



The Tippet

April, 2018

Clearwater Fly Casters

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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club



April Program: Presentations by 2017 Scholarship recipients. Austin Anderson and John Heckel, University of Idaho graduate students.



Austin's presentation is entitled "Growth Consequences of Habitat Selection and Dispersal for Rearing Juvenile Steelhead."

John's presentation will feature "Life History Characteristics, Distribution, and Habitat Use of Westslope Cutthroat Trout in the St. Maries River Basin."

Information

The Tippet is available as a PDF file on our web site:
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Please submit information to the Newsletter Editor

Meetings 2nd Wed (except June, July and Aug)
University Best Western Inn,
Moscow, ID

Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 pm

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

Menu for April Meeting:

Baked potato with butter,
cheese and green onions,
chef's soup of the day, grilled
chicken breast, spring green
salad, rolls and butter,
assorted desserts, coffee, tea,
and soda

Program: 7:30 pm

Scholarships to be awarded:

Clearwater Fly Casters will award \$1,500 scholarships to two recipients. Successful proposals were submitted by **Stacey Feeken**, a U of I graduate student who will study "Distribution and movement of wild and hatchery steelhead: Interactions among populations and overlap with angling effort"; and, **Stephanie Estell**, also a U of I graduate student, who will examine the life history of a species of caddisfly, *Nectopsyche albida*, which is well known as an important food source for salmonids.

Presidents' Message (Jared August)

George Hinman, 90, member and strong supporter of the Clearwater Fly Casters and the Federation of Fly Fishers, passed away recently. George was a charter member of the club and served as president in 1978. He loved fishing and fished Rock Creek during its heyday catching over 90 fish on a "rockin and rollin" salmon-fly day. Fishing until his 88th birthday year he landed many cutthroat, rainbow and brown trout, along with several mug fish.

George was compassionate and generous. He felt strongly that society has an obligation to be just, and strongly supported conservation organizations.

His presence in our group will be missed.



Forward Cast:

Important Dates and Events:

Apr 11: CFC Club Meeting University Inn Best Western, Moscow, ID: Bring a friend! Bring a student!

Apr 14: Amber Lake Fish Out

May 11-12: North Idaho Fly Fishing Expo & Youth Fly Tying, Red Lion, Lewiston, ID

Jun 13: North Fork Coeur de Alene Fish Out, Meet at Devils' Elbow Campground

Jul 13-15: St. Joe Fish Out, Fly Flat Campground

Feb 13, 2019: Clearwater Fly Casters Auction, Best Western University Inn, Moscow, ID

Conservation Committee:

The conservation committee has great concerns about the "Columbia River Policy Review and Next Steps" briefing that took place last and the apparent revisions. The objectives of the policy "are to promote orderly fisheries (particularly in waters in which the states of Washington and Oregon have concurrent jurisdiction), advance the conservation and recovery of wild salmon and steelhead and maintain or enhance the economic well-being and stability of the fishing industry in the state." However, the commission states that "the phase out of gillnet gear for fall Chinook fisheries directed and harvestable up river brights (URBs) has been constrained by the lack of suitable gear alternatives, resulting in the Commission decision to modify the policy to support an additional two years (2017-18) of large gillnet main stem fisheries directed at URB Chinook. CFC members are urged to contact WDFW commission at the website below and express their concerns about this change of policy that directly threaten returns of salmon and steelhead to rivers of eastern Washington and northern Idaho.

https://wdfw.wa.gov/commission/comp_review_columbia_river_basin_salmon-C-3620.pdf

Committee chairman, Doug Baldwin wishes to thank everyone who came to the CCA Banquet on Friday evening, March 23rd. Your contribution to the success of this event will go a long way toward helping conserve the resource. If we don't win these current and future battles we'll be left with carp and suckers to fish for.

Clearwater Fly Casters Scholarship in Collaboration with Kelly Creek Fly Casters

Eight scholarship applications were received by the March 3rd cutoff date. Applications were reviewed by the

Clearwater Fly Casters and the Kelly Creek Fly Casters for an opportunity to receive a scholarship from one of the clubs. Scholarship Awards will be announced at the April meeting of the club.

Mawdsley Lake is for sale:

Message from Glen Murray. Many of you have previously fished Mawdsley Lake. The northern Pike, Lake Trout, and Grayling fishing is superb and has produced greater numbers of large fish since the implementation of Catch and Release Regulations in 2002. Check out the new website: [Mawdsley Lake Fishing Lodge mawdsleylakefishinglodge.com](http://mawdsleylakefishinglodge.com) for photos of accommodations, services, scenery, and large fish. We will continue to provide the same services as in the past, until the lodge sells, and have four slots open June 28-July 4 in 2018. For information regarding the sale of the lodge, or for participating this year in some of the finest fishing in Saskatchewan, contact Glenn Coulter: 1-403-394-0888 or 2coulter@telus.net.

Back Cast:

At our March 14th meeting, Eric Barker, an outdoor writer and editor of the Lewiston Tribune spoke about the duties of his position and said that he is often tied to his computer writing about the exciting things other people get to do. As an environmental reporter he often writes about the politics and procedures of salmon and steelhead management, public land decrees, and the passage of environmental laws.

Fly of the Month: Muddler Minnow

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

Materials:

Hook: 2X to 4X long sizes 12 to 1/0
Thread: Red
Tail: Matched slips of Turkey Wing or Tail Quill
Body: Gold Tinsel – flat or braided
Underwing: Fox Squirrel Tail
Main Wing: Matched slips of Turkey Quill – to match tail
Collar/Head: Deer Hair – spun and flared – trimmed to desired shape



Ask most anglers this famous question: “If you could have only one fly to use to catch fish anywhere, anytime and under any conditions, which fly would you choose?”

Many will come up with the same answer: the Muddler Minnow. Whether used in warm or cold, fresh or salt water; no matter if you are out to catch trout, salmon, steelhead, bass, panfish, bonefish and any other species – you name it – the Muddler will catch them all.

Originated in 1937 by Don Gapen, the Muddler Minnow was intended to imitate the ubiquitous Sculpin, and was popularized by Montana fisherman and fly tier Dan Bailey. Designed to suggest large, blocky head and tapered body and tail of the Sculpin, the Muddler has accounted for many fish in most waters around the globe.

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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.