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Clearwater Fly Casters The Tippet

Special Fall Events

Secrets of the St. Joe.
John and Jim. Nov. 9.
Christmas Party. Dec. 14

Tippet Talk

Tim says being president is easy, with perks! Just volunteer, line up speakers, smooze them for fishing secrets, organize activities & and run meetings. Beware of Dave T. as we need a VP & maybe a President. | p. 1.

Fishing slow on the Ronde in Sept-Oct., but great on the Gunnison, Cowlitz, N. Fk. Clearwater & Lochsa! | p. 1, 2.

IDFG to implement nutrient plan to improve N. Fk Clearwater and Dworshak fishery. | p. 2.

Gold Center Creek restoration in 2006. Tim Price, new fish biologist with U.S Forest Service at Avery. P| 2.

Speaker Dave Yonge discussed tips, flies to fool steelhead; "Zen" for keeping warm; named Clearwater and Grand Ronde Rivers as places of steelhead residence! | p. 2.

Oregon Cowboy and Norwegian lass met on a blind date in Kenya, climbed mountains, love backpacking, and now live in Pullman. | p. 3.

Skunks Float! Dry fly, attractor, strike indicator, and more. |p. 4.

From The Presidents Desk

Greetings Clearwater Fly Casters,

I can see the light at the end of the tunnel. With only two meetings left to preside over, I got to thinking about what I would do when AJ takes the reigns. Perhaps, like my predecessors, I can now kick back, fade into the sunset and take it easy. Yes, that's right - we've reached the end of the 5 year slate and it's time to do it again. Like the well oiled recruiting machine that he is, Dave Tharp was out among the members at the last meeting, looking for next year's vice-president. Or, if the rumors are true, president and vice-president. Unsuspecting members beware. Your name is on a list somewhere. No one is safe ... men, women, or small yappy dogs. I think I even saw him talking up the wait staff.

Volunteering. It's not as bad as you think. To prove my point, let me review my year in power.

Scheduling Speakers. By in large, the biggest part of my time was spent in securing presenters for our monthly meetings. Tapping our membership for several talks, lining up local speakers and drawing on out of town folks, made that job relatively easy. Notice, I didn't say painless. Juggling schedules and matching who to when through phone calls and emails did get the job done. And you do get what you put into it. Fortunate for me, last year's president had a folder full of ideas for potential speakers. I just might be willing to pass that along.

Organizing Activities. This came in a close second. The club has a fair number of 'activities' it does every year and keeping them on track was another aspect of the presidency. Codifying them in our by-laws gave me (and more importantly, the Board) an easy way to make sure all those awards and duties get done in a timely manner. The nuts and bolts of both the Alspach-Engerbretson Scholarship and the Collins-Allured Award are laid out in the club by-laws. Easy stuff when it's all laid out on paper. Annual club outings to Amber lake, the St Joe and our BBQ in September practically organize themselves, and save for cooking the hamburgers at Amber, involve many, many other willing club members to make them happen. And I'll let you in on a secret, the auction is biennial. That means 2006 is a freebie. The next one isn't until 2007.

Running Meetings. For me, this was the easiest. I'm a list sort of guy so organizing my thoughts on paper made meetings a snap. Not that our meetings are long, boring and overly complicated. After all, we are a fly fishing club. You know, fun stuff. Fishing. Socializing. Prevaricating. An agenda simply helped me not to forget. Everyone has their own style. And I don't necessarily think of myself as an "up front guy," but despite my reluctance, it has some nice benefits. For one thing, it allowed me to extra smooze time with the speakers and a built in excuse to extract pertinent information for introductions. Right. I didn't tell you about that super secret fly Bob Sheady gave me. Being president also gave me an excuse to circulate during the meetings and hear first hand of all those special techniques, secret flies and well guarded stream locations among our members. Did you think I push the raffle tickets for no reason?

There you have it. Think you have the right stuff to be president? Yeah, I do. Piece of cake. See Dave at the meeting and tell him I sent you.

See you all on the 9th!

Tim Cavileer
Tim Cavileer
'Prevaricator Supreme'
Clearwater Fly Casters

Backcast

Raffle donors were Tim Cavileer, dozen flies; Bob Harwood coffee mug with fish and CFC logo; and video tapes from Shirley Engerbretson. **Winners** were D. Videgar, flies; Bill Hendrix, coffee mug; Fred Muehlbauer, tape; and Dave-Sharon Tharp, tape. Thanks to the donors and congratulations to the winners. **Guests** included Tim Price, new Forest Service Fish Biologist at Avery and his wife Sarah, Kathryn, daughter of Dave and Marion Yonge and the daughters boyfriend Cyrus; Matt Bruns, IDFG Volunteer Coordinator; Don Johnstone (visiting CFC member from the Tri-Cities), and Tim Gresback, an attorney at Law in Moscow. He became our newest member at his first meeting.

Fish Reports

Jerry Videgar caught a 31-inch steelhead below Cherry lane bridge (shh...on bait) and had some great fishing in Colorado on the Gunnison River for rainbows, browns, and Kokanee.

Do you know the fishing regulations?

Answers below..no fair peeking!

1. According to 2005 Washington Selective Gear Rules, which, if any, can be legally used?

- A. Artificial flies and lures with one single barbless hook.
- B. A total of three artificial flies or lures containing single barbless hooks

2. On the Grande Ronde in 2005 (Asotin Co.) from the mouth upstream about 2.5 miles to the county bridge, which, if any, apply?

- A. All steelhead must be released.
- B. Barbless hooks Sept. 1-May 31.

3. Which, if any, applied to the N. Fk of the Clearwater from May 28 to Nov. 30, 2005 from the flat water in Dworshak upstream?

- A. Two cutthroats may be kept, but none between 8 and 16 inches, like the St Joe.
- B. Has a winter season like the St Joe.

Answers

- 1. Both A. and B. correct but only if flies and lures are **unscented.....no spitting on them!**
- 2. A correct; but B. **Selective Gear Rule** applies from Sept. 1—May 31, which is more restrictive than just barbless hooks. **Check it out!**
- 3. Two cutthroats may be kept, but they must be over 14 inches, unlike the Joe regulation. The N. Fk has a winter season, like the Joe, for whitefish, & brook trout. Catch and release for other species.

Glen Murray

Glen Murray, Tippet Editor

2005 Speaker Schedule

Nov. 9, 2005. John Read and Jim Palmersheim. Adventures and Secrets of the St. Joe River.

Dec. 14, 2005. Winner of Alspach-Engerbretson Scholarship.

2006 Speakers?? Interested yourself or have a suggestion? See A.J. Morris.

Backcast (cont)

(Fishing reports cont). Dave and Sharon Tharp had good fishing on the St. Joe above Conrad Crossing and the added attraction of elk bugling. They also fished the Clarkfork, and Bitterroot in Montana with some success but did really well on the Lochsa, with Sharon catching more big fish than Dave..Yea! Glenn Woodhouse, his daughter, and A.J. sampled the Palouse near his home in Colfax—only fish caught was a 3-inch shiner by his daughter. Glenn fished the G. Ronde from Bogans to Shumaker with no luck on steelhead. Dave Yonge and three partners had similar luck for three days. Bob Warner caught sea run cutts on the Cowlitz and Don Johnstone found his personal limit to catching salmon in Alaska. Glen Murray and Don Shearer had a good day on the N. Fork of the Clearwater, and...Don kept the pickup on the road, hit no deer and both were still smiling at days end—great trip!

Executive/ Conservation Meeting. Present were T. Cavileer, G. Murray, D. Tharp, D. Bell, D. Johnstone, S. Bush. **Alspach-Engerbretson Scholarship.** Tim will mail form to UI and WSU. Education component discussed for inclusion in this years applicants. **Web Page Domain** name registration due...\$40. **The IDFG** will implement a **nutrient plan** for the North Fork of the Clearwater-Dworshak Reservoir to replace nutrients lost when Dworshak Dam prevented fish runs from entering the N. Fork system. This is an attempt to replace nutrients lost from decaying sea-run fish with the hope of increasing the size of fish in this fishery. **Tri-state fly tying demonstration** and member recruitment suggested for the winter this year, perhaps in conjunction with fish related sporting goods sale at store. More CFC with advertisement needed prior to the fly tying demonstration. Needs coordination through John Read.

Forest Service Gold Center Creek Fish Conservation Project. Tim Price, replaced Ken Gephardt as the Fisheries Biologist located at the Avery Work Center on the St. Joe. His wife Sarah teaches school at Avery.

The project in 2006 will be on Gold Center Creek, a stream east of Clarkia that is a tributary of the St. Maries River. About one mile of stream on both Forest Service and private land will be renovated.

This stream currently is shallow with a wide channel, has fair to poor banks, little spawning gravel, and lacks fish numbers. Current fish include brook trout, Westslope Cutthroat, stocked rainbows and may have included bulltrout historically. **Do you know of bull trout being in this stream?**

Goals will be to improve water quality, pool numbers, and spawning habitat through placement of large wood debris in the stream with a spider hoe, conifer and willow planting, construction of enclosures to protect plantings from cattle grazing, and documentation of work. **Opportunities for CFC** members to participate in this effort in late July through early August. Further details will be available in the spring of 2006 or you may contact Tim : (208) 245-6242 (office) or (208) 245-4760 (home).

Speaker, Dave Yonge enlightened and entertained the group with 387 easy techniques for catching steelhead. Tips on equipment, flies to use like “Beats Me”, egg sucking leech,

beadhead black wooly buggers, large bunny flies, and how to stay warm by using layers of clothes and acclimating by standing in barrels of snow and ice, cold showers, etc. Of course not falling in helps too! Using Zen to convince yourself that you are warm also helps too!

Sad News. Andre Puyans. Tim received word that Andre Puyans passed away on Oct. 26 at an eastern Idaho Medical Center in Idaho Falls. Dan Blantons (BB) said “Andre was a great fly caster, a fantastic tyer, a wonderful teacher and was the one that brought fisheries conservation to California. There will never be another Andre Puyans nor AP nymph.”

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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.



Doug and Lillian Young

Cowboy and Norwegian Lass. Doug continues to thank one of the greatest feats of serendipity, or divine intervention ever that put him and Lillian on the same street corner in Nairobi, Kenya, for a blind date on New Year's Day, 1969. Considering that Doug was born a cowboy in Enterprise, Oregon and Lillian in occupied, bombed out Bergen, Norway, their meeting was indeed a mysterious happening. Doug says "she's a keeper"! Not sure what Lillian says, but she smiles a lot.

Doug grew up on a dry cattle ranch in northeastern Oregon, near Enterprise. Ranching and school activities kept Doug busy, but he began fishing with worms on small "cricks". He claims he didn't know any other kind of fishing existed until he was 22 years old. To this day he prefers fishing small streams for cutthroats or rainbows, and particularly likes the tributaries of the St Joe, Asotin Creek, and the Tuccannon River.

Lillian grew up in Norway and got an elementary education degree there. She taught for five years in Norway, Kenya, and Brazil. She and Doug were too busy climbing mountains (including Mt. Kilimanjaro in

Tanzania, Mt. Kenya in Kenya, and Mt. Elgon in Uganda, taking wild life safaris, and enjoying the culture and people to do much fishing. And yes, they had to fit their jobs of livestock and range development and teaching into these two years with the Peace Corps and Norwegian Volunteer Service.

Back to the U.S. Doug received a PhD. From Oregon State University and Lillian a teaching certificate for Oregon. While with OSU, they spent eighteen months working in Northeast Brazil. Doug worked on the economics of pest control and Lillian as a teacher at the Recife, Brazil American School. He and Lillian moved to Pullman, WA in 1976, where **Doug** is an Agricultural Economist in the College of Agriculture, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences at WSU.

Lillian is a homemaker, has her own sewing business, and weaves clothing, scarves, table runners, and other items from linen, cotton, wool, and silk. She also is a handy wood worker having made bookcases, stereo units, dressers, and beds.

Both Doug and Lillian enjoy backpacking. A favorite memory occurred several years ago while backpacking with their kids and another family on upper Moose Creek, a tributary of the Selway. Their intent was to hike about eight miles, but 45 minutes into the hike, they glimpsed a beautiful secluded pool of clear water and beach where. The families stopped their march and spent the rest of the day swimming, observing the huge cutthroat and enjoying their "Private Paradise." And yes, Doug and his friend were permitted to fish, *outside* of paradise.

Doug's Adventure. Perhaps one of the reasons Doug prefers small streams, is an adventure on the St Joe at our 2005 Fish Out. First, he left his box of favorite "Joe" flies laying on a rock the first evening of fishing. The next morning he got up early to search the suspected spot, but to no avail as the box was gone. Glen and Tim soon outfitted him with some more flies, but then in his attempt to cross the river in a still looking but deceptively fast stretch of water, Doug found himself being carried downstream. It was then he discovered that he had forgotten to put his belt around his waders. With the waders ballooned out and acting as an anchor he managed to eventually slow down and get out of the river on the far side. Doug shucked his waders and most of his clothes and tried to dry them out a bit. Then he noticed a guy with two women pointing at him from the highway.....Doug didn't say if he shucked all of his clothes, but why would they point and laugh! Could it be that the initials D. Y. (recall fellow member David Yonge) are enough to convert any calm and relaxing fishing trip to a hilarious misadventure?

Doug, Lillian, and Lavon Adventure. It didn't end there. Doug took Lillian and Lavon Frazier on what he promised to be an easy six-mile loop hike to the north St. Joe ridge and back. Only thing was that the loop trail on Doug's ancient map didn't exist and the hike turned into 10 miles. Which was OK until the wind and rain storm of the summer came up and trees began snapping off. That wasn't all, Doug was navigating using a compass borrowed from Debbie Bell and it was getting late. Doug didn't know that Debbie has a hard time navigating on the highway....I wouldn't have trusted her compass! Meanwhile back at camp, the search party had decided not to launch until about 6:30 pm *after* happy hour. Great friends! The soaked trio arrived back to Fly Flat Camp about 6:15 pm, so happy hour didn't have to end early!

Fishing. **Doug** got a late start fly fishing, around 1990. While in graduate school at OSU he managed to catch some steelhead on bait! After coming to Pullman, he and Lillian operated a trout pond at their ranch in northeastern Oregon for several years. The Young's children and their friends, and a long parade of international students and visiting faculty caught over a thousand trout on....you guessed it, bait and lures. Upon return from a sabbatical leave in N. Carolina in 1990, Doug sat in on several fly fishing classes taught by Dave Engerbretson. He has been trying to learn the sport ever since. Doug's favorite flies are anything he can see, especially parachute Adams, parachute grasshoppers, small midges (that he can't see) and caddis.

Lillian said she has successfully avoided fishing so far, but she accompanies Doug on (almost) any fishing trip as long as she can do some hiking, bird watching, wildflower observation, or enjoy camaraderie among campmates. All that failing, she will bring along her weaving, felting, knitting, sewing, reading, or other craft of the moment.

CFC. Doug and Lillian regularly attend the CFC monthly meetings and have participated in most of the fish outs since joining CFC around 1995. The exceptions are two different years when their children (ungratefully) scheduled their weddings with perfect accuracy during the weekends of the St. Joe Fish Outs.

EARL MADSEN SKUNK

"This fly floats so well you could hang a bowling ball from it." That was how Julie Nielsen, from Rockford, Michigan first described this pattern at the 40th Anniversary (2005) FFF Conclave in Livingston, MT. She later modified it a little to: "...hang bead heads from it." The pattern, also known as the Michigan Skunk, was originated in 1930 by long time AuSable River guide Earl Madsen.

Fish drag free in moving water if fish are taking large dry flies, or use as a searching pattern. Twitching or popping in pocket water or around structures is also effective. In stillwater cast ahead of feeding fish. Also makes a great strike indicator using bead head nymphs.



Tying Methods

1. Tie thread on entire hook shank, leaving thread hanging in front of hook point.
2. Tie in bunch of white calf tail the diameter of two wooden matches one third the length of the hook shank behind the eye. Tail should extend behind the hook bend about 1-1/2 hook gaps.
3. Strip some of the fuzzy part off chenille to expose the thread core, attach , wrap the chenille forward, secure, 1-1/2 to 2 eye widths behind the eye; this is the wing tie-in point.
4. Tie in elk hair (about the diameter of a wooden pencil) so that tips are about to the end of the tail using three successively tighter wraps. Trim hair butts at middle of eye. Wrap thread around hair bundle from tie in point toward eye.
5. Tie in legs one at a time so that they stand out from the body.

Materials

Hook: TMC 101, size 10
Thread: Dynacord Superfine
Tail: White calf tail
Body: Tinsel chenille
Wing: Premium elk
Legs: White round rubber

From FFF Website, Bob Bates. See FFF website for more tying details

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Our next meeting is:

Wednesday, Nov. 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!

