



The Tippet

Presidents Message

Although our weather begs to differ, I have both astronomical and piscatorial evidence that spring is upon us. The Vernal Equinox has come and gone and a few hearty members (including myself) have braved 20-30 mph winds, whitecaps, rain, sleet, hail, and snow for some excellent early season action on Amber Lake. Midge pupae and slow deep retrieves of Wooly Buggers are producing well. The Amber Lake Fish-out is April 28th and my early reconnaissance indicates that we can expect to find substantial WMDCEs in action when the CFC membership invades the lake (WMD = Woolybuggers, Midges, and Damsels). This fish-out comes complete with a hot lunch provided by the club and served by yours truly (or by you, depending on how hot the action is on the lake come lunch time!).

The big news is that our semi-annual auction is this next MONDAY, April 9th (not Wednesday). I know for many of you long standing members the second Wednesday of each month is genetically coded into your DNA. Even the country's greatest minds don't fully understand the phenomenon that brings CFC members to precisely the same place at exactly the same time each month to school up, feed, lie, and fortunately not expire. For this one time only it is absolutely imperative for the survival of the species (or at least our treasury) that you fight your way to our proverbial redd known as the University Inn Best Western this next Monday. As you will see highlighted in this issue of the Tippet we have some great donations from both members and local businesses. We expect to see many more great items brought the evening of the auction by our members. I encourage all of you to come, bring items, and take a few different ones home. Auction items don't have to be fishing related. Fishing support items such as baked goods and a good bottle of wine are always big hits. AJ Morris has volunteered to serve as our auctioneer. Thanks AJ!

See you all next MONDAY (not Wednesday) for a great time.

Tight Lines,

Glenn

Calendar

April 9th- MONDAY at the U of I Best Western. Biennial Auction.

April 21- Washington State Council FFF's First Annual Fly Tying Exposition and annual meeting. Ellensburg WA.

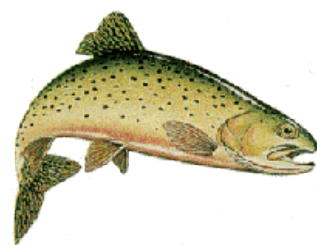
April 28 - Amber Lake Fish Out.

May 9 - Speaker is Phil Black topic will be Night fishing for Steelhead and Salmon.

June 1-2 Tentative fishout at Elk River Reservoir

July 13-15 - St. Joe fishout, Fly Flat Campground.

September 12 - Annual BBQ To be Determined.



**BAMBOO ROD
RAFFLE UPDATE: WE
ARE VERY CLOSE TO
HAVING ALL THE
TICKETS SOLD. IF
YOU HAVE NOT SOLD
YOUR TICKETS PLEASE
HAVE THEM SOLD BY
THE MAY MEETING.
THE CLUB WOULD
LIKE TO RAFFLE THE
FLY ROD OFF AT THE
MEETING.**



MEMBER PROFILE DEBBIE BELL

Debbie Bell grew up in Los Angeles California area. She was born in Santa Monica California. After high School she earned a Bachelor of Science in Fisheries. After graduating from college Debbie was employed as a fisheries biologist for nine years. Some of the work that she did was the tracking salmon migration, stream restoration and hatcheries work with salmon and steelhead. When she started raise a family and she stayed home to raise two boys and a girl. About 20 years ago Debbie came to the Moscow Pullman area and earned a Masters in Special Education. She is currently a 3rd grade teacher working for the Moscow School District at the McDonald Elementary School.

Debbie helps and supports the Pediatric Neurotransmitter Disease Association, which is trying to find a cure for the disease. She has been an Americorp Volunteer. She is active in the fund-raising efforts of the McDonald Elementary School. Debbie loves to swim, bike and run. And has competed in several Triathlon Ironman competitions. Because of her involvement in this sport she has been selected to be the newsletter editor for the Moscow Chinook Masters swim club. She loves to cook, to dance, to go camping and to go fishing. One of her favorite places to fish is the North Fork of the Clearwater River because of its beauty. Another favorite place is Omak Lake for its rustic atmosphere. She also enjoys the Grande Rhonde River. Her favorite fish is a rising fish, it maybe a trout, a bass, a crappie or a bluegill taking her well placed caddis.

Once while fishing the Grande Rhonde in the fall with not much action happening on the water. She was wading up stream focusing on the water when she turned the corner of a large sand bar and there she saw a heard of approximately 50 elk. In the mix of the heard there were large bulls as well as younger smaller bulls and even a few cows and calves. As she put it



A nice Lahaton Cuthrout 29" 9 lbs caught in March of 2004

"These unbelievable experiences is what you share when you go fishing."

Debbie has been a member of the Clearwater Fly casters Club for five years. And is currently the assistant treasurer and an auction director. In the short time that Debbie has been a club member she has helped with two auctions, has participated at the restoration project on the West Fork of the St. Maries River, has tied flies at demonstrations at Tri-State, tied flies at Burgers and Flies, help the Forest Service look for Bull Trout redds on the upper St. Joe River tributaries. Debbie usually makes it to the Amber Lake fish outing as well as the St. Joe River club outing.

Debbie is dedicated to the sport of fly fishing, but more importantly she is a good friend to all fisheries.

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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

for February and March, 2007

Business Checking Account	
Beginning Balance	
Feb. 1, 2007	\$1,795.40
Total Deposits	
(including savings transfers)	694.00
Expenses for Feb. and Mar.	784.92*
Ending Balance,	
Mar. 31, 2007	1,721.40
Business Money Market Account	
Beginning Balance, 1-1-06	\$4,598.58
Interest income	3.78
Ending Balance, 1-31-07	\$4,602.36
*Includes Scholarship pay out	

Shirley Engerbretson,
Treasurer



Some Auction Items

Donated Items:

- * Bob Harwood – Fish art
- * Two Redington rods from Federation of Fly Fishers
- * The Red Fly Shop – Temple Fork 11ft. 5wt. “Switch Rod”
- * The Sportsman’s Warehouse – 9 ft. Pontoon boat
- * Gary and Sylvia Evers – Wild Game Dinner at their house
- * Kate Youngblood – Food
- * Debbie Bell – Food basket
- * Shirley Engerbretson – Dave Engerbretson 6, 8 wt., and Spey rods., Fly tying material, fly line, and reels
- * Joe McGurkin – Elk River Dinner
- * Dale Coryell – Lessons for \$25 each – rank, intermediate, and experienced and, a pair of fins.
- * Glenn Woodhouse – Grande Rhonde River Fall float trip (Day or overnight)
- * Everybody is asked to bring a bottle of wine for an interesting auction addition
- * Gary Lee Sage Discovery 8’6” 4 pc. 5 wt. rod
- * Traditional Anglers a Redington Rod
- * Cliff Swanson Bluebird/Mt. Bluebird house

There will be a silent auction during the social hour

If you have any auction items that you would like to donate please contact Debbie Bell, Glenn Woodhouse, Shirley Engerbretson, Steve Bush or Cliff Swanson prior to the April 9th meeting.

The Backcast

On March 14th Jerry Cebula had a good presentation on the Bulkley and Babine Rivers in British Columbia and what the fishing was like several years ago. Don Johnson, President of the Washington FFF was a special guest and gave a short report on how the club and the FFF acquired the fishing rods that has been donated to every FFF club. The annual meeting of the Washington FFF will be held at Ellensburg WA on April 21. Preceding the annual meeting from 9:00 am until 5:00 PM there will be a Fly Tying Exposition. There are at least 53 tiers signed up with a total of 94 tying sessions. There will be raffles during the day for FFF members plus there will be a drawing for a FethaStyx FSF Pro 905 9 foot 4 piece 5 weight rod on a Thomas & Thomas blank. The retail value of the package is \$700.

On April 22 the executive committee meet at the Wine Bar in Pullman Wa. The topic for discussion was the biennial auction. Plans were made to help make this one of the better auctions that the club has posted. Remember that the auction will be on April 9th at the U of I Best Western. All members are encourage to attend and to bring alone a guest.



Auction Time line: Monday April 9th, 2007

Social hour and silent auction starts 5:30 and will end during the live auction.

Preview of the live items will be during the social hour.

The live auction will start around 7:00 PM.

There will not be a dinner at the April meeting but snack plates will be served during the social hour and into the live auction. Pricing for the snack plates is yet to be determined.

THIS IS A GOOD TIME TO DO SOME SPRING CLEANING: So get that extra material off the tying desk, look through you supplies, and clean out the shop. The stuff that you may not need will be another ones treasures. Your donation does not need to be fishing related. The club will gladly auction it off for a great cause.

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April Meeting:

MONDAY April 9, 2007

Biennial Auction

There will not be a dinner this meeting but there will snack plates.

