



Clearwater Fly Casters

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From The Editor's Desk

Upcoming Events

We have three exciting events that each of you should plan to attend and participate in this summer.

St. Joe Fishout: The first event is the annual St. Joe Fishout, July 8-10, 2004.



In addition to fishing, this event provides a great opportunity to get better acquainted with your CFC friends with campfire tales of past fishing, sometimes known as "the first liar has no chance of the biggest and most fish".

Additional highlights include the legendary Friday evening meal prepared by **Bill "Dutch Oven" Hendrix**. All food provided for Friday meal. Please let Bill know if you will be there (hendrix@wsu.edu) or (509) 334-9664 (Home), (509) 335-9502 (work). A \$10 donation per person is requested for the Friday meal. A hearty **Grill Breakfast** prepared by **Dave Tharp** occurs on Saturday morning. Bring bacon, eggs, sausage, pancake mix, etc. to share for the Saturday breakfast. You will need your own plates, utensils, cups, and drinks for both meals.

A shower with heated water, compliments of John Read, provides a welcome respite from a hard day fishing or lounging and makes the company more tolerable. At night, an occasional backlit shower also provides additional entertainment.

W. Fork St. Maries River Restoration:

Our club has agreed to assist with this restoration effort. Tree

planting began Saturday, June 19, with CFC Club members Debbie Bell, George Johnson, Tim Cavileer, and his two daughters (Naomi and Mellisa), and Glen Murray participating. Other participants were: Jeff Yanke, a fisheries student from the UI and his fiancé, Janelle, and Ken Gebhardt and Nathan from



Tree Planting Crew at Lunch

the St. Joe Ranger Station at Avery. About 900 trees of 1800 were planted before thunderstorms shortened planting efforts.

An earlier attempt to plant trees on June 5 by eager CFC members George Hinman, Joe and Margaret Ford, and Tim Cavileer (and daughter Naomi) didn't happen because of miscommunication with Ken.

Future activities will include fish surveys, placement of logs in the stream channel, mapping of the log placements, line transects in tree planting areas, vegetation surveys, etc. There are lots of opportunities to get involved between mid-July and mid-August. Please sign up on the club website before July 10, (**see volunteer link under conservation heading**) or contact either Ken Gebhardt, Don Shearer, Tim Cavileer, or Jim Palmersheim for further information (see next page for phone numbers and e-mail addresses).

CFC BBQ: The annual club BBQ begins our fall program on **September 8, 2004** at Sunnyside Park in Pullman. A great BBQ arranged by Dave Tharp, fly casting competition, and catching up on summer events highlight this activity.

Participate: It's your club! Each event guaranteed to be rewarding and fun! Hope to see you there!

*Glen Murray,
Tippet Editor*



George and Tim bagging trees

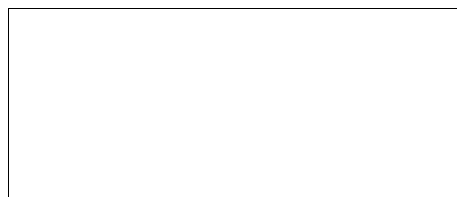
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Our next event is the St Joe fishout !

July 8-10, 2004.

Fly Flats Campground on the St Joe River.
Follow St. Joe River Rd East of Avery (40+mi)
Turn right toward Red Ives Ranger Stn.
Fly Flats Campground is on right side of road
about 2-3 miles from turn. Look for Clearwater
Flycasters sign in campground.

Please join us!



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St Joe Flies

Rumor has it that cutthroat trout are not too smart but remember they can learn when pounded daily with flies from eager fisherman. Some of the fly "favorites" that have been mentioned to me are:

Large attractor patterns: Chernoble Ants, other foam flies with large hackles and lots of color; Sofa Pillows; **Dry Flies:** Adams, Bear Paws (about the only fly that Dave and Sharon use) Humpty's, Royal Wulff's, Blue Wing Olives, and Caddis.

Nymphs: Some (like John Read and others) sneak up on fish using a nymph dropper from a large attractor fly. They say that the attractor fly brings the fish up for a look and a refusal, then the fish see the nymph and say "I think I'll take that". Almost sounds unfair! As the fishing gets tougher later in the season and on bright days use **nymphs** (Hare's Ear, Pheasant Tail, etc.) on the bottom and go to **smaller** sizes of dry flies (18 to 24).

Don't pass up the riffles-they hold a surprising number of fish. Enjoy!

Do you have ideas for our club???

Conservation efforts, socials, speakers, special events, group fly tying sessions during the winter, increasing club membership and participation, etc.

If so, please pass these ideas along to one of the officers at the fishout or via e-mail.

Enjoy our summer activities by being there!