



# The Tippet *March, 2019*

## *Clearwater Fly Casters*

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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club



**March Program:** Author Dave Hughes will present “**Reading Trout Water**” at our March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Dave is author of more than 20 books about fly fishing for trout. They include the classic *Western Hatches* (with Rick Hafele), *American Fly Tying Manual*, *Handbook of Hatches*, *Reading Trout Water*, *Wet Flies*, *Essential Trout Flies*, *Nymphs for Streams and Stillwaters*, and the massive reference *Trout Flies*. His latest books are



*Pocketguide to Western Hatches* (published in 2012) and *Trout From Small Streams* (2014). Born in Astoria, Oregon on the 4th of July, 1945, Dave worked his way through college at jobs specializing in the Three Ds--Dirty, Difficult, and Dangerous: mink ranches, tuna canneries, and shrimp boats. He graduated from the University of Oregon in 1967, from Army Infantry Officer Candidate School in 1968. Dave served one-and-a-half years in Viet Nam, 6 months as a communications site commander in the Mekong Delta, one year as liaison officer to the Commanding General of communications in the Southeast Asia Theater. Dave was founding president of Oregon Trout in 1983, and was awarded life membership in the Federation of Flyfishers in 1985. He was awarded

the Pete Hidy honorary life membership in the Flyfishers Club of Oregon in 1992 for his literary accomplishments. Dave received the prestigious Letcher Lambuth Angler Craftsman Award in 2008 from the Washington Fly Fishing Club. He is also a life member of his home club, the Rainland Flycasters in Astoria, Oregon.

Dave is an accomplished amateur aquatic entomologist. His hobbies include collecting, identifying, and photographing the aquatic insects that are fed upon by trout, as well as tying and fishing the flies that match those insects and fool those trout. His articles on fly fishing have appeared in *Gray's Sporting Journal*, *Field & Stream*, *Outdoor Life*, *Sports Afield*, *Fly Fisherman*, *American Angler*, *Northwest Fly Fishing*, and *Fly Tyer*. Dave served as editor of *Flyfishing & Tying Journal* for eight years, and is currently a columnist for *Fly Rod & Reel* and *Flyfishing & Tying Journal*.

Dave lives in Portland, Oregon with his wife, Japanese fly fishing writer Masako Tani, and their daughter Kosumo.

## Message from President Karen Zacharisen:

WOW...What a wild February! Thank you so much to everyone who had a part in our Clearwater Fly Casters Auction. We grossed \$7,674 and after expenses we made around \$6,750. That is so wonderful, especially because of the nasty weather during that week. We had great participation from everyone getting donation items, businesses to advertise our events, all the workers who helped with set up, clean up & the volunteers who worked collecting and keeping track of our monies we spent. A very special KUDOS to Kay & Lynn Youngblood for their tireless work on organizing the event. We couldn't of done this without all your help and expertise!!! Also, a big thanks to Peggy McDonnell for volunteering to organize all the donations on the tables and keeping track of all those items, and to our Executive committee who spent a lot of time preparing for this special day. So many of our members helped behind the scenes and my heart felt appreciation goes out to all of you!!!!

We have a great program coming up for our meeting at the Best Western on March 13<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see everyone then!

## Back Cast:

The Club's biennial Auction benefitting the club's Scholarship Fund and other activities will be held at our February 2019 monthly meeting. According to Lynn Youngblood, "the final tally of the auction showed it was quite a success with the club netting approximately \$6700, and a very similar result as our previous auction two years ago. It was a surprising success considering the weather was anything but advantageous. We had a total attendance of 67 and included 16 guests, again nearly the same as two years ago. The amount raised through the live auction was just under \$3000."



Photos left to right: Jared displaying his "wing span" with Jill assisting in selling raffle tickets for a 5 wt. fly rod, Tony setting up silent auction tables, and Marc's "cash and carry" table of small items.

***A special thanks goes to all club members who volunteered their time and energy to making the 2019 Auction a great success.***

## Information

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Please submit information to the Newsletter Editor

Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month (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:

*Fish and Chips: ale battered cod,  
baked beans, Jo-Jo's, house  
coleslaw, spring green salad and  
assorted dressings, rolls and butter,  
assorted desserts, coffee/tea/soda*

Program: 7:30 pm

## **Forward Cast:**

### **Important Dates and Events**

**Mar 13, 2019:** Clearwater Fly Casters Meeting, Best Western University Inn, Moscow, ID

**Mar 15-16, 2019:** North Idaho Fly Fishing Expo 2019! Red Lion Hotel, Lewiston, ID. Friday: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm and Saturday: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm Banquet /Auction: Saturday

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

**Apr 2, 2019:** Executive Committee Meeting, Three Forks Bikes and Brew, 588 SE Bishop Blvd. Pullman, WA. 5:30 pm

**Apr 10, 2019:** Clearwater Fly Casters Meeting, Best Western University Inn, Moscow, ID

**Apr 13, 2019:** Amber Lake Fish out. Meet at Amber Lake boat launch area.

**Apr 30, 2019:** Executive Committee Meeting, Three Forks Bikes and Brew, 588 SE Bishop Blvd. Pullman, WA. 5:30 pm

**May 8, 2019:** Clearwater Fly Casters Meeting, Best Western University Inn, Moscow, ID

**Jun 14-16, 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

### **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 or Doug Baldwin 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.

The club received six scholarship applications and based on a systematic review of applications by the club and the Executive Committee, three 2019 scholarships of \$1500 each will be awarded to:

- **Daniel Auerbach** of Washington State University who will work on monitoring salmon population dynamics
- **Moureen Matuha** from the University of Idaho who will study optimal spawning, larvae rearing, and weaning conditions to improve aquaculture methods for burbot and ensure sustainable production into the future
- **John Jorgensen** PhD Student at Washington State University who will work on "Using Food Web Analysis to Evaluate the Success of Stream Restoration Treatments"

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. Research by these students benefits not only fish, but also enhances the economics of the Pacific Northwest.

The scholarship recipients will make short presentations of their work at a future club meeting.

## **Fly Tying Group:**

The group meets regularly and the sessions are open to club members. Just bring your equipment and fly tying materials and join in the fun and camaraderie. Meeting times and venue are announced at our monthly meetings.

## **Conservation Committee:**

Conservation Committee Chair Doug Baldwin reports that SB5617 was introduced as a statewide ban/buyback of non-tribal gillnets on Jan 25<sup>th</sup> with over half the Washington State Senate signed on as co-sponsors. On Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> the Senate Natural Resources Committee favorably adopted a substitute bill that limits the non-tribal gillnet ban/buyback to the lower Columbia River and promotes the use of alternative commercial fishing gear capable of selective harvest statewide. We are pleased the committee approved the revised bill but the original bill was set back by Puget Sound Anglers opposition. Legislators expected to see a united front from recreational angling groups, which did not occur, making it too difficult to pass the bill in its original form.

**Coastal Conservation Association Banquet:** Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) will hold their annual banquet and auction on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Quality Inn in Clarkston, Washington. Tickets for the event are available from Doug Baldwin and other CCA board members.

## **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: "Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear Nymph"**

**From the IFFF website:**

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

The Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear Nymph (GRHE) is one of the most popular flies. Easy to tie and the real reason it is popular is that it catches all types of fish.

The GRHE does not imitate one type of fly but gives a suggestion of many kinds of aquatic immature Mayflies. Immature Mayflies are called nymphs and live on the water's bottom waiting to mature and become a mayfly.



### **Materials -**

**Hook:** 1X Long 1X Strong hook such as a Daiichi 1560  
**Thread:** Brown 6/0  
**Tail:** Guard Hairs from the Hare's Ear Mask from the cheeks  
**Abdomen:** Hare's Ear Mask Dubbing Fur  
**Rib:** Oval Gold Tinsel  
**Thorax:** Hare's Ear Mask Dubbing fuller than the Abdomen  
**Wingcase:** Turkey Tail Fibers

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.