



The Tippet

April 2021

Clearwater Fly Casters

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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club



Third Virtual Meeting via Zoom

The club will hold its Third Virtual Meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 featuring a presentation

by **Michael P. Parrella**

Dean and Professor of Entomology
Past President, Entomological Society of America
Fellow, Entomological Society of America
Emeritus Professor, Department of Entomology & Nematology, University of California, Davis.

Michael Parrella is in his 6th year as Dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and Professor of Entomology at the University of Idaho. Prior to coming to Idaho, he was Chair of the Department of Entomology & Nematology at the University of California, Davis where he taught multiple classes focused on *Entomology & Fly Fishing*. Dean Parrella is an emeritus faculty member at UC Davis and is both a Fellow and Past President of the Entomological Society of America. This is his second presentation to the CFC.

The Zoom meeting site will be opened at 6:00 PM to allow time for members to logon and meet and greet members. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM with fishing reports, committee reports and a few brief announcements.

The formal presentation at 7:00 PM is entitled:



“Fishing the Artificial Fly Like a Living Insect”

Successful fly fishers deceive trout into taking something that is not edible and there are tens of thousands of fly patterns claiming to fool trout by imitating their natural food. However, physical appearance is but one part of imitation – the other is presenting the fly in a way that mimics its natural behavior. In response to this reality, fly fishers have created a myriad of categories (nymphs, wet flies, soft hackles, emergers, flymphs, spinners, etc) that are designed to mimic natural food in both appearance and behavior. I will expand on this concept by showing videos of the below surface feeding behavior of trout together with underwater insect behavior – the latter will focus on Caddisflies. Catching large brown trout in both Idaho and New Zealand will be used to amplify these imitation concepts. Finally, I will introduce a concept/proposal that I anticipate

will more formally link the Clearwater Fly Casters (CFC) to the William F. Barr Entomological Museum in the Department of Entomology, Plant Pathology & Nematology at the University of Idaho.

To Join the Meeting Follow Directions Provided by Zoom:

Either click on the link provided or enter the Meeting ID and passcode into your Zoom app. The Meeting can also be accessed by mobile phone as indicated below.

Topic: Clearwater Fly Casters Monthly Meeting

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

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Back Cast: Our virtual meeting via Zoom last month featured *Eric Crawford, North Idaho Field Coordinator, Angler Conservation Project, Trout Unlimited* who presented "The last best place for recovery", providing insights into salmon and steelhead policy as well as outreach and engagement in the Snake River basin. With Snake River basin salmon and steelhead returns at historic lows he highlighted the unique nature of the basin as critical to recovery of these iconic fish runs. Program chair, Joe Vaughan, received many positive comments on the meeting and the presentation by our guest speaker.

General Club Information:

Possible Get Together Dave and Sharon Tharp have graciously offered to hold a social event at their place in Palouse in May. For now, save the date of May 12th for this event and stay tuned for further information. The event will be subject to restrictions regarding Covid-19.

Moscow High School Fly Casting Clinic. Steve reports that the casting clinic under the direction of Robin Barnes will be held on the dates of Apr. 22nd & 23rd and May 3rd & 4th. He asks for volunteers from the club to assist with knot tying and casting technique. Volunteers will be greatly appreciated and should contact Steve for additional information on their participation.

Beans & Jeans, a Habitat for Humanity organization, will hold an on-line auction and a take-out barbecue dinner from Saturday April 10th to Saturday April 17th. The barbecue will be provided by Birch and Barley restaurant in Pullman. For additional details Online see: <https://palousehabitat.org>

Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) Banquet. The CCA annual banquet has been rescheduled for July 15th at the Holiday Inn in Clarkston. Additional information on this event will be forthcoming.

Next Executive Committee Meeting. Our next Virtual Executive Committee meeting will be May 4th at 6:00 pm. Any member wishing to participate in the upcoming meeting of the Committee should contact Fred Muehlbauer for information needed to access the meeting via Zoom.

Conservation Committee:

St. Joe River Ranger Patrol. Conservation Chair, Doug Baldwin, has been contacted by Christine Plourde of the St. Joe Ranger District seeking volunteers to serve as St. Joe River Patrol members. Volunteers must be certified in first aid and CPR and must sign a waiver. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Doug for additional information.

Membership:

Membership Chair, Paul Agidius, indicated we currently have only about 16 members who have paid their dues for the 2020-2022 membership period. Given the fact that we are unable to hold general meetings due to Covid-19, it was agreed that membership dues paid in 2020 will also cover dues for 2021. Thus, members will have two years of membership for the cost of one year of dues. Members are encouraged to renew their membership by sending a check for their dues to Lynn Youngblood, P.O. Box 394, Pullman, Washington 99163. **CFC membership dues are \$25/yr. for individuals, \$35/yr. for families, \$10/yr. for students, \$50/yr. sustaining, and \$300/lifetime.**

Upon renewal, members will receive a 50th Anniversary Clearwater Fly Casters club pin.

Important Dates and Events:

April 14, 2021. Zoom Meeting starting at 6:00 PM featuring a presentation by Michael P. Parrella, University of Idaho, who will present "Fishing the Artificial Fly Like a Living Insect." See information on page 2 for joining the meeting via Zoom.

May 1, 2021: Amber Lake Fish Out

May 4, 2021: Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom starting at 6:00 PM

June 18-19, 2021: North Fork Coeur d'Alene Fish Out, Meet at Devils' Elbow Campground.

July 15, 2021: Coastal Conservation Association Annual Banquet, Holiday Inn, Clarkston. Additional information on this event will be forthcoming

July 16-18, 2021: St. Joe Fish Out, Fly Flat Campground

Fly of the Month: “Adams Variant”

Source: Rocky River Chapter Trout Unlimited,
<http://www.rockyrivertu.org>

Materials:

Hook: Dry Fly, standard length. Tiemco 100 or equivalent. Size 10,**12,14,16**,18

Thread: 8/0 Uni Black

Tail: Deer Hair body

Abdomen: Grizzly rooster hackle, Yellow Ostrich herl

Wings: Grizzly tips

Thorax hackle: Grizzly and Brown rooster hackle

Directions:

1. Begin thread wraps two or three eye-lengths back from eye and wrap tightly about one third of the length. Let the bobbin hang
2. Select two equal size grizzly hackle tips. Generally speaking, the excellent dry fly hackle we use has terrible tips for use as a wing. Spade or saddle hackle is much broader for the wing profile. The tips should be about the length of the hook shank. Strip a short section and tie in together with the “cupped” sides facing away from each other. Secure the tips, facing the hook eye with several wraps on top of the hook shank. Advance the thread to in front of the tips and pull upright by tensioning the thread in a parallel to the shank pull. Once they stand up, add several turns in front and behind to secure their place. Divide the wings using several ‘x’ wraps and take the thread in touching wraps to above the hook barb. Let the bobbin hang.
3. Select a small bunch of natural deer body hair and clean the underfur thoroughly. Stack and tie in on top of the hook shank with the length being about the same as the hook shank. When tying in use several light wraps for position. The deer should start at the wing and then extend beyond. This will make a smoother body without big lumps of varying materials. Once the position and length are good, tie in firmly, starting at the wings and moving to the above the hook barb (you may need to pinch the hair on top of the hook shank by using your left hand to keep it from rolling at first) and let the bobbin hang.
4. There is a short section of hackle immediately in front of the tail. Choose a size or even two smaller than “normal” for this section. When it is wrapped it should be smaller and not extend past the hook. You only need two or three wraps. Tie in, trim the waste and let the bobbin hang.
5. Select a piece of yellow ostrich herl with barbs not exceeding the hook when wrapped and tie in immediately in front of the grizzly. Advance the thread to the wings. Wrap the ostrich in touching turns to the thorax, tie off and trim the excess. Let the bobbin hang.
6. Select a brown and a grizzly rooster that are matching, not only in the length of the barbs but also in the diameter of the stems. Strip their tips and tie in behind the wings. Advance the thread to in front of the wings and let the bobbin hang. Advance the brown hackle leaving space in between turns for the grizzly. Tie in the brown in front of the wings leaving room for the eye. Trim the excess and repeat with grizzly. After trimming the grizzly to form a nice head with thread, trim and apply head cement.



Another great season for our hometown basketball team!! I think we all know what Coach will be doing very soon!

(Article courtesy of Silver Bow Fly Shop, Spokane, Washington, email communication, April 7, 2021)



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Membership and Monthly Meeting:

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