

Clearwater Fly Casters

November, 2004

The *Tippet*

From The President's Desk

Happy October! I hope everyone has had a wonderful October. It is a shame that it only lasted thirty-one days. There is so much great fishing and other outdoor activities it is often hard to choose what to do during in October.

October Speaker. I really enjoyed Kajsia Stromberg's presentation during our last meeting.

November Speaker. I just got a phone call and Paul Quinnett will be speaking at the November meeting.

Internationally known clinical psychologist, award, winning author, humorist, fisherman and suicide prevention expert, Dr. Paul Quinnett delivers his delightful, informative, motivational, entertaining and inspirational talk, "Sex, Hope and the Psychology

of Fishing."

Using fishing as a metaphor for life in this 40-minute talk, Dr. Quinnett explores the psychology of hope and why happy, optimistic, forward-looking people often live dramatically longer lives.

The author of seven books and the best-selling Pavlov's Trout and Suicide: the Forever Decision, Dr. Quinnett does not promise to repair your sex life, but he does promise to teach you some key life lessons and how to keep hope alive.

CFC Business Meeting. The presentation got a bit of late start during the last meeting as a result we skipped the actual club meeting. There will be a meeting after the presentation this month for those who wish to stay for

it. We have a couple items we need to discuss as a club.

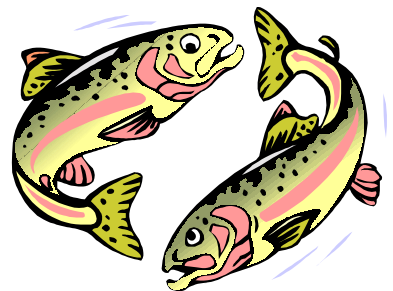
Executive/Conservation Meeting. New Time. I forgot to mention in the last president's message that we have moved the date and time of the conservation committee/executive committee meeting. It is now held at 5:15 pm the day of the regular CFC meeting in the same room as the regular CFC meeting at the University Inn. Some members felt it was easier to only meet once a month. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

See you soon,

Don Shearer

Upcoming Events

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| Nov. 10, 2004 | CFC Executive/Conservation meeting at the Best Western University Inn in Moscow, ID. 5:15 pm. |
| Nov. 10, 2004 | Clearwater Fly Casters monthly meeting at the Best Western-University Inn in Moscow, ID. 6:00 pm |
| Nov. Dec. 2004 | Business Meeting. Nomination and Election of Vice-President for 2005 |
| February, 2005 | Burgers and Flies |
| April, 2005 | CFC Auction. We need volunteers for this activity. |



Boy Scout Merit Badge Requirements

FLY FISHING (Can you do this?)

Explain to your counselor the injuries that could occur while fly-fishing and the proper treatment, including cuts, scratches, puncture wounds, insect bites, hypothermia, and heat reactions. Explain how to remove a hook that has lodged in your arm. Name and explain five safety practices you should always follow while fly-fishing.

1. Discuss how to match a fly rod, line and leader to get a balanced system. Discuss several types of fly lines, and explain how and when each would be used. Review with your counselor how to care for this equipment.
2. Demonstrate how to tie proper knots to prepare a fly rod for fishing:
3. Tie a backing to a fly reel spool using the arbor backing knot
4. Attach backing to fly line using the nail knot
5. Attach a leader to fly line using the needle knot, nail knot or loop-to-loop connection
6. Add tippet to a leader using a double surgeon's loop or blood knot
7. Tie a fly onto the terminal end of the leader using the improved clinch knot
8. Explain how each of the following types of flies are used: dry flies, wet flies, nymphs, streamers, bass bugs, and pop-

pers. What does each imitate? Tie at least two types of the flies mentioned in this requirement.

9. Demonstrate the ability to cast a fly consistently and accurately using overhead and roll cast techniques.
10. Go to a suitable fishing location and make observations on the types of insects fish may be eating. Look for flying insects and some that may be on or beneath the water's surface. Look under rocks. Explain the importance of matching the hatch.
11. Explain the importance of practicing Leave No Trace and how it positively affects fly-fishing resources.
12. Obtain a copy of the regulations affecting game fishing where you live. Explain why they were adopted and what you accomplish by following them.
13. Explain what good outdoor sportsmanlike behavior is and how it relates to fishermen. Tell how the Outdoor Code of the Boy Scouts of America relates to a fishing enthusiast, including the aspects of littering, trespassing, courteous behavior, and obeying fishing regulations.
14. Using the fly-fishing techniques you have learned, catch two different kinds of fish and identify them. Release at least one of them unharmed. Clean and cook another fish. BSA Advancement ID#: 136 Source: **Boy Scout Requirements, #33215, revised 2004. (Courtesy of Tim C.)**

CFC October Meeting.

Raffle. Donors were: Tim Cavileer, a nice collection of flies in box; Don Shearer, Flies; Bob Harwood, a nice fish art plaque with Mackinaw Trout ; CFC Club, hat and Anglers Calendars; and WGFB, a CD. A great big thank you to all the donors. **Raffle winners** were: George Johnson, Tim's flies; Glen-Murray, Bob's fish plaque; Cliff Swanson, CD, David Yonge, hat, Debbie Bell, Don's flies; and Karne Warner, consolation prize—Trout Ball CD! Congratulations to the winners.

Ben Collins-Steve Allured Award.

John Read was presented this award by Dave Tharp. The award is given to a CFC member who has had outstanding contributions to CFC and to the Conservation and Sport of Fly Fishing. John's contributions are many. He is a mentor to many CFC members in both fishing and fly tying. John is innovative and shares his expertise with all. He was a former president of CFC, has instigated and participated in fly tying sessions at Tri-State, and he and Jim Palmersheim erecting a Bull Trout angler awareness sign near the entrance of Spruce Tree Campground on the St Joe last year.

John arrives early at the fishout campsite each year to stake out campsites for CFC members, to set up tarps over the cooking and assembly area, and to set up his home crafted hot shower for CFC members.

He has an easy smile, is passionate about fishing, loves the local waters, and lends a helping hand to all. Congratulations John!.

Speaker. Kajsa Stromberg. Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute (PCEI) Watershed Program Coordinator gave CFC an informative presentation regarding PCEI'S watershed program. PCEI works on a number of environmental programs including restoration of wetlands, riparian zones, environmental education programs, community garden development, and transportation options. Work is either in progress or planned for Paradise Creek, Tammany

2004 Speaker Schedule

November	Paul Quinnett. Sex, Hope and the Psychology of Fishing.
December	West Fork St. Maries River Restoration Project. Lisa Hawdon or another colleague will give this presentation because Ken has taken another job.

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CFC membership dues are \$20/yr for individuals, \$30/yr for families, \$10/yr for students, \$50/yr sustaining, \$300/lifetime. Meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday, September through May at the Best Western-University Inn, 1516 Pullman Rd, Moscow, Idaho. Wet Fly Time 6:00 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm and program at 8:00 pm.

Creek, S. Fork of the Palouse, the North Fork of the Clearwater tributaries, Partridge Creek near elk River, S. Fork of the Clearwater, Potlatch Creek, and N. Fork of the Palouse. Sediment and high water temperatures are frequent problems in these streams. Re-establishment of native plants and stream channel restoration are major activities in these watershed programs. PCEI solicits public involvement through educational programs, girl and boy scout programs, and events like the watershed festival. Funds for the projects come from donations, federal DEQ grants, and other local sources. If you are interested in either participating or donating time, materials, or money to PCEI projects, contact Kajsa Stromberg or Tom Lamar at PCEI in Moscow (882-1444).

Fish Reports. Debbie Bell reported that she caught several cutthroat on the way home after the Bull Trout Redd counts. She also caught a 26-inch Bull Trout that she noticed trying to get some of the cutthroat she was catching. A white wooly bugger did the trick. All this on her birthday no less. Bob Harwood related a cold dunking in the Churchill River while fishing on the way to Mawdsley Lake. Said he wasn't worried until he heard Debbie say "I get the rod", and the Glen say "I get the reel"! By the way he also mentioned that his digital camera wasn't waterproof, but his new one may be. He also fished the upper Coeur d'Alene River a few weeks ago and caught five fish, one a 19-inch cutthroat.

Dave Tharp fished Amber Lake and caught one fish, slow to saw the least. On the St Joe, he caught five fish from Pack Saddle to Avery, but only one fish from Bluff Creek to Eagle Creek.

David Yonge saw two wolves cross the road when he was leaving the fishout. He also hooked two steelhead in July. He and Marion are going to the Bahamas again in December, this time with his passport.

Bob Warner also saw a wolf outside of Clarkia. He also caught a wild steelhead on the Grande Ronde River.

Wonder if all the wolf sightings has something to do with Halloween or ?

New member, (sorry I missed your name) from Boise, did well on the St Joe and Clark Fork. He also caught a steelhead on a dry fly below Bogans. Andy Kleinhofs caught Coho Salmon up to 12 to 14.5 lb on Flies on Kodiak Island. George Johnson and Hitomi fishing on the Blackfoot Reservation in Montana caught 50+ fish, 14 to 16-inches long.

Glen Murray caught several 20+ inch (4 to 7 lb) rainbows from "no-tell um" reservoir in Montana.

Executive/Conservation Meeting.

The executive/conservation committee met at the Best Western University Inn at Moscow on Oct 13, 2004. Present were Tim Cavileer, Shirley Engerbretson, Glen Murray, Jim Palmersheim, and Debbie Bell.

Speaker. Paul Quinnett was discussed as a possible speaker for the November meeting.

Club Auction. Volunteers are needed!! Please contact Don or Tim if you are interested. ***Don Shearer was nominated and unanimously approved to be the chief donation solicitor for the club auction. *** (See what happens when you space off the Executive meeting!)

Shirley Engerbretson agreed to coordinate the auction activity. Debbie Bell offered to store items donated from Idaho. We need a volunteer to store items donated from the Pullman area.

The auction has been moved from March to April to avoid conflicts and will allow Dave Tharp to be the auctioneer.

Officers. We need nominations-volunteer to be the club's next VP. If you are interested in this position let Tim or Don know. Debbie Bell volunteered to become the Associate Secretary-Treasurer to help Shirley as needed.

Membership and Funds: The club needs to do more recruiting. Membership has dropped to around 50 full time members.

Speakers. If you have suggestions for speakers, please contact Don or Tim.

Tippet. Glen will be starting a new feature in the Tippet starting with the December issue. Some of you already know what it is because I have already subjected you to cruel and unusual punishment. Must be something to do with Halloween! Wonder who will be next on my list? Stay tuned for more information.

Tippet Trivia.

Anyone seen these on your travels? Where and what are they? Answers Be-



low.

Upper photo: Spider Hoe (Glen Murray). An amazing machine that placed logs in the stream channel of the West Fork of the St. Maries River. This machine moves like a spider over uneven terrain and takes a very experienced operator to keep all the levers and movements fluid.

Lower Photo: (Thanks, Cliff Swanson). Dredge on Sherlock Creek, upper St Joe, near Heller Creek, that straightened and ruined a stretch of creek bed for fish habitat. One of streams surveyed for bull trout redds....none found.

Glen Murray, Tippet Editor

Purple Peril (From Andy Cooper, The Fly Bench)

Tying Instruction :

- 1) Tie in Silver Tinsel near the bend of the hook. Wrap three wraps back and three wraps forward covering the first three and tie off.
- 2) Tie in a small bunch of Schlappen as a tail about 1/2 the hook shank length long.
- 3) Tie on ribbing material (round tinsel) and purple ultra chenille. Now wrap a smooth body of thread 2/3 the hook shank back toward the eye.
- 4) Tie on squirrel tail wing facing forward.
- 5) Wrap the chenille body, tie off, and Rib with Round Tinsel (Lagartun), tie off.
- 6) Tie in Hackle and wrap collar.
- 7) Grab squirrel tail and pull back for wing. Wrap a neat small head holding the squirrel tail and hackle back with your fingers.

Fishing this fly: (from several sources)

This fly has been successful In Washington, Idaho, Oregon, and British Columbia as a winter steelhead fly. Fish this fly as you would any other wet fly by casting across the current . Control drift speed by mending line upstream to slow drift speed or downstream to increase drift speed. Hang on, smile, and give a fish report at the next CFC meeting. Enjoy!



Materials

Hook/Size: Daichi 2451 #2-8
Thread: 6/0 Black
Tail: Purple Schlappen
Tag: Silver Tinsel
Rib: Medium round tinsel
Body: Purple Ultra Chenille
Wing: Squirrel Tail
Hackle: Purple Schlappen

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Our next meeting is

Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2004

**At the University Inn Best Western,
1560 West Pullman Road in Moscow, ID**

Executive/Conserv Meeting: 5:15 PM

Wet Fly Hour: 6:00 PM

Dinner: 7:00 PM

Please join us!