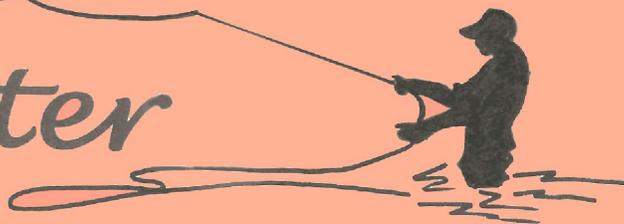




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Join in the Fun!

President's Message

by Tom Dyer

Confidence in Your Fly

I just returned home from our yearly Steelhead fishing trip on the Grande Ronde River. Every year since 2006 Dave Henderson and I have made a trip to the Grande Ronde River in hopes of catching a few steelhead in one of the most beautiful settings in the Northwest. Some years are more fruitful than others, but the past two years have really tested our resolve. This year's trip started with great expectation, perfect weather, good river flows and suitable water temperatures. Our only questionable variable was fish numbers, running about 60% of the ten year average.

It never fails I always start to fish with the same fly every year, the Rock Creek, even though I spent half the year tying different patterns. For some reason my confidence level always seems to be much higher with this one tried-and-true pattern. This year was no exception. I fished the first evening with the Rock Creek and had absolutely no luck. Yes, I did pick up one nice trout but I was looking for a steelhead. Maybe it was due to the lack of success that first night or maybe I was just ready for a change. What ever it was, I tied on a new fly pattern, Steelhead Rubber Leg, and stuck with it until I caught my first fish. I fished it for two days with no luck but on the third day second cast I felt the tug of a good fish. Confidence is an interesting thing, after landing that first fish I knew I could trust that new fly pattern on future adventures. I look forward to giving it a try on the Snake River, we will see if my confidence lasts.

Steelhead Rubber Leg Tube Fly:

1 mm small plastic tubing by Eumer

¼ inch gold conehead

Black and red speckled chenille

Black rubber legs

UV Polar chenille copper

Black Polar chenille

Hook: any 5x short, 2x strong hook in sizes 4, 6 or 8 (I was using a size 6)

Editor's note: Due to computer problems, I did not get Tom's article in time for the November issue of *the Newscaster*. So here it is. Luckily for me, it is not time sensitive.



2013 Christmas List for Fly Fishermen

By Santa

(Recommended for mature audiences only because of sex and language)

It's getting Christmas shopping time again and the same question each year: "What can I get for my fly-fishing spouse? He (she) has everything he (she) could possibly use." Not to worry; here are three options that are guaranteed not to be in your spouse's fly fishing arsenal. These items are found in the Christmas Catalogue from the Ephemeroptera Dynasty Company of Sand Hollow, Idaho. Each of these have a ephemeroptera life-time warranty according to Lew-Jim Goue, company CEO-BO.

Dome-top Match The Hatch Fly Box

This unique fly slotted fly box has the capacity of approximately 250 flies. The lid has a hinged dome shaped appendage with a built in lighted 6x magnifier (bug stage). A 2.5 inch insect sample net with a 12 inch telescoping handle is attached to the bottom. These are the ingredients for, by far, the most sophisticated method for matching the hatch yet devised. When a hatch is happening and the fish are rising, it is time to take the appropriate action. Remove the sample net, extend the handle and catch one of those little hatching buggers. If they are out of reach, attach the sample net to the tip of your rod using the built-in pole clip. Open the hinged bug stage and place the hatching bugger on the stage section then check your fly box for a match. You may wish to place the fly on the stage with the bugger for size comparison. When you have a perfect match remove the fly and commence fishing. If you fail to get strikes, admit you have a lousy presentation and take up golf.

Pneumatic Fine Tippet, Small Hook Fly Threader

One of the biggest frustrations that we chronologically challenged old fly fishermen (I'm three years younger than Perry Kelley) experience is how to thread a 7x tippet on a #24 midge in the dead of winter. After all for me, my work is completed by early morning Christmas Day and time to fly fish for the rest of the winter. The PFTSHFT (*pfftshfft*) is the ideal tool for this dilemma. All you do is place the tippet into the holding groove, then place the eye of the hook on the threading needle. Next press the firing trigger button and *pffishfft* air pressure forces the end of the tippet through the eye of the fly. Remove fly from the device, tie your favorite knot and you are ready to fish. The compressed air cylinder is good for about eight fly changes. You can recharge your PFTSHFT cylinder with an air compressor or from your vehicle tire. Remove the valve cap from your tire and with the included inflation hose place one end on the PFTSHFT and the other on your tire valve stem. Warning: when you tire appears to be getting low sneak around the parking area and steal air from someone else's vehicle.



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While money won't buy happiness, enough money will pay for the consultant to advise on any problem.



Mayfly Call

Perhaps the most exciting and potential useful device on the market for many years is the Mayfly Call. This amazing tool would not be possible if it weren't for the recent development in ultra high frequency science. There are two areas of studies: one is **Nano Ultra Stratospheric Hertz Technology** (NUSHT) and the other: **Nando Technology**. The first is the study of sound frequencies much higher than audible by humans, dogs and anything except Mayflies. The other study is a damn good story. **Lew-Jim Goue**, brilliant NUSHT (pronounce letters only) engineer and entomologist discovered that Mayflies emit ultra-high frequency sounds during their mating swarms. The sound is a compulsory ingredient for mating to take place. Only recently were scientists able to detect these sounds. Professor Goue created an electronic sequencer to replicate this sound, hence the Mayfly Call.

What does this mean for the fly fisherman? Think of the times when you were on the stream and the conditions were perfect for a hatch. Nothing is happening. The water appears to be fishless; no rises, no swarming Mayflies, nothing. Time to get out the Mayfly call. Press the on button. You will not be able to hear the sound but a flashing red light tells you that it is working. Very soon you begin to see spinners flying, looking for action. First tens. then hundreds. and then thousands are getting with the program. The clouds of mating Mayflies become so thick that sunlight is completely filtered. The swarms are so elegant and artistic that you imagine Mozart, Mendelssohn and Tchaikovsky backgrounds of some of the world's most wonderful music enhancing these beautiful aerial ballets. Only for the Mayflies, it is the NUSHT sounds that turns them on.

Not only are the spinners in a frenzy but duns are beginning to pop up from the waters. They also want to enjoy the party. You make your first cast. You are immediately on to a great fish. The action will last most of the day. This will be fly fisherman's paradise and the road to it is the Mayfly Call.

Sources

How does one get these gifts for the fly fisherman who has everything? Call the Ephemeroptera

Dynasty Company of Sand Hollow, Idaho, for orders. The number is 888 777 6666. The prices are as follows: Dome -top Match The Hatch Fly Box, \$36.99 plus shipping and handling; Pneumatic; Fine Tippet, Small Hook Fly Threader, \$79. 99 plus shipping and handling; Mayfly Call, \$149.99 plus shipping and handling. **But wait a minute!** Call within the next 30 minutes and get all three for \$299.99 plus shipping and handling. A significant savings—you do the math.



Stay tuned spring 2014 for the new reality show on Television *The Ephemeroptera Dynasty*

Show starring **Lew-Jim Goue**, his wife **Serrahaha Goue** and members of a local theatrical company (The Geezer Little Theater Players) as the crazy and wacky employees of the Ephemeroptera Dynasty Company.



Good Advice

by Marvin L. Orwig

In 1997, I was guiding a couple in Alaska. Larry was a skilled flycaster; Barbara had marginal experience but could make an adequate cast.

We were fishing a sandbar near the Alagnak Lodge. Barbara hooked a chrome-bright silver salmon. She was doing a fair job when Larry began offering advice which, from where I stood, didn't seem to be welcomed.

Barbara's salmon began wearing out. I waded over to net the fish. Larry, still offering advice, laid his rod across the rod rack with some line still in the water. Suddenly Larry's rod shot overboard— he tried too late to grab it.

Barbara caught her first salmon, but all I could offer Larry was condolences and the use of another rod. I noticed a fish jumping about two hundred feet downstream and suggested it might be the offending salmon. We motored over and I saw Larry's line about six feet underwater. Using the net, I snagged the line and came up with the rod, salmon securely attached.

When we landed Larry's fish, Barbara turned to him and, with a sweet smile, said, "So that's how it's done."



A woman's husband had been slipping in and out of a coma for several months, yet she had stayed by his bedside every single day. One day when he finally awoke, he motioned for her to come closer.

As she sat by him, holding his hand, he whispered, eyes full of tears, "You know what? You have been with me through the bad times. When I got fired, you were there to support me. When my business failed, you were there. When I got shot, you were by my side. When we lost the house, you stayed right there. When my health started failing, you were still by my side. All this has made me realize something about you."

"And what is that, dear?" she asked gently, smiling as her heart began to fill with warmth.

"I think you are bad luck."





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The following members have December as their due-date for renewal of membership. Please see Jim Gulu and pay ASAP so he doesn't have to get rough with you.

Daniels, Charlie

Thomas, Dave & Pam

Zeitlin Jascha

Experience is what allows us to make the same mistakes again without getting caught.

Indianhead Fly Fishers Christmas Party

The **December 10th** meeting will be the annual **Christmas Party** for members and their spouses. The Club will provide the pizza, and pop. The Festivities start promptly at **6:30 pm** at which time the pizza will start coming out!!!

The cost of admission for the evening will be items to be given to the Elk's **Christmas Baskets**. They have requested we donate the items we have in the past: dish soap, laundry soap, hand soap, any toiletry items, also toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, etc. These are items they usually have to purchase for the baskets.

You are also asked to bring a **"White Elephant"** for a fun gift exchange! If you bring your spouse, bring a gift for each!

Come and join in the Christmas Frivolity!

Coming Events

Dec 3—IFF Board,
Idaho Pizza, 7 pm

Dec 10—IFF Membership
Christmas Party
Idaho Pizza, 6:30 pm
No Fly tying Demo

No Tuesday night fly tying at the library this month.



DECEMBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 IFF Board Meeting	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 IFF Christmas Party	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Christmas Stocking	26	27	28
29	30	31	Even if you've been fishing for hours and haven't caught anything, you are still better of than the worm.			