



The Tippet

March, 2018

Clearwater Fly Casters

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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club



March Program: Eric Barker, Outdoor Editor, Lewiston Tribune



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 March Meeting:

Smoked Tri Tip Roast with Burgundy Gravy, Texas toast, caramelized onions and mushrooms, whipped potatoes, seasonal vegetables, spring green salad, assorted desserts, coffee, tea, and soda

Program: 7:30 pm

Presidents' Message (Jared August)

As we trudge down the backside of winter, I'm restless, looking forward to some of the fishing trips planned for this year. The ones I'm most excited for all have a common theme - fishing with somebody new. Making a new friend and bonding over our shared love of the sport is a great experience. Even more rewarding is introducing somebody the sport; helping them get their first rise, hook their first trout, and maybe even bring one to the net. As I've become a more experienced fly fisher, it's hard to recapture the joy and excitement (and terror) I felt the first time I had a nice fish on the line. Introducing somebody to the sport, though, brings it all back. Last fall, a friend of my wife's came to visit, and I took her out fishing as I had her previous two or three visits. This visit, though, things started to click. Her casts were getting out to the good water. She was reacting to strikes in time to set the fly. She landed a couple of fish. Right at the end of the day, as dusk was falling, we were fishing opposite ends of a nice pool. I heard a big splash and a shout, "Jared! I'm going to need help!" And then a few seconds later, much quieter: "It's gone." I never even saw her fish, but it perfectly recreated for me the excited,

disappointed, regretful feeling I had when I lost my first nice fish. I can't wait for her next visit - maybe she'll land the big one this time.

And so, I encourage you all to find somebody interested in fly-fishing. Show them the ropes. Lend them some gear. Take them out on their first trip. It will be worth it.

Forward Cast:

Important Dates and Events:

Mar 14: CFC Club Meeting University Inn Best Western, Moscow, ID: Bring a friend! Bring a student!

Mar 23: CCA third annual banquet, Clarkston, WA

Apr 3: CFC Executive Committee Meeting, Paradise Creek Brewery, Pullman, 6:00 pm

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 Cours 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

CCA Banquet:



Coastal Conservation Association will hold the third annual Hells Canyon Chapter banquet at the Quality Inn & Suites - Mahogany Ballroom in Clarkston, Washington on Friday March 23rd, 2018 starting at 5:00 pm with dinner at 7:00 pm.

Club members and friends of the Clearwater Fly Casters filled 4 of the 16 tables with 8 participants per table at last year's banquet. Funds raised from the banquet are used exclusively in the state of Washington to promote fisheries and related issues. Doug Baldwin and Steve Bush are selling tickets. See them for additional information. Let's have a great turnout by the Clearwater Fly Casters.

The stated purpose of CCA is to advise and educate the public on conservation of marine resources. The objective of CCA is to conserve, promote and enhance the present and future availability of these coastal resources for the benefit and enjoyment of the general public.

Scholarships:

Clearwater Fly Casters Scholarship in Collaboration with Kelly Creek Fly Casters

Four scholarship applications were received by the March 3rd cutoff date. Applications will be 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.

Back Cast:

Ethan Crawford, fisheries biologist for Washington Fish and Game, gave an informative program at our February meeting about the Asotin Creek Steelhead Assessment Project a 100% BPA funded resource program. He explained that between 200-1400 adult steelhead return to Asotin Creek in any given year. Ethan and his co-workers monitor fish passage both in and out of the tributary and collect critical data on fish trap efficiency and design, pit tag implants, tracking and distribution, with electronic data capture. His work is vital for steelhead recovery in the stream.

Minutes of the February Meeting submitted by Tony McDonnell:

- 1) We had a very small turn out of about 20 persons. Jared called the meeting to order and reminded us to continue looking for a vice-president candidate. New officers were installed by vote.
- 2) Cliff is on a resource advisory council for public lands and spoke of a recent Forest Service announcement of plans to increase campsite and cabin fees in the pan handle region from 40-200% in some cases. He plans to attend a March 19th meeting on the subject and seeks members' input. He mentioned that he has a lot of questions about this whole issue.

Fly of the Month: Trout Fin

From the IFFF website:

<http://fedflyfishers.org/Tying/FlyoftheMonth.aspx>

Materials:

Hook: Dry Fly Hook
Thread: 6/0 waxed, White thread for all but the head, black for head.
Tag: Gold oval tinsel size small.
Tail: Duck quill fibers: white, black and orange.
Body: Orange wool yarn.
Rib: Twisted gray wool yarn.
Hackle: Orange hackle.
Wing: Duck quill fibers: white, black and orange.
Head: Black thread.

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Guest Tier: Jerry Coviello



Pattern taken from the Gold Fly Tying Skill Award

Throughout the literature there are numerous versions of the Trout Fin. This version could be considered to be a combination of the Trout Fin and the Bergman Fontinalis. The origin of the pattern is somewhat questionable, but it appears Robert H. Cavanagh, Jr. developed the Trout Fin sometime in the 1920s. The Trout Fin was developed to imitate the fin from a Brook Trout, which was often cut off and used for bait.

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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.