

Clearwater Fly Casters

January, 2004

The Tippet

From the President's Desk

Happy New Year to all! I imagine everyone's holidays went by with a blink of the eye as they did in my household. A new baby in our home while a blessing has managed to turn everything upside down for a bit. We hope to be sleeping through the night again by Valentines Day.

I would like to thank Bruce Frazier for all he has done for the CFC over the past couple of years. He has been the glue, which held everything together during some changes in our club. Not the least of which was the move to our new home at the University Inn.

The January 14th meeting will feature Michelle Hazen the Education/Outreach Coordinator from the Friends of the Clearwater. She will be presenting the Wild Clearwater Country Slide Show. The slide show is full of photographs and information about Idaho's National Forests. Friends of the Clearwater works to defend and protect these wild lands in a variety of ways. The slide show addresses some of the threats to the forests and watersheds in the Clearwater region and offers some possible remedies to these threats.

Also during the January meeting we will be having the Membership Incentive drawing. You have until just before the drawing to get your 2004 membership dues paid in order to be eligible. You do not want to miss out on this drawing since it will include landing nets made by both

Bill Hendrix and Bob Clark. Make sure to see Shirley to get your membership dues up to date.

We still need a Tippet editor!!! Tim agreed to do one more Tippet (the one your reading.) If someone doesn't step forward we will probably not have a Tippet for February.

Unbeknownst to me prior to last month but part of being the president of the CFC is housing the club's green trunk and file box. I spent the better part of two evenings cleaning them out. Found inside one of them was a copy of the club's Articles of Incorporation. The club was incorporated in Washington on January 8th, 1975. The purpose of the club as stated in the articles is to, "Promote the sport fly fishing and encourage the preservation of our natural fish resources."

The articles show how the club is supposed to be governed. Tim Cavileer has done a great job of researching the club's history through old Tippets and other documents in order to piece together a list of operating procedures and protocols the club has added in over the years. This list can be found on the club's web page, www.clearwaterflycasters.com.

Unfortunately, there are several things the club has traditionally done that Tim was unable to find documentation. I will bring a list of these to the meeting so we can have the opportunity to vote to continue or discontinue these policies/activities.

Since the CFC is an affiliate club of the FFF, I encourage everyone to join the FFF. It is my goal to have FFF brochures available at every meeting.

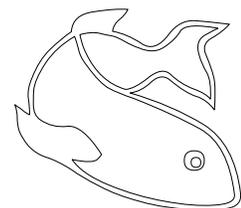
If you know someone who has an interest in fly-fishing I encourage you to invite them to one of our meetings. Our numbers at meetings seem to have decreased since we moved across the border. I would like to see our club to continue to grow and prosper; in addition I feel we owe it to the University Inn to have enough people at meetings to ensure they make a fair profit. In this regard, Dave Tharp suggested we have CFC business cards made up with the club's web address. It was his idea that we all carry a few and when we meet someone with an interest in fly fishing from our general area that we give them a card. We hope to have these available by the January meeting.

If you have anything to offer for the club's monthly raffle (flies, art, magazines, etc....) it would be greatly appreciated. We all need to help out Bob Harwood. Bob seems to have been carrying the raffle all by himself for a while now. Thank you Bob!! Your efforts have not gone unnoticed.

Sorry for having been so long winded in my first outing. If you ever have any suggestions for speakers, activities, changes in the club, criticisms, or anything you would like to discuss, please contact me. I can be reached at don@mail.wsu.edu or 509-432-6906.

My best,

Don Shearer



Upcoming Events

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| January 14, 2004 | Clearwater Fly Casters monthly meeting at the Best Western - University Inn in Moscow, Idaho. |
| January 21, 2004 | 5:30pm Conservation/Executive meeting at the Daily Grind in Pullman, WA. |

Federation of Fly Fishers
Mail-in Membership Application

Individual 1 yr	\$29.00	Individual 3 yr	\$70.00
Family 1 yr	\$35.00	Family 3 yr	\$82.00
Life Member	\$465.00	Senior (65+)	\$22.00
Retail Member	\$70.00	(Retail Shop / Outfitter)	
Sustaining Member	\$185.00	(Commercial Mfg. Business)	

Name: _____
Retail/Sustaining Business

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Circle one work/home

Email/Website: _____

Birth date: _____

Referred By: _____ Clearwater Fly Casters _____

Check Enclosed Visa MasterCard Discover Amex

Card # _____ - _____ - _____
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Mail this form to: _____ Or Fax
FFF National Office (406) 585-7596
PO Box 1595

"The charm of fishing is that it is elusive but attainable. A perpetual series of occasions for hope." - John Buchan

2004 Speaker Schedule (tentative)

Jan. 14, 2004	Michelle Hazen, Friends of the Clearwater
Feb. 11, 2004	Don Guhlke, Fishing for Bonefish
March 10, 2004	Jim McLennan, Alberta Trout Streams
April 14, 2004	Kajsa Stromberg, Palouse Clearwater Environmental Institute
May 12, 2004	Leland Miyawaki, Fishing the saltwater of Puget Sound

Clearwater Fly Casters' Officers 2004

President	Don Shearer	(don@mail.wsu.edu)	432-6906
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Newsletter			

CFC membership dues are \$20/yr for individuals, \$30/yr for families, \$10/yr for students, \$50/yr sustaining and \$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 6pm, dinner at 7pm and program at 8pm.

Treasurer's Notes

Don't forget to pay your dues! You have until January 14 to pay your dues and be eligible to win a fabulous prize just for paying your dues early! The incentives include a net made by Bill Hendrix, a net made by Bob Clark, and a fly box filled with flies donated by club members. When you pay your dues, you will receive a coupon to fill out and place in the *Membership Incentive Jar*. At the meeting on January 14, there will be a drawing for these three great incentive gifts. If you would like to donate flies for this great collection, contact Jim Palmersheim at jamesp@turbonet.com, or, he's in the phone book.

Club dues are for the calendar year from January to December. The dues amounts and categories are \$10 for students, \$20 for individuals, \$30 for families, \$50 for sustaining membership (basically, this is one year's dues plus a \$30 contribution for club operations), and \$300 Lifetime membership. One coupon for each of the above categories will be allowed.

Be sure to fill out an information coupon when you pay your dues so that you will be eligible to win one of these fabulous prizes. If you are not able to attend the January meeting, you will still be eligible to win. Just be sure to fill out the coupon and return it to Clearwater Fly Casters, P.O. Box 2149 C.S., Pullman, WA 99165, before the January meeting.

2004 Angler's Calendars are still available. Purchase yours at the December meeting, or contact me at sengerbr@moscow.com. The calendars are being sold for \$12 each.

Shirley Engerbretson

FFF Equipment Loan Program

Do you have an old fly rod and reel gathering dust in the corner? How about a shoebox full of no longer used fly tying tools or materials that are taking up space in your fly tying room? If so, the FFF equipment loan program can use these items. The FFF equipment loan program is used by FFF clubs all over the country. This program provides fly rod/reel combos, and fly tying tools/materials to FFF clubs to use for educational classes and events. The only cost of the program is shipping reimbursement. Many adults and children are exposed to fly fishing for the first time with this gear. Over the years gear has been damaged by normal wear and tear leaving our useable inventory lower than we'd like to satisfy the growing requests for this equipment.

Donations are tax deductible. Donations can be shipped to the Fly Fishing Discovery Center//215 E Lewis Street//Livingston, MT//59047. Contact Matt at 406-222-9369 with any questions.

Book Review by Bruce Harang

Northwest Fly Patterns & Tying Guide

by Rainland Fly Casters

Frank Amato Publications, Inc.

Portland, OR, 2002

83 pages, softbound

illustrated, color

suggested price \$29.95

If you fish, or are interested in fishing, the Pacific Northwest this book will provide you with a sound selection of flies to help bring success. Written by members of the fly-fishing club located in Astoria, Oregon these folks know the Pacific Northwest fly fishing scene as well as anyone can.

The book is divided into seven chapters by fly type. These include dry flies, wet flies, nymphs, terrestrials, streamers, and saltwater flies. Each chapter starts with a short discussion of the type of fly and how to fish them, followed by a selection of fly patterns having both an excellent photo and concise recipe. The writing and editing are superb. The photos by Jim Schollmeyer, Rick Newton and Frank Amato are of excellent high quality. The selection will provide the fly fisherman with a winning box of flies for anywhere in the area from the salt to the varied lakes and streams. It is a first rate regional fly pattern book. This selection includes many patterns developed in the area by local fly fishermen, such as Lee Clark's Stonefly, Henry Hoffman's Chickabou Crayfish and Articulated Leech, and Colleen Hansen's 4th of July Shad Fly.

But the best part, and the part that sets it on a plane by itself is the last chapter called appropriately enough "Club Members' Favorite Flies". This very personal section written by top-flight fly tiers and fly fishermen of the Club provides a wonderful insight and personal relationship between the reader and the authors. Some of these folks are well known in the fly-fishing area, others are only well known to their local peers, but everyone one of them is both very knowledgeable and very willing to share their hard-earned knowledge with any reader willing to learn.

This book is well done, has valuable information, and the personal insights of some of the most knowledgeable fly tiers and fly fishermen in the area. If you are interested in learning about the flies that really catch fish in the Pacific Northwest this is a must have book.

(via the FFF ClubWire)

DID YOU KNOW?

To perform properly, a leader should have a 60% butt section, 20% step down-section and a 20% tippet section.

Backcast

Guests. Welcome to Chris Fountain and Grant Morton who attended the December meeting.

Fishing Reports. Reports were lean during the December meeting with Debbie Bell having fished Lake Lenore.

Speaker's Note. Congratulations again to Robert Drew, WSU, who received the Alspach Award. His talk outlining his proposed research on linking rainbow trout genetics and behavior surely will lead to a greater understanding of which fly we should use and where to place it for maximum catch rates!

Clearwater Fly Casters History Online!

Several pdf documents have been added to the club web page regarding our background and history. To view these documents you will need Adobe Acrobat Reader installed on your computer.

To access the documents go to www.clearwaterflycasters.com and click on the text link directly below the opening graphics (the one with John Toker holding the big steelhead) labeled History. On this page you will find two letters written by Sherm Lowell on the beginnings of the club and a list of past presidents, Allured-Collins Awardees, and charter members. Another of the links will let you view past club history as gleaned from the Tippet Archives (including the establishment and awarding of the Alspach Memorial Scholarship Fund. The final document is a list of documented and undocumented club procedures.

Please feel free to look them over!

[Http://www.clearwaterflycasters.com/history.htm](http://www.clearwaterflycasters.com/history.htm)

Tim Cavileer

Goddard Caddis by Bob Bates

It was a dark and stormy night when Opps! That's another story. It was dark, but it wasn't stormy. The wind was blowing, but in Montana the wind often blows. My son gave me a black version of the Goddard Caddis, and after tying it on in the truck headlights we went fishing on a fast stretch of the Madison river. Fish were obviously rising because we could hear splashes up and down river. Occasionally we could see a rise in reflected sky light, but most of the time all we could see was inky blackness.

Tactics were simple, carefully climb down the bank and find the water's edge. If your feet suddenly turned cold you were a little past it. Strip out 20 feet of line, pull some of it through the tip top guide (back casting was prohibited unless you really wanted to tie on another fly) and let it drop into the water. Then start careful roll casts, and hope that you put the fly out in the river.

How did we tell when a fish hit? Easy, if we heard a splash someplace near where we thought the fly was, we just tightened the line enough to feel if it was heavier that it should be. If not, we relaxed and let the fly drift or drag or whatever it was doing a little longer. Many fish (they felt like rainbows and browns) grabbed our flies, were landed and gently released. All were between one and two feet long. Maybe I am exaggerating a little on the two feet but without a tape and light I can only guess.

The Goddard Caddis (G & R Sedge) was developed as a still water pattern by John Goddard, well known English tier and angler. It floats so well that it became a favorite of lake fishermen, and also proved successful for stream anglers. This was years before *The Trout and the Fly*, 1980 by Brian Clarke and John Goddard described the fly. Some authors list others as co-developers, but I cannot find confirming evidence. The pattern described by Clark and Goddard is a little more complicated than what is given below. For one thing we do not have a green, seal-fur underbody.



Hook: Mustad 94840, Tiemco TMC 100, Daiichi 1100, or other dry fly hook, 10-16

Thread: A or Kevlar for spinning and brown or orange 6/0 to finish

Body: Deer hair

Antenna: Brown hackle quills

Hackle: Brown

*See the full pattern online at
www.fedflyfishers.org*

Clearwater Fly Casters

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Pullman, WA 99165

Our Next Meeting is ...

Wednesday, January 14th, 2004

Wet Fly Hour 6:00 PM

Dinner 7:00 PM

At the University Inn Best Western

1560 West Pullman Road in Moscow, ID

Please Join us!