



Clearwater Fly Casters

Sept, 2004

The *Tippet*

From The President's Desk

Wow, summer just went whoosh! I know it was here just a second ago.

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer. I actually got in quite a bit of fishing this summer, not as much as I would have liked, but more than I expected to. So I cannot complain, but if I could have just squeezed in one more trip.....

W. Fork St Maries River Restoration. As I write this, the stream restoration project on the St. Maries should be finishing up. It has been a difficult project with regards to scheduling.

I want to thank everyone who has participated on the project throughout the summer. I also want to thank those who had wanted to participate but were unable to do to the constantly

moving schedule. I greatly appreciated everyone's patience with the entire scheduling and re-scheduling process.

I would be amiss if I did not single out Glen Murray and Debbie Bell for special recognition. They not only were involved with the tree planting in June, they also did two days of the log placing in August. So a very big thank you to the both of you for going way above and beyond the call of duty.

I believe that Ken Gephardt is planning on joining us in December to give us a review on the entire project.

CFC BBQ. This year at the BBQ I hope everyone has a fishing report from the summer. I would like to see

the reports handled the same way as they are at the general meetings. I encourage everyone to bring pictures from their summer outings. I have my lies, err I mean fishing stories from the summer ready.

Ideas, concerns for the club. If there is anything the club needs to address or you would like to discuss please feel free to contact me at 509-432-6906 or don@mail.wsu.edu.

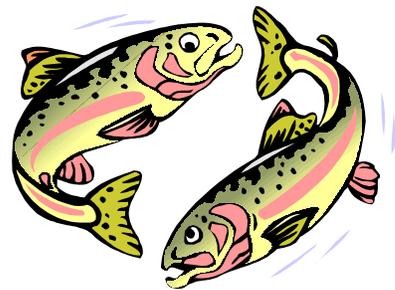
As always please invite a prospective new member to one of our meetings.

My best,

Don Shearer

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 8, 2004** CFC Annual BBQ. Fly casting fun competition, summer fishing lies, and more. 5:30 pm. Sunnyside Park, Pullman, WA
- Sept 18, 2004** Bull Trout Redd Counts. Upper St Joe River Tributaries. See details on page three.
- Oct. 13, 2004** Clearwater Fly Casters monthly meeting at the Best Western-University Inn in Moscow, ID. 6:00 pm
- Oct-Dec 2004** Nomination and Election of Vice-President for 2005
- Feb. 2005** Burgers and Flies
- March, 2005** CFC Auction. We need someone to coordinate this activity. Any volunteers? Please contact Tim Cavileer.



Summer CFC 2004 Activities

Two major CFC events have already highlighted the summer activities.

St Joe Fishout. The St Joe Fishout was again a memorable event. The traditional Friday evening "Dutch Oven Meal" prepared by Bill Hendrix was outstanding.

Bill, really gets into his cooking as



Gary Evers can attest while enjoying a brew and the fineries of cooking with Bill.

The main course with beef, chicken and pork along with baked beans double chocolate cake, berry cobbler, and salads were a site to behold and tasty for the hungry fishers, spouses, friends, and guests. If you went away hungry it was your fault.

Thanks Bill!

After a night of feasting and merriment, the aroma of a Saturday Breakfast greeted the CFC. Of course the night before Dave was hard at work contemplating the Saturday morning breakfast.



Eggs, bacon, sausage, and blueberry pancakes, cooked on the custom grill by Dave Tharp made sure that everyone was

well fueled for the days activities. Thank you Dave! Thanks also to all that contributed food to the morning feed.

If you missed this years' event, try to make next years' fishout. You won't be disappointed! Thank you to all those who attended and made this event successful and a lot of fun.

A few good fish were also caught . Guess who got this one? No not me!



He also supplied the photos for this edition of the Tippet. (Answer at bottom of page).

West Fork of The St. Maries River Restoration Project.

Several CFC members volunteered for this restoration project. Neither mosquito bites, bald faced hornet stings, high temperatures, rainy weather, nor long walks to the site deterred eager CFC volunteers. Volunteers assembled at the Clarkia Ranger Station at 7:00 am for either tree planting (also see June Tippet)



or log placement in the stream channel.



Ken Gebhardt will give highlights of this effort during our December meeting.

BBQ. Our summer BBQ is just around the corner: Wed. Sept 8, starting around 5:30 pm at Sunnyside Park in Pullman. Come and join your fellow CFC for story telling, fly casting competition, and BBQ. It's also a good time to catch up on all the non-fishing activities as well.

Bull Trout Redd Counts. Sept 18, 2004. 8:00 am-5:00 pm. Red Ives.

Volunteers are needed for Bull Trout Redd counts on the upper St Joe tributaries. The group will meet at the Red Ives Ranger Station at 8:00 am on Sept 18 for instruction and stream assignments. From two to four miles of stream-bed will be examined by a team of two.

Plan to camp and attend a BBQ after the redd counts, weather cooperating. This is another great opportunity for us to contribute to the fisheries on the St. Joe River.

Either sign up on the CFC website or contact Ken Gebhardt (208) 245-6242 (kgebhardt@fs.fed.us) or Lisa Hawdon (208) 245-6045 or 6238 (lhawdon@fs.fed.us) for more details.

Know your fish!

Match the following traits with either

Bull Trout or Brook Trout.

1. Distinctive leading white edges on lower fins and tail.
2. No bluish halos around spots
3. Tail square or only slightly forked
4. Upper body and dorsal fin with mottled or wormlike markings.
5. Native
6. Introduced

Answer to Photo Question. Fish caught by John Read. John, thanks for the photos.

Answers to Know Your Fish!

Brook Trout: 1,3,4,6
Bull Trout: 2,5

Glen Murray, Tippet Editor

Irresistible: What we all want our flies to be! By Jim Abbs (FFF Website, edited by G. Murray)

An **irresistible** is an attractor dry fly that is tied with a spun deer hair body. The first application of clipped hair for trout flies was in the 1930s by Catskill's tyer Harry Darbee. Harry and his wife Elsie combined the high-floating clipped deer hair body of a bass bug with hackles and wings of a trout fly. The original fly had deer hair wings, although other irresistibles have wings of hackle tips (Irresistible Adams) or calf tail (Irresistible Wulff). The fly looks buggy and floats forever, even in rough water. Use the fly for trout, but Lee Wulff liked irresistibles for Atlantic salmon and Dave Whitlock recommends them for panfish.



TYING STEPS

1. Tie in tail at a length about $\frac{3}{4}$ of hook shank length .
2. Choose a match stick size bundle of deer hair and remove fine hairs using a comb.
3. Position hair with the butts facing forward. Make one to two loose wraps around hair and hook shank, and pull firmly on the thread to make the hair rotate and flare out from the shank.
4. Wrap the thread forward and in front of the flared deer hair. If the fly is size 12 or larger, wrap in another bunch of deer hair, repeating the steps to make it flare. Repeat the process until about half the hook shank is covered with flared (or spun) deer hair.
5. Tie off in front of last bunch of deer hair and apply cement.
6. Take the fly from the vise, clip the deer hair to a shape tapered toward the tail. Take care not to cut the tail fibers.
7. Put the fly back in the vise. Tie in deer hair for the wings with the tips facing forward. Secure hair with a few more wraps and apply a drop of cement.
8. Wrap in front of wing to bring it upright. Separate hair into two bunches for two wings and do a figure 8 around the bases to further support and separate them.
9. Wrap thread behind the wings and tie in hackle. Often two hackles are used for a big size fly. In the case of the Adams Irresistible, one grizzly and one brown hackle are used. Wind the hackle forward, tie off, whip finish head, and cement. Try it, you will not be disappointed!

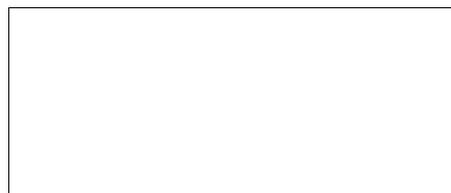
MATERIALS

- Hook:** Standard dry fly, like the Mustad 94840, Tiemco 5210 (some tyers prefer a longer or heavier hook)
- Thread:** Tan or black monocord 3/0
- Tail:** Dark deer or moose hair (grizzly for the Adams Irresistible)
- Body:** Gray deer (elk, caribou) hair, spun and clipped
- Wings:** Dark deer body (or bucktail) hair. Grizzly hackle tips are used for the Adams Irresistible, while calf tail is used for the Wulff Irresistible.
- Hackle:** Medium to dark dun or grizzly for the Adams Irresistible.

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Our next meeting is the **CFC Fall BBQ**

Wednesday, Sept 8 , 2004
At Sunnyside Park, 5:30 pm
Pullman, WA.



Please join us!