



Clearwater Fly Casters

May, 2006

The *Tippet*

Special Spring-Summer Events

CFC Regular Meeting, May 10.

Speaker. Dale Coryell. 'How to' of Float Trips. Featuring Fly Fishing Alaska.

Amber Lake Fishout and Wine-Bike Tour. Sat. May 13.

Wine and Bike Tour. Meet at Cheney Trailhead #2 at 9:30 AM. It is 11.75 miles. We will arrive at Amber Lake in time for lunch at 1 pm to hear the fishing stories, fish, etc. Bring water, warm clothes, and morning snacks which could include wine and cheese and crackers for a great adventure! Contact Sharon Tharp (509) 878-1769, Mary Read (208) 882-2295 for more details.

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

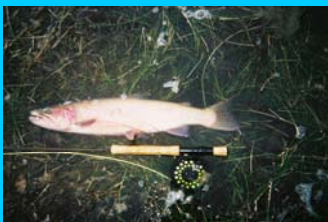
President Tim has 10 ways to save gas. Check them out! | p. 1.

Directions to Cheney and Amber Lake. | p. 2.

CFC Business. Treasury has \$5,991; Conservation activities, Raffle donors-winners; | p. 2, 3.

Fishing Reports. Amber scouting, Brownlee wind, S. Fk. Clearwater steelhead, Dry Falls 20-inch browns, Lenore combat fishing; Mystery river. | p. 2, 3.

Glen relinquishes tippet for more fishing, conservation activity, travel and more. | p. 4.



From The Presidents Desk

Greetings Clearwater Fly Casters,

I was thinking recently about the rising gas prices and decided I needed to figure out some cost cutting measures so that my time on the stream this summer won't be adversely affected. Surely, it really is just a matter of priorities. Here's my list.

Ten ways to save on gas and not compromise fishing trips this summer

1. Fish at destinations that can only be reached by bush planes. This one ties in nicely with No 3. If you're going to risk tree top skimming into a grass strip back in the Frank Church Wilderness, you might as well stay the whole week, plus BOTH weekends. This one is voided if flying with AJ.
2. Take your fishing partner's rig. If you time it right, you can invite your buddy on trips to the local spots while alternating trips further a field in his vehicle.
3. Stay an extra day. Two days on the stream are always better than one. In fact, if a little is good, a lot must be better. Stay the whole week.
4. Combine trips. Were you planning to fish for cutts on the St. Joe and the rainbows on the Henry's Fork this summer? Shoot, spend the first week on the Joe then swing down to the Henry's Fork for the second. Here again, the rule of multiples applies: it stands to reason that good fishing begets good fishing so common sense says it will be closer to drive to the next fishing spot than it is to drive all the way home. A swing through northern Idaho lends itself to western Montana, Montana is just a skip down to Yellowstone and Yellowstone leads to eastern Idaho. Once there you can leisurely fish your way back to Moscow through the South Fork of the Snake, the Big Wood, Silver Creek and Big Creek.
5. Always grab two of any fly fishing items when visiting the fly shop. It's better to stock up on two of everything the first time than make two trips duplicating your fly tying needs.
6. Remove all unnecessary items from the fishing rig. What's that spare tire really costing you? Think in terms of fishing weight equivalent units. One properly inflated spare tire is worth 0.5 fishing weight units. A properly outfitted vest, 3 fishing weight units. Therefore, you don't really need those 6 extra tires in the truck. Take the vest instead. Unassembled rods and reels are like broken cookies – they don't count and fall under the empty calorie rule, or in this case the empty fishing weight units.
7. Slow down. There's no need to hurry since you'll be staying an extra week. Enjoy the view.
8. Invest in alternative fuels. Stock up on hay for the goats. The three goats will do nicely for the lawn and the gas saved from the mower can be used to take fishing trips instead.
9. Buy property closer to prime fishing destinations. If you can't afford the fuel, it makes sense to have that cabin on the lake or near the stream.
10. Take early retirement. Sell the house and buy an RV. With no house payments you'll have plenty for gas to be a traveling trout bum.

Well, there you have it. Surely, you can come up with a few of your own gas saving measures. We'll compare notes at the meeting.

See you Wednesday!

Cheers,

Tim Cavileer

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'Prevaricator Supreme'
Clearwater Fly Casters

Backcast

Executive/Conservation Board Meeting- 4/12/2006

Members present: D. Shearer, S. Engerbretson, S. Bush, G. Woodhouse, D. Tharp, C. Swanson, J. Read, S. Tharp

Old Business. New Post Office Box-PO 394, Pullman, WA. 99163. Keys are with G. Woodhouse, D. Shearer, S. Tharp, T. Cavileer
Planning session for April cancelled- no new date selected

New Business. Treasurer's Report. Total cash is \$5,991.19 plus a scholarship fund of \$2,000 (separate item). List of expenses available from Shirley if needed. Discussion concluded that a \$6,000 balance was relatively healthy. Question raised regarding membership dues and how much is incoming and how many members are paid-Shirley can get information if requested. Question raised regarding number of members paying FFF individually and being paid by the club to FFF-should find out the number of FFF members.

Trout Grass Video. Discussion to acquire video for use as emergency speaker-approved. Dave Tharp bought video for \$25 at presentation of Trout Grass Video by Idaho Rivers United and was reimbursed by Shirley for the video. Research is being conducted to have David James Dunkin, author of Trout Grass, as a speaker.

Regarding videos- Dave Tharp needs to make list of **club videos** and find the videos on Fly Tying- the Anglers Art-Flyfish Tying Educational Opportunity.

Citizen Science on Decommissioned Roads

Cliff Swanson has brought Anna Holden of Wildland CPR to discuss how and when flycasters can help with data collection on erosion and wildlife on the Lochsa, Selway, or Porcupine Creek (more information under presentation by Anna Holden in general meeting)

Knotless Nets- Amber Lake- required

WA Council off FFF in Ellensburg. attended by Steve Busch and Jerry Vidergar 700 plus members, involves youth, focus is west of Cascades **Flycasting exposition.**9/23/06 in Carnation. Steve Busch reported about radio program on the internet. Program lasts 1 and ½ hours with a period of 5-9 days to get on line and listen to it-free.

ID fish and game discussion. Members discussed issues in Methow valley- needing 4 languages on signs, sections open constantly chang-

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John Read talked about Rocky Ford where members planted trees, assuming they would be able to fish, but was closed or now has one mile of fishing

New Letterhead with Moscow/ Pullman suggested by Dave Tharp

Thank you to Glen Murray for a great job on the tippet suggested by Steve Busch -people in the Columbia Basin enjoy the newsletter and he receives many good comments.

Adopt a highway program Dave Tharp is filling out the paperwork to adopt a highway on a 2 mile stretch below Kelly Creek on the Lochsa where people can camp at windomere ?, clean up the road in the morning and go fishing later. Vests, bags, signs all provided.

-Executive meeting ended 6:20 PM

New members. Correction! Marcus Torrey, not M. Terry as listed in Apr Tippet—Sorry Marcus!558 Quail Ridge, Pullman, WA, (509) 432-3056, mterry@torreydds.net

Business Meeting

Tim Cavileer conducted the meeting and reported on

-planning session cancelled

-new PO BOX #394, Pullman, WA 99163 and distributed keys

-need list of club videos and library materials from Dave

Guests

Fred Muehlbauer brought his wife **Linda**.

Dave Duvall- guest speaker and 1st grade buddy of Don Shearer
Cliff Swanson brought **Anna Holden** of Wildland CPR who discussed the road decommissioning project. Anna Holden is a graduate student and research asst. with the U. of Montana. With floods of 95/96 Clearwater NF was given emergency funds to reconstruct 500 miles of road with high risk of failing. She studies what happens when roads are decommissioned and involves local citizens in conducting research on the problem. Four sites include Powell, Lochsa, (?), Shotgun, Peking Rd near Orofino A potential area for club is Porcupine creek, decommissioned in 97. They have remote cameras and set up track plates of cat food to see who visits the area. Moose, deer, elk, bears leave tracks on the paper. They also catch insects to ID and determine the quality of the water and ID native plants. If interested she can meet

2006 Speaker Schedule

May 10. Dale Coryell of Wilderness Access. "How-to" of Float Trips Featuring Fly Fishing Float Trips to Alaska!

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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.

Directions to Amber Lake from Moscow-Pullman.

If you don't know the area, the easiest way to Amber is to go from Moscow to Pullman or starting in Pullman, take Hwy 195 toward Spokane. At Bradshaw Road, go West, and follow signs to Cheney. Bradshaw Rd intersects with Cheney-Spangle Rd. Cheney-Spangle Rd. takes you to Cheney. In Cheney, turn left, SW, on Hwy 904 to Mullinx Rd, turn left, South, and follow signs to Amber Lake. **From Palouse** go to Rosalia turn N. on Hwy 195 toward Spokane and continue to Cheney as described above. **For a more adventurous way**, ask non-directionally challenged CFC members about a Steptoe-Rock Lake route!

(Backcast Cont)

club members anytime, at our convenience.

Cliff Swanson and Steve Busch will get people involved.

Fishing Reports. Dave Tharp humbled beyond a doubt. Caught a fish with Saker (who was scouting out Amber for Kelly Creek Flycasters and then caught nothing trying every color of chironomid in the book while boaters around him were all catching fish. Member discussion concluded it was the baked chicken Dave had for lunch that ruined his fishing day. (He was also carrying bananas which may have been a factor! Sharon Tharp caught fish eating the same chicken and bananas, but using a bloodworm which worked great. But she had the problem that her fish were so big she couldn't get them out of the weed beds except two nice ones. Sharon also reported that on coffeepot lake she matched a chironomid in her box with one on the water and caught fish which was very exciting- a first!

Glenn Woodhouse reported a good trip on Amber Lake with Don Shearer, AJ Morris, Dave Tharp, Bob Harwood using wooly buggers. On another outing Glenn's son, Shawn caught fish on a chironomid and members were aghast that he did and they didn't.

John Read and Bill Hendrix fished Amber Lake. John dragged a wooly bugger up lake and got one. Two boats with 5 guys were in his favorite spot. He worked a wooly bugger with no hits. He worked a chironomid-nothing. John put on a yellow stonefly nymph and on his 3rd cast caught fish- big fish the size of footballs, silver with small heads. He also caught fish with a orange, thin wooly bugger on a strike indicator. It wasn't clear if Bill caught anything?

Dave Duvall, our guest speaker, reported that he fished for 1 hour on lower Hampton with no fish and according to the WFW it was suppose to be cooking. Don Shearer and Dave Duvall are going fishing tomorrow

Tim Gresback fished Bownlee reservoir – very windy, state is wet

Don Shearer ended up in pasture on Amber-water was high

Gerry Vidergar spent 6 days on the south fork of the Clearwater above Harpster- mile 23. Two weeks before water was low, clear, 2 fish per day. Now the river was blown out, rained, snowed, coffee colored. With 6 days fishing caught 36 fish, 38-40" category. Water temp was 33-38 degrees. Most were wild fish, put back hatchery fish. Dead drifting nymph with strike indicator, orange shrimp pattern, size 10-12 glow bug-orange. On Sunday with son, hooked 3, landed one, very red, hadn't spawn.

Tim Cavileer reported that in the Asotin Creek survey 500-600 steelhead are going up to spawn.

Bob Harwood said that Amber Lake fish are in great condition, active and in prime condition.

Markus Torrey visited Lenore and found waders hip to hip. They went to Dry Falls where the water was clear and caught big fish- 20" browns. Fish cruising under feet and in the south end weed fields.

Tim reported on board Meeting.

ID Fish and Game-reported by Steve Busch

Recreation use surveys- Craig Mt- steelhead pit tagging of juveniles. Hordeman's Pond- help out; Gold Center Creek restoration on the St. Maries- Aug, Sept.

Shirley Engerbretson will donate Fly Fisher Magazines to the U of I library

Raffle. Donations were made by Cliff Swanson- flies and a fishing journal, Don Shearer- flies, Bob Harwood- Fish Notes on fishing book, Tom Weber- Metz saddle hackle, Dave Tharp-flies. **Raffle winners** were Tim Gresback, Markus Torrey, Tim Cavileer, Bob Harwood, Jerry Vidergar, Jim Palmersheim, George Hinman, John Read, Lavon Frazier, Tom Weber, Jolanta Kleinhof

Dave Duval presentation on Hanford Reach and nighttime spawning of Chinook salmon. Dave and Don S. have been friends since 1st grade. Dave, according to Don, catches fish at will. Dave is a biologist with Grant County PUD, has 4 children, goes to graduate school, conducts fish studies for his MS and works at a fly fishing shop. By studying whether fish spawn in the day or night they can help determine whether to have high water at night and low water in the day to help push the fish out to the main channel and to minimize damage to the Chinook salmon. Using underwater cameras, Dave showed great videos of females digging a hole to spawn, mature males coming along side to spread their milt, jacks rushing into help fertilize while the mature male is busy, and the female covering their eggs by swishing their tails. Very interesting. Dave suggested that the number of returning Chinook is very dependent on ocean conditions which are very hard to predict. 1985-87 were good conditions for salmon, 93 with El Nino showed poor returns and 01 was a drought year with 02/03 high fish returns-?go figure? Slow season this year may be due to sea lions.

Sharon Tharp

Sharon

Secretary

Treasurer's Report. March 31, 2006

Receipts from March meeting	
Cash	\$151.00
Checks	\$130.00
Total disbursements from checking \$ 310.14	
Checking account balance 3/31/06	\$834.48
Savings account balance	\$5,156.71
Total cash on hand checking and savings	\$5,991.19
Reserved for Scholarship Fund	\$2,000.00
(included in savings account balance)	

Shirley Engerbretson

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Treasurer

Anyone know where this is? Any guesses on how good the steelhead fishing was that day?



Fish Tales From The Editors Desk

As many of you know this will be my last Tippet newsletter. I have enjoyed the past two and one-half years being the editor. Being editor as given me more opportunities to get to know the members through profiles and CFC activities. During the process I also enjoyed learning more of the club history, goals, and future activities. More computer literacy, publication printing requirements, and other Tippet Stuff were interesting!

Cliff Swanson, the new editor beginning in September, is excited to take on this activity. Cliff and I have started working on Tippet publication details and will be working together over the summer to help ensure a seamless transition during this change.

We have an excellent slate of new officers and other active members that will move our club to a new level. It has been my pleasure to be a part of this effort. I look forward to participation in future CFC activities and sharing these experiences with you. I will miss many of the aspects of doing the Tippet, but my travel schedule, desire to do more fishing, and interest in increased opportunities to participate in even more of the clubs conservation efforts beckons.

See you on the stream, river, lake, fishouts, conservation activities, or ?? Be of good cheer, keep smiling, and help our club and the sport that we all love.

Take care,

Glen Murray

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Tippet Editor



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Our next meeting is:

Wednesday, May 10, 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!

