



*Special Spring-Summer  
Events*

**CFC Regular Meeting, Mar 8.**

**Speaker. Dave Ames**

**Amber Lake Fishout. May 13.**

**St Joe Fishout. July 14-16.**

**Gold Center Cr. Restoration  
Project. July-August 2006**

**Fall BBQ. Sept 13. HarHar Acre.  
Dave and Sharon Tharp.**

*Tippet Talk*

**President Tim “fishes” Rock Lake; Hats off to Tim C., J. Read and G. Murray who combined efforts to net \$ 285 for Burgers and Flies. Dave Ames to speak on “Dances With Sharks”. | p. 1.**

**CFC Business. New member welcome, & membership recruitment; Dues Due! Secretary and Conservation Chair needed; Wine and Cheese Bike Ride at Amber. \$5593 in CFC Treasury. | p. 2.**

**Fishing Report. G. Murray caught an 8-lb hatchery hen on G. Ronde. | p. 2.**

**Burgers and Flies 23 yrs and counting. Nets \$3K. | p. 3.**

**Born in West Hartford, Conn., Moscow Realty Owner, Burgers and Flies Founder, Rugby Player, Humanitarian. | p. 3.**



**Joe McGurkin**

**Hopper Fly of the Month. | p. 4.**

Clearwater Fly Casters The Tippet

March, 2006

**From The Presidents Desk**

Fishing, friends and flies, Oh my!

February was a good month for me. I recently got out to fish Rock Lake with Don Shearer, my favorite co-misadventurer. It goes without saying that I didn't catch anything. Don did – and I'm sure he'll let everyone know the gory details at the meeting. For me, it was one of those first-of-the-season trips where you scramble the night before to find your rod, your flies and only hope that those holes in the waders have magically sealed themselves over the long winter months. It's the same trip where you could have sworn you tied your box full of the right flies, only to discover that someone – probably the cat, has reorganized all your fly boxes, and is at that moment, at home in a warm house sporting a large Cheshire smile. It was for me, that quintessential, proverbial crest of the hill trip. Just what I needed to jump start me for the coming season.

Another occasion that made my February was Burgers and Flies, 2006. What a great night of tying flies, eating burgers and shooting the breeze. Joe McGurkin, as always, did a fantastic job of raising money for the Idaho Special Olympics. It was particularly satisfying for me to have a dozen of my McMurray Ants and Bees, teamed up with one of John Read's hand made black walnut fly boxes, auction off for a cool \$100. John Read and Glen Murray also combined flies in another walnut box that netted \$110 and Glen provided a Rock Fly with a pair of Joe's Hoppers that netted \$75. Hats off to John's and Glen's fine handiwork. As always, the bidding was lively and there seemed to be something for everyone. I picked up a nice set of woolly buggers that will soon see some steel-head action on the Grande Ronde. If you missed this event, you missed a great night of lively entertainment.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone Wednesday night at the meeting. See you there!

Cheers,

Tim Cavileer

*Tim Cavileer*

'Prevaricator Supreme'  
Clearwater Fly Casters

**March Speaker**

**Dave Ames**

**Dances With Sharks**

Dave Ames is a writer who has spent the last thirty years traveling the world as an itinerant fly-fisherman. Fish have nearly killed him, fish have saved his life, and Ames will be presenting “Dances With Sharks,” a slide show based on a life in the wilderness, at our March meeting.

Ames' first two books, “True Love and The Woolly Bugger,” and “A Good Life Wasted, or Twenty Years as a Fishing Guide,” have been described as “Cult classics,” and “Perversely informative looks at fly-fishing in several of its most mutant forms.” First editions of True Love have become collector's items selling at ten times their original cost, at the show Ames will be signing limited first edition copies of his new book, “Dances With Sharks.”

Ames' slide show, like his books, is meant to entertain as well as inform. Fishing is supposed to be fun, and let's face it, fishing is more fun when you catch fish. There's plenty of practical fish-catching information on everything from trout and bonefish to piranha and golden dorado in this compilation of stories, slides and music, and audiences agree this presentation appeals to fishermen and non-fishermen alike.

### Backcast

**Exec/Cons Meeting.** Don Shearer, Shirley Engerbretson, Cliff Swanson, Glen Murray, Steve and Roxanne Bush, Dave Tharp, John Read. Don filled in for Tim as Tim had a conflict.

**Adopt a Highway.** Suggested for more visibility, to clean up a stream area we care about, and cooperative effort with KCF.

**Options:** Lochsa with KCF; near Clarkia, near St Maries, or local highway to Troy. **Dave Tharp** will head effort and volunteers are needed to help clean up twice a year.

**New member/guest welcome.** G. Woodhouse suggested officer contact, arranging a fishing trip, a free raffle ticket to welcome new members and guests.

**Raffle Update.** Grand prize. A custom built fly rod of choice within limits. Winner can specify weight, length—"no 14 foot spey rods" etc. **A.J. volunteered** to build rod. You must be a paid member to win. All raffle tickets will be saved from monthly raffle and entered for grand prize in December.

**Collins-Allured Award.** To be awarded at the March meeting.

**Calendars.** Shirley has 2006 Calendars for sale.

**Amber Lake Fishout.** Steve Bush will invite TU to join us.

**Treasurer's Report.** Shirley provided financial sheet. CFC has March Balance of \$5565.

**Membership Roster.** OK, but privacy questions came up.

**Lapsed Member Contact.** A dues alert will be in the March Tippet. Don Shearer will call members to determine why they dropped out and encourage renewal of their membership.

**Lifetime memberships.** Some members eligible because of age and years of membership We currently have one paid up lifetime member - Jim Siebe.

**Speaker Poster.** March speaker is Dave Ames. Shirley will prepare 20 posters.

**Tippet Content.** Short stories of fishing adventures suggested.

**Planning Sessions.** Suggested as means to improve club goals for the next five year, develop membership plan, plan activities.

**Secretary election.** Not discussed during board meeting.

**Business Meeting.**

### Presidential Announcements.

**Please pay your dues.**

**Lie and Tie sponsored by KCF.** Asotin High School. Feb 11. FFF is sponsoring a fly tying contest fund raiser. See FFF website for details or handout provided by the club FFF representative, Steve Bush. FFF grab bag available for new member signup in FFF.

**Burgers and Flies.** Feb 18 See Feb. Tippet for directions and details.

**Gold Creek Restoration Project.** Sign up sheet passed around for Woody Debris placement in August and Tree Planting in Sept.

**CFC needs to elect a Secretary** and provide a job description for placement in the March Tippet. Any Volunteers? Shirley said she would do it unless others are interested.

**Guests.** Dennis and Barbara Simpson (returning members) and Zach Funkhouser-speaker and Pres. of KCF. Jake Smolenski, a UI student.

**Fish reports.** D. and S. Tharp found Fourth of July iced up. G. Murray caught an 8 lb steelhead (hatchery hen) on G. Ronde Jan 29. Bob Harwood showed fish print of Golden Eldorado.

**Amber Lake Fishout** invitations offered to Three Rivers TU chapter. Wine and Cheese' Bike Ride by Sharon Tharp and Mary Read

**Raffle: Donors were:** Tim C., St. Joe Favorite Flies, Don Shearer: Cool sparkly flies (modified Wright's Royals); CFC: Several item via Glenn W. and provided Angler Calendars; Bob Harwood: A fish print on Wood Coaster; and Shirley E.: Two or three fly fishing books.

**Winners were:** Jim Siebe: Coasters, Gloves, and Streamside Fly Book. Gary Evers: Harwood Fish Print. Bob Harwood: St. Joe Favorite Flies and calendar. Glenn Woodhouse: Lighted Nippers. Doug Young: Flies. Dennis Simpson: Silver Peacock Grizzly Legs. Don Shearer: Fly Fishing Book. Kent Arnold ??

### 2006 Speaker Schedule

**March 8.** Dave Ames. Dances With Sharks! Fly fishing guide and author. (See Pres. Rep.)

**April 12.** Dave Duvall, 'Do Salmon spawn at night?'

**May 10.** Ben Colombi, 'Henry's Fork: Then and Now'

### Clearwater Fly Casters Officers 2006

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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.**

**(Backcast raffle cont).** George Johnson: Fly Box and Calendar. Barbara Simpson: LED. **Thanks to the donors and congratulations to the winners.**

**Speaker Zach Funkhouser** gave an informative and entertaining talk on fishing Ascension Bay in Mexico. Trip cost about \$3000 for a week. They stayed in a thatched roof cabin. Meals of fish and other ocean creatures was fabulous. Fish caught were bonefish, tarpon, permit, Barracuda, and various ocean fish. **Flies used:** Salt water patterns: Crabs, Zonkers, Deceivers, etc.

**Zach invited CFC members** to join them for a 10 day trip next year the second week in January.

### Burgers and Flies History

**This event began in 1983** by Joe McGurkin and four of his UI Rugby teammates including Craig Lewis, and Bill Ogle (Bo) that were also fly fisherman. Steve Bush, Dennis Coyle, Kevin Lynott, and Bill Scutter were also early participants. This group wanted to do something for the Special Olympics kids. Joe's brother Larry has Down's Syndrome. "Larry is an inspiration to all he meets and loves flyfishing and camping on the Lochsa, Joe said".

**A humble beginning in Joe's house with five people tying and donating flies, the auction netted \$16.** By 1984, the event had expanded to 10 people and the auction netted \$50 to \$75. About five years into the event, Dick Wallace joined in with the bribe of a new beer with a carrot on the label. After much searching Joe found the beer with the carrot label "Pacifico". That got Dick there but he could only stay an hour. About midnight he finally left because of the fun and beer??

**In the mid 90's LeRoy Hyatt, Dave Engerbretson, and Dave Blinn joined in.** The auction began netting around **\$1000**. It still had a yard sale mentality with old float tubes, fishing gear, flies, and stuff! T-shirts were also a staple in the early years with slogans such as "Check Your Fly at the Door". The event outgrew Joe's home and they moved to Craig Lewis's shop in 1990.

**By 2000, Burgers and Flies netted \$3000 a year.** The money is used by Special Olympic kids for various needs including uniforms, travel, hotel rooms, etc. to get to the Winter Games usually held in Sandpoint, ID. It remains important to keep the event low key, fun, and without fanfare for participants with a common goal of helping Special Olympic kids of Moscow.

**Twenty Three Years and Counting.** The fly tying sessions, enjoying the company of fly tyers and others interested in helping the Special Olympic Kids of Moscow, sharing stories, burgers, beer and more continues as this event reached 23 years of age in 2006. **Auction proceeds were \$3K in 2006!** Perhaps less widely know is that Joe purchases the food, beer, and fishing gear. Some years he may get partially reimbursed if the proceeds exceed \$3K. He and his wife Angie also buy a number of auction items each year. Other unsung hero's include auction recorders, Sylvia Evers in the past and Dauna Lyons in recent years and the numerous tiers, and bidders.

Plan to participate in 2007. You will come away with a good feeling of helping others while participating in a fun event. See you in 2007!



Joe McGurkin



Burgers



Tim



Don



Dennis Coyle

**Joe McGurkin** was born in West Hartford, Connecticut. He moved to Moscow in 1978. Joe attended the UI and pursued a degree in business. While at the UI, Joe played Rugby for three years. Joe also was a triathlete for 12 years, has completed four marathons and enjoys golf.

**He began a career in real estate in 1982 at Moscow Realty,** a business that he has owned since 1985. Joe and Angie married in 1991. They have two children, Brandon ,11, and Kennedy-Anne, 8 and Joe and Angie are co-owners of Moscow Realty.

**Kids Activities.** In addition to being a founder and heading up the Burgers and Flies activities, Joe and wife, Angie sponsor a Wine Tasting-Yard Sale activity to raise money for Elk River kids. The annual Elk River fund raiser is for Arts and Crafts, Theatre, Easter Egg hunts and more for the elk River young people. Joe also currently coaches basketball and football through the Moscow Parks and Recreation Program.

**A favorite fishing time for Joe is anytime he can fish with his brother Larry who has Down Syndrome.** In fact Joe's favorite fly is a "One Wing Larry" a one-winged foam stone fly that he developed in honor of his brother. This fly really works on the a secret Lochsa hole, Joe's favorite river, on cutthroats, a favorite fish. Another favorite fly is the "Madam-X". Joe also enjoys fishing for rainbows, bass with his mouse patters and big stimulators with rubber legs. He has fished the St Joe since the mid-80's and noted that more rainbows were caught then because of the IDFG stocking program. Elk Creek and Elk Creek Reservoir round out his favorite fishing holes.

**First Steelhead.** Another of Joe's favorite fishing memories was his first trip to the Clearwater to fish for steelhead with Dear School Principal, Dennis Raciot. He was a kid from Connecticut that had no idea of what steelhead fishing was all about. He cast out with his spinning rod, hooked, and landed a 20 pound steelhead. What a way to start!

Joe has been a member of CFC since about 1987. He regularly ties "Christmas Pin Flies" for the CFC auction and other events. He frequently brings guests to CFC meetings.

**Humanitarian, Mentor.** Joe is an outstanding humanitarian, a mentor and supporter of young people, and a conservation minded fisherman. Our community, especially the kids, is "richer" because of Joe and his extended family.

## Dave's Hopper

### Tying Instruction :

- 1) Tie in thread 1/3 of hook shank from hook eye. Wrap thread back to bend of hook.
- 2) Tie on short tail wrapping smooth wraps back to where you began the thread.
- 3) Tie on yellow poly yarn and wrap smooth body back to tail. Form a loop with the poly yarn 1/2 the length of the tail.
- 4) Tie on hackle to be used as rib. Wrap thread back to starting point at hook eye.
- 5) Wrap a smooth body with the poly yarn. Now rib the body with the hackle.
- 6) Tie on a small bunch of deer hair the length of the body.
- 7) Form the wing with the turkey quill over the deer hair.
- 8) Tie a leg on each side of the body. Glue thread that's holding the wing and legs with super glue.
- 9) Form a collar of stacked deer hair and spin a deer hair head.

### Note :

Preparation of Materials:

**Pheasant Tail Legs** - Use a Knit Fixer ( find at Wal-Mart in the sewing section ) to tie a knot in 5 - 7 fibers from a pheasant tail.

**Turkey Wing** - Cut a segment out of the flight feather from a turkey wing 1 1/2 times the width of the hook gap. Coat the shiny side with Duco cement using your fingers. (Editors note: I have used Spray Shellac with good success too.)

**Hackle Rib** - Take a long brown hackle and cut along both sides (and bottom if you wish, editors note), leaving only 1/8 inch long barbs.

(Courtesy of TheFlyBench, Andy Cooper Tier)



**Hook :** [Daiichi 1270 # 12 – 14](#)  
**Thread :** [Uni-Thread 6/0 Yellow](#)  
**Tail :** [Strung Saddle Hackle Red](#)  
**Rib :** [Strung Saddle Hackle Brown](#)  
**Body :** [Poly Yarn Yellow](#)  
**Under Wing :** [Deer hair](#)  
**Wing :** [Turkey Feather](#)  
**Legs :** [Pheasant Tail Legs](#)  
**Collar :** [Spun Deer Hair](#)

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Our next meeting is:

**Wednesday, Mar. 8, 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!

Please check your label highlighting:

Pink = 2006 dues NOT paid! Yellow = 2006 dues paid! This will be your last copy of the Tippet if dues are not paid.

