

Clearwater Fly Casters

May, 2005
The *Tippet*

Special May and Summer Events

CFC Exec/conservation and regular meeting. Wed. May 11.

IDFG Volunteer Activities.

**Bull Trout Radio Tagging
Salmon Creel Surveys
Lowland Lake Creel Surveys
Steelhead Sampling**

Contact: Matt Bruns, Volunteer Services Coordinator. IDFG Department Region 2. 1540 Warner Avenue. After July: 3316 16th Street, Lewiston, ID 83501. (208) 799-5010

St Joe Fishout. July 15-17. Fly Flats Campground. Directions, | p 1

Tippet Talk

Pres. Tim thanks CFC auction organizers, donors, and participants and John Read for fly tying sessions this spring. **Speakers:** Reid M. and Bruce F. to talk on pike fishing in N. Sask. | p, 1.



CFC auctioneer "Dr. Dave" Trust me, this is a steal! | p, 1,2

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Meet Bruce and Reid. | p, 3.

Blue Winged Olive, early season dry fly. | p. 4

From The President's Desk

Greetings,

Last month's auction raised over \$2400 for the Alspach – Engerbretson scholarship! Kudos to Shirley Engerbretson, Debbie Bell, Dave Tharp, Don Shearer, and A. J. for all their efforts and a big thank you to all who donated trips and items! We had 40 people at the meeting and seem to be running a little ahead of last year's average. Great job by everyone!

By the time you read this the Amber Lake Fishout will be history – but as I write, it's tomorrow. Weather reports have gone from showers to partly cloudy and back again all this week. I shouldn't be surprised, since spring on the palouse is always a dodgy thing. About the only thing we can count on is wind. I stopped by John's this week for the last fly tying night and took advantage of his storehouse of secret patterns and guaranteed methods for finding those big shamu's. A big thanks to John for hosting the fly tying Wednesdays this past spring.

Next month's meeting will feature Read Miller and Bruce Frazier. They will give us a program on last year's pike fishing trip to Mawdsley Lake in Canada. Don't miss this one! With that, let me remind everyone this will be the last meeting till September. Some of this summer's activities include the St Joe Fishout in July and the IDFG volunteer opportunities. Dates and information for the fishout and the volunteer activities can be found on our website at www.clearwaterflycasters.com.

See you all at the meeting!

P.S. Don't forget the BBQ at Sunnyside Park in Pullman on Sept. 14 starting at 6:00 pm.

Tim Cavileer

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(Prevaricator Supreme)

St Joe Fishout Directions. Go to St Maries, ID. Take Highway 3 North for about one mile and turn East on the St. Joe River Rd (#50) to Calder-Avery. Travel about 50 miles to Avery. Continue East on the St Joe Rd for about 29 miles. Turn right on Road 218 to the Red Ives Ranger Station. Go toward Red Ives Ranger station looking for Fly Flats Campground sign. Pick a campsite, smile, and get ready for a good time. Bill "Dutch Oven" Hendrix will again provide a Friday evening meal to remember. Bring your own plates, cups, utensils, drinks and \$10 for the meal. On Saturday morning, a famous Dave Tharp breakfast awaits. Bring eggs, bacon, sausage, pancake flour etc, to share and your own plates, cups, utensils, and drinks.

Treasurer's Notes—May, 2005

First, I want to thank you all for coming to the April meeting and participating in the auction. What a fun time! And, in addition to all the fun we had, we raised \$2,403 for the Alspach-Engerbretson Scholarship Fund. We had some great items, including trips and dinners, as well as fishing items and artwork. Thanks to everyone who donated an item and to those who purchased items. If you would like a receipt for the donated item, please call me and I will see that you get one.

Secondly, our May meeting is our last Wednesday evening dinner meet-

ing for the season. It has been a good year, with some new members joining, and some very interesting presentations. I think we should set a goal for next year of each of us bring a guest, or recruiting a new member. That would increase our membership list and perhaps provide some new and different perspectives on conservation issues and fishing techniques. I hope we will all think of that as we travel around and fish this summer.

And, finally, since I will not be able to attend the May meeting, I hope you all have a great summer with many tight lines!

Shirley Engerbretson, Secretary/Treasurer

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Backcast

Executive/Conservation Committee Meeting. None held in April. The CFC Auction preparation and set up consumed the time normally designated for the executive/conservation meeting.

Guests. Melissa, daughter of Sharon Tharp, and her husband, Shane Geise, and Jeff Jamille.

Fishing Reports. T. Cavileer said the fish are there and were biting at Amber Lake. Hope he didn't sting too many and make them more wary for the fishout. A.J. fished the Lochsa and found the fish very cooperative. Elk Creek Reservoir was slow according to Joe McGurkin. Bob Harwood captured some 14 to 19-inchers at Coffee pot while Dave Tharp said he learned something about Chironomids. Jerry Videgar fished the Tuccannon and caught Bull Trout and Steelhead. Big Four Lake was OK for Bruce Frazier and Doug Young. Dave Yonge had another visit to the water in his waders after falling out of a drift boat on the lower "Ho" River (Olympic Peninsula). He managed to get upright behind a big rock with water flowing around both sides. He had to swim out, but really got wet trying to save his flip-ups—don't you wonder about the safety of the poor person going on a sponsored steelhead venture with Dave this fall!! Oh, and by the way Dave did catch one steelhead on the last day of his trip.

IDFG Volunteer Activities. Four opportunities to do volunteer work with the IDFG were presented by Matt Bruns. The four opportunities were:

2005 Speaker Schedule

May 11, 2005 Reid Miller and Bruce Frazier. "Fishing Mawdsley Lake in N Saskatchewan".

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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.

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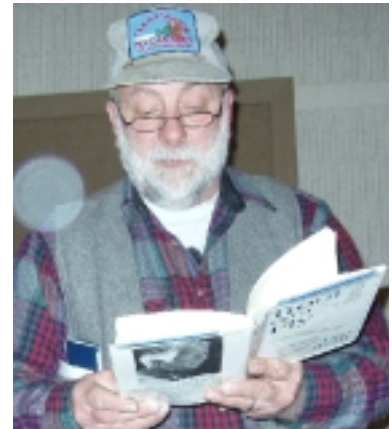
1. Bull Trout Survey in Dworshak Reservoir. April 18 to the end of May
2. Salmon Creel survey on the Main Clearwater and Salmon.
3. Lowland Lake Creel survey. Northern Lakes: Spring Valley, Moose Creek, Elk Creek, and Deer Creek. Southern route: Waha, Soldiers, Mann, and Winchester. Both routes will be conducted every day.
4. Steelhead smolts in the Potlatch Basin. May 1 through June. Fly fish for smolts, PIT tags placed in smolts.

Contact: Matt Bruns, Volunteer Services Coordinator. IDFG Department Region 2. 1540 Warner Avenue. After July: 3316 16th Street, Lewiston, ID 83501. (208) 799-5010 and see CFC Website for details.

CFC Auction. Auction organizers, Debbie B. and Shirley E. are happy that the auction is about to happen.



Auctioneer Dave Tharp



and assistant A. J. Morris provided a lively auction with entertainment for all. The auction netted \$2403!

Glen Murray, Editor

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Bruce Frazier

Residence: Pullman, WA. 30 years. Before that, Madison, Wisconsin.

Occupation: Soil Scientist. Certified Professional Soil Scientist with American Society of Agronomy. Bruce teaches courses in remote sensing and does research on mapping soil organic matter via satellite. He also maps vegetative cover on erodible soils and soil types in wilderness areas using GIS.

CFC Activities

Membership: Began mid 1980's, about 20 years ago.

Offices: VP in 2002 and President in 2003

Activities and Awards: Fly tying Demonstration at Tri-State in 2004. Bruce and Reid Miller will jointly present "Fishing for Northern Pike in Mawdsley Lake of Northern Saskatchewan at the CFC May 2005 meeting. Bruce and wife Yvonne regularly attends CFC meetings and St Joe fishouts.

Favorites:

Fishing Holes: Mawdsley Lake, especially East Mawdsley, St. Joe, Lochsa, and N. Fork Clearwater Rivers, N. Wisconsin Lakes.

Flies: Big, orange, ugly, Pike flies! Elk Hair Caddis, Poppers.

Fish: N. Pike and Largemouth Bass. Cutthroat trout.

Memories: Pike fishing on E. Mawdsley. A few years ago, pike were on a feeding frenzy and taking top water flies with abandon. He still sees bucktail from all over the water from decimated flies. Bruce grew up chasing bass in northern Wisconsin. He especially remembers bass sucking in poppers from the surface or taking the popper on the way down. I think Bruce loves surface fishing for predatory fish over underwater stuff.

Volunteer, Hobbies, and Other Activities: Birding, fly tying. In the past Bruce has enjoyed whitetail deer hunting and hopefully will do more hunting in the future.

Birthplace: Breckenridge, Minnesota



Reid Miller

Residence: Viola, ID 13 yr. Before that, Pullman, Washington for eight years, and before that Laramie, Wyoming for 17 yr.

Occupation: Prof. of Chem. Engineering at WSU. Chemical engineering degrees from Tulsa University and Berkeley. Came to WSU as Dean of the College of Engineering and Architecture, and served in that capacity for 11 years.

CFC Activities

Membership: First attended meetings in mid 1980's.

Offices: VP in 1992, President in 1993.

Activities: Reid has given two programs to CFC: Stalking Trout in New Zealand and Salt Water Fishing in Western Australia. He will give a joint presentation on N. Pike Fishing at Mawdsley Lake in N. Saskatchewan. Reid and wife Nancy also regularly attend CFC meetings and St Joe fishouts.

Favorites:

Fishing Holes: Mawdsley Lake in N. Saskatchewan. N. Platt River in Wyoming, Selway River in ID and numerous small streams in Wyo.

Flies: Big streamers (Lefty's Deceivers, special pike flies), Platte River Specials, Cat's Paws, small nymphs.

Fish: N. Pike, Rainbow and Brown Trout, Silver Salmon, saltwater predatory fish (Queenfish, Trevally), and Walleye (to eat).

Memories: Reid especially likes fishing off the beaten path. On a trip from Denmark to where his son was doing research in Norway, he and Nancy stopped at Kronogard, in the far north of Sweden. They stayed in a converted boxcar at a fishing and hunting camp with few clients but over 100 lakes. While reindeer grazed nearby, he caught big Arctic grayling. The rest of the story is that he had no fishing equipment with him in Denmark. The gear was expensive, and Reid pretty cheap, but the shop owner in Copenhagen coveted Reids' CFC hat, which he traded for a big discount on the fishing gear. Another favorite memory was taking a visiting graduate student (Lin from Thailand) fishing for her first time ever on the St Joe at one of CFC fishouts. Reid gave her a 10 minute casting lesson in the campground. She was a natural and was thrilled to catch 15 cutthroat during the weekend. B. Frazier was a part of this adventure, taking Reid and Lin to one of his favorite runs.

Volunteer, Hobbies, and Other Activities: Birding (Palouse Audubon Society and Birds Australia), digiscoping (taking photos of birds through a spotting scope), fly tying, driving his John Deere at his home (Quarry Hill) near Moscow Mountain.

Birthplace: Butler, Missouri, about 60 miles south of Kansas City. Got the fishing bug from his grandmother (cane pole) and mother (bait casting). Grew up fishing for bass and bluegill in ponds and strip pits near Butler, and on summer vacations at a lake near Detroit Lakes in Minnesota.

Blue Winged Olive

From The FlyBench.com, Fly Tyer, Andy Cooper



Tying Instruction :

- 1) Tie on thread at ¼ shank length from eye of hook.
- 2) Take 2 Indian (wetfly) hackle feathers, hold the feathers together and align the tips, now pull the fibers away from the tips of the feather so that there are hackle tips are approximately the length of the hook shank left.
- 3) Tie the hackle tips on hook shank facing forward and cut off the butt end.
- 4) Lift the hackle tips up and tie a small ball of thread in front of them so that they stand up straight. Now divide the wings at a 30 degree angle and do a figure 8 thread wrap between them.
- 5) Wrap thread back to hook bend and tie on hackle fiber tail.
- 6) Dub olive body and leave a small gap at base of wing.
- 7) Tie on hackle feathers . Make 2 wraps of hackle behind wing and 3-4 in front.
- 8) Whip finish head

Note :

Using hackle tips for wings is a traditional technique that is used in many dry fly patterns. New materials that are easier to work with have overshadowed these patterns in the last few years. There is merit to the traditional patterns though, they float well, are durable and can be tied in just about any size. Next time your searching for a pattern to match the hatch, try a hackle tip wing.

Materials

Hook / Size : Tiemco 100 Size #16-
#18
Thread : Olive 8/0
Tail : Hackle Fibers Dark
Dun
Body : Olive / Brown Dub-
bing Mix
Wing : Dark Dun Hackle Tips
Hackle : Dark Dun

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Our next meeting is

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

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

Executive/Cons. meeting 5:15 pm

Wet Fly Hour: 6:00 PM

Dinner: 7:00 PM

Please join us!

