



The Tippet

March, 2016

Clearwater Fly Casters

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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club



March Program:-Ladin Langeman and Steve Ronholt, Fishing with Ladin, <http://www.fishingwithladin.com>

Presentation: 'Fishing the Blackfeet Reservation, Omak Lake and a few Montana Rivers'



Ladin

Co-hosts Ladin Langeman and Steve Ronholt have been fishing Northwest waters for over 40 years. They are both school teachers living in Medical Lake, WA.

They have fished some of the most beautiful places in Washington, Alaska, Montana, Oregon, Canada, Utah and Idaho. They primarily fly fish and promote catch and release fishing.



Steve

Fishing with Ladin inspires young and old to enjoy the outdoors. It reveals the beauty of nature and the basics of fishing and we strive to make our shows fun and entertaining for the whole family.

Fishing with Ladin is self-produced from fishing and filming to editing and final production. Fishing some of the most beautiful places in the world inspires others to enjoy the outdoors.

Fishing with Ladin has been airing around the nation for the last ten years and is now airing on KLEW 3 out of Lewiston Saturday and Sundays at 6:30 pm. Check us out on Facebook (Fishing with Ladin) and YouTube channel (FishingwithLadin).

Presidents' Message (Joy Lunsford)

I'm one of those people who obsessively checks the weather forecast every day. It has been beautiful the last few weeks. Hope you had a chance to do some fishing. I hear the St. Joe has been very fishable, and the cuts were (sort of) biting. The next ten days for the Palouse is rain/snow likely, snow possible, chance of rain, rain/snow possible, rain likely, showers possible. Maybe it's not spring yet! Doesn't sound like

CFC Calendar

Mar 9: CFC Club Meeting, Univ Best Western, Moscow

Mar 16: Fly Tying, 6:30 pm, Moscow Title, Moscow, ID

Mar 23: Determine 2016 Scholarship winners, Moscow Title, 6:35 pm

Apr 5: Exec Committee Mtg. Thai Ginger, Pullman, 6 pm

May 7: Amber Lake outing

July 16: St Joe Fish-out

Additional events at:
www.clearwaterflycasters.com

Information

The Tippet is available as a PDF file on our web site:
www.clearwaterflycasters.com

Please submit information to the Newsletter Editor.

Meetings 2nd Wed, University Best Western Inn, Moscow, ID

Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 pm

Buffet Dinner \$16, Students \$8: 6:30 pm

Program: 7:30 pm

very good fishing weather to me. But on the bright side - the snowpack is above average which means great fishing this summer. Now is a good time to get ready for the fly fishing season - it will be here before you know it! Tie some flies, clean out the fishing vest - maybe even wash it!

Don't forget the North Idaho Fly Fishing Expo (NIFFE) in Lewiston. This takes many volunteers, and they need more. If you are not able to volunteer don't miss out on the activities. Instruction is being offered for all skill levels in fly casting, fly tying and general fly fishing. There will also be great clinics and presentations. (www.niffe.org)

Shooting Line:

Joe Vaughan was presented an engraved fly box complete with flies in recognition of his service to the club as President in 2015.

Past Presidents Box History (by Steve Bush): I had asked members to bring a few flies to add to the Past Pres. Box which John Reed had constructed. Some folks did and we presented the box to Joe Vaughan. Later in the evening Tim Cavileer showed up and brought me a metal Sucrets container with some of his fantastic flies. I wanted to be sure that Joe got those flies as well.



So what's significance about the Sucrets container? Some of the older members of the club will recall that Tim had presented Don Shearer some flies as Past President in a metal Altoids container. That was the beginning of the "Past President Box" of flies which has become a tradition. Tim had told Don that he'd get him a better fly box to replace the Altoids can. So, since Tim had brought the flies in a canister similar to the one he'd given Don Shearer, I thought I best award the flies just as they came in a "Don Shearer Fly Box".

Forward Cast:

Clearwater Fly Casters Election for Vice President

President Joy Lunsford will open the floor for nominations for VP at the March 9 club meeting. The VP will serve as President the following year. Serving as a club officer is an excellent way to support your club. As you know club activities don't just happen – it takes dedicated people to provide leadership. Consider volunteering for this very important office. Yes, you can nominate yourself!

The Bill Alspach & Dave Engerbretson Memorial Scholarship Awards

March 23, selection of scholarship winner (s) at Moscow Title, 6:35 pm. CFC has received five applications for our 2016 scholarship (s). They can be viewed at <http://www.clearwaterflycasters.com/Applications2016.html>. Now comes the time to decide on the winner (s) and how many scholarships to award. These are very important decisions. Last year we awarded three scholarships. The number depends on the quality of the applications. Many club activities during the year are directed toward funding scholarship. So your participation in selecting the winner (s) is crucial.



IDFG Volunteer Opportunities

Steelhead data collection, March 1-31 (or until 500 fish have been collected). We need more volunteers to help with steelhead broodstock data collection on the S. Fork Clearwater River. If you are interested in assisting with this - go steelhead fishing on the South Fork! We will have trucks driving up and down the river, looking for fishermen/women. If we see you, we will stop and provide you with a holding tube

in which you can put any wild fish you catch. You can keep adipose-clipped fish for your personal use if you wish to do so.

Volunteers to assist IDFG personnel collecting fish from tubes by riding in a truck with hatchery personnel, looking for anglers with fish are needed. We only need 1 volunteer per day for this.

Volunteers are also needed to assist with a study of the potential impacts of air exposure on angler-caught steelhead. We're starting a study to determine if time out of water affects their reproductive success. We can use 2-3 people per day to assist with this work.

Contact: William F. Seybold/IDFG/Clearwater Region Hunter Ed/Volunteer Coordinator
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Improve Your Casting Skills at the NIFFE By Peg Kingery



Have you ever felt the frustration of watching a hog brown trout slurping emergers just beyond how far you can cast? Or in an eddy on the far side of a fast-moving riffle? Or beneath low-hanging branches? Does your heart race at the thought of hooking a steelhead but all you ever hook is the back of your fishing vest? Or the willows along the river bank?

Plan to attend the North Idaho Fly Fishing Expo (NIFFE) on March 18-19 where workshops and clinics will be held to help you improve your casting skills. Dedicated fly fishers will be teaching both spey and single-handed techniques for beginning and experienced anglers. The workshops include: Fixing Casting Faults – Single Hand, Beginning Spey Casting, The Double Haul, Tips and Techniques for Longer Spey Lines, and Beginning Fly Casting.

Also of interest for those who have never fly fished is the “Essentials of Fly Fishing” workshop. This workshop will cover the basics of fly fishing (except casting) including: gear, knots, entomology and fishing techniques.

For more information about these workshops, please go to the NIFFE website: www.niffe.org. To sign up for a workshop, please contact Peg Kingery at pkingery@alumni.uidaho.edu or 208-669-1858.

Important Dates and Events:

March 9: Clearwater Fly Casters Meeting. Bring a friend! Bring a student!

March 16: Fly Tying, Moscow Title, 6:30 pm (beginners welcome, contact Steve Bush moscowtitle@moscow.com for more information)

March 18-19: North Idaho Fly Fishing Expo (NIFFE), Clearwater River Casino and Event Center, Lewiston, www.niffe.org

March 23: Select CFC Scholarship Winners, Moscow Title, 6:35 pm

April 5: Executive Committee Mtg, Thai Ginger Restaurant, Pullman, 6 pm (all club members are welcome)

April 22: Annual Wild Game Feed, American Fisheries Society – Palouse Unit, 1912 Building, Moscow

April 22: CCA Washington Hells Canyon Chapter inaugural banquet, Quality Inn, Clarkston, 5:00:
<http://www.ccawashington.org/HellsCanyon>

April 29-30: 2016 WA Fly Fishing Fair, Ellensburg, WA

May 7: Amber Lake Outing

May 13-14: The Western Rocky Mountain Council of FFF Expo, Best Western, Coeur d'Alene, ID

June 11: ID free fishing day

June 11 & 12: WA free fishing weekend

July 16: St Joe Fish-Out

Back Cast:

Clearwater Fly Casters Club Meeting February 10, 2016

President Joy Lunsford presided at the Clearwater Fly Casters meeting.

Special Recognition: Warm applause welcomed George Hinman, a Clearwater Fly Casters Charter Member.

Welcome Guests: Mohammed Ali, Steve Streets, Eric Sheldon, and Jason Thomas. Among the persons arriving for the program were Dr. Jim Garrett and Jim Cash. **CFC welcomes anyone interested in fishing and fly fishing in particular!**



Fishing reports:

1. Peg Kingery traveled to Ascension Bay, Mexico. Her 2nd salt water trip was incredible, catching bone fish, a tarpon and other species.

Announcements:

1. **Film Festival** sponsored by Back Country Lark and Gritman Medical benefitting Casting for Recovery: Tonda Lark will present \$2,000 to Casting for Recovery. Char Douglas, Casting for Recovery Program Coordinator, expressed gratitude saying the donation allows 2 women to participate in this summer's retreat. (www.castingforrecovery.org/breast-cancer-retreats/eastern-washington-northern-idaho)



2. **CFC Ball Caps:** Paul Agidius asked if members would be interested in a "wax" or water resistant type cap. Paul is preparing to order caps. **Let Paul know if you would like one.**

3. **Past President** Joe Vaughan was presented an engraved fly box complete with flies and his name on the President's Plaque.

4. **Fly Tying Materials** were requested by Marc Ratzlaff for the Vets fly tying program at Moscow Elks. Hackle, thread for soft hackle and hooks are also requested. After the Vets program, materials will be used for CFC fly tying classes.

5. **NIFFE:** March 18-19 at the Casino in Lewiston. Tickets are available at Back Country Lark and White Pine Gear Exchange. Char Douglas, CFC member, is the Chair of NIFFE. CFC members are encouraged to volunteer and attend the Expo. (www.niffe.org)

6. Announcements by Steve Bush:

a. **Trout Unlimited** lifetime annual dues have been reduced to \$1,200 including a fly rod. Installment payments can be arranged.

b. **Western Rocky Mountain Council of FFF Expo** in Coeur d'Alene, May 13-14. CFC member Peg Kingery, is a member of the WRMC Board.

c. **IDFG, Joe Dupont** is requesting ideas for Chinook & Salmon rules at Orofino, Feb. 22, Riggins, Feb. 23 and Lewiston, Feb. 24. Can't attend? Email Joe with comments at joe.dupont@idfg.gov.

d. **Elks Veterans Thanks** by Dave Tharp for CFC member's involvement with this program. Each Vet received a TFO 5 wt 9' rod complete with reel, line, and case. Kudos to Doug Baldwin for his efforts in securing this quality equipment for such a good price (\$100) and worthy cause.

Committee Reports:

- **Treasurer:** Lynn Youngblood reported there is \$3,700 in the General Fund and \$6,000 in the Scholarship Fund.
- **Membership:** Paul Agidius reported there are 64 paid members in the club.
- **Conservation:** Doug Baldwin reported CCA is having the inaugural Hells Canyon Banquet Fundraiser on April 22nd at the Quality Inn, Clarkston at 5:00. Ticket cost includes 1-Year CCA membership.
- **Programs:** Fred Meyer said next month's speaker will be "Fishing with Ladin."

Raffle

Thanks to everyone who brought items for the raffle!

Program Notes:

Video, "The Roadless River"

Andy Abrams, Rise Experience Collective was the scheduled presenter. Due to illness, he was unable to address the club. The video, "The Roadless River" was presented. Hiking along the trails near the Wenaha River in northeast Oregon, Andy would encounter fish, back cast bushes and multiple "sportsman releases" of trout; we could all relate! Andy involves his friends in his fishing expeditions through filming and music. Andy had several comments we all could relate to such as, the first day of spring fishing is like Christmas Day for a fisherman and a fish on the end of rod makes all the effort worthwhile.

Fly of the Month: Black Ghost Streamer

From the IFFF website, <http://fedflyfishers.org/Tying/FlyoftheMonth.aspx>

Hook: Mustad 9575 long shank streamer hook limerick bend

Thread: Black

Tail: Yellow Hackle fibers one gap length

Rib: Silver Flat Tinsel

Body: Black Floss

Throat: Yellow Hackle Fibers tied in beard style

Wing: 4 white hackle feathers

Cheek: Jungle Cock (optional)



Creator: Jack Gartside

Guest Tier: Jerry Coviello

The Black Ghost streamer was made in the late 1920s by Herbert Welch, of Mooselookmeguntic, Maine, USA. Today many tiers replace the feather wing with white marabou.

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Membership and Monthly Meeting:

CFC membership dues are \$25/yr for individuals, \$35/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.