



What's Hatching ?

The Newsletter of the Kitsap Fly Anglers

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President's Message...

Winter.. I don't know about you, but I've had my fill of winter. Winter, with it's twenty degree nights and short days, has me bummed out. I'm ready for some sunshine, some short sleeve weather, some sixty degree days.

Meanwhile we can daydream. I'm looking forward to attending this weekend's fly fishing show in Bellevue. (I really want to cast Scientific Anglers' new Sharkskin line). Between the speakers, the demos, the vendors - it's almost too much. If you've never been - and you like fly fishing and/or fly tying, you really owe it to yourself to go. If nothing else, it's really a kick to see a huge room full of men of all ages smiling like kids at Christmas.

Meanwhile we can fill up those holes in our fly boxes. I've got to get busy on some #16 Parachute Adams, midges, BWO's, PMD's, Copper Johns, Woolly Buggers and on and on. A bunch of us are meeting on Monday nights at Frank Roger's Family clubhouse, just northwest of Silverdale, to tie flies and tell lies. You're all welcome, so feel free to show up @ 7:00 PM. Call me for details & directions if you're inclined. And you don't have to know how to tie: we'll teach you.

Meanwhile, we can get tough and actually go fishing: go chase some sea-run cutts, look for resident silvers, zip over to the Westside for Winter steelhead. (Here I am, complaining about Winter, while some fisherman *wait all year for Winter* so they can do just that.) I know some of our members have been out and I'm anxious to hear how they've been doing.

Meanwhile we can plan some trips. I'm definitely going to be getting up to more of those sublime mountain lakes in the Olympics this Summer. I want to get down to the Lewis River, just East of Mt. Saint Helens. I hear it has a bunch of good, easy-to-get-to holes. We'll see..... There are so many opportunities, there is so much water in this region, that we're really blessed. I want to see as much of it and fish as

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much of it as I can.

Meanwhile we can surf the Web. I've been spending way too much time lately lurking at the Washington Fly Fishing site, <www.washingtonflyfishing.com>. If you've never been there, go.

It's a great site with great info and great photos and great entertainment. You'll see some of your fellow members' posts there too. Two other wonderful sites I've discovered are:

1. The Washington State Hi-Lakers www.hilakers.org/, a group founded in 1958, and "dedicated to high lake fishing and preserving the mountain environment." I think you'll really enjoy their slide show at www.hilakers.org/pages/slideshow.html. Their web site's *Related Links* page features links to a wealth of fly fishing information.
 2. The Trail Blazers www.watrailblazers.org founded in 1933, is a group that's dedicated to "better alpine fishing." They've been backpacking into Washington's high lakes to plant trout since their inception. You'll find their web site filled with interesting narrative about their activities.
- Winter, let's see - aaahhh, only 52 days 'til Spring... but, who's counting...

Ron

February Meeting...

We gather at our old haunt on the shores of Gitche Gumee (locally known as Island Lake) to share in the ritual of driving out the terrible affliction known as Doldrummus Winterous on Wednesday the 6th of