



# The Tippet

## From The President's Desk

Hi Clearwater Fly Casters,

I can't believe it's been two years since I took over as president of the Clearwater Fly Casters. What did I learn? Would I do it over again? And while I'm thinking about it - where are my meds? Seriously, I do want to thank all who help make being a part of the Clearwater Fly Casters a wonderful experience. There are a lot of people behind the scenes who put in the extra effort to bring all of us the newsletter, monthly speakers, fund raising and great outings. Thank you!

This month's speakers are Steve Ronholt and Ladin Langeman. Steve and Ladin will be talking about fly-fishing on several rivers in the Alaskan Kenai Peninsula. Both Steve and Ladin are Spokane area natives and co-host "Fishing with Ladin", a fly-fishing show featuring the Pacific Northwest. You can preview some great video clips at <http://www.fishingwithladin.com/SeasonHighlights.htm>. These guys have fished everything from Alaska to Montana and in between. So, whether you're new to the area and want to learn about some spots to fish or an old hand wanting some new tips at fly fishing our local waters, these two guys will have something for you. Come join us for a great evening.

In addition to a couple of great speakers, this month's meeting features the special 'members only' end of the year fly rod raffle and the Second Annual "Trade it up" Christmas gift exchange! Bring that wrapped fishing related gift (preferably something you already own but don't want) and join in the fun. Don't miss it!

See you all at the meeting!

*Tim Cavileer*

'Prevaricator Supreme'

## Calendar

### December 13th -

Wet fly hour 5:30 p.m.

Dinner 6:30

Program 7:30

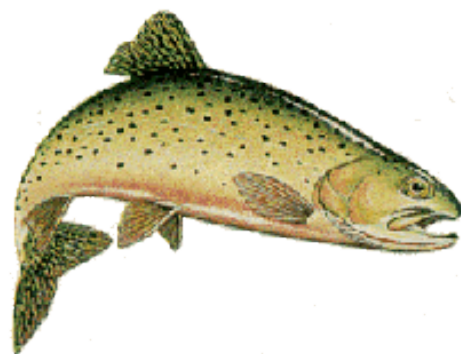
Speakers: Steve Ronholt and Ladin Langeman, 'Fishing with Ladin', plus the 2006 Alspach-Engerbretson Scholarship winner.

### January 10th - Reed Miller

### February - TBA

### March - Semi Annual Auction.

IF YOU NEED MORE BAMBOO RAFFLE TICKETS TO SELL THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DECEMBER MEETING. SEE GLENN WOODHOUSE OR TIM CAVILEER TO GET YOURS.





## Backcast, 10/11/2006

Executive Meeting - Doug Young announced that Reid Miller will be the speaker for January. For the March meeting the club will have the biannual auction. Members are encouraged to bring something to the auction that can be resold. Tim is encouraging members to bring an exchange gift for the December meeting. The gift is to be something simple that is related to fly-fishing. We all have something that we are not using and do not want anymore.

When the club pays their FFF dues they are assessed a \$2 fee for members that are not FFF members. Everyone is encouraged to join the FFF. A fly exchange was also discussed. John Reed announced that Tri-State is willing to have a fly tying demo this spring. More on the fly tying demo later.

Guests- Bill Evers of Spokane was a guest of his brother Gary. Zak Funkhouser and Bruce Young joined us from the Kelly Creek club. And Roland Frey of Moscow joined us for the Trapper Badovoinc's presentation.

Fishing Reports-Doug Young fished the Tucannon the last week of October and caught several steelhead smolts in the 4 to 7 ½ inch range. Glenn Wood fished the Grande Rhonde without much success but did manage to get in some much-needed spey casting practice. He managed to hook himself in the nose. He and A.J. Morris manage to do a 3-day float on the round. In forty miles of fishing the river rose from 700 to 1800 CFS. They did not catch any steelhead but the scenery was magnificent with plenty of wildlife. They even spotted a bald eagle. Steve Bush had taken Joe McGurkin advice and made a trip to Elk Creek the fishing was good. He reported that they were podded up, hungry and very active. Debbie Bell has been fly-fishing the Sacramento delta for striped and smallmouth bass. To fish the delta for stripers you need a big heavy line and a guide. Bob Harwood has been fishing Priest Lake and Upper Priest Lake. He caught 22 Mackinaw and 10 Bull trout in the 3 to 12 pound class. One was 31 ½ inches long. Bob also reported that he caught plenty of West slope Cutthroat trout. Zach Funkhouser reported that all three steelhead rivers were running high and muddy after all the rain. The Clearwater was running at 35,000 cfs. Don Shear had been on a 10 day hunting trip and managed to fish for a day with only one fly until he put it in a tree. He had been hunting and fishing in the Okanogan country.

Raffle – Roxanne Bush - Bob Harwood print and some flies. Jim Palmersheim – a fishing light for a hat. Bob Harwood fly Box. John Reed- a book “What Fly Fishing Teaches Us”. Bruce Frazer floatant. Don Shear – Hair stacker. Cliff Swanson Fly tinsel. Steve Bush – Small beads.

Bob Clark has donated a 7-½ foot 5 wt. fly rod for the club to raffle off. The Club is only going to raffle 150 tickets. The tickets are priced at \$10 each and are packed in packets of five. The club is hoping that each member could try to sell 5 tickets. If you did not get your tickets at the November meeting please see Cliff Swanson or Tim Cavileer to get yours. Tickets will be available for selling purposes or for sale at the December meeting.

By Cliff Swanson for Sharon Tharp.

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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 Hour 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm and program at 7:30 pm.**

## Treasurer's Report

Receipts	XXXX
Total Disbursements from:	
Checking	XXXX
Checking Acct. Balance	XXXX
Savings Acct. Balance	XXXX
Checking and Savings	XXXX
Reserve for Scholarship Fund	XXXX
(included in the savings account balance)	

There will be a year end report in the January Tippet



### Member Profile Cliff Swanson

By Glen Murray

Cliff Swanson was born in Moscow, but is a life long resident of the Troy area. He attended Troy schools. He attended the University of Idaho and received a Bachelors degree in Forestry. Jobs in the forest industry were hard to get as veterans returning from Vietnam were scoring very high on the civil service exams. After a year of piling boards for Bennett Lumber company Cliff return to the U of I to gain enough education credits to become a school teacher, a decision that he has never regretted. In 1972 he was hired by the Whitepine School District to teach at Troy High School. Cliff retired in 2004 from the Troy High School where he taught Math, Science, Computer Applications, Photography, and Mechanical Drawing, and still substitute teaches when it doesn't interfere too much with fishing!



Cliff has been a member of the Clearwater Flycasters for about 15 years. He currently is the editor of the Tippet (Sept., 2006), and was chair of the Conservation Committee for a short time. Cliff enjoys participation in fishery conservation efforts and is currently working on the road-decommissioning project with Wildlands CPR out of Missoula that is contracting with the Clearwater National Forest. In past years he worked on the West fork of the St Maries River log placement and tree planting effort, and Bull Trout Survey's with the US Forest Service Fisheries unit at Avery. He also has volunteered to catch steelhead smolts with the IDFG. Cliff is also a member of Trout Unlimited, local chapter.

In addition to fishing and tying flies, Cliff likes to golf, hike, watch high school sports, and recently has taken up geo-caching. His favorite fish is the cutthroat, preferably caught on the St Joe near "no tell um mile marker". One particularly fond memory occurred at the mile marker when no matter what fly he tried from black ants to caddis, the fish took them all, including several of decent size!

B.J., a banker, hooked Cliff in 1968. They have a married daughter who lives Seattle that works for an environmental consulting firm.



### DUCK LAKE CHIRONOMID, RED

#### Materials & Equipment:

Hook: Dai Riki 135, sizes 12 - 16

Thread: Fire Orange 8/0

Body: Micro-tubing

Wings: Pheasant tail fibers, natural

Head: Ice Dub UV Red



OK, what about these Red Chironomids? Chironomid larva feed on the detritus at the bottom of our lakes and streams. To compensate for this oxygen deficient environment the larva have extra hemoglobin producing the red color. Anglers, especially fly tiers, see these red worms in the anchor mess and immediately start tying flies. Patterns range in size from 10 or 12 Bionic Worms to 22 chironomids tied on a red hook. Materials used to make the red body include V-Rib, floss, Body Glass, Flashabou and red wire. I have enough different patterns to write a dozen or more Fly of the Month articles on red chironomids. All the patterns catch fish, but for now I'll settle on just this one.

From The Federation of Fly Fishers Fly of the Month

<http://www.fedflyfishers.org/fom/53c9-xyy55.cgi?CurrentFly=Current>

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## Clearwater Fly Casters

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### **December 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting:**

**Best Western University Inn, Moscow**

**Buffet Dinner \$15/person**

**Wet fly hour 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:30**

**and Program at 7:30 pm.**

Shirley will be taking dues for 2007 and she also has some calendars for sale.