



The Tippet

December, 2018

Clearwater Fly Casters

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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club



December Program: Rulon "RJ" Hemingway will present *"Invasives in the Lower Granite Reservoir."*

RJ grew up in Illinois and during high school spent time volunteering with a local fish biologist. He later moved to Idaho where he has lived for the past 20 years. As an undergraduate, he worked summers for the US Forest Service at several locations in Idaho and Montana doing work with both fish and invasive species. He also



worked for Dr. David Bennett doing work on the Lower Snake Reservoirs. Following graduation, he worked six years as a fisheries biologist with the US Fish and Wildlife Service at Orofino, Idaho. He resumed his studies at University of Idaho where he completed a Masters Degree working with paddlefish in Montana, North Dakota, and Oklahoma. After completing his degree in 2014, he began working as a fisheries biologist for USGS. He enjoys fishing, hunting, and spending time with his wife and 2 little kids.

President's Message:

Thank you for allowing me to be your president over the past year. It has been a new experience for me - more challenging in some ways than I expected, but always interesting and worthwhile. I appreciate the opportunity I've had to interact with our presenters at each meeting, but even more, I've really enjoyed getting to know a lot of you better. Thank you as well to the members of the executive committee. They're really the folks who make the club work.

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: 6:30 pm; \$16, students \$8

Menu:

Smokehouse Buffet: smoked Tri Tip roast, served with Burgundy gravy, Texas Toast, caramelized onions and mushrooms, with whipped Yukon potatoes, spring greens salad, seasonal vegetables, and assorted desserts, coffee/tea/soda

Program: 7:30 pm

Next month, CFC will have new leaders, and I'm excited for the changes and ideas they'll bring. I also look forward to the club's events: the auction; the scholarship awards and talks from last year's recipients; the fishouts. Most of all the fishouts. I can't believe it's winter already, and I can't wait for spring to get here. Thank you again for a great year. I wish you all happy holidays, and, most of all, good fishing when you get back out on the water. Jared August, President

December Raffle:

The traditional annual final raffle for a fly rod of the winner's choice will be held during the December meeting. Winners need not be present, but need to be paid up members to qualify.

Back Cast:

At our November meeting Ladin Langmen presented "Fishing the Blackfeet Reservation". His usual sidekick, Steve Ronholt, was ill and unable to participate in the presentation. All went well as Ladin described fishing at numerous lakes in the Reservation including the Goose, Mission, Four Horn and Duck lakes, all producing numerous large trout. The club was very appreciative of his presentation and gave Ladin a standing ovation and a few mementos including a certificate from our prevaricator in chief.



Forward Cast:

Important Dates and Events

Dec 12, 2018: Clearwater Fly Casters Meeting, wet fly hour at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM, Program to follow.

Dec 27, 2018: Fly tying group, 6:30 PM Steve Bush's Office at Moscow Title, Moscow, Idaho

January CFC Exec. Comm. Meeting, date, time and place to be announced

Jan 9, 2019: Clearwater Fly Casters Meeting, wet fly hour at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM, Program to follow.

Jan 11-12, 2019: 15th Annual Western Idaho Fly Fishing Expo (WIFFE).

Feb 4, 2019: CFC Exec. Comm. Meeting, 6:00 PM, Paradise Creek Brewery, Pullman, WA

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

Mar 22, 2019: CCA Annual Banquet, Quality Inn, Clarkston, WA

Apr 13, 2019: Amber Lake Fish out

Jun 12, 2019: North Fork Coeur d'Alene Fish out, Meet at Devils' Elbow Campground

Jul 12-14, 2019: St. Joe Fish out, Fly Flat Campground

Jul 22-26, 2019: Fly Fishers International Fly Fishing Fair and Fishfest, Montana State Univ., Bozeman, MT

Biennial Auction

The Club's biennial Auction benefitting the Scholarship Fund will be held at our February 2019 monthly meeting. Dues paid CFC members may bring a guest with the guest's dinner compensated by the club. Members bringing a guest should provide the guest's name to Lynn Youngblood. A no-host bar will be available as usual.

We are requesting items for the silent and live auctions. No item is too small or too large. Fishing related items will be featured such as pontoon boats, guided trips and fishing trips in general. Rods, reels, fly tying equipment and accessories associated with the sport of fly fishing, including books and framed art. Textile art such as quilted table runners, napkins, wood crafts, gift baskets, gourmet dinners hosted in homes, gift certificates of any kind and more are all welcome additions to the auction. (See page 5 for ideas for the auction)

Members willing to assist are needed for a smooth running and successful auction. Anyone willing to assist should sign up with Kay Youngblood.

15th Annual Western Idaho Fly Fishing Expo (WIFFE) This two day show has had attendance of over 2500 with over 80 exhibitors and numerous educational programs. The event will be held at Expo Idaho in Garden City, Idaho with two indoor casting ponds, single-handed casting and two-handed Spey casting. A social hour will be held on Friday evening. For further information see:

<http://www.boisevalleyflyfishers.wildapricot.org/BVFF-Expo>

Moscow Elks Vets Fly Tying and Casting Program:

The group is looking for any used clothing that you can donate. They are mainly in need of wading boots and waders for men and women. A few women have taken the class and are in need of some equipment. Even though this is an Elks program, the majority of helpers are members of Clearwater Fly Casters. If you have gear you are willing to part with, please give them to Cliff Swanson who will be passing the items on to the Elks program.

Scholarships:

Clearwater Fly Casters in Collaboration with Kelly Creek Flycasters award Scholarships each year to worthy graduate students from the University of Idaho, Washington State University and Eastern Washington University. Students are invited to submit proposals that are evaluated by club members and scholarships are awarded based on merit and potential benefit to fisheries in the area.

Please note: Applications are due January 19, 2019 and at least two awards will be made, the scholarship amounts are to be determined.

Scholarship information:

Any undergraduate or graduate student involved with fisheries research and management, natural resources management, fishing education or other work fostering the knowledge of fishing shall be eligible for this award. Applications will be reviewed by the Clearwater Fly Casters and the Kelly Creek Flycasters for an opportunity to receive a scholarship from one of the clubs.

Required:

1. A one-page description of the proposed research project with the contact information for the student.
2. A letter of endorsement from the faculty advisor.

PDF or Word files are preferred

Email your application and endorsement letter to: clswan12@gmail.com

or Mail to Clearwater Fly Casters, Scholarship Chair, 1121 Lamb Road, Troy, ID 83871

Scholarship Awards will be announced at the May meeting of the club.

The Clearwater Fly Casters Scholarship Fund has awarded \$14,500 in the past 5 years to graduate and undergraduate students in studies of fisheries and fishery management. Past recipients have been from the University of Idaho, Washington State University and Eastern Washington University. Lewis and Clark State College students are also eligible to participate. Research by these students benefits not only fish, but also enhances the economics of the Pacific Northwest.

Conservation Committee:

A meeting on the closure of Idaho's steelhead fishing season is set for 6:00 pm, December 11th in Room 115 of Sacajawea Hall on the Lewis-Clark State College campus in Lewiston. Organized by the Hells Canyon Chapter of Coastal Conservation Association and fishing outfitters and guides, the meeting will be attended by anglers, local business leaders and legislators and cover why the season was halted and steps that can be taken to reopen fishing. Club members are encouraged to attend and express their points of view.

There remains great concern about the "Columbia River Policy Review and Next Steps" issue that is increasingly frustrating due to lack of action and a continued use of non-selective gillnetting on the Columbia River system. Our Conservation Committee Chair Doug Baldwin has attended WDFW meetings regarding this issue and hopefully he will have something positive to report at our December Meeting.

Membership Committee:

Paul Agidius, Membership Committee Chair, reminds the CFC members that dues for the upcoming year are now due. Dues are \$25/yr. for individuals and \$35/yr. for families.

Fly of the Month: "Steelhead Bee"

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

Originated by noted British Columbia fly fishing author/conservationist/angler Roderick Haig-Brown, the Steelhead Bee was well ahead of its time in many ways. The Bee's design allows it to be fished not only in the traditional upstream drag-free dead-drift dry fly approach, but also cast downstream on a tight line and fished with a "waking" or "skating" technique. Waking flies sit low in the surface and create a disturbance with either wings and/or bodies designed to resist the currents flow. Flies in this category include Harry Lemire's Greased Liner, Bill Bakke's Dragon Fly and Bill McMillan's Steelhead Caddis. Skating flies are tied with traditional stiff, bushy dry-fly hackle intended to lift the fly up so it rides mainly on the hackle and tail. Traditional dries scaled up in size for steelhead include the Royal Wulff, Humpy, and Hairwing Black Gnat among others. There is a crossover between flies designed as "wakers" being fished as a "skater" and vice-versa. The only thing that matters is if the fish likes the presentation.



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Materials:

Hook: Light wire Salmon Dry Fly Hook – Sizes 4 to 10.
Thread: Red.
Tail: Fox Squirrel Tail.
Body: Equal sections of brown, yellow, and brown dubbing.
Wing: Upright divided wings of Fox Squirrel Tail slanted forward at a 45° angle.
Hackle: Brown - stiff dry fly quality or soft wet fly quality – discussed within the instruction.

Auction Ideas:

- **Rocky Mt. Elk Foundation**
- **Ducks Unlimited**
- **Latah Wildlife**
- **University Fishing Assoc.**
- **IDFG**
- **Palouse Conservation**
- **WA Fish & Game**
- **Restaurants:** gift certificates
- **Merchants:** small donations from several into 1 basket
- **Wineries:** ID & WA
- **White Pine Mercantile**
- **WSU Book Store:** student scholarships help them too
- **UI Book Store:** student scholarships help them too
- **Breweries:** ID & WA
- **Textiles:** table runners, placemats, napkins
- **Woodcraft:** fly boxes
- **Desserts:** pies, cakes, candies, cupcakes, cookies
- **Baskets:** Use your imagination; here are a few ideas
NFL Sunday: popcorn, bowls, drinks, etc.
Some-Mores w/food, roasting sticks, etc.
Travel snacks & games
Grill Out: beer, brats, beverage & tools
Italian dinner w/ wine
- **Fishing:** fly tying materials, rods, reels, tippet, flies & more
- **Personal Fly Fishing Trip:** share your knowledge on a river
- **Host a Grand Dinner in Your Home:** your style w/great food
- **Books:** fly tying, regional fishing guide books, maps, & more
- **Hotel Night Packages**
- **Vacation Home or Cabin**
- **Wineries:** case of wine or variety pack from several wineries

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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.