



April 2001

President's Message

Wasn't that one heck of a show put on by Dave and George, the phrase selling ice to eskimoes certainly comes to mind. Thank you guys!! A great deal of thanks needs to go out to everyone who took part in the clubs auction last month. Without everyones involvement and generous attitudes it could never have been the success that it was. Finally, I would like to pass on a thank you from the staff at Shermers, they were greatful for how patient we were when they ran into problems with our meals.

Old man winter is still hanging on even though spring has sprung. But I have been getting some good reports from individuals spending time floating around on some of our area lakes. One such report had something to do with a Mr. Read and a Mr. Tharp sweating out possibly being skunked while someone dear to Mr. Tharp was wrestling with some large trout. I'm certain we will get all the details soon. Also, if anyone is up for a drive to Montana the Mo has apparently been fishing really well. As for yours truly, I have been giving my finned friends a break so that I may spend some time climbing some of the northwest's rocks and mountains(my poor mother).

For this month's meeting we will have the pleasure of veiwing a multmedia presentaion put on by a wonderful women known in the FFF as Teryl T. The presentation is titled "Deeper than a River" and was created for the FFF's annual meeting in W. Yellowstone some time ago. From talking with Teryl I am certain this will be a wonderful show for everyone.

Teryl Johansson grew up in a family where as she puts it "Fishing was alot liking breathing, you simply had to do it." The show

is a multimedia show celebrating the countless ways flyfishing feeds the soul. It promises to touch many of us in a very special place in our heart. So be sure to come out to our next meetinf and enjoy Teryl's presentation and a little time with friends. I look forward to seeing you all there.

John D. Toker

Backcast (March meeting)

Guests

Burt and JoAnn of Moscow were guests at the March meeting. Welcome and we hope to see them again!

Fishing reports

There were several world travelers at this past meeting. Alan Berryman told of fishing both in Chile and at home, catching steelhead on the Snake. Dave Tharp and Sharon Hunt safely returned from New Zealand with pictures of some fine fishing and hiking. One picture was of Sharon catching her first brown. Congratulations! I overheard several estimates of how long it would be before Dave moved there - something along the lines of only lng enough to sell the business!

Old Business

May 5th is the first club outing of the season to Amber Lake. Don't forget to pick up a club hat to wear! Ball caps are \$15 and bucket hats are \$18. See Shirley at the meeting.

New Business

The new club website is up and running at <http://www.clearwaterflycasters.com> - stop by and remember to bookmark the page. Jim Palmersheim suggested adding a member's section where photos could be viewed of club outings and fishing trips.

Brian McNeill was presented with an engraved flybox for faithfully discharging the duties of the office of president during 2000. Time off for good behavior was not

considered.

Conservation Committee Report

Attendance at the conservation meeting was slim but apparently the President and Vice-President were quite productive. They rattled four doctors, redid the club articles of incorporation and by-laws to make their offices paying positions and retained the VP as counsel for a monthly fee. Next month's executive committee meeting location is still undecided but may be in Belize or Patagonia.

Those wanting something a little more conservation oriented may want to check out the latest National Geographic article on the damming the mighty Columbia at: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/ngm/0104/feature1/index.html>

Speaking of dams - keep an eye on FERC regulation changes. Proposed streamlining of dam re-licencing and power generation is not boding well for fish or friends of fish.

Tim Cavileer

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CFC membership dues are now \$20/year for individuals, \$25/year for families, \$10/year for students, \$50/sustaining and \$300/lifetime.

Meetings on 2nd Wednesday, Sept - May, at Shermer's Restaurant, 300 S Grand, Pullman, WA

Wet Fly time at 6:00pm, dinner at 6:30pm and program at 8:00pm



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Eastside Lake Stocking

WDFW News Release March 29, 2001
 Excerpt from <http://www.wa.gov/wdfw>
 Contact: Jim Uehara, (360) 902-2738

Eastside lakes to be stocked with large triploid trout

In mid-April Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) hatchery crews will stock 24 eastern Washington fishing lakes with 31,400 extra-large triploid rainbow trout.

The big trout, averaging 1.5-pounds each, are called triploids because they have three sets of chromosomes instead of the normal two; that makes them sterile, so all their feeding and energy goes into growth, rather than reproduction. "This is the second year we've been authorized and funded by the Legislature to stock these big fish to help make up for loss of recreational fishing due to recent salmon and steelhead listings," explained Jim Uehara, WDFW's resident native fish program manager.

Triploids will be stocked throughout the spring. Some western Washington lakes that were stocked earlier this month will be stocked again in April and May. Most of the triploids will be stocked the week of April 17 in waters that open to fishing April 28.

County	Water	Number
Asotin	Gold Course Pond	300
	West Evans Pond	300
Benton	Columbia Park Pond	1,050
Chelan	Wapato Lake	1,480
Franklin	Railroad Pond	1,400
Grant	Deep Lake	1,500
Kittitas	Fio Rito North Lake	2,230
	Mattoon Lake	2,050
Lincoln	Fishtrap Lake	1,000
Okanogan	Spectacle Lake	3,500
Pend Oreille	Diamond Lake	1,000
	Amber Lake	200
Spokane	Badger Lake	750
	Clear Lake	1,400
	Liberty Lake	2,500
	Newman Lake	3,000
Stevens	North Silver Lake	200
	West Medical Lake	2,200
	Williams Lake	750
Walla Walla	Waitts Lake	720
	Bennington Lake	1,200
Yakima	Quarry Pond	400
	Myron Lake	1,750
	Mud Lake	520

Good Flies Book Review - by Don Shearer

Good Flies: Favorite Trout Patterns and How They Got That Way

By John Geirach

The Lyons Press, New York, NY

179 pages, hardbound, ISBN: 1585741396

As a fly angler I often find myself wanting to compartmentalize things. I enjoy a well organized fly box. I don't own any, but still I can appreciate one. This desire to compartmentalize things brings me to my trouble with Geirach's latest book. After reading the book I kept asking myself, "Is it one of his amusing looks at part of our sport? Is it a pattern book?" Well the answer to both is, yes. *Good Flies*, just does not lend itself to an easy compartmentalization.

From the title I assumed it was his take upon such patterns as the: Royal Wulff, Pheasant Tail Nymph, Elk Hair Caddis, etc. Once again the old adage, 'don't judge a book by its cover' (or its title) is as true as ever. The book is basically a look through Geirach's fly box. He explains why he ties and uses the flies he does and their development along with his own as a fly tier.

The book is broken down into nine chapters. The first is on fly tying tools and materials. The following eight deals with what Geirach feels to be a different type of fly he ties. If you have enjoyed Geirach's past books you will enjoy the writing in this book. His style remains as comfortable as an old hat. The problem is simply there is just not enough actual writing in the book; the pattern recipes take up much of the book. I would recommend the book in a heartbeat if it were truly a pattern book with color photos of each fly accompanied by tying instructions and the writing about each fly were thrown as a bonus. Even though the illustrations of the flies are nice the book just didn't work for me.

Announcements

✓ **Sidewalk Sale at Twin River Anglers. April 20-21, 2001.** There will be some great deals on miscellaneous fly and non-fly rod materials, shotgun shells, tackle boxes, tee shirts, flies, tying materials, and grab bags. Ten percent of the gross sales for those two days will be divided among three local scholarship programs: Bill Alspach - Clearwater Fly Casters, Bill Van Theil - Kelly Creek Flycasters, and Mike Gratson - IDFG.

✓ **Northwest Fly Casting Exposition. September 29th, 2001. Port Orchard, WA.** A casting clinic is being arranged for April/May with the members of the Spokane, Inland Empire and Dryside clubs. Stay tuned! Volunteers are needed to help organize. For more information email Dick Raisler raisler@cnw.com

Upcoming Events

April 11, 2001 6:00 pm. Clearwater Fly Casters meeting at Shermer's in Pullman

April 18, 2001 CFC Board/Conservation meeting, 5:30 pm at Rico's in Pullman (*or was it Belize?*)

May 5th, 2001 Amber Lake Fishout

July 11th, 2001 BBQ at Sunnyside Park, Pullman

July 12-15th, 2001 Fishout on the St Joe

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Are You Looking in the Wrong Places

Have you ever heard the story about the drunk who was crawling around on the sidewalk at night under a streetlight? When approached, he claimed he was looking for his car keys. When asked why he was looking in that particular spot, instead of the area around his car, he replied, "Because the light is better here."

I am reminded of that story every time I see fishermen congregating in the easiest approach to a stream or body of water. It doesn't seem to matter whether or not it is a great place to fish, it is just too convenient to bother going to any trouble to make it memorable. Maybe you run your life that way, but the odds are you're not getting the most from your fishing.

I don't believe that fish like the hassle that goes along with a lot of fishermen crowding the same area, and neither do I. The small inexperienced fish may stick around, since the big aren't there, but even the young ones wise up at some point and that is usually before they are large enough to bend a rod. Yes, I know fishermen, and so do you, who religiously drive the paved road to the best parking area that displays the easiest path to the water. Granted, some of those fishermen do make the effort to walk up or down stream, but usually just far enough to avoid the bulk of the crowd. Most just don't seem to bother at all.

I didn't use to bother and I didn't catch many fish and I didn't have a very good time. I blamed the flow rate, the weather, the lack of conservation, and on and on. You know the drill. But one day I figured it out. I had

to go where the fish were, not just to catch the fish, but because trout only live in beautiful places and I wanted to fish the beautiful places.

It took some work, but it was that pleasurable sort of work that doesn't seem to go against the beauty of the thing. I had to find and then learn to read those highly detailed maps that show every gradient and logging road. You might as well know that it takes a little mileage before you really get to understanding them. Nature seems to like to put new and different things in the way immediately after the surveyors have moved through the area. It also takes some time to discipline yourself to what kind of equipment really produces on a per ounce basis, because you'll be toting it more than a few yards from the car.

So what do you gain from all of this? Did I really locate more fish? Are they worth all of this effort? Well, that's where the theory sort of falls apart for many of my friends, but for others it is just the beginning to an all new dimension of fishing. No, I don't always locate more fish. I always seem to locate as many as those fishing the convenient locations, but not necessarily more. Are the fish I catch worth all of that effort? You bet they are. It's worth the effort to me even if I don't find fish, not that I would keep hiking to a fish-less location. I'm not that dumb, but I'll make the initial effort any time.

You see there is more to gain from fishing than fish. You surely know that if you have any experience as a fisherman. If not,

you'll either learn soon enough or give up the method. The real gain is in the hope that is aroused merely by the idea of going fishing at all and then, in addition, by that general lift in spirits that the hope carries with it. The gain is also found in reflecting on the deep contributions that remote, natural settings and undisturbed silence offer. But you'll find that the gain is proportionate to, and even enhanced by, the amount of effort that you put forth to make it happen. It is truly an equation. The culmination of planning, outfitting, risk taking, and just taking action is adventure enough, but the rush that comes with reveling in the actual outcome, no matter what it is, is what makes the real and lasting memories. Good memories can really multiply the benefits of fly fishing. Take a moment right now, to think if you have any really memorable experiences that involve fishing at a public access. I said "memorable" experience.

Now, I have some bad fishing trips, but it was never due to the number of fish caught. I just don't think that way. I don't measure fishing trips by the number of fish caught, just as I don't measure life by the number of people I have bested. You've heard it before; "To enjoy life you must enjoy the trip and not the arrival at the destination." It's the same with fishing. A few fish at the destination doesn't hurt, but it's the trip that counts.

So don't make it too convenient, or you will miss the whole point.

(by Gerald Hinds of the North Arkansas Fly Fishers for the FFF ClubWire Email NewsWire)



Jesus Fish and Trout Gyotaku by Bob Harwood

Gyotaku, literally meaning "fish rubbing", was an ancient Japanese method of recording "the big catch"

Fly of the Month--Ultimate Dragon Nymph

Submitted by Don Shearer

Modified Ultimate Dragon Nymph

Materials

Hook: 10-14 2xl wet hook
Thread: Black
Eyes: Multi colored bead chain
Shellback: Lacquered turkey quill
Rib: Fine copper wire
Underbody: Black antron yarn
OverBody: A mixture of green, brown, and black dubbing.
Legs: Black rubber



(Photo by Jim Palmersheim)

The Ultimate Dragon Nymph was created by Brad Cunningham. Awhile back I found this pattern and modified it a bit, hence the name. To be honest I don't remember the original and if I modified it, it was because I thought this was a little better *(but more likely I modified the original because I did not have all the required materials on hand)*.

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