



The *Tippet*

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Clearwater Fly Casters
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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club



Happy New Year

Please plan to attend the January Clearwater Fly Casters meeting on Wednesday, January 13. The Red-Gold video will be shown, and this should be an entertaining program. See a write-up about the video below. Come out and support our new president (Paul Agidius) and vice president (Cliff Swanson) as they start the new year. There needs to be improvement on the December attendance for us to keep our current relationship in good order with the University Inn. Also, don't forget that 2010 dues should be paid.

The fly tying group will meet on January 21 at the Moscow Fly Shop. They will be learning to tie The Klinkhamer, a very popular parachute dry fly pattern. Both members and guests are welcome to attend and participate. See the calendar and fly tying sections for details.

I am traveling in Arizona and Costa Rica but look forward to being back for the February meeting—hopefully with a fishing report! If you have any items you would like to see in *The Tippet*, please e-mail them to me, as I will be producing the newsletter each month.

Check out the Kelly Creek Flycasters web site for details about the North Idaho Fly Fishing Expo on February 20.

Reid Miller, Newsletter Editor, CFC

Calendar

**Jan 13: CFC Meeting,
Red-Gold Video**

**Jan 21: CFC Fly Tying
Night, Moscow Fly Shop,
7-9 PM, Klinkhamer**

**Feb 10: CFC Meeting,
Pat Devney, "Flyfishing
the Central Washington
Desert Lakes and Rocky
Ford Creek"**

**Feb 18: CFC Fly Tying
Night, Moscow Fly Shop,
7-9 PM**

**Feb 20: North Idaho Fly
Fishing Expo, Quality
Inn, Clarkston, WA,
9 AM—4 PM**

Information

**The Tippet is available
as a PDF file on our web
site. Please submit infor-
mation to the Newsletter
Editor.**

Meetings 2nd Wed:

Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 PM

Dinner: 6:30 PM

(buffet, \$16 per person)

Program: 7:30 PM

Backcast to December Meeting: Fishing Reports

Attendance was way down, with only 19 members present and no guests – reasons could be the very cold temperatures and the Cougar/Vandal basketball game on the same night in Pullman. At least one member family had water in their house from frozen pipes!

Steve Bush “almost had a chance to go fishing”. He had trouble with the lights on his trailer and ended up shuttling a vehicle for Tim Cavileer, Jim Nagler, and Jim’s friend Steve, who were blown upstream on the Clearwater on the last weekend in November.

Marc Ratzlaff tried his luck on Moose Creek Res. on Oct. 25, but only the two otters he saw were catching any fish.

Dave Tharp was sorry he missed going to 4th of July Lake, saying Dec. 1 would have been a good time to go, but he was in New Jersey at the time. However, Andy Kleinhofs and others told him that the lake had been rehab’ed and there weren’t any fish there anyway. Cliff Swanson reported 3 – 4 inches of ice on Spring Valley Res.

Don Shearer reported on his September fishing for pinks on the Skagit, since this is the first meeting he’s been to in quite some time. The pinks have a much bigger run on odd-numbered years, and he and his high school buddies have a fishing reunion then. He said he caught 3 the first day, while one of his friends caught about 40, but he had better luck the second day. The pinks like about 4-15 feet of water, not too slack, not too deep. He highly recommends the fishing, saying it’s “so easy, even someone from New Jersey could do it”.

Fred Muehlbauer, his son, and his grandkids went to Turkey Run on the Ronde. His son hooked 4 and landed 2.

Business

The proposal put forth by the board to amend the club by-laws regarding membership dues as requested by the treasurer was discussed. The proposed by-law wording was “Clearwater Fly Casters membership dues are for the calendar year starting in January. Dues are \$20/year for individuals, \$30/year for families, \$10/year for students, \$50/year for sustaining members and \$300 for lifetime members. Membership dues are payable during the month of January and up to and including the first club meeting in February.” Someone questioned having the dollar amounts in the by-laws, but they are already there. Dave Tharp moved to accept the by-law change as written, seconded by Dave Yonge. John Read offered an amendment to delete the middle sentence but keep the other two. That amendment was passed. The vote on the by-law change as being the first and third sentences then was passed unanimously.

President Fred Muehlbauer opened up nominations for Vice President. Steve Bush nominated Cliff Swanson. Dave Tharp moved to close the nominations. Andy Kleinhofs moved to accept Cliff as the new VP. John Read seconded, and it was passed unanimously.

Fred called for any other announcements, but there were none. He thanked the officers and volunteers for this past year, and they were given a round of applause.

December Program: Gift Exchange

Given the light attendance, it was agreed to hold the non-perishable silent auction items over to the January meeting. The exception was a sack of Idaho baking potatoes won by Dave Tharp. Raffle winners were Steve Bush, Marc Ratzlaff (2), Linda Muehlbauer, Andy Kleinhofs, Bruce Frazier, Dave Tharp (2), Roxanne Bush, and Mark Brownell. The winner of the Christmas rod, drawn from all raffle tickets for the year, was Bob Harwood.

Tim Cavileer conducted the gift exchange. Members who brought gifts selected a playing card to determine the order of getting a gift. Once opened, the recipient could swap with one of the previously opened gifts. The fishing vest was a hot item and was swapped for several times, with Sharon Tharp taking it home in the end. Everyone else was quite pleased with what they picked with only one other swap taking place.

January Meeting: Red Gold Video

Imagine a pristine Alaskan watershed with the most productive Sockeye salmon rivers in the world, teeming with millions of native fish pushing up river to spawn. Now imagine the world's largest open pit gold and copper mine at their headwaters. Produced by Felt Soul Media and Trout Unlimited Alaska, Red Gold is a one-hour documentary film on the proposed Pebble Mine told through the voices of commercial, subsistence and sport fishermen of Bristol Bay, Alaska.

RED GOLD tells the stories of the people and places of Bristol Bay, Alaska (the world's largest sockeye salmon fishery) while also exploring the debate around the proposed Pebble Mine (what would be North America's largest open-pit mine built in the headwaters of Bristol Bay). Since its release last year, RED GOLD has been winning awards around the country at various film festivals, including "People's Choice" at both the Telluride and Banff Film Festivals.

Ben Knight, the co-director of *Red Gold*, had a goal of no narration in this film. After 10 years at a newspaper industry, he wanted to be unbiased as possible. "I wanted people to tell the story the way they wanted it to be heard," he said in an interview following the award's ceremony at Telluride Mountainfilm. And this truly comes out in the film. As most environmental-based films have an agenda and narration is the most common way to express a film's objective, instead *Red Gold* lets the residents of Bristol Bay tell the story.

But that was also a challenges in creating this film: finding the right voice to represent all sides of the story — along with timing the three-week salmon run in the location of wild, remote Alaska. "It was a great experience to sit back and let the two filmmakers find the story and listen to passionate people on both sides," said Lauren Oakes, Alaska Trout Unlimited Program Officer who assisted with logistics for the film. Filmmaker Ben Knight said he wished he found more natives who supported the mine since they live with a mixed cash-sustenance economy. "But its such a touchy subject within each village," said Knight. "Many are taking jobs but in the exploratory phase where the land destruction is minimal."

The Alaska Governor is on the fence about the mine. In Bristol Bay, 79 percent of locals oppose the mine. "Pebble Mine meetings are filling rooms in Alaska, but in the Lower 48, there is very little awareness of the mine," said Oakes. Northern Dynasty Minerals expects a 2009 decision on whether to apply for permits to build the Pebble Mine, both an underground and open pit copper, gold and molybdenum mine with a projected \$400 billion in revenue. The open pit is projected to be the largest in the world, 2 miles wide, several thousand feet deep, and generate 2.5 billion tons of waste material. The entire complex would by 15 square miles and include two settling lakes, of which one would be larger then the Three Gorges Dam in China.

The Klinkhamer

This is the fly that will be featured at the Thursday night fly tying at the Moscow Fly Shop, 7-9 PM, on January 21. Tim Cavileer suggested this fly and provided the web sites. He will be at the gathering to show other members and guests how to tie this beautiful pattern.

Hook: Partridge GRS15ST, size 14-8 for grayling and trout.

Thread: Uni-thread, 8/0, grey or tan for body.

Danville's Spiderweb for parachute.

Abdomen: Fly-Rite poly 2 dubbing

Wing post: One strand of white poly-yarn

Thorax: Three strands of Peacock herl

Hackle: One large hackle, tied parachute



Fly: Hans van Klinken, Photograph: Hans Weilenmann http://www.danica.com/flytier/hklinken/klinkhamer_special.htm

For tying instructions, see the web link above, or go to the following for an "EZ-Klinkhamer": <http://www.flyforums.co.uk/fly-tying-step-step/51933-ez-klinkhamer-peter-dunne.html>

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