



The Tippet

May 2021

Clearwater Fly Casters

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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club



Regular club meetings expected to resume in the fall

While it has been a difficult year for everyone, we expect a return to some normality in the fall that will permit the return of in-person meetings and presentations. The club has been in contact with the Best Western University Inn and they are expecting our return in the fall. Further information will be forthcoming in upcoming issues of the Newsletter, so stay tuned. Based on our usual schedule, our first fall meeting is expected to be a Potluck Picnic at the Tharp's in September with the actual date and time still to be decided by the Tharp's. The first meeting of the club at the Best Western will be October 13th based on to our normal meeting schedule of the second Wednesday of the month.

Back Cast:

Our Third Virtual Meeting via Zoom on April 14, 2021 featured Professor Michael P. Parrella who presented **"Fishing the Artificial Fly Like a Living Insect"** It was generally agreed that the meeting and presentation, viewed by about 34 club members, was informative and went very well.

In summary, 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. Dr Parrella expanded on this concept by showing videos of the below surface feeding behavior of trout together with underwater insect behavior – the latter focused on Caddisflies. Catching large brown trout in both Idaho and New Zealand was used to amplify these imitation concepts.

Dr Parrella also mentioned a concept/proposal to 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. The club will follow up on this opportunity.



General Club Information:

Moscow High School Fly Casting Clinic. Steve reported that the annual MHS casting clinic was held April 23rd and May 4th. According to Steve, the clinic went very well and that sufficient volunteers from the club made it possible to divide into small groups for more individual instruction. **There was a plan for a field day on May 12th to Spring Valley Reservoir for Fly Casting, however, that event has been cancelled.**

Get Together in May Cancelled. Holding a potluck event at the Tharp's in Palouse was deemed not feasible due to the roll back in the status of Whitman County regarding the Covid pandemic. The club will plan a potluck picnic at the Tharp's in September with the actual date and time to be decided by the Tharp's. Stay tuned for more information on this expected event in September.

Next Executive Committee Meeting. Our next Virtual Executive Committee meeting will be June 1st 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. Members wishing to participate in the workings of the Executive Committee are welcome.

Upcoming Fish Outs. The fish out in June to the North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene at Devil's Elbow Campground is a club event you will not want to miss. Arrive early as the campground is expected to fill up. Also, the fish out in July to the St. Joe at Fly Flat Campground will take place. Check with **Important Dates and Events** below for dates for these events.

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.

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. Contact Doug for additional information.

Important Dates and Events:

June 1, 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

Fin Clipping Salmon and Steelhead:

A message from Mike Clancy:

Hi All – WDFW needs help fin clipping salmon and steelhead set for release in waters across the state. It's important to get the work done in a timely fashion for these releases. I don't know how many fish we're talking about, but it's plenty. Ten hatcheries are short-handed. Attached is a list of those hatcheries and phone numbers to call to volunteer. It would be great if we could mobilize our members, clubs to lend a hand. The volunteers might have to sign waivers, comply with masking/distance requirements and be 18 years of age. Your help is requested. Mike Clancy, Conservation Chair, WSCFFI

<i>Hatchery</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Hatchery Ph #</i>
Priest Rapids Hatchery	Mattawa	Adams	509-754-5075
Coulter Creek Hatchery	Belfair	Mason	253-857-5077
Minter Creek Hatchery	Gig Harbor	Pierce	253-857-5077
Nemah Hatchery	South Bend	Pacific	360-875-6147
Naselle Hatchery	South Bend	Pacific	360-484-7716
Bringham Creek	Elma	Mason	360-426-2369
Fallert Creek Hatchery	Kalama	Cowlitz	360-673-4400
Kalama Falls Hatchery	Kalama	Cowlitz	360-673-4825
George Adams	Shelton	Mason	360-427-2161

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.

Fly of the Month: “Parachute Ant”

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

Materials:

Hook: Dry Fly, standard length, Tiemco 100 or equivalent, Size: **14, 16**

Thread: 8/0 Uni Black

Body: Black Superfine or equivalent dubbing

Wing: T flat Turkey, white or bright color

Hackle: Black Rooster

Directions:

- 1) Begin tread wrap three eye lengths back from eye and wrap to the bend behind the point of the hook but before the curve of the bend
- 2) Dub the thread, somewhat heavily with black dubbing and begin wrapping the abdomen using tight turns to about one half the length of the hook. Repeat the dubbing and build a “fat” middle of the abdomen and take the thread to the middle of the hook at the forward edge of the dub and let the bobbin hang.
- 3) Select a white turkey flat and snip the center and most square section for the wing post. The length should be about the same as the hook shank. Tie in forward of the dubbed abdomen by laying the turkey on top of the hook with the tips toward the eye. Make several secure wraps and bring the thread forward of the tips and by pulling back toward the bend, the tips will stand up. Make several wraps in front of the post. Trim the excess length. Holding the turkey by the tip, make several close turns of thread up and down to stiffen the post and tighten the turkey.
- 4) Select a black hackle, strip the end about one eighth of an inch and tie in at the post. The hackle will tie in behind the post and bring the thread immediately forward of the post and let the bobbin hang.
- 5) Repeat the dubbing as above but make the thorax about one third to one half smaller than the abdomen. When you are satisfied with the thorax bring the thread to behind the thorax but in front of the post and let the bobbin hang
- 6) Grasp the hackle by the tip and wrap the bare stem up the post and then begin wrapping the hackle in tight, descending wraps down. Two or three turns should suffice (more turns for rougher waters) and secure with one or two wraps of thread. The thread should be “worked” into the hackle to minimize bunching of unwanted barbs. Grasp the hackle forward of the post with your left hand and pull back to finish securing the hackle. Using a small (tiny) amount of dub thread advance the thread to the eye.
7. Make a small head with thread wrap, cement to finish.



There are a good many ant fly patterns that include Cinnamon Parachute Ant, Red Parachute Ant, Brown Parachute Ant, Brown Ant wet, Cinnamon Ant wet, Red Ant wet and Black Ant wet.

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Membership and Monthly Meeting:

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