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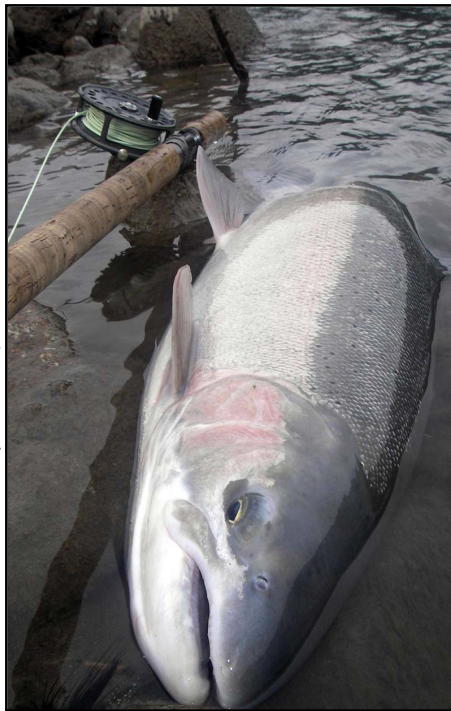
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Clearwater Fly Casters
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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club



October Speaker: "Photos, Flies and Tales—Fly Fishing Vancouver Island" with Pat Micek

Fly fishing addict and past president of the British Columbia Federation of Fly Fishers, Pat Micek will share how to make a trip to Vancouver Island successful. Pat will present ideas about where to go, when to go and how to fly fish for steelhead, salmon and trout on or around the largest island off the west coast of North America. The 2,100 miles of coastline and more than 50 fishable creeks and rivers offer fly anglers possibilities every month of the year. Photos, flies and a tales of fish will confirm the wealth of fishing that is to be experienced on Vancouver Island. (The picture is from *Fly Lines*, the official publication of the British Columbia Federation of Fly Fishers, Fall 2006.)



Pat has been fly fishing exclusively since 1972. His most extensive experiences have been in California (30 years) and British Columbia (16 years). He has fished as well in Alberta, Oregon, Washington, Montana (est. 20 years), Idaho (est. 20 years, on The Ranch), Nevada, Christmas Island, and the Bahamas (6 years). Pat averages between 50 and 75 days of angling a year despite having lecturing at the University of Victoria in Interpersonal Business Communications and a consulting business. From January to August of 2010, he has logged 62 days of fishing.

Pat lists the following memberships and leadership positions related to fly fishing:

- Member, and Past Board Member and President of Fly Fishers for Conservation, a Fresno, California based club of the Federation of Fly Fishers
- Past member of the Fresno County Wildlife Commission
- Past Conservation Chair, Southwest Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers
- Past member and Streamkeeper for Cal Trout
- Past Co-Chair of the Committee to Save the Kings
- Past Co-Founder and Chair of the Lower Kings River Committee
- Member, and Board Member and Past President of the British Columbia Federation of Fly Fishers

Calendar

**Oct 13: CFC Meeting,
Pat Micek, Fly Fishing
Vancouver Island**

**Oct 19: Fly Tying Night,
Steve Bush's Moscow
Title Co. Offices, 7-9 pm**

**Nov 10: CFC Meeting,
Zach Penney, Coho
Salmon Reintroduction
on the Clearwater**

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

Editor's Note: Pat gave a very nice interview on "Fly Fishing for Children", which was published on the web (<http://www.pullmankids.com/articles/fish.html>). In this, he listed the following as the attributes of a good fishing guide. I thought club members would appreciate it.

A good guide is a resource, teacher, and a bit of an entertainer. There is no doubt that guides have a lot of knowledge about fly fishing. They are hired to help anglers be successful fishers. But past that, if given the chance, a guide can help an angler improve casting and fishing techniques, talk about the environment, give information on the fish species, and a lot more. And, oh yes, be an entertainer! A guide can provide a wealth of stories that will thrill, delight and whet the appetite for fly fishing.

Backcast to September Club BBQ

A good group of club members met at Robinson Park, NE of Moscow, on the cool evening of September 8, 2010. They were warmed by the good conversations and tales of summer fishing trips. In addition, they were warmed by the "Louisiana Boil" that Paul and Cindi Agidius provided, with potatoes, corn, sausages, shrimp, etc. They had two big pots going on propane burners, right beside the pavilion. The associated dishes provided by club members made it a wonderful dinner, enjoyed around big picnic tables under the canopy. Some of us even ate too much! The dinner was followed by tales around a campfire at a nearby site. It was a very nice event at a very nice site, with the evening sky at sunset quite nice too. Safe to say, it was enjoyed by all.



Fly Tying: The Angler's Art

Mac Huff, a guide in NE Oregon and a club speaker last spring, sent an enquiry to KWSU as to whether there would be another series produced for this popular TV program involving some of our former club members. The response from KWSU indicated that it was not currently on the production schedule, which sounds like there is nobody there pushing for more of these episodes. If you have an interest, you might want to let the KWSU folks know your thoughts. Perhaps someone can update us on this matter at the October club meeting.

Letter from Mike Griswold to His Fisherman Friends

I am in the process of assembling the trip(s) to Mawdsley Lake Fishing Lodge in May and June of 2011. For those of you that have not been there please refer to the following web site: <http://www.mawdsleylakefishinglodge.com/>. Fishing is great for Northern Pike, Lake Trout and Grayling. Most fishermen prefer to attack the Northern Pike with a fly rod. Generally, a group leaves from the Palouse area for the first week to begin fishing on May 28. We leave here on the 26th and drive through southern BC and Alberta the first day, drive to Meadow Lake, SK the second day and arrive at the lodge in the middle of the third day. Coming back we leave early in the morning and drive for two days. The Lodge is about 1240 miles one way. The advantage of the first week is that we usually have an organized, experienced caravan. However, other dates are open as described in the website. Please look over the website for dates, costs, and cool pictures. We can take 10 fishermen per week and it is first come, first served.

Michael D. Griswold



Kelly Creek Trip (September 23-26) by Tim Cavileer

Jim Nagler, Steve Bush and I (club members) along with Andy Pierce and Luke Caldwell (co-workers at the UI) recently fished Kelly Creek. Jim and I arrived Thursday afternoon, quickly set up the camper and were on-stream by 2 pm. We fished from the bridge up Black Canyon with fish mainly coming from pockets near rocks. That evening we fished near camp with Jim claiming to do really well - 4 fish in 6 casts, all in the 14"+ range on the new magic fly. Andy and Steve arrived later Thursday evening and Luke arrived Friday with his dog Haley. Friday morning we fished up along Kelly Creek. According to Andy, the fish were keyed in on the kokanee eggs and egg patterns on droppers produced. At lunch Steve and I hurriedly tied up a few egg patterns and with the others headed up Black Canyon to fish. Later that day we fished near camp and despite having the prime run and the magic fly, I strangely couldn't reproduce Jim's previous evening's spectacular success. Andy did well catching whitefish and cutthroats with his egg pattern dropper. (Andy provided the picture.) Saturday everyone walked up the trail several miles from the bridge at the Kelly Creek trail head. It was a long walk before getting to some good river structure worth fishing but well worth it. I caught a nice rainbow and several cutthroats from the same run as I worked back downstream toward Steve. Steve had stopped at a nice rock outcropping where I witnessed him catching a very nice cutthroat. We hiked back out to the cars at 2:30 pm and then stopped to fish along the road driving back to camp. There I picked up two very nice cutthroats by a small undercut near a boulder on the far shore. As I fished downstream I picked up a bull trout. Andy had to leave that night but the rest of us sat around the campfire and enjoyed Jim's meal of steaks (sautéed with October caddis), scalloped potatoes and home-made baked beans. Sunday morning found us fishing by the moose pond with only mild success. Luke left early to drive back but fished on his way out and picked up a very nice cutthroat (20" range) on the North Fork. Temperatures during the trip were mild, the October caddis were out in full force and bright red kokanee were all over the stream!



Thieves in camp! While we enjoyed Thursday night's dinner, Steve had two coolers stolen from his campsite. The thief broke open the coolers and stole all his bacon, cream of wheat cereal, ½ a dozen eggs, beef jerky, and half of Friday night's hamburger. What didn't make sense was that he left an expensive fly rod and reel on the picnic table! The bum even got into the Fat Tire by curiously puncturing the can in the middle and drinking the contents. The same brazen thief came back the next night, climbed in the back of the Steve's pickup truck and tossed out the same red cooler to finish off the rest of the hamburger! This time though, we had him! Telltale teeth marks on the destroyed red cooler led us to his identity. Trust me, Smokey won't be invited to next year's Kelly Creek fishout and sorry, Haley, but we've started advertizing for a new and improved bear alarm!

Taylor's Fat Albert

The Fat Albert was originated by Brent Taylor of Kansas City, Kansas. It is a local favorite of guides on the Middle and North Forks of the Flathead River, which mark the south and west boundaries of Glacier National Park. This fly was recommended to me by a guide working at the Glacier Outdoor Center Fly Shop in West Glacier. He recommended using it as the hopper in a hopper-dropper arrangement. He explained that it is useful in the fast-water areas of these rivers, as it is nearly impossible to sink it. He reported that the largest fish (cutthroat and rainbows) often hang in the fastest water on these streams.

Hook: TMC 5262 #6-10 or equivalent

Thread: Heavy rusty brown

Body: 1/8 inch foam, yellow and brown (or combination of choice)

Indicator: White or brightly colored indicator material

Legs: Round rubber legs, color of choice, striped with black marker if desired

Tying instructions: <http://www.charliesflyboxinc.com/flybox/>



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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.