



The Tippet

October 2021

Clearwater Fly Casters

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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club



In-Person Meetings placed on hold due to the ongoing Pandemic

In view of the ongoing pandemic, your Executive Committee decided to conduct the October meeting of the club via Zoom. The Zoom meeting on Wednesday, October 13th 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 and committee reports and a few brief announcements followed by a presentation by Christine Plourde (photo, right), Recreation Staff Officer, Forest Service, Idaho Panhandle National Forest, St. Joe Ranger District. She will present: **“St. Joe River 2021: River Ranger, Fire and Restoration.”**



To Join the Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87428354858?pwd=OUdGbkdQQ2djUi9qaFM4N1huWDI3dz09>

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Information for joining the zoom meeting is the same as earlier virtual meetings via zoom and will remain the same for any future virtual meetings of the club.

Agenda: October 13th Meeting

1. Introductions and fishing reports
2. Donations to the Scholarship Fund and whether or not we will award a Scholarship this year
3. Vacancies in club Officers e.g. President and Vice President
4. How do club members feel about meeting in person?
5. Should we attempt to hold our November meeting in-person or continue with virtual meetings?
6. Should we hold an online raffle? We might offer a club hat and a few other items
7. Doug Baldwin, Conservation Chair will offer his thoughts about a recent court ruling affecting the commercial harvest of salmon.
8. Presentation by Christine Plourde
9. Adjourn

General Club Information

1. **November meeting** will include a presentation by Tim Gerlitz entitled: "Fall Fungi of the Inland Northwest." Tim grew up in North Idaho and has been a member of the North Idaho Mushroom Club for over 30 years. Like fly fishing, knowing about and finding mushrooms can be a challenge.
2. **The fly-fishing film festival** was cancelled again this year due to Covid concerns and audience limits set by the Kenworthy (they only allow 45 people in the audience). Steve indicated that he returned the film and fly rod via U.S. Mail.
3. **CFC Auction.** The Executive Committee discussed the possibility of holding our biennial auction and concluded that it was also unlikely that we could manage to conduct the event this year given Covid concerns and lack of preparation and planning. We will discuss this further at the December Executive Committee Meeting.
4. **Student Scholarship Award.** Lynn reported that we currently do not have sufficient funds to make our annual scholarship award. It was suggested that we make our membership aware of this and perhaps solicit scholarship donations from them. Lynn reminded us that the club's auction proceeds are usually dedicated to the student scholarship fund.

Important Dates and Events:

October 13, 2021: CFC Club Meeting via Zoom. See below for details

November 2, 2021: Executive Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm at Paradise Creek Brewery in Pullman. Members are encouraged to participate in the deliberations of the Executive Committee and offer their ideas and perspectives on the operations of the club.

November 10, 2021: CFC Club Meeting. The meeting will feature a presentation by Tim Gerlitz entitled: "Fall Fungi of the Inland Northwest." No decision has been made whether this upcoming meeting will be virtual or in-person.

November 16, 2021: International Fly Fishing Film Festival is postponed due to the Pandemic. Stay tuned for information on rescheduling.

Conservation Committee:

Orca and Salmon Advocates Coastwide Celebrate Major Victory and Milestone in WFC's Lawsuit Calling for an End to Decades of Unsustainable Salmon Harvest

This week, a federal court ruled NOAA Fisheries' harvest mitigation proposal violated Endangered Species Act protections for wild Chinook and Southern Resident killer whales



For further information see: <https://wildfishconservancy.org/federal-court-finds-noaa2019s-harvest-mitigation-proposal-violated-endangered-species-act-protections-for-wild-chinook-and-southern-resident-killer-whales>

Membership:

Membership Chair, Paul Agidius, indicated some members have not 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: “Red Fox Squirrel Nymph”

This month's fly is the Red Fox Squirrel nymph. This pattern was created by Dave Whitlock. I am mentioning it because it is a very good wet fly for September. What makes it good I am not completely sure of other than the presence of the large October Caddis during the month of September. I often use it in tandem with other soft hackle flies like the Partridge and Orange or Hare's Ear.

Materials:

Hook - 2x long heavy nymph

Thread - brown

Tail - hares mask or similar

Rib - gold wire

Body - Whitlock's abdomen dubbing

Thorax - Whitlock's Thorax dubbing

Hackle - Light brown hen feather



Source:

<https://rangeleyflyshop.com/blogs/fly-of-the-month-maine-fly-shop/red-fox-squirrel-nymph>

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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. When the Pandemic is behind us, meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from September through May. Meetings are 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.