position of Board Member in place of Kent for the remainder of Kent's term. Joe has accepted and subject to Board approval, he will join the Board at the April meeting on Tuesday April 6th. At that meeting, and in keeping within the rules outlined in our bylaws, the Board will elect a new Vice President.



Swinging Flies on the OP

There are special places on this earth that all fisher-folk should visit. If you are a steelhead fisherman, Forks, Washington is one of them. Forks is a small town, but from the moment you arrive, you can't help but feel like you are in the heart of steelhead country. Steelhead fishing has been a tradition on the Olympic Peninsula for as long as people have lived there. Much like Smithers BC, when you visit the OP, you've arrived at one of the worlds few steelhead fishing epicenters. Within striking distance of Forks, there are 27 fishable rivers that have steelhead and salmon in them. It's a magical place where you can swing flies on a beautiful river, through classic looking steelhead runs, and underneath the huge, moss covered trees of the Olympic Rainforest.

This year I had an opportunity to visit the OP once again. I fished the area with 3 fishing buddies, Kent Goodman, Kurt Wald and Will Godfrey. Kurt and Will were new to the area and it took one day on the Sol Duc River to seal their fate. Ten minutes out of Forks, on the trip home, both began to plan their return. We had the good fortune to find fish and good weather on this occasion. Members of our party floated and fished the Hoh, Bogachiel, Sol Duc, Quillayute and Clearwater rivers. All of us landed at least one fish and hooked multiple fish. Winter fish on the OP have no rivals. While there, you always have a shot at the fish of a lifetime. A member of our group, Kent Goodman, hooked a steelhead that looked to be about 25 pounds. He didn't land that fish, but it was awesome to see it and hook it. That steelhead will live in his memory forever.

The OP is long trip, 10-12 hours drive from Lewiston. Winter fishing on the OP requires some measure of endurance, the ability to cast heavy lines all day long, with large flies on the end of them. Weather there can be brutal, a careful eye toward trip planning is a must because the watersheds are large and very flashy. Nonetheless, my advice to all dedicated steelhead fly anglers is to get there as soon as you can. Have that experience because, like an incredible salt water flat, or that rarest of trout streams, you'll want more of it. The rivers of the OP are full of classic swinging water that will seem familiar to you. As a steelhead fly fisher, it won't take long for you to feel comfortable there. Visit the OP with a couple of great pals and you'll find yourself in a place that will grab you, on a trip that you won't soon forget.

Catch you on the fly.....

Zach

Kelly Creek Flycasters APRIL Program

Thursday, April 8th at 7:00 PM

Quality Inn, Clarkston WA

Program: Montana's Beaverhead and Big Hole Rivers By: **Tim Tollet**

Southwest Montana - In the Heart of Montana's Best Fly Fishing Waters. This presentation will cover the Beaverhead and Big Hole Rivers and include other area waters such as the Ruby River, Poindexter Slough and Clark Canyon Reservoir. We'll see pictures and get information on the major hatches for those destinations and when the best times to fish them are. Learn about the tackle that's needed as well as all the specialty fly patterns that have proven successful on our Southwest Montana waters. Come see Tim Tollet's 30 years of experience in these watersheds packed into one presentation with valuable information and great photos.



2010 EVENT SCHEDULE

April 06, 2010	1st Tuesday, Board Meeting , 5:30pm at Roosters Restaurant, Clarkston WA
April 08, 2010	2nd 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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KELLY CREEK FLYCASTERS TREASURER'S REPORT

Account Balances through MARCH 2010

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

Total Funds:	\$32,913.99



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.

