

Clearwater Fly Casters *Tippet*

From The President's Desk

Fishing, Duck Hunting and Thanksgiving

I just returned from a trip to the Skagit River. I wish I could tell the tale of the countless battles I had with the chum salmon, which return to the Skagit during this time of the year. But as usual I was a week too late. The big storms of the previous week had brought the river to flood stage and ended any hope of chasing the chums. I had to make do with some duck hunting and mom's Thanksgiving dinner. I hope everyone else had a wonderful and safe holiday.

Alspach-Engerbretson Scholarship

Jeff Yanke a graduate student at the University of Idaho is the recipient of this years *Bill Alspach & Dave Engerbretson Memorial Scholarship*. Jeff is

the Outreach Education Coordinator for the University of Idaho's student sub unit of the American Fisheries Society. He has been active in area schools leading workshops on native fish, helped with the Moscow Kids Fishing Day, and was involved with the Clearwater Fly Casters and the Forest Service on the project this past summer on the St. Maries river.

Jeff masters research is on the Snake River Fall Chinook salmon. He is researching the effects of water temperature on the growth, survival, and physiology of Chinook smolt. He will be giving us a presentation on his work. Many of you will recognize Jeff since he has attended a number of our meetings in the past

Vice-President (second biggest liar)
We are still in need of a vice president

for the upcoming year. If you would like to volunteer or have any suggestions for a nominee please bring them to the meeting.

Business Meeting! I promise there will be a general meeting this month after the presentation. We will be discussing the upcoming auction and other club business. As always if you have something to bring for the raffle please do so.

My best,

Don Shearer

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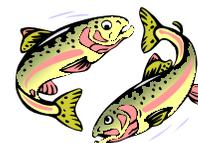
Upcoming Events

- December 8, 2004** CFC Executive/Conservation meeting at the Best Western University Inn in Moscow, ID. 5:15 pm.
- December 8, 2004** Clearwater Fly Casters monthly meeting at the Best Western-University Inn in Moscow, ID. 6:00 pm
- December 8, 2004** Business Meeting. Nomination and Election of Vice-President for 2005
- February, 2005** Burgers and Flies
- April, 2005** CFC Auction. We need donations and help soliciting donations for this activity.
- April-July, 2005** Amber Lake and St Joe Fishout Dates?? What are your preferences??

Membership Profiles

A new feature in this months' Tippet is found on page three. George Hinman, a charter member of CFC and Shirley Engerbretson are profiled this month.

Your comments, suggestions, etc., regarding member profiles are welcome. Have your best smile and story ready. Your phone may ring soon!



Glen Murray
Glen Murray,
Tippet Editor

Treasurer's Notes December, 2004

Time to pay dues! Clearwater Fly Casters' main income is from Club members' dues. Dues for 2005 are currently being accepted. Annual Club dues cover the time period from January through December. The categories and amounts for dues are as follows:

Individual: \$20.00/yr

Family: \$30.00/yr

Sustaining: \$50.00/yr

Lifetime: \$300.00

Student: ½ yearly dues

Honorary: A member, age 65 or older, with 15 years of membership in the Clearwater Fly Casters, is granted honorary membership for life.

Membership 2004. It may be of interest to note that of memberships during 2004, 27 were individual memberships, ten were family memberships, two sustaining memberships and one was a life membership. Our numbers are down somewhat.

In addition to inviting any interested persons you know, we encourage you to suggest ways in which Clearwater Fly Casters might be made known to others interested in the sport.

Auction. Another means of raising funds to support the Scholarship Fund and other Club activities, is the biennial auction. The 2005 auction will be held in April. Debbie Bell and Shirley Engerbretson will be sharing the job of coordinators donations for the auction. Items could include anything from a collection of flies, fishing equipment you no longer use which could be used by someone else, artwork, hand-made gift items, home-made baked goods, or anything else you thing might be of value as an item to be auctioned. If you have anything you would like to donate or are willing to solicit businesses for donations, please let either Debbie (debbiebell@hotmail.com, 883-3592) or me (sengerbr@moscow.com, 882-1687) know.

2005 Anglers' calendars are available for \$12 each. I will have them at the December meeting. Be sure to get yours early, as there are not many left.

Shirley Engerbretson

Shirley Engerbretson,
Secretary/Treasurer

Executive/Cons, Nov. Meeting.

Present: Don S. Tim C., Shirley E., Glen M., Dave and Sharon T., John R, and Debbie B.

Future Speakers. Tim has already hooked some CFC members and topics. CFC plans to share expenses with the KCFC for "out of town" speakers. Send suggestions for speakers-topics to Tim C. (see e-mail address and phone number below).

CFC Auction. A sponsored trip from a CFC member was suggested as a fund raiser. Anyone interested in taking someone fishing?

CFC VP. Need a nomination or your help!

Alspach-Engerbretson Scholarship. Jim Yanke, UI Fisheries student.

CFC Raffle. Price per ticket raised to \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

CFC November Meeting.

Welcome back to Doug and Lillian from Alberta sabbatical, fish terrorizing, and site seeing; and to Fred and Linda Muehlbauer.

Fish Reports. A.J. Morris reported a few Clearwater steelhead, but the Grande Ronde was spotty. Midge fishing on the St Joe was excellent. D. Yonge had fun fishing but no fish. Dave and Sharon Tharp had good fishing on the St Joe, in the sun, poor in the shade. And here we thought Dave was a shady character! They also found OK fishing in Dry Falls and Lenore L. Jim P. caught a steelhead on the Grande Ronde but none on the Clearwater while Brian Oelke did well on the Grande Ronde with nymphs. Someone had excellent salmon fishing on Kodiak Is. and associated rivers. They also landed 3 salmon and hooked 1 steelhead near Lapwai Cr.

Raffle. Donors: Tim Cavileer; box of flies, CFC; club hat, CD, and pattern book. Thanks Tim, for your continued support of our raffle!
Winners: Glenn Woodhouse, flies; Steve Bush, fly pattern book; Cliff Swanson, hat; and Doug Young, CD.

Speaker. Paul Quinnett, a WSU graduate, who works on programs to prevent suicide, gave an enlightening and entertaining talk on a serious problem among young people. His programs target recognition of symptoms and courses of action for suicide prevention. Paul's talk "Sex, Hope and The Psychology of Fishing" indicated that hopelessness is a major factor in suicide and in health. People who feel that hopeless have 4X the risk of heart disease. Fly fisherman are just the opposite. Who would stand in the cold water for hours without a strike knowing that "one more cast" will catch a big one! Keep fishing, it's healthy!

2004-2005 Speaker Schedule

December, 2004 Jim Yanke, UI Fisheries Student. Winner of Alspach-Engerbretson Scholarship. Water Temperature Effects on Survival and Physiology of Chinook Salmon on the Snake River.

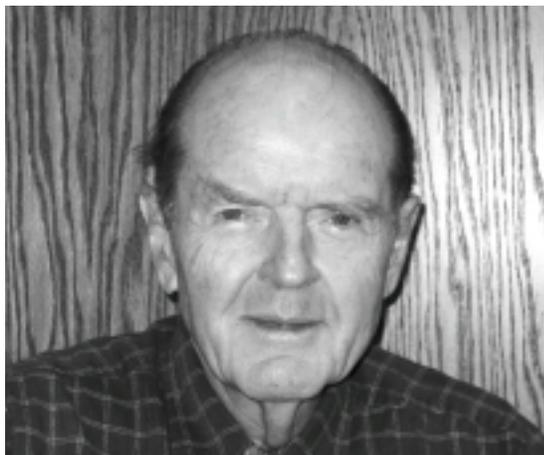
January, 2005 (Tentative). Pat Way, NW Outfitters (Orvis) in Coeur d' Alene. Either fly fishing rivers and streams in North Idaho, eastern WA/ Western MT) or stillwater fishing.

February, 2005 (Tentative). Streamside native plants and/or phenology from the UI Arboretum, ID Native Plant Society or Palouse Prairie Foundation.

Clearwater Fly Casters Officers 2004

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CFC membership dues are \$20/yr for individuals, \$30/yr for families, \$10/yr for students, \$50/yr sustaining, \$300/lifetime. Meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday, September through May at the Best Western-University Inn, 1516 Pullman Rd, Moscow, Idaho. Wet Fly Time 6:00 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm and program at 8:00 pm.



George Hinman

Residence: George has lived in Pullman, WA. for 35 years.

Occupation: Physicist. Former Director of Nuclear Radiation Ctr., member of Physics Dept. and Environmental Sci. Program, WSU. George has taught energy courses including Thermodynamics. He partially retired in 1997, but currently teaches a course in Environmental Policy.

CFC Activities: Charter member of CFC. George missed the 1st meeting because he couldn't find the Country Club, but attended the 2nd meeting. George was President twice, Conservation Committee Chair twice, and participated in many conservation activities, including the West Fork St. Maries River Restoration project and Lenice L. fisheries study conducted by the Univ. of Wash. He received the Collins-Allured award in 1995. George continues regular attendance at CFC meetings.

Favorites:

Fishing Holes: Bitterroot River. He has fished this river with his daughter Nancy and outfitter Dave Odell for the past 20 years. George also enjoys fishing the St. Joe River.

Flies: Salmon Flies, Golden Stone, and Caddis. George prefers dry fly fishing to nymph fishing.

Fish: Trout, rainbow, cutthroat, and brown trout preferred over steelhead and other species of fish

Memory: CFC Fishout at Lake Hi Hiume in Kamloops Region of B.C. in 1973. Twenty two CFC members attended and stayed in same cabin for \$5.00/person for entire week. One man brought his wife and dog not knowing the arrangements. To say the least she had an interesting experience, as did other members with 22 beds in the two-room cabin. The lake had some chemical in it that made the fish taste bad, so they smoked them to cover the bad taste. Now he always releases fish. George also enjoyed fishouts for many years at Loren and Rose Schroeder's place on Badger Lake with Ben Collins as cook.

Volunteer, Hobbies, and Other Activities: Volunteer information person for Whitman County Democrats in election years. Enjoys other outdoor activities like hiking.

Birthplace: Evanston, Illinois. Has lived in several states. Moved to Pullman from La Jolla, CA in 1969.



Shirley Engerbretson

Residence: Shirley has lived in Moscow, ID for 33 years. Before that she lived in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Occupation: Shirley took early retirement in 2001. She was a former secretary to the Moscow School District Superintendent and Personnel Tech. for 28.5 years. Shirley worked in the 1912 building until 1995. Prior to coming to Moscow she worked as a bookkeeper and typesetter in her own business.

CFC Activities: Secretary-Treasurer, four years, coordinator for 2004 club auction and member since the late 80's ~ 15 years.

Favorites

Fishing Holes: Enjoys river fishing, especially "The Pak" (Agulapak) river in Alaska, fishing for grayling. Spring creeks drive her crazy! She also enjoyed a secret place in southern B.C., "Frenchman's Creek", probably not a real name, remember, it is a secret place she went to with Dave.

Flies: Anything that catches fish. Prefers dry fly fishing, especially 'hoppers, to nymph fishing. If using nymphs, likes bead head nymphs best.

Fish: Trout, particularly cutthroat, preferred over other species. Also likes bull trout in Canada, grayling and salmon in Alaska

Other Activities: Music, She sings with three different groups; Idaho-Washington Concert Chorale for 20 years, Tapestry, and church choir. Also enjoys, quilting, basket weaving, sewing, gardening.

Memory: Catching her first rainbow by herself on Rock Creek in Montana, when Dave was busy back at the rig. No one else saw the fish as she caught and released it on her own. Another favorite was fishing the "pak" for grayling in the rain.

Birthplace: Jackson, Michigan

Freight Train

(Fly Tier, Andy Cooper)

(From Andy Cooper, the FlyBench.com)

Steelhead and salmon pattern popular in many NW Rivers. Fish like other wet fly patterns.

Tying Instruction :

- 1) Tie in a small bunch of Schlappen as a tail about 1/2 the hook shank length long.
- 2) Tie on ribbing material (Lagartun) and wrap a smooth body of thread 2/3 the hook shank back toward the eye.
- 3) Wrap an under body of Florescent orange floss.
- 4) Wrap over the top of the orange floss with florescent red floss leaving 1/4 of the body orange.
- 5) Tie on calf tail wing facing forward.
- 6) Rib body with Round Tinsel (Lagartun).
- 7) Tie in Ultra Chenille and wrap front 1/2 of body leaving a small space for hackle.
- 8) Tie in Hackle and wrap collar.
- 9) Grab calf tail and pull back for wing. Wrap a neat small head holding the calf tail and hackle back with your fingers.



Hook / Size : Daiichi 2451 #2-8

Thread : 6/0 Black

Tail : Purple Schlappen

Rib : Medium Silver Lagartun (round tinsel)

Body : 1/4 Orange ,1/4 Red Fluorescent Floss, 1/2 Black Ultra Chenille

Wing : White Calf Tail

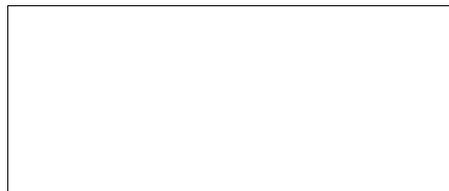
Hackle : Purple Schlappen or Chick-aboo

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Our next meeting is

Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2004
At the University Inn Best Western,
1560 West Pullman Road in Moscow, ID

Executive/Conserv Meeting 5:15 PM
Wet Fly Hour: 6:00 PM
Dinner: 7:00 PM



Please join us!