

Clearwater Fly Casters

January, 2005

The *Tippet*

From The President's Desk

Greetings From New President Tim!

Here it is the start of a new year and the start of a new president's reign. It only seems like a short time ago when I was asked to serve and 2005 seemed years into the future. Well, the future is now and I'm looking forward to serving as president!

Thank you Don! I want to start out by thanking outgoing president Don Shearer for a superb job during 2004. Through Don's leadership much was accomplished – by-laws were written, roles defined and the club's participation in the St Maries Restoration Project became a reality. Well done Don!

2005 V.P. A.J. Morris. I also want to thank A.J. Morris for agreeing to serve as vice-president. It seems to be harder and harder to enlist member participation in many areas.

CFC Now and Then. As I sat at the last executive meeting I was impressed by the degree of concern from those attending over the issues of membership decline and the lack of member participation that the club has experienced. Perhaps the two go hand-in-hand. However, it looks like we are generating a wide base of support to address these two critical issues – membership decline and member participation. When the club was started back in 1970 many things were different. Demands on our time were less and information about fly fishing was minimal at best.

Over the last 35 years we've seen an exponential growth in all forms of media for a person to learn about fly fishing and fly tying and we've seen the demands on our time explode. Is it any wonder that with the changing times, the role and mission of the club needs to change too? I'm not saying I know

the exact direction we should go, but I look forward to having the opportunity to be a part of the grass root effort to chart our future.

January Speaker. January's meeting will feature A.J. Morris. His talk will highlight fishing for Grayling and northern Pike in northern British Columbia.

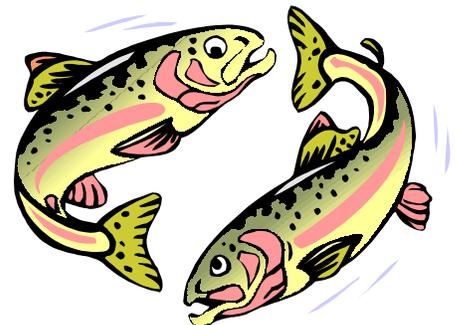
The **dinner** menu will feature Baked Steelhead and Teriyaki Chicken.

Don't forget to come early and join in the board meeting at 5:15 pm. I hope to see you all there!

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Upcoming Events

- January 12, 2005** Conservation/Exec meeting at the Best Western-University Inn in Moscow, ID. 5:15 pm
- January 12, 2005** Clearwater Fly Casters monthly meeting at the Best Western-University Inn in Moscow, ID. 6:00 pm
- February, 2005** Burgers and Flies
- April, 2005** CFC Auction. We need donations and volunteers for this activity.
- April-July, 2005** Amber Lake and St Joe Fishout (dates and preferences)??



Treasurer's Notes

No treasurer's report is available this month because Shirley is having rotator cuff surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery in order to be ready for the spring fishing!

Debbie Bell will be accepting due payments at the January meeting.

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.

Bring a friend and attend our meeting!

G. Murray for

Shirley Engerbretson, Treasurer

Backcast

Associate Treasurer and V.P. Debbie Bell was formally nominated for associate treasurer and A. J Morris was nominated for V.P (2005), Sharon T. for V.P. in 2006

Auction committee. Shirley E. and Debbie B are co-chairs. If you have items to donate, Debbie will collect items in Moscow, Dave T. in Pullman. Don S. will head up solicitation efforts.

CFC Promotion. A.J. chair, Glen, Don will help. Ideas for increasing club exposure and membership were discussed.. Fly tying demonstration at Tri-state, booth at Latah County Fair and Lentil Festival, CFC brochures, and phone calls to previously active members were suggested. Other suggestions include a casting clinic, sponsoring a fishing activity at Spring Valley Reservoir, placing advertisement in paper, on local event TV channel, and announcements at WSU and UI.

CFC Business Meeting. Debbie Bell was unanimously approved by CFC vote as Associate Treasurer, and A. J. Morris as V.P.

Fishing reports. George J. hooked some steelhead—a long time ago! A. J. Morris hooked two steelhead on the Deschutes below Maupin, and the Grande Ronde was OK. Jim P. also said the G. Ronde was OK but the Clearwater was very busy. Dave Y. hooked four steelhead, one foul hooked-count it??

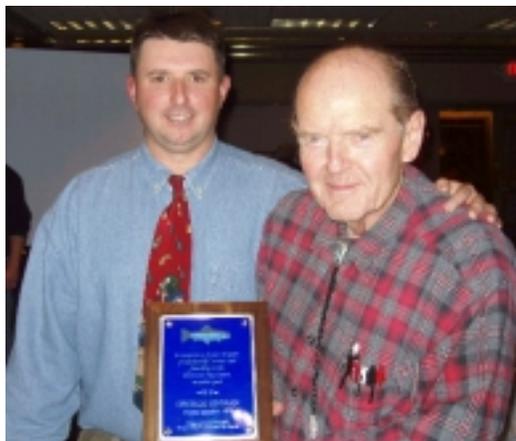
Raffle. Donors were Tim C. flies; Bob H. Fly Christmas ornaments; Jim P. two sets of Canadian Fish Fly Stamps; CFC CD's. **Winners** were Hitomi J. Steelhead flies and hat, Cliff S. dry flies; Denny Cartwright, stamps; Bob. H. CD; Dave T. Stamps; Andy Kleinhof, Fly Tying Book. A big thank you to the donors and congratulations to the winners.

Fly Tying. Wednesdays 5:30 pm at John Reads' shop—205 N. Garfield. One fly from each tier at each session will go either to CFC monthly raffle or to Burgers and Flies auction.

Speaker/Alspach-Engerbretson Scholarship Winner. Jim Yanke, A UI Fisheries Student is the recipient of this scholarship in 2005. He gave a presentation on his thesis work on the effect of water temperature, and PIT tagging on survival of fall Chinook salmon on the Snake River. Temperatures above 20C were detrimental to survival of salmon smolts. PIT tagging was not detrimental to survival. Physiological measurements show that tissue damage is occurring at temperatures warmer than 20C.

Backcast

Outstanding Service Award. George Hinman received this award during the December meeting for his outstanding service to CFC. George is a charter member of CFC, served as president twice, has received the Collins –Allured Award and regularly participates in CFC activities. See his profile in the December Tippet.



George being congratulated by President Don

Executive/Conservation Meeting. Attending were, Don S., Tim C., Shirley E., A. J. Morris, George H., Dave and Sharon S., Glen M., John R., and Debbie, B. We have four fly tying sets for Youth Education. Two sets will go to Burger and flies auction. Dave T. will check with Jerry Iverson at Palouse, WA. for use in youth activity there.

2005 Speaker Schedule

January 12, 2005. A. J. Morris. Fishing for Grayling and Northern Pike in Northern British Columbia.

Clearwater Fly Casters Officers 2005

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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.



Tim Cavileer

Residence: Moscow, ID. 12 years.

Occupation: Research Scientist, UI working in fish reproductive biology on estrogen receptors and sex determining markers of salmonids (Chinook salmon, steelhead, rainbow trout).

CFC Favorites

Fishing Holes: St. Maries River, St. Joe River

Flies: CDC & Elk, H&L Variant and the St Joe Favorite. Likes to fish Chironomids in the spring. Tim prefers dry fly fishing more than nymph or streamer fishing.

Fish: Cutthroat trout on small streams.

CFC Activities: 6+ yr member. Webmaster for 5 years; Tippet Newsletter Editor 3.5 years; VP (2004); President (2005); Participant in the West Fork of the St. Maries River Restoration Project. Tim has also written several letters expressing CFC views regarding conservation issues, tied flies for the annual Burger and Flies Auction, participated in the fly tying demonstrations at Tri-State, tied flies for Washington State Council FFF, and contributes flies regularly to the CFC raffle.

Memories: Any time I get to fish with Don Shearer is a favorite memory for me, but three trips stand out. **One** was an evening trip to the St Maries near Santa where we passed on collecting a peacock at the beginning and dodged a thunderstorm on stream at the end. I don't recall catching fish but exploring a new portion of the river made for a great outing. **The second** was a winter trip to Rock Lake. Don and I have made several late winter trips to the lake over the years but this one with its long, cold ride to the north end of the lake sporting an ice-caked mustache, was rewarded with several nice browns and rainbows. The day started with a chill but finished with warm sunshine. **The third** was an August trip to the N. Fork or the Clearwater. We spent the day catching cutthroats and rainbows in the cooler portions of the main stem and exploring the cool confines of the feeder tributaries. Even a broken rod didn't put a damper on the fine lunch and good fellowship Don provided. A bit of duct tape and the splinted 3 wt finished out a great day of fishing!

Volunteer, Hobbies, and Other Activities: Tim has taught several beginning fly tying classes through UI Communities Program and Pullman Parks & Rec and has regularly participated in the Young People's Art Festival teaching 4th, 5th and 6th graders to tie wooly buggers. Likes to tie flies, read history and science fiction.

Birthplace: Atlantic City, New Jersey



Don Shearer

Residence: Pullman, WA. 9 years

Occupation: Fund Raiser, WSU Foundation for seven years. Raises funds to advance the teaching, research, and public endeavors of WSU. In Don's words "basically we raise money to provide support for everything from football scholarships to lab equipment."

CFC Favorites:

Fishing Holes: Skagit River, Carey's Lake in NW WA.

Flies: Royal Wulff, Goddard Caddis, Carey's Special. Enjoys casting streamers in lakes. Especially enjoys any fly that Tim ties, then he doesn't need to tie his own!

Fish: Brook trout and cutthroat on small streams.

CFC Activities: Member for five years. VP in 2003, President in 2004. Participated in the West Fork St. Maries River Stream Restoration Project; Re-wrote and updated CFC By-Laws. Tied flies for Wash FFF Auction.

Memory: My all time favorite fish was a 9" coastal cutthroat out of Carey's Lake. The fish clings to my memory since I was not supposed to be fishing that day in the first place. I was visiting my folks and I just needed a break from the long line aunts, uncles, cousins.... I borrowed/stole my fathers fly rod and a box of flies I had tied for his birthday and snuck out the back door when nobody was looking. It was one of those very gray Western Washington February days. The cut came on a black woolly worm with a silver ribbing. The light was just right to see the fly during the whole retrieve. One moment there was just the fly and in the next moment there was the flash of silver as the trout came out of the dark water to hit the fly. To this day that encounter is still my most vivid fishing experience. I don't think you can find a prettier fish anywhere than a wild coastal cutthroat.

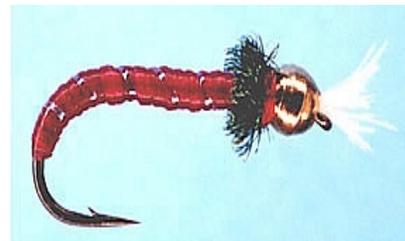
Other Hobbies: Bird hunting (Don says this is an obsession). Reading—likes everything.

Volunteer and Other Activities: Pullman Lions, former YMCA Big Brother, NW Public Radio volunteer, often volunteers to help farmer friends—drives combine and truck during harvest.

Birthplace: Sedro-Woolley, WA, literally on the banks of the Skagit R.

Beadhead Midge

(From Bob Bates, FFF Website, edited by G. Murray)



Materials

- Hook:** R30 #12-14
- Bead:** Brass, 3/32-inch
- Thread:** 8/0 Red
- Gills:** CDC puff, white
- Rib:** Tinsel, very fine silver or Crystal Flash, pearl-
escent
- Body:** Superfloss, red
- Collar:** Peacock herl

Midge (chironomid) pupa or larva imitations are all over the world and in all kinds of water. Lakes and slow water streams abound with them. Usually species that hatch in the winter are tiny, but the spring and summer species are larger. Harold Patterson of Foster City, California tied this pattern at the 39th International Fly Fishing Show and Conclave in Idaho Falls, ID, August 2003.

Red has been a popular color since anglers years ago found red chironomid larva. It is the color of larva that live oxygen poor environments such as bottom mud and debris. They have extra hemoglobin, which makes them red. Other colors are also seen so keep a sharp lookout for bugs in your waters. Check the debris that clings to your anchor; there is a lot of information to be gained there.

How is a pattern like this fished? Two techniques may be used. One, use a strike indicator with enough tippet, fluorocarbon works great, to let the Bead Head Midge hang near the bottom or weeds. Try different depths or fly if no action.

For dredging select a slow to fast sinking line or sink tip line to reach the depth you wish to fish. Shorten the leader to 4 or 5 feet. Cast, let it sink and then start a retrieve. A slow hand twist retrieve is recommended because chironomid pupa move slowly.

Think thin when tying this fly, as these flies have a slender profile.

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Our next meeting is

Wednesday, January 12, 2005
At the University Inn Best Western,
1560 West Pullman Road in Moscow, ID
Executive/Cons. meeting 5:15 pm
Wet Fly Hour: 6:00 PM
Dinner: 7:00 PM

Please join us!

