



The Tippet

From The President's Desk

Hi Clearwater Fly Casters,

I should have taken the hint that something was in the air when I sat down to tie flies several weeks ago and found several of my flies shedding. Yes, shedding. Much to my dismay, 'They' had returned.

Those of you who tie at all have probably had a run in or two with those pesky little bugs that will selectively nibble the butt ends of most natural tying materials. It matters not if the fur or feathers are in the bag or on a hook, all is fair game.

Usually, I'm pretty good about keeping my materials clean. In fact, several years ago I got a few bugs into my desk and had to do some serious extermination. I lost some special flies that others had given me and some that had special significance. Like the articulated marabou leech I caught my first steelhead with down on the Clearwater. It was something of a shock to open the roll top to find a pile of fluorescent pink marabou unceremoniously piled under a denuded steelhead hook. They also got a CDC&elk tied by Hans Weilenmann at Dave Engerbretson's back in 1998. That particular buzz cut really hurt as it marked my first meeting Don Shearer and Dave Engerbretson. I ended up washing all my feathers and fur, alternatively freezing, thawing and freezing them again just to be sure.

This time, though, I caught the invasion early and only lost a few flies that I kept on my desk to look at while I'm tying. It gives a whole new meaning to indicator flies.

Even in turning back the clocks one hour I chose to ignore the obvious. This morning's 24 degree temperature finally got my attention and I admitted that summer is over and fall is here. It's a time when bugs move indoors, the weather starts getting cold, and the sun makes an obnoxiously early exit. But it's also a time to reflect on the fishing trips I did this summer. It's also a time to sit down at the vise and dream of next year's outings. Maybe even tie a few flies.

As you all know, this month's presentation is by Trapper Badovinac. In addition to telling us about fly fishing Montana and sharing tactics for fishing small streams, Trapper will be tying flies during the Wet Fly Hour starting at 5:30pm. So don't be late!

December's meeting will feature speakers Steve Ronholt and Ladin Langeman, of 'Fishing with Ladin' fame and our very own special Christmas gift exchange. Again, bring a fly fishing related gift (something you already have and don't want) to 'trade'. We'll have each person pick their gift, unwrap it and then decide whether to keep it or trade it for something already unwrapped. With any luck, those highly sought after wind up fish will show up again!

December's meeting will also feature the drawing for the 'Fly Rod Grand Prize'. Tickets from each monthly raffle have been saved and will be entered into a special raffle for a custom built fly rod of your choice, within reason. The winner can choose weight and length - "no 14 foot spey rods" etc. to be built by A.J. Morris. Remember, you must be a 2006 paid member to win.

See you all at the meeting!

Tim Cavileer

'Prevaricator Supreme'

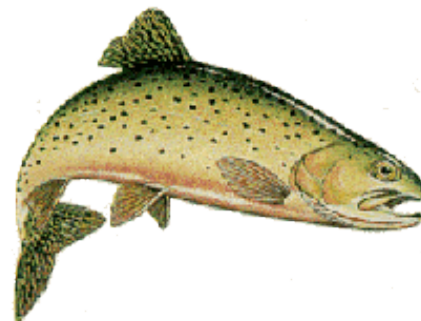
Calendar

December 13th -

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



Larry McGurkin spending some time fishing earlier this year with his brother Joe at Elk Creek Reservoir.





Backcast, 10/11/2006

The early wet fly hour at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm drew a smaller number of fishing stories, I believe, but here goes. Dave and Sharon spent the summer fishing and Sharon, at least, caught some really big fish, which was amazing to her, and Dave reported on their last fishing trip to Coffeepot and Twin Lakes where they caught Bass, Trout, Crappies and Sunfish. Good fun, great camping, fantastic weather.

The other Dave has been steelheading. He says he is getting better and better at spey casting but is catching less fish. Oh well. On the other hand, Dave and Mariam met Toker on Andros Island in June and fished for bonefish off the beach. Dave paid an enormous amount for a guide who he met at the boat dock. They get in the boat and stopped 200 feet from shore and started wading- at what cost? Anyway, they fished a gorgeous bay and caught bonefish. Planning to leave at 1PM on their last day, Dave tried one more early morning fishing expedition in hip deep water. Apparently, black fins of sharks were visible and Dave keeps fishing. He spots a school of bones in the middle of the bay and has about 100 yards to land the fish but realizes there is also a 12-15 foot shark hovering, eases himself back to shore and declares life is good and fishing bonefish among sharks is worth every minute. OK Dave.

Back home, on the Clearwater, we have Jerry catching a trout but no steelhead by Cherry Lane. Gary, in the third week of June caught cutthroat on the Bitterroot River in the rain on a size 8 Clarkstone fly, although there was a salmon fly hatch going on. In Sept. on the Northfork of the Clearwater and St. Joe River, Doug caught cutthroat on every cast. Go Doug! On the Kelly Creek road that was blocked by smoke, Reed found that Osprey caught the biggest fish. I think he spent 10 days in Wyoming deer hunting but my notes don't tell me if he got a deer. Tim reported that in August on Kelly Creek he had to swim across the river protecting his camera- I assume he caught fish on the way! His friend from Japan caught more fish in Kelly Creek in one trip than he has of five years of fishing in Japan. Glenn fished the mouth of the Deschutes River and hooked a steelhead but lost it and part of his fly rod. On the south fork of the Boise River there was a good salmon fly hatch with excellent fishing with 30 fish over 20 inches!

Other Business

Items in the raffle included a fly box, a book on fly patterns, a light, glue and other items that were won by Tom, George, Mary and John, Lynn and a few other people. John Read is in charge of the fly plate raffle for the WA State Council Federation of Flyfishers. Glenn Murray is the new **Conservation Chairman**, much to his dismay! The **Program Committee** welcomes any suggestions. Please submit your ideas or information to Doug. The **Auction Committee** is selling 150 tickets at \$10 for a bamboo fly rod built by Bob Clark. See Cliff for details. In October, the **Gold Creek Restoration Project**, near Clarkia, is looking for volunteer help to plant 1800 shrubs. Steve Busch is the CFC contact for this project.

Guest Speaker Dan Landeen discussed Fly Fishing For Steelhead in Nez Perce Country. He had great stories of the people who fished the area and the history of steelhead fly fishers including their connections to each other and to their love of fly fishing. His book is good and includes not only the history of the Snake River its tributaries and the people who fished for steelhead he discussed some of their techniques and their favorite flies.

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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 6:30 pm and program at 7:30 pm.

Treasurer's Report

Report Ending October 31, 2006

Receipts	\$127.00
Total Disbursements from:	
Checking	\$ 644.77
Checking Acct. Balance	\$ 403.08
Savings Acct. Balance	\$ 4,982.62
Checking and Savings	\$ 5,385.70
Reserve for Scholarship Fund	\$ 2,000.00
(included in the savings account balance)	

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Trapper Badovinac can't remember a time when he didn't love to fish. His father and grandfather taught him the sport when he was four years old, and he soon learned to appreciate the excitement only a mountain stream could deliver. Growing up in Canon City, Colorado, he fished the trout-plentiful Arkansas River and many other rivers and lakes throughout the Centennial State. After high school, he spent four years in the Navy and then attended California State University, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism. During his college years, he fished heavily in the Sierras of Northern California.

After graduation, he worked as a professional photographer and graphic artist. His cameras of choice are a Hasselblad 501CM for medium format work and a Canon F1 for 35 mm photographs. He moved to Montana in 1996 and has been guiding on the Missouri, Smith and Blackfoot Rivers since 1997. He is lecturing on fly fishing and entomology, and his articles have been published in *Fly Fisherman*, *Northwest Fly Fishing*, and *Southwest Fly Fishing*.

In May of 2003 he released his first book *Fly Fishing Montana's Missouri River*. His second book, *Fly Fishing the Solitude—Montana*, came off press in May 2006 and follows the format of his Missouri River book with pragmatic advice coupled with beautiful photography and illustrations. This second book gives the reader a step-by-step guide to finding, evaluating, and fishing small streams in Montana.

This well versed outdoorsman is a much sought after lecturer. He speaks to clubs all over the United States during the winter months. His presentations are professional, packed with "how to" information, and are illustrated with his award winning photography and computer graphics.

Trapper was a fly fishing guide for eleven years, nine of them on the Missouri, Smith, and Blackfoot rivers in Montana. He produces all his own flies and ties commercially for shops in Colorado and Montana. His expertise and innovative techniques are lauded in the fly fishing community.

Trapper approaches angling with a laid-back philosophy. He assures that, in the sport of fly fishing, the right education and experience is more important than years of experience, and he believes it is a sport anyone can enjoy. "It's all about leaving your troubles behind," he says, "and enjoying the sport of fly fishing. It's a chance to immerse yourself in nature, and standing in a good trout stream testing your skills is a great way to give yourself a break from the sometimes-chaotic world we live in. This very simple and quiet sport can transform you by making your world one of simple pleasures." He lives in the woods outside Helena Montana.

Tie your best fly!

John Reed is asking for each CFC member to bring a hand tied fly. John plans on selecting the best one or two and sending those flies to the Washington Federation of Fly Fishers for their fly plate auction that will be held in April of 2007 in Ellensburg at a fly tying event. Our club has been asked to send in our flies by the first of December, so you need to get your flies to John at the November meeting. If you have not tied flies for a while this may be your motivation to get started tying for the next season.



Peacock Soft Hackle by Trapper Badovinac

Hook: Tiemco 2457, 2xs Scud hook

Size: 16-18

Bead: 2 mm, gold

Thread: 8/0 olive

Tail: Microfibrils, olive

Body: Peacock herl

Rib: Gold wire

Wing: Hungarian partridge



Notes: Soft hackle flies have been around for well over 100 years and yet many people ignore them. The fish don't ignore them. Their life-like movement in the water does a great job of imitating emerging insects but particularly Caddis. I like to drop this off my dry fly on small streams and then clip it off when the fish start eating the dry.

This fly pattern is excerpted from Fly Fishing the Solitude-Montana.

These and other patterns can be found on Trapper's website

<http://www.shootingstarpublishings.com/>

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November Meeting:

U of I Best Western Moscow

**Wet fly hour 5:30 pm, dinner at
6:30 and presentation at 7:30 pm.**

Our guest speaker will be tying flies during the social hour. Come early meet Trapper and learn a few new tying tricks.

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