



Clearwater Fly Casters The *Tippet* March, 2005

Special Mar-Apr Events

****Burgers and Flies. March 5.**

Next CFC Meeting. March 9.

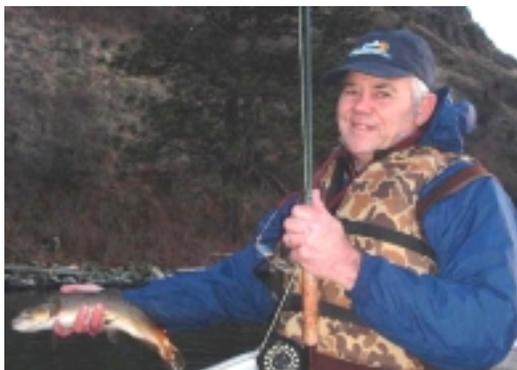
Fly Tying. Wednesdays. 5:30 pm at John's shop. 205 N. Garfield.

CFC Auction. Wednesday, April 13.

Amber Lake Fishout. Sat., April. 30.

Tippet Talk

Presidents' Message. | P, 1. Tim's not in a hurry to use heated fly lines. Plenty of time before ice-out at Spring Valley, Coffee Pot. **March speaker:** Bob Sheedy, "Stillwater Fishing". **CFC:** On Channel 11! **Backcast.** | P, 2. Glen M. and Don S. had some brown trout action on Rock Lake; and Dave Yonge, steelhead action on the Clearwater.



Backcast. | P, 3. **Best attended meetings.** January, February 2004 and February, 2005 . **Why?** Speaker or month or?? **CFC Auction: April 13** . Host a fishing trip! See Don S. for details. **FFF Rep needed.** Interested? See Tim C. **Fly of the Month** | P, 4. Alice's Don't Ask! A successful lake pattern.

From The President's Desk

"Hope springs eternal." Or so the saying goes. The way I've been hearing a number of people talk this last month you'd think that spring was already here and that our lakes are ice free. There seems to be a frantic push to patch waders, fill fly boxes and check lines all because of a little warm weather. Nope, not me. I'm not falling for that again. Last time I checked my fishing log, Spring Valley doesn't usually ice-out till the end of March and the latest WDFW reports that Coffeepot is still iced over and probably will still be even though the season opens March 1st. Plenty of time to finish that book, putter around the house and even take a nap. Yep, plenty of time to ...

This month's speaker is Bob Sheedy. Bob is a guide, author and self-proclaimed trout bum who hails from Manitoba, Canada. Bob will unravel the secrets of stillwater flyfishing with his in depth presentation. "Seasons" tracks a lake through a full season from ice out to ice up. This meeting should be on everyone's list, especially if you've been chomping at the bit to get out early this year!

I want to thank John Read for organizing the fly tying at Tri-State February 12th. Warm weather seemed to keep the crowds away but we still had several people stop by and ask about the club. Thanks, too, to Don Shearer (and Madison), Shirley Engerbretson, Glen Murray, A.J. Morris, Debbie Bell, and John for helping out either by tying flies or lending moral support.

Have you noticed a higher club profile in the community? Thanks to the efforts and leg work of the current past president and others you should be hearing announcements about the club in the Lewiston Morning Tribune, Cable channel 11, event calendars at both UI and WSU and several radio stations in our listening area. We're serious about getting the word out!

See you all at the meeting! Now where is my heated fly line ...

Tim Cavileer

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**** Burgers and Flies**

Directions. Going east on the Troy Highway past old Tidyman's, turn right (south) on Mtn View. Go to the end of the road. Look for the Lewis residence. We will be in shop out back.

What to Bring. Fly tying gear, money for the auction, and a great attitude!

What's provided. Burgers, beer, pop, and a great atmosphere!

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Welcome to our new Guests. Dan Payne, brought by Cliff S., J.D. Poulos brought by Joe Mc., and Ken Arnold recruited by John R.

Raffle. Donors were: Jerry V., Pheasant Tail Nymphs; Gary E., Pike Flies; Bob H., Brown Trout Plaque; Tim C. Steelhead fly, CFC, hat.

Raffle Winners were: J.D. Poulos, Pheasant Tail nymphs; Hitomi J. Brown Trout Plaque, Joe Mc., CFC hat; David P. Pike Flies. Thanks to the donors and congratulations to the winners.

FFF Representative needed. George Johnson is stepping down. The officers are discussing a stipend to attend FFF meetings in Washington. If you are interested, contact Tim C.

Feb. Speaker: Andy Sewell gave an excellent presentation relating "Watercolors to Fly Fishing" in Idaho, Wyoming, and Montana. He illustrated his techniques of painting and the use of photography to capture scenes to paint. Also highlighted were Palouse landscapes, flowers, and vintage art. Thanks Andy!

Tippet Submissions.

CFC meeting attendance and speakers for 2004 and early 2005. (from Tim Cavileer).

2004

January. 48 Speaker. Michelle Hazen, FOC, 'Wild Clearwater Country Slide Show'

February. 49 Speaker. Jake Guhlke, 'Steelheading in BC'

March 37 Speaker. Jim McLennan, 'Fishing opportunities in beautiful Alberta, Canada'

April 29 Speaker. Ken Gebhardt, USFS, 'W. Fork St Maries Restoration Project'

May 33 Speaker. Leland Miy-

awaki, Puget Sound, WA, 'Fishing for Sea Run Cutthroats'

October 23 Speaker. Kajsja Stromberg, PCEI, 'Stream restoration projects in the Moscow area'

November 35 Speaker. Paul Quinnett, 'Sex, Hope and the Psychology of Fly Fishing'

December 25 Speaker. Jeff Yanke, Alspach Award winner. 'Effects of water temperature on the growth, survival, and physiology of Chinook smolt'

2005

January 34 Speaker. AJ Morris, 'Grayling and pike fishing in northern BC'

February 41 Speaker. Andy Sewell, 'Watercolors and Fly Fishing: an artist's perspective'

Host a trip to support the Clearwater Flycasters Auction. (From Don Shearer).

This year we are going to steal an idea that has worked well for other clubs. At this years fund raising auction we would like to auction off hosted fishing trips. The idea is the fishing version of the old box lunch social churches use to hold. Some "elder" members have told me that the club use to do this in the past.

The basic premise is that a club member offers to host the winning bidder on a fishing trip. We are not looking for anything too fancy. Basically if you are hosting a trip you should probably provide transportation, a lunch, and have some basic knowledge of the place you are fishing, but the details can be left up to the host and the "purchaser" of the trip.

Is there a better way to support the club? First, you get to go fishing. Secondly, you could very well have the opportunity to fish with someone

from the club you have not previously had the opportunity to fish with. I personally would jump at the chance to fish a local lake and learn some of John Read's secrets, or hit a steelhead river with Dave Yonge, assuming my life insurance policy is adequate and up to date, or... Who wouldn't want to drive around lost with me as I mutter, "I know it's around here somewhere." See George Hinman on details on this exciting possibility. OK, the last one is not a very good example but there is an awful lot of local fishing knowledge in the club. So please volunteer to host a trip for the auction. Did I mention you get to go fishing?

If you would be willing to host a trip for this year's auction please email (don@mail.wsu.edu) or call (432-6906) with the details of your trip. The details should include, location, type of fish to expect, month in which it is best to go, rod recommendations, and any other information you feel are pertinent. I will be preparing a list of the trips prior to the auction in April.

So far we have one hosted trip from A. J. Morris to fish Moose Creek, a tributary to the Selway.

Tippet Submissions. If you have information, topics, etc. that you would like to see considered for publication in the Tippet, please send them to me.

Member Profiles. Profiles will continue next month. Anyone who guesses both names of members to be profiled in April will receive a free raffle ticket from me for use in the May raffle. Give your guesses to Glen during the March meeting. CFC Executive committee not eligible to receive the raffle ticket.

Glen Murray/Tippet Editor
Glen Murray

Alice's Don't Ask (From FFF website, edited by GAM)

About 15 or 18 years ago Alice Deaver in Rathdrum, Idaho designed this pattern quite by accident. She phoned another fly tier to find out how to tie a certain pattern. Oral descriptions sometimes get a little confused. So when she combined her considerable tying skill with the sketchy notes a new fly emerged. It has everything that a fly should have: a bit of color, a bit of flash and pheasant tail fibers. Pheasant tail fibers are used as wings, legs and beards on proven flies like Doc Spratley, Pheasant Tail Nymph and Halfback; so why not use it for a full hackle. It is a little more tedious to tie, but the results are worth the effort. As for lake fishing techniques, Alice recommends experimenting. She normally uses a full sinking fly line. Her retrieves are generally an erratic twitch. One or two short pulls might be followed by three short pulls or a long pull. Sometimes a long fast pull (like you were starting another cast) will coax a fish into striking. In a float tube she might move slowly, rapidly, straight line or in curves. (It is called mooching not trolling.) Just don't do the same thing all day, especially when the fish are not biting.



Materials:

Hook: Mustad 9672, Dai-Riki 710, Tiemco 5263, 10-12

Thread: Black

Tail: Pheasant tail

Body: Orange or Burnt Orange, dubbed or wool yarn

Rib: Silver tinsel, fine or med

Hackle: Pheasant tail fibers

Tying Instructions

1. Tail: A few fibers from the mottled side of a pheasant tail. Tie at the bend .
2. Attach a piece of tinsel at the bend and dub some orange material on your tying thread. Wind an even body forward and then spiral the tinsel forward .
3. Select a few brownish-red fibers from a pheasant tail. Attach them on top of the hook, and spread them around the far side. Tie the fibers so they reach past the middle of the tail. Take another bunch, attach them on top and spread them around the near side. Finally, with smaller third and maybe fourth bunches, fill in any large gaps. Make the hackle sparse enough that some orange shows through.
4. Finish the head and add a little head cement.

Beware!

This has been a very successful pattern for lake fishing. The question usually comes up "What ya usin?" when some are catching fish and those around them are not. The answer "Don't Ask" leaves the fellow angler a bit dismayed.

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Our next meeting is

Wednesday, March 9, 2005
At the University Inn Best Western,
1560 West Pullman Road in Moscow, ID
Executive/Cons. meeting 5:30 pm
Wet Fly Hour: 6:00 PM
Dinner: 7:00 PM

Please join us!

