

# Clearwater Fly Casters

The **7ippet** 

### Special Spring-Summer Events

#### CFC Regular Meeting. April 12.

Speaker. Dave Duvall, Do Salmon Spawn at Night?

Amber Lake Fishout and Wine Tour. See S. Tharp or M. Read. May 13.

St Joe Fishout. July 14-16.

Gold Center Cr. Restoration July-Aug 06 Fall BBQ. HarHar Acre. Dave and

Sharon Tharp. Sept 13.

### Tippet Talk

President Tim thanks Jim Palmersheim as past Conservation Chair, congratulates Cliff Swanson as new Conservation Chair, S. Tharp as new Secretary, and S. Engerbretson as continuing Treasurer. | p. 1.

CFC Business. D. Tharp heads Adopt a Highway on Lochsa, Five year Planning Meeting Apr 20 in Pullman. Treasury has \$ 8K. Raffle nets \$74. Bring Flies to Donate!

New members and guests, IDFG opportunities, FFF meetings and activities. Wash. 2006 New Regulations: knotless nets, electric motors. | p. 3.



Dave Yonge receives Collins-Allured Award for 2006. | p. 3.

Fishing Reports. Tuccannon, G. Ronde, Amber, Lenore, Coffeepot and other | p. 3.

D. Shearer's "Shadowy Fish-Getter". Modified Wrights Royal. | p. 4.

#### From The Presidents Desk

#### Greetings!

Let me start out by thanking everyone who came out to the last meeting, your attendance made it a success. I enjoyed Dave Ames' presentation – who would have thought teaching someone how to guide would be so challenging. Dave really made it look fun!

Past and New Officers. I also want to take this opportunity to thank Jim Palmersheim for serving as the Conservation Chair over the last five years. Jim became the Conservation Chair in January of 2001. Over those years Jim has kept the club clay up to date on conservation issues like the pit mining in the Deary/Bovill area, testified at meetings for breaching the four lower Snake River dams and helped installed a bull trout information sign on the St Joe with John Read. Thank you, Jim, for your long service to the club!

Congratulations to Cliff Swanson for taking over the reigns of the conservation committee and to Sharon Tharp for becoming the club secretary. Cliff will also be the Tippet Editor in September. Thanks too, to Shirley for continuing on as the club treasurer. With the election of these three, the club now has a full compliment of officers. Way to go Clearwater Fly Casters!

**Lake Fishing and Flies.** Ice is out in most of the lakes and in Washington the season started earlier this month (March 1<sup>st</sup>) on most lakes. That means the Amber Lake Fishout isn't too far away and our fish-catching reputation will be on the line with Kelly Creek Flycasters and TU in attendance. If you haven't tied up your compliment of flies for this outing you may want to pick up the Spring 2006 issue of *Fly Tyer* for suggestions on favorite lake patterns. Most of them on the list will do very nicely for Amber Lake, though I would avoid any that have a tier's name associated with them (maybe it's me, but I dislike fly names that cater to over-inflated egos).

To the list of must have flies, I would add "Crystal Beadhead Chironomids" (I'm not sure of the name, but I have a few tied by Gerry Vidergar that I won in an earlier raffle that look like killers – black or olive thread body, silver wire rib, and a small clear beadhead with a turn of peacock herl behind the bead), some orange and black woolly buggers (see the "Halloweener" in the March 2000 Tippet), a few "Atomic Worms" (April 2003 Tippet), several Modified Ultimate Dragons (April 2001) and a few "Super Flies" (March 2001). Another good book to check out would be Philip Rowley's *Fly Patterns for Stillwaters*.

With the right flies, the right folks, and a few April scouting trips, the Clearwater Fly Casters should have the right stuff to take the day.

See you at the meeting!

Cheers,

Tim Cavileer

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#### **Backcast**

#### Exec/Cons Meeting. Meeting March 8, 06

#### **Executive/Conservation Board Meeting.**

Present were: D. Shearer, S. Engerbretson, G. Murray, S. Bush, G. woodhouse, T. Cavileer, D. Bell, D. Tharp, A. J. Morris, and G. Hinman.

**CFC Posters.** Shirley will put a generic CFC poster together for distribution. Don Shearer has list of businesses to place posters and will send an e-mail to the board for additional suggestions. Suggestion made to make a poster for next month's speaker Dave Duvall, but later Don Shearer suggested not doing this. Action??

**Treasurer's Report**. Shirley has financial report and will e-mail it to the board members for inclusion in the April Tippet.

Membership Number, Directory, and Guests: 34 paid members. A member directory will be developed and handed out at the May meeting. Members not wanting their names on the list will need to inform the Secretary to remover their name from the list. A note will be put in the May Tippet to inform all members.

**Guest and New Member Form**: Glenn Woodhouse developed a form for guests and new members to fill out. This will enable some follow-up as part of the new member and guest welcoming activity. Don Shearer will call members whose dues are lapsed and try to determine why they dropped out and encourage them to become members again.

**Tippet Copies:** 60 copies for April. Dale Coryell, Fly Shop on Mtn View will continue to get Tippet. Other members that have not paid dues will no longer receive the Tippet.

**Planning Session.** Planning session set for April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at WSU Foundation conference room in Pullman (Don Shearer).

**Adopt a Highway and CFC Advertisement:** Dave Tharp will spearhead this activity. He recommends and the board approved that we adopt the 2 mile stretch on the Lochsa below the stretch cleaned by KCF. He will coordinate event with KCF and the highway department. The highway will be cleaned twice a year, once in October and the other in mid July. KFC said it takes them about 45 minutes per time.

Fishing and a good time follows. CFC needs to develop other forms of advertisement. Currently Channel 11, posters, and Fly Tying Demonstrations are advertising methods.

**CFC Mailbox:** We need a new mailbox because the WSU CUB is undergoing renovation. The club needs to maintain a Washington address. We are incorporated in Washington and the club's representative needs to be a Washington resident. Don Shearer will check with the Pullman Post Office first, and then other sources.

**May Speaker Needed:** Ben Columbi will be out of town at the time of the May meeting. Bob Sheedy wants to come back, perhaps late fall.

**Exec/ Cons. Meeting Time:** Suggested that the club have a separate conservation meeting due to the amount of stuff to cover. There isn't enough time during the board meeting to talk about conservation issues. Moving to a separate time was suggested for September. This will be addressed in the CFC Planning Meeting on April 20.

**Nominations:** Treasurer: Shirley Engerbretson, Secretary, Conservation Chair, Tippet Editor. Need nominations and filled by September. Cliff Swanson and Reid Miller have indicated a willingness to help with the tippet.

**Gold Creek Restoration:** Steve Bush is coordinating this activity. A sign up sheet has been distributed and will be distributed again during the business meeting.

**Donation requests:** From Wash. State Youth Conservation Camp and "Casting for Recovery" a breast cancer group. No action taken.

Fly Fishing Magazine Collection. Shirley Engerbretson has an almost complete set of Fly Fisherman Magazines for sale. She has agreed to allow someone to auction them on eBay with the club taking a percentage as a donation. A volunteer will be solicited from the membership.

**Raffle:** Glenn Woodhouse developed a nice poster describing the "Fly Rod Grand Prize" rules and details.

Fly Logic has 40% discount on fly rod blanks, clothing and other items available to CFC members when purchased directly from Fly Logic.

#### 2006 Speaker Schedule

April 12. Dave Duvall, 'Do Salmon Spawn at Night?' See box at right for talk description.

May 10. Open, Ben Columbi re-scheduled to fall

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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.

#### Dave Duvall, April Presentation

The Hanford Reach has the healthiest population of Chinook salmon in the Columbia River with miles of Quality spawning and rearing habitat. This research will test the extent of nighttime spawning by fall Chinook on the Vernita Bar, downstream from Priest Rapids dam. Fifty adult Chinook salmon will be captured and tagged with hydro-acoustic transmitters. Data collected, using a combination of hydro-acoustic tags, DID-SON sonar, and underwater video cameras, will be used to identify and record spawning behavior and redd site fidelity. A comparison of day and night spawning behavior and events will be presented.

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#### **Business Meeting**

New members. Marcus Terry, 558 Quail Ridge, Pullman, WA, (509) 432-3056, mterry@torreydds.net

Levi Thomas, 317 Susan Dr, Moscow, ID, (501) 680-5323, thomaslevi@gmail.com

Christian West, 1215 E 3<sup>rd</sup> St Apt 201, Moscow, ID, (970) 443-4597, west.christian@gmail.com

#### Guests.

Anne Gay, wife of John Gay (member?)
Mark Brownell, 1889 West View Drive, Moscow, ID, (208) 8823695, brownell@moscow.com

**The Collins-Allured Award** was presented to Dave Yonge by long time friend Bill Hendrix. Dave was speechless. Dave is a past CFC vice president, president, and a regular participant in fishouts and meetings. He is an avid steelheader and his talks and fishing reports of adventures and mis-adventures are real "fish tales"!



**Adopt-A-Highway.** The club approved by a unanimous vote, to adapt the 2 miles below KCF portion of the Lochsa for the Idaho's highway cleanup program, Adopt-A-Highway. Dave Tharp to be in charge.

#### Elections

Shirley Engerbretson was re-elected to the position of Treasurer for another two years. Cliff Swanson was elected to the position of Conservation Chair and Sharon Tharp was elected to the position of secretary.

From Cliff Swanson (Conservation Chair). IDFG volunteer opportunities available. Kid's fishing day scheduled for April 29th in Moscow. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Matt Bruns at mbruns@idfg.idaho.gov or 208-791-1291. See the CFC web site, IDFG web site. TU working with Forest Service on road obliteration. See Cliff Swanson for more information.

Washington Regulations Change. (From Washington Fish and Game Site. Starting this spring, fish nets used on selective gear waters must be knotless. Fish nets with knots are hard on fish skin and open portals for disease to fish that are released after being landed in these nets. Another will allow anglers to fish from boats with electric motors in those waters. Check the 2006 WDFW Rules pamphlet for new rules and changes.

**Raffle:** . Donors were: Bob Harwood, trout image on tile; Tim Caviler, 1/2 dozen halo emergers,; Dave Ames, Dances with Sharks; and numerous items from CFC. Thanks to the donors and congratulations to the 12 winners. The March raffle netted \$74. **Plan to donate flies in for the April raffle.** 

**FFF: S. Bush** will attend meeting in Ellensburg, WA Sat. April 8th. Two items from FFF: 1) A Draft Plan with WDFW to meet recovery

and conservation goals for fish in the Upper Columbia River is holding three meetings in April. One is East of the Cascades, April 19 at Douglas County Public Utility District Auditorium, 1151 Valley Mall Parkway, East Wenatchee, WA. The Management Plan includes escapement goals, hatchery management strategies and harvest objectives. A copy of the plan can be obtained from Joe Miller 509 754-4624. 2) FFF has announced an affiliation with an Internet radio show Ask About Fly Fishing. The idea is to promote FFF and reach more potential members, advance its educational and conservation programs. More information can be obtained from: www.AskAboutFlyFishing.com

Fishing Reports. Tuccannon good for trout for A.J., S. Fk Clearwater, A.J. dorsal fin hook-up on steelhead; G.Ronde, no fish by Tim near mouth; but 2 steelhead caught by Marcus Torrey from Boggans to Shumakers; Lenore L., Glen caught 8 over two days; 4th July iced up for Dave and Sharon Tharp; Ringold? Spring, 2 Chinooks hooked and lost by D. Johnstone; G. Woodhouse and family fished Amber with Sam, age 6, and Katherine, age 8, catching fish, but Rocky the dog was skunked. Don S., A.J. and B. Harwood fished Amber at the same time with success and the entire crew at a great time tearing up Cheney and having dinner at Zips!. G.Woodhouse, D. Shearer, A.J., D. and S. Tharp, B. Harwood had some decent fishing at Coffeepot (See photos).





March Speaker, Dave Ames. Related experiences guiding in his native state of Montana, teaching natives to be guides in Ascension Bay, catching El Dorado Bass in Argentina in waters filled with Piranha, experiences with fire ants and anaphylactic shock, shark bites while bone fishing, his battle with prostate cancer, and much more. He has authored "True Love and The Woolly Bugger," and "A Good Life Wasted, or Twenty Years as a Fishing Guide," and "Dances With Sharks". Book signing and discussion followed the talk.

#### Treasurer's Report (Shirley Engerbretson).

Account Transactions for the month of February, 2006

Receipts from February meeting

Cash \$164.00 Checks \$185.00

Total disbursements from checking \$418.78

Checking account balance 2/28/06 \$863.62

Savings account balance \$5,152.33

Total cash on hand checking and savings \$6,015.95

Reserved for Scholarship Fund \$2,000.00

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#### **Modified Wright's Royal**

By Don Shearer

**Instructions:** Wrap the hook shank in thread. Tie in the peacock at the back and wrap forward for ½ of the body. Tie in three strands of Krystal Flash and wrap them forward for ½ of the body. Tie in more peacock herl and wrap forward the last ¼ of the body. At this point tie in the Krystal Flash underwing. This wing should extend just past the hook bend. Tie in the deer/elk overwing and match the length of the Krystal Flash. Tie and palmer your hackle to the front of the hook and whip finish a head.

**About the Fly:** Phil Wright of Livingston, Montana is the originator of the Wright's Royal. Mr. Wright's pattern has been good to me over the years, but like all fly tiers everywhere I could not help myself and I had to do a bit of tinkering with it.

First, I replaced the floss in the body with wraps of Krystal Flash. Secondly, I added an underwing of Krystal flash. Beyond that the pattern ties like the original with the exception that I leave out the peacock thorax which was found in front of the hackle on the original.

I believe the synthetic Krystal Flash allows the fly to float much longer than the original. On the original, the floss would eventually become water logged. The Krystal Flash underwing also seems to aid in the fly's "floatability."

The pattern really seems to do well on those streams in deep canyons where you always seem to be stuck in the shadows. The Krystal Flash underwing and body seem to pull in every bit of available light. At times, the pattern looks like a little LED floating down the stream. My favorite colors for the Krystal Flash are, light orange, root beer, yellow, and lime green.



Recipe:
Hooks: #8-16, Dry Fly
Thread: Color of body

**Body:** Peacock and Krystal Flash

Under Wing: Krystal Flash

Over Wing: Deer or Elk Hair, I prefer deer

**Hackle:** Ginger barred variant

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Our next meeting is:

#### Wednesday, Apr 12, 2006

At the University Inn Best Western, 1560 West Pullman Road in Moscow, ID Executive/Cons. meeting 5:30 pm Wet Fly Hour: 6:00 PM Dinner: 7:00 PM

Please join us!