

Clearwater Fly Casters The Tippet



From The President's Desk

Wow, summer just went whoosh! I know it was here just a second ago.

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer. I actually got in quite a bit of fishing this summer, not as much as I would have liked, but more than I expected to. So I cannot complain, but if I could have just squeezed in one more trip......

W. Fork St Maries River Restoration. As I write this, the stream restoration project on the St. Maries should duty. be finishing up. It has been a difficult project with regards to scheduling.

I want to thank everyone who has participated on the project throughout the summer. I also want to thank those who had wanted to participate but were unable to do to the constantly

moving schedule. I greatly appreciated everyone's patience with the entire scheduling and re-scheduling process.

I would be amiss if I did not single out Glen Murray and Debbie Bell for special recognition. They not only were involved with the tree planting in June, they also did two days of the log placing in August. So a very big thank you to the both of you for going way above and beyond the call of

I believe that Ken Gephardt is planning on joining us in December to give us a review on the entire project.

CFC BBQ. This year at the BBQ I hope everyone has a fishing report from the summer. I would like to see

the reports handled the same way as they are at the general meetings. I encourage everyone to bring pictures from their summer outings. I have my lies, err I mean fishing stories from the summer ready.

Ideas, concerns for the club. If there is anything the club needs to address or you would like to discuss please feel free to contact me at 509-432-6906 or don@mail.wsu.edu.

As always please invite a prospective new member to one of our meetings.

My best,

Don Shearer

Upcoming Events

Sept. 8, 2004 CFC Annual BBQ. Fly casting fun competition, summer fishing lies, and more. 5:30 pm. Sunnyside Park, Pullman, WA Bull Trout Redd Counts. Upper St Joe River Tributaries. See Sept 18, 2004 details on page three. Clearwater Fly Casters monthly meeting at the Best Western-Oct. 13, 2004 University Inn in Moscow, ID. 6:00 pm Oct-Dec 2004 Nomination and Election of Vice-President for 2005

Feb. 2005 **Burgers and Flies**

March, 2005 CFC Auction. We need someone to coordinate this activity.

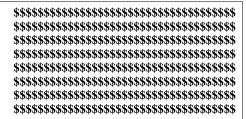
Any volunteers? Please contact Tim Cavileer.



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Treasurer's Notes

There won't be a treasurers report this month but Shirley said she didn't spend all the money this summer. She will have a comprehensive Treasury and Membership Report next month.



Backcast

It seems like eons ago since our May meeting. I'll try to highlight the events of our May meeting.

Raffle: Donors were Tim Cavileer-CDC Elk Caddis, Bob Harwood-CFC Cup, Leland Miwaki, salt water flies, Calendar-CFC, and WGFB-CD.

Raffle: Winners were Jim Palmersheim, Roxanne Bush (twice), Don Shearer, Gary Evers, Steve Bush, and Andy Kleinhofs.

Congratulations to the winners and special thanks to the donors. If you haven't donated items for the raffle in awhile, consider tying up a few bugs or digging out a treasure to donate at our October meeting.

Speaker. A special thanks to Leland for his talk, fly tying demonstration, and fly donations for our raffle. Leland Miwaki's description of fishing for and catching salt water fishes with top water flies made you want to give it a try right after the meeting.

Fly fishing for searun cutthroat, salmon of various species, bull trout, and other fish using top water poppers and other top water flies sounds like an exciting sport.

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2004 Speaker Schedule

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

Tim Cavileer.

October To be announced.

December Ken Gebhardt. Fish Biologist, US Forest Service. Avery, ID. West

Fork St Maries River Restoration Project.

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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.

(Miwaki Salt Water Fishing continued)

A 6 wt., 9 foot rod with 12 foot leaders, (1, 2, or 3X tippets) depending on species, floating lines, and the popper flies gets you started. The poppers are fished like a wounded baitfish when the tides are either moving in or out. Rock beaches are usually best. He also suggested a two handed strip to aid setting the hook.

Places to go include the South Pudget Sound Beaches, Tacoma Narrows, Neah Bay, Lincoln Park, and Whidby Island. County Parks and State Parks have many beaches that are suitable for fishing and are open to the public. In his words "the most fun you can have on the beach in your waders."

He left diagrams and instructions for tying the popper flies. He uses Icelandic Hair, Polar Bear Fur and closed cell foam.

So all that is left is tie some flies, get going, and give it a try.

Fishing Reports:

Amber Lake: Great weather but fishing was slow for most people, except Don Shearer who arrived late and stayed until after dark. He said some bug starting coming off and he caught lots of fish. Of course no one was there to verify the story, but he did put on a great BBQ. Thanks Don! Also a good source tells me that Sharon out-fished Dave T.!

Conservation/Executive Meeting: Tim Cavileer, Bruce Frazier, Shirley Engerbretson, George Hinman, and Glen Murray were present.

The West Fork of the St Maries River tree planting and log placement work was discussed. Schedules and volunteer sign sheets were placed on the CFC website.

Sept BBQ, Sept 8, will be catered by a Moscow vendor. Dave Tharp will handle details.

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Summer CFC 2004 Activities

Two major CFC events have already highlighted the summer activities.

St Joe Fishout. The St Joe Fishout was again a memorable event. The traditional Friday evening "Dutch Oven Meal" prepared by Bill Hendrix was outstanding.

Bill, really gets into his cooking as



Gary Evers can attest while enjoying a brew and the fineries of cooking with Bill.

The main course with beef, chicken and pork along with baked beans double chocolate cake, berry cobbler, and salads were a site to behold and tasty for the hungry fishers, spouses, friends, and guests. If you went away hungry it was your fault.

Thanks Bill!

After a night of feasting and merriment, the aroma of a Saturday Breakfast greeted the CFC. Of course the night before Dave was hard at work contemplating the Saturday morning breakfast.



Eggs, bacon, sausage, and blueberry pancakes, cooked on the custom grill by Dave Tharp made sure that everyone was

well fueled for the days activities. Thank you Dave! Thanks also to all that contributed food to the morning feed.

If you missed this years' event, try to make next years' fishout. You won't be disappointed! Thank you to all those who attended and made this event successful and a lot of fun.

A few good fish were also caught. Guess who got this one? No not me!



He also supplied the photos for this edition of the Tippet. (Answer at bottom of page).

West Fork of The St. Maries River Restoration Project.

Several CFC members volunteered for this restoration project. Neither mosquito bites, bald faced hornet stings, high temperatures, rainy weather, nor long walks to the site deterred eager CFC volunteers. Volunteers assembled at the Clarkia Ranger Station at 7:00 am for either tree planting (also see June Tippet)



or log placement in the stream channel.



Ken Gebhardt will give highlights of this effort during our December meeting.

BBQ. Our summer BBQ is just around the corner: Wed. Sept 8, starting around 5:30 pm at Sunnyside Park in Pullman. Come and join your fellow CFC for story telling, fly casting competition, and BBQ. It's also a good time to catch up on all the non-fishing activities as well.

Bull Trout Redd Counts. Sept 18, 2004. 8:00 am-5:00 pm. Red Ives.

Volunteers are needed for Bull Trout Redd counts on the upper St Joe tributaries. The group will meet at the Red Ives Ranger Station at 8:00 am on Sept 18 for instruction and stream assignments. From two to four miles of streambed will be examined by a team of two.

Plan to camp and attend a BBQ after the redd counts, weather cooperating. This is another great opportunity for us to contribute to the fisheries on the St. Joe River.

Either sign up on the CFC website or contact Ken Gebhardt (208) 245-6242 (kgebhardt@fs.fed.us) or Lisa Hawdon (208) 245-6045 or 6238 (lhawdon@fs.fed.us) for more details.

Know your fish!

Match the following traits with either

Bull Trout or Brook Trout.

- 1. Distinctive leading white edges on lower fins and tail.
- 2. No bluish halos around spots
- 3. Tail square or only slightly forked
- 4. Upper body and dorsal fin with mottled or wormlike markings.
- 5. Native
- 6. Introduced

Answer to Photo Question. Fish caught by John Read. John, thanks for the photos.

Answers to Know Your Fish!

Brook Trout: 1,3,4,6 Bull Trout: 2,5

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Irresistible: What we all want our flies to be! By Jim Abbs (FFF Website, edited by G. Murray)

An **irresistible** is an attractor dry fly that is tied with a spun deer hair body. The first application of clipped hair for trout flies was in the 1930s by Catskill's tyer Harry Darbee. Harry and his wife Elsie combined the high-floating clipped deer hair body of a bass bug with hackles and wings of a trout fly. The original fly had deer hair wings, although other irresistibles have wings of hackle tips (Irresistible Adams) or calf tail (Irresistible Wulff). The fly looks buggy and floats forever, even in rough water. Use the fly for trout, but Lee Wulff liked irresistibles for Atlantic salmon and Dave Whitlock recommends them for panfish.

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TYING STEPS

- 1. Tie in tail at a length about 3/4 of hook shank length.
- 2. Choose a match stick size bundle of deer hair and remove fine hairs using a comb.
- 3.Position hair with the butts facing forward. Make one to two loose wraps around hair and hook shank, and pull firmly on the thread to make the hair rotate and flare out from the shank.
- 4. Wrap the thread forward and in front of the flared deer hair. If the fly is size 12 or larger, wrap in another bunch of deer hair, repeating the steps to make it flare. Repeat the process until about half the hook shank is covered with flared (or spun) deer hair.
- 5. Tie off in front of last bunch of deer hair and apply cement.
- 6. Take the fly from the vise, clip the deer hair to a shape tapered toward the tail. Take care not to cut **Body:** the tail fibers.
- 7. Put the fly back in the vise. Tie in deer hair for the wings with the tips facing forward. Secure hair with a few more wraps and apply a drop of cement.
- 8. Wrap in front of wing to bring it upright. Separate hair into two bunches for two wings and do a figure 8 around the bases to further support and separate them.
- 9. Wrap thread behind the wings and tie in hackle. Often two hackles are used for a big size fly. In the case of the Adams Irresistible, one grizzly and one brown hackle are used. Wind the hackle forward, tie off, whip finish head, and cement. Try it, you will not be disappointed!

MATERIALS

Hook: Standard dry fly, like the Mustad 94840, Tiemco 5210 (some tyers prefer a long

er or heavier hook)

Thread: Tan or black monocord 3/0
Tail: Dark deer or moose hair
(grizzly for the Adams Irre

sistible)

Sody: Gray deer (elk, caribou) hair,

spun and clipped

Wings: Dark deer body (or bucktail) hair. Grizzly hackle tips are used for the Adams Irresisti ble, while calf tail is used for

the Wulff Irresistible.

Hackle: Medium to dark dun or grizzly

for the Adams Irresistible.

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Our next meeting is the CFC Fall BBQ

Wednesday, Sept 8, 2004 At Sunnyside Park, 5:30 pm Pullman, WA.

Please join us!