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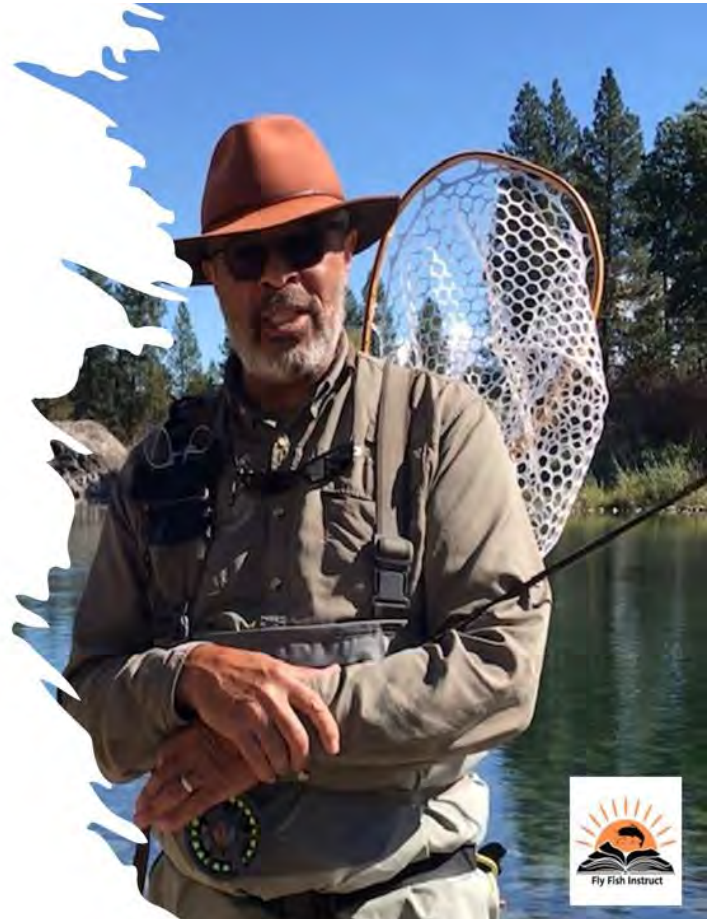
A Federation of Fly Fishers Club



How I got from there to here: Tales from a fly angler in black and white

Presenter: Robert L. "Bob" Bartlett

**Clearwater Fly Casters
Best Western Hotel
Moscow, ID
Wednesday May 10, 2023
5:30pm**



Robert L. "Bob" Bartlett, PhD

Retired university educator, writer, storyteller, researcher, film producer and passionate fly fisher, Bob holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Colorado Mesa University, a master's from Washington State University, and a doctorate in leadership from Gonzaga. He's a Vietnam veteran.

Bob, his wife Shonna and their three children moved from western Colorado to Pullman and WSU in 1984. In 1989, soon after the arrival of their fourth child born in Pullman, Bob and family moved to Spokane and Gonzaga University. While at GU Bob worked in Student Life, was the Director of the Culture Center, taught at both the graduate and undergraduate level and was a co-founder of the Institute for Action against Hate. Bob retired from GU in 2007 and from Eastern Washington University (EWU) in Cheney in 2020. While at EWU he taught and served as the director of the Africana Education Program and later joined and retired from the Sociology/Criminal Justice department. While at EWU students voted Bob one of its most beloved faculty.

Bob was born and raised in a small town in the backwoods of West Virginia on a tributary of the North Branch of the Potomac. His family have been hunters and fishers for as long as anyone can remember. When asked how long he has been fishing or hunting his consistent response is, *“I cannot remember a time when I didn’t.”* People say that Bob’s passion for storytelling and flyfishing has evolved into an obsession.

Bob currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Spokane Riverkeeper, is a life member of Trout Unlimited and a fly-fishing instructor. As a writer he has a chapter in Paul Lindholdt’s (2018) book *the Spokane River* and a chapter pending publication in Greg Gordon’s *Rewilding the Urban Frontier*. As a storyteller, Bob recently offered a free Zoom presentation entitled, *Fly fishing through midlife and beyond: Reflections and insights from an aging fly fisher*. Few if any know more at firsthand about fishing the Spokane River, an urban stream that many fly anglers might be inclined to ignore. His talk to the Clearwater Fly Casters will focus on that experience.

Back cast:

Collin Srenkle's thorough April 12 PowerPoint presentation on angling the Puget Sound proved entertaining as well as informative. She encouraged members from the outset to bring up questions as she proceeded, and CFC members took her up on the offer with happy results for all. Her maps of the area and observations on times & tides came along with handy angling tips, all delivered in confident, upbeat, lively fashion.



President Steve Bush’s Unfortunate Injury:

Steve suffered an unfortunate injury playing Ice Hockey and has been laid up for a few days. He is apparently doing fine and expects to be at our May 10th meeting of the club. We expect he will fill us in on all the gory details.

General Club Information:

Amber Lake Fish out: Club members will gather at Amber Lake for a Fish Out on May 20th. Come with your favorite personal flotation and a good selection of flies. Your Tippet Editor will have his Weber grill at the event and will be grilling Brats for the multitudes including condiments. Please bring your favorite beverage and a something to pass.

Habitat for Humanity Table: The Beans & Jeans fundraiser held their annual Beans & Jeans Banquet on the evening of April 15th at the Sweitzer Event Center in Pullman, Washington. Members of our club purchased a table at the event. Four couples contributed to the cost of the table. As a contribution to the fund-raising goals of the event, Kay Youngblood prepared a fishing creel stuffed with assorted gifts, including a certificate for one of her “famous” huckleberry pies. Her contribution was added to the silent auction. In addition, she made another pie for the dessert dash which she also donated in our club’s name.

International Film Festival: Since we have already made a deposit prior to the Covid pandemic, it was agreed to hold this event in the spring of 2024.

Information

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Please submit items of interest and pertinent information to the Newsletter Editor

Meetings 2nd Wednesday of the month (except June, July and Aug) at University Best Western Inn, Moscow

Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 pm

Buffet Dinner: 6:30 pm,

Members: \$21, Students \$10

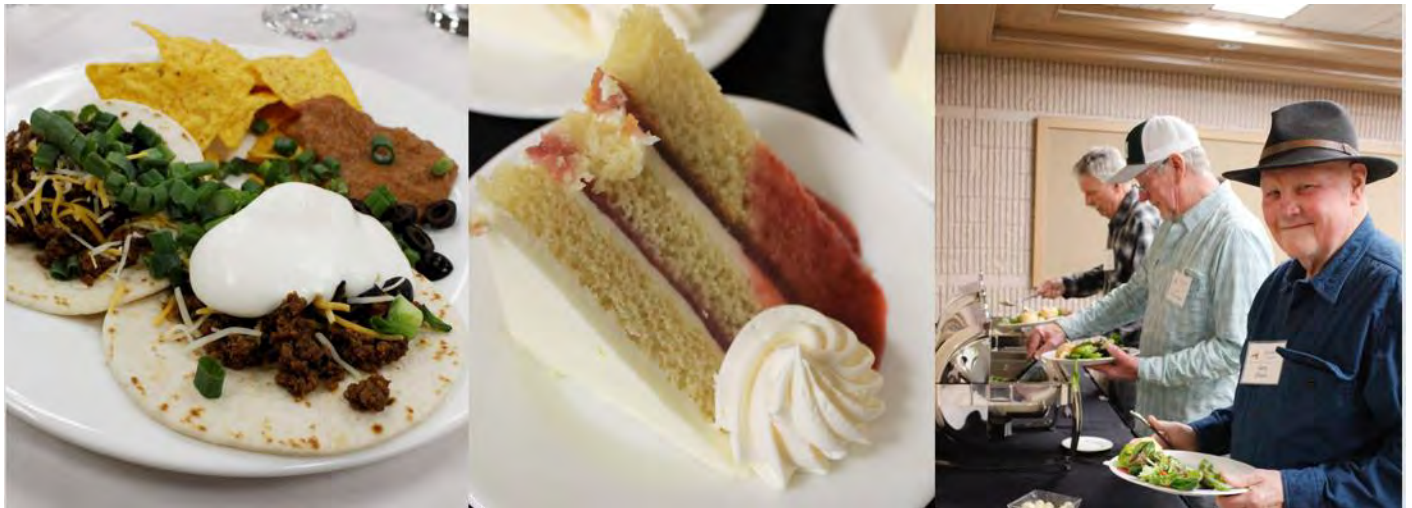
This month's Menu: *Fish & Chips, dessert, coffee/tea/soda.*

For those with dietary restrictions, meals may be ordered off the regular menu.

Program: 7:30 pm

Buffet line at the April Meeting:

Dinner and dessert are served with members, Gary Evers, Jim Palmersheim and Tim Thomson going through the line.



Fishing Reports provided by Silver Bow Fly Shop, Spokane, WA:

1. The North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River is on the rise and won't be the best option for this weekend or early next week. Hopefully there will be another window to fish later next week. Mike drove the NF CDA on 4/25 and reported the highest you can go is Shoshone Work Center, the road is still covered in snow from there up. (report as of April 27th).
2. Like the North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River, there is a great opportunity to fish the lower St. Joe River lately and through the weekend. For dries mid-day plan on some March browns, nemouras, and skwalas. Nymphing stone / worm combos or mixing a jig pt, jig, hare's ear, or perdigon with either a stone or worm will get it done too. Streamer fishing? Why not? The tug is the drug, right? Focusing on softer currents will be ideal. (report as of April 21st).

Conservation Committee Report:



Columbia River Fisheries Not a Priority (from CCA Connect April 2023)

Based on the pre-season planning of fisheries, conducted by the [Pacific Fisheries Management Council](#) (PFMC), in-river Columbia River recreational fisheries are not a priority.

Given mandatory restrictions and closures in Alaska, California and Oregon, members of the PFMC had the ability to increase fishing opportunity in both Canada and Washington. **All other fisheries were either increased or saw no change except for the Columbia River, where shockingly, fisheries managers intentionally chose to reduce fishing opportunity**, where more than 350,000 licensed anglers fish. For more information about this alarming issue, [CLICK HERE](#) to read a document prepared by CCA Washington.





Join Trout Unlimited and others within the conservation community from September 27 to October 1, 2023 in Spokane, WA as we celebrate cold, clean rivers and the joy we get from being active in the outdoors. CX3 is an event like no other- From hosted or DIY fishing opportunities, a conservation tour of Lower Granite Dam on the Snake River, family-friendly activities, informative presentations, a 5k run along the Centennial trail, or a brewery tour, CX3 has fun and enriching options for everyone. Learn more at <https://cx3.tu.org>.

Important Dates and Events:

May 10, 2023: CFC Club Meeting at University Inn Best Western, Moscow, ID. Wet Fly hour at 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:30 and program at 7:30 pm. Bring a friend, bring a student!

May 20, 2023: Amber Lake Fish Out. Meet at Amber Lake parking lot or boat launch area.

June 15-16, 2023: North Fork Coeur d’Alene Fish Out, Meet at Devils’ Elbow Campground.

July 14-16, 2023: St. Joe Fish Out, Meet and camp at Fly Flat Campground

September 13, 2023: First meeting of the Fall. Time and Place to be determined.

Fly of the Month: " The Cluck'n Baetis"

(Courtesy of Fly Fishers International website)

Edition: April 2023

Written by: Dylan Gonzales

Photographed By: Dylan Gonzales

Creator: Dylan Gonzales

The Cluck'n Baetis is a Cluck'n great Baetis pattern. I developed this pattern on the San Juan River and it has proven to be a staple in a tailwater scenery. As a Turkey hunter I wished to use more of the bird, so I developed this pattern. Traditionally I still tie it with feathers from what I harvest. Its name also stems from a technique of calling in turkey which is "Clucking and Purring". It can be tied from Size 18 - 24 depending on your home waters. It is a modern Semi-Realistic Baetis pattern that incorporates life-like gills and just enough flash to catch the attention of picky trout. If you have any further questions DM me on Instagram @TheAmericanFlyTyer or search TheAmericanFlyTyer.com. If you tie this pattern, tag me and use #TheClucknBaetis ! Hope you give it a shot!



MATERIALS

Hook: Firehole 718 Size 18-24

Thread: Semperfli Nanosilk 18/0 (Copper)

UV Resin: Deer Creek Diamond Fine

Tails: 2 Microfibets (Black)

Rib: Hairline Ice Thread (Brown)

Gills: Turkey Wing Feather

Wingcase: Fluoro Fibre (Black)

Legs: Fluoro Fibre (Black)

Flash: UTC Pearl Medium Tinsel (Ice Blue)

Tying Video: [CLICK HERE](#)

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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 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.

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