



*Special Spring-Summer
Events*

CFC Regular meeting, Jan 11, 2006. Bring raffle items! Speaker. Benedict Columbi, Alspach-Engerbreton Scholarship recipient will give a short talk on his research.

**Fly Tying at Tri-State. Jan 14.
Amber Lake Fishout. May 13.
St Joe Fishout. July 14-16.
Gold Center Cr. Restoration Project. July-August 2006
Fall BBQ. Sept 13. HarHar Acres. Dave and Sharon Tharp.**

Tippet Talk

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Clearwater Fly Casters The Tippet

Jan. 2006

From The Presidents Desk

Hi Clearwater Fly Casters!

Welcome to the New Year, 2006, in the Clearwater Fly Casters! I trust that everyone had a great Christmas and enjoyed their New Year's celebrations. I know of several members who went to exotic destinations over the break and so I'm especially looking forward to hearing the fishing reports at our January Meeting.

New Year's Resolutions. Tie more, fish more. I don't suppose there needs to be anything more. And given my track record last year, they won't be too hard to keep. With that, we'll move on to the upcoming events.

2006 Lineup

January 11th, 2006 Clearwater Fly Casters meeting

January 14th, 2006 Fly Tying at TriState

March 8th, 2006 Dave Ames, Montana fly fishing guide and author.

May 13th, 2006 Amber Lake Fishout with guests, Kelly Creek Flycasters

July 14 - 16th, 2006 St Joe Fishout

July - August 2006 Gold Center Creek Restoration Project

McMurray Bees. It started with an article in the Autumn Fly Tyer about tying bumblebee patterns that got me to thinking about fishing these patterns. Off and on over that last couple of years fishing bee patterns has been suggested as killers for some of our cutthroat streams. I don't know about you, but that just seemed a bit far-fetched to me. However, now that I've heard it from several sources, I'm beginning to rethink trying some. Not just trying but tying them too.

When I mentioned the foam pattern featured in Fly Tyer to a fly tying list someone suggested trying the McMurray bee. I had never heard of this style of fly and was intrigued with the historical challenge. Apparently, this was a **pattern that was popular back in the late '60s** but seems to have gone quite out of favor. Perhaps it was the extraordinary effort that goes into shaping and painting balsa, or the patent Ed Sutryn used to keep control over commercial production that caused it to drop in popularity. Or maybe it's just the ease of tying with foam today, but in any case, you won't find them in any catalogs or fly shops today. That was enough to challenge me.

Several days later I had plans, paint and balsa wood in hand. So far, I've managed to turn out one red headed black ant body in a week. Mind you, that was just the body. I haven't gotten to tying it on a hook and wrapping a few turns of hackle mid-shank. Last night I raided my daughter's collection of garish nail polish, looking for something that dries a faster than model paint.

Tonight, I'll try applying mass production techniques in an effort to crank out tiny balsa wood parts. Stringing them on monofilament and painting them with primer can wait a few weeks. And I'm looking forward to the part where I paint the yellow stripes. At this rate, I just may have a half dozen McMurray Bees to use on the St Joe this coming July. Then again, maybe I'll switch to foam. This historical pattern stuff may just be the downfall of the first half my New Year's resolutions.

Tim Cavileer

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'Prevaricator Supreme'
Clearwater Fly Casters

Backast (from Tim C.)

Executive and Conservation Meeting.

Alspach-Engerbretson Scholarship. Board recommended awarding to Benedict Colombi. (see bio on p. 3).

The Board discussed participating in **Idaho's Adopt-A-Highway** program. KCF invited our club to adopt a two mile stretch below them and join them on their semi-annual outings to clean and fish the Lochsa. Several suggested maybe looking at adopting a section on the St. Joe or up near the St Maries instead.

CFC Business Meeting.

Attendance was 25 members plus 5 with the WSU Raptor Rehabilitation Program.

Guests. Madison Shearer (became a member along with her dad)

Fishing Reports.

One by Glenn Woodhouse (I

think) but I don't remember it. Six steelhead on the Grande Ronde, twelve chub on Rocky Ford or some such fish. (Glenn may beat Tim!)

Christmas Exchange.

Tim Cavileer. ½ doz Earl Madsen Skunk, 2 windup fish toys.
Don Shearer. ½ doz flies
Gerry Vidergar. 1 doz chromomids
Bill Hendrix. ½ doz Hendrix Specials

Raffle.

Donations:

Two Golden Girl Christmas Tree Ornaments - Tim Cavileer
Dave Whitlock video - Shirley Engerbretson

Winners:

Steve Bush - video
Madison Shearer - ornament
Dave Yonge - ornament

Alspach-Engerbretson Scholarship. The members approved Benedict Columbi for the Alspach-Engerbretson Scholarship.

Members approved the following dates for **2006 activities**:

May 13th, 2006 Amber Lake Fishout (Kelly Creek Flycasters invited).

July 15-16th, 2006 St Joe Fishout.

September 13th, 2006 Annual BBQ. (hosted by Dave & Sharon Tharp at HarHar Arces).

Don Shearer agreed to host the Annual BBQ at his home (yet to be built in Pullman) in 2208. Any volunteers for 2007?

FFF. The club has a grab bag sent by FFF. Individuals who sign up for FFF membership will receive a similar goody bag, worth ~\$50.

Fly Tying at Tri-State. Saturday, January 14th. John Read announced TriState's outdoor weekend at which the Clearwater Fly Casters will host a tying table. on . There is a possibility of an additional Saturday in February.

2006 Speaker Schedule

March 8. Dave Ames. Fly fishing guide and author.

2006 Speakers?? Interested yourself or have a suggestion? See Tim Cavileer or Don Shearer.

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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.

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances through November, 2005

Checking Account	\$ 568.46
Savings Account	6,138.20
Disbursements (Nov)	186.65
Total Funds	\$ 6,520.01

Annual Club dues cover the time period from January through December.

Dues were collected from Don Shearer (\$25 - family) and Kent Arnold (\$20 - individual) at the December meeting. Raffle proceeds were \$26.

Shirley Engerbretson
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Secretary/Treasurer

Benedict J. Columbi

Alspach-Engerbretson Scholarship
Recipient

(Biography excerpted from his application letter)

My doctoral research in cultural anthropology at Washington State University is the focus of a case-study on natural resource, fisheries-based management issues in the lower Snake River watershed.

More specifically, my dissertation project is a study on the political economy of large dams and water development and comparative models of socioeconomic growth, culture scale, and social power in the Lower Snake, Clearwater, and Hell's Can-

yon sub-basins.

During the 2005 fall semester, I instruct two classes at two universities: Contemporary Native Issues of the Americas at Washington State University and Peoples of the World at the University of Idaho,

This fall and spring I have been invited to present my paper, "The Nez Perce Tribe vs. Elite-Directed Development in the Lower Snake River Watershed: The Struggle to Breach the Dams and Save the Salmon," at three conferences

I am a former professional fly fishing guide with international and national experience. I guided for Jorge Trucco's Patagonia Outfitters and Frontiers, Inc. in the Northern Patagonia Region of Argentina for three complete seasons from 1994 to 1997.

From 1996 to 1998 I guided for **Mike Lawson's Henry's Fork Anglers** in eastern Idaho, southwestern Montana, and Yellowstone National Park for three complete seasons

Before 1995, I guided on the Teton River in Teton Valley, Idaho for three complete seasons from 1993 to 1995.

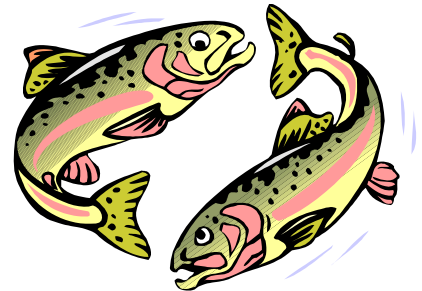
My accomplishments as a guide include an appearance as host guide for John Barret's Fly Fishing the World, hosting the three-time Tour de France winner, Greg LeMond, on the Rio Quem Quem Treau in Northern Patagonia. I appeared on the cover of the periodical, Sports Afield, Fall 1997 with a photo produced by Barry and Cathy Beck.

In total, I have guided nearly 800 full days with a total of over 1,000 clien-

tele. I received sponsorship from the industry's top manufacturers that include product support from Simms, Sage, Rio, Winston, Abel, and Clackcraft.

I see the possibility of receiving an award in honor of **Bill Alspach and Dave Engerbretson** as a great honor.

I knew Dave Engerbretson and I had the good fortune of spending a day with him fishing for fall steelhead on the Clearwater River in 1998. His patience and "dedication to the advancement of fly anglers knowledge and skills" was apparent to me while in his company.



Woven Mayfly Emerger

Tying Instruction :

- 1) Divide a piece of antron in to two equal parts for hook size # 14 and three equal parts for #16-#18.
- 2) Tie tying thread in at 1/3 of the hook length from the eye of the hook.
- 3) Place antron on top of the hook and wrap back well into the bend of the hook.
- 4) Cut antron to the length of the thorax for trailing shuck.
- 5) Use Knit Picker to weave abdomen.
- 6) Tie in Cul De Canard legs.
- 7) Tie on Rabbits foot wing. Make the wing so that the tips are even with or slightly shorter than length of the thorax.
- 8) Dub a dark hares ear abdomen and whip finish a head.

Note :

- A) Use hair from the underside of the rabbits foot for the wing.
- B) Tan antron formed into a loop can be substituted for the rabbits foot wing.
- C) Dark hares ear comes from the center of a natural hares mask.

(Courtesy of the FlyBench, Tyer, Andy Cooper)



Hook: Daiichi 1130 12-16
Thread: Uni-Thread 8/0 Tan
Abdomen: Embroidery Floss #838 Dark Brown Top Embroidery Floss #4222 Tan Bottom
Wing: Snowshoe Rabbits Foot
Thorax: Hares Ear Dark Brown
Legs: CDC (Cul-DE- Canard)

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Our next meeting is:

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 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!

