



The Tippet

Presidents Message

'Tis the season for the Clearwater Fly Casters' December 12th meeting and Christmas party. This is always a fun and well attended event. Bring your spouses, significant others, kids, and guests for a good time. Bring some flies or other appropriate donation for the last raffle of the year. Yes, the last raffle where there is the members-only draw from the year's tickets for a custom built fly rod. This year John Read has graciously volunteered his skill and craftsmanship as the rod builder. Thanks John! Finally, bring a fun gift for the Cutthroat Gift Exchange (fly fishing related, food, wine, art, etc.). The name of the exchange is not in honor of the West Slope beauties we are so obsessed with, but instead to the cold, calculating, underhanded, and sometimes ruthless tactics employed by some members to try to secure their favorite gift! Don't be scared, it's a lot of fun! Finally, Jack Mitchell of The Evening Hatch Guide Service & Fly Shop will speak on fly-fishing on the Yakima River, "The River for all Seasons". I'm heavily banking on this presentation to improve my luck on the Yak, because I sure need it! Anyway, this isn't about me, it's about YOU, so I hope YOU all can come for the fun, friends, and good food at our December meeting.

Not to sound like a broken record (I prefer sounding like a skipping CD!), but if you haven't paid your dues yet plan to settle-up with Shirley at the next meeting or send them to:

Clearwater Fly Casters
 PO Box 394
 Pullman, WA 99163

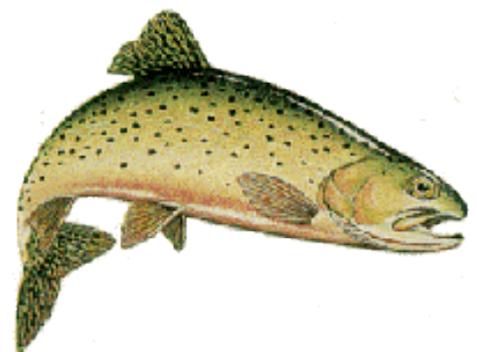
It's been a great last two years serving as an officer of the club. It has really given me a chance to get better acquainted with the club traditions, our membership in general, and I have made some good friendships that I truly value. Steve Bush takes the helm as President starting next month and will serve the club well.

Tight lines,
Glenn

Calendar

- December 12** - Jack Mitchell, fly-fishing on the Yakima
- December 12** Gift exchange
- January 9** - Bob Krumm, Big Horn River guide
- February 13** - TBA
- March 12** - TBA
- April 9** - TBA
- May 14** - TBA

The Clearwater Fly Casters club is looking for a few civic minded people to be the secretary or the vice president. If you feel like that you would like to contribute to the club and keep our organization active and healthy please step up and volunteer for one of these positions.





DECEMBER SPEAKER ~ JACK MITCHELL

Jack Mitchell is the head guide and owner of the Evening Hatch fly shop in Ellensburg, WA. Jack is father to three beautiful children; Lauren, Kelsey and Justin!

Jack started fishing at the early age of one. The first 16 summers of his life were spent fishing at Neah Bay, with his parents and grandparents as “Kelpers” - catching and selling salmon caught in the Straits of Juan de Fuca and the Pacific Ocean.

Prior to the families years at Neah Bay Jack’s grandfather owned a very well known fishing resort on Camano Island called Camp Lagoon, where he hosted thousands of people on fishing excursions.

During his 16 years at Neah Bay, Jack spent 4 years as a bait boy on the top two Charters Services. When he wasn’t in the boat fishing the ocean he was by foot and/or bike fishing for sea run cutthroat in numerous local creeks on the reservation.

After high school Jack went on to college at Washington State University and was on the 7 year plan for his BA in Sport and Recreation Management. While at college he fished, hunted and played a large amount of Rugby, hence the 7 year plan. Soon after graduation he found himself in Ellensburg and realized that his love of fishing had brought him to the right place. Jack’s fishing trails have led him to Alaska, Canada, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Washington, Oregon and South America. In Chile, he explored many watersheds that until a few years ago had hardly ever been fished. Jack guided in South America for a total of 7 winters.

The Evening Hatch started in 1988 and in the 19 years since has grown from a small red pick-up, an Achilles raft and doing a seasonal 50 trips a year, to a year round operation facilitating over 700 guided river days a year. Their services range from day trips to all inclusive programs with their ‘Heart and Soul’ waters that include the Yakima, Klicitat, Methow and the Upper Columbia/Kettle river system.

The company’s goal is and always has been to have fun on the water and provide it’s costumers with the most enjoyable fishing experience possible.



Clearwater Fly Casters Officers 2007

| | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| President | Glenn Woodhouse | gwoodhouse40@msn.com (509) 397-0111 |
| Vice President | Steve Bush | moscowtitle@moscow.com (208) 882-4564 |
| Treasurer | Shirley Engerbretson | sengerbr@moscow.com (208) 882-1687 |
| Associate Treasurer | Debbie Bell | debbiebell@hotmail.com (208) 883-3592 |
| Secretary | | |
| FFF Representative | Steve Bush | moscowtitle@moscow.com (208) 882-4564 |
| Conservation Chair | Glen Murray | glenmurray@moscow.com (208) 882-7020 |
| Newsletter Editor | Cliff Swanson | clswan@moscow.com (208) 835-5541 |
| Webmaster | Tim Cavileer | tcavi@uidaho.edu (208) 883-4572 |

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 Hour 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm and program at 7:30 pm.



Member Profile : Steve Bush

Steve Bush is the current vice president of Clearwater Fly Casters and president elect for 2008. Steve was born in Sault Ste. Marie, on Michigan's Upper Peninsula. He attended Sault High School and went to college at Lake Superior State University where he earned bachelors degrees in Business Management and Business Marketing. He wandered out west for the skiing and not fishing, fishing would come later. His first stop was Jackson Hole, Wyoming. While there he consider himself a ski bum.

Steve went to work in the tile company business while he was in Jackson Hole. While hunting he met his future wife Roxann. Steve and Roxann have four children, Margo, Ryan, Lindsay and Erika. They also have a granddaughter Natasha. Steve is helping Natasha to become an expert fly fisher person. Steve and Roxann still like to hunt but with family obligations and their cabin at Elk River they are finding less time hunting and getting more cabin and family time. Steve still manages to fish a bit, as one of his two favorite fishing spots is Elk Creek and Elk Creek Reservoir. He has two favorite flies, they are a damsel nymph and a humpy. He also likes the Locsha as a favored fishing spot. This is where his good friend Joe McGukin introduced him to fly fishing in Idaho. Joe loves to take his friends off on fishing adventures. The Locsha is one of those many memorable fishing adventures for Steve. Steve also credits Joe for his involvement in the Clearwater Fly Casters club. It was Joe that introduced Steve to the club while they were meeting at Shermer's restaurant in Pullman. Steve is also an avid supporter of Burgers and Flies. Joe McGurkin sponsors and orchestrates Burger and Flies each spring. If you have not attended a Burgers and Flies event in the past, Steve strongly encourages everyone to attend. A good time is had by all at Burgers and Flies especially Joe!



Steve has clear memories of his early introduction into fishing. He and his brother would go out at night with his grandparents and father fishing the AuSable River in Michigan. The boys job was to get in the car with their grandmother and drive down the road dragging big stumps behind them in the car. These stumps served as fuel for a big bond fire. This fire was the signal for grandpa and dad to find the camping site that grandma and the boys had staked out for the weekend

Steve, Roxann and family settled in Moscow in 1989 when they purchased Moscow Title. Their oldest daughter had been in five different schools by the time she was in the sixth grade. It was time to settle down to a normal life. The opportunity to purchase Moscow Tile came up. Lucky for Moscow they made the purchase and have become an integral part of the local area.

Steve is a great asset to the community, to the local area and to the club as he has volunteered for many community, outdoor and fishing organizations and projects. His conservation activities include the streamside restoration project on the West Fork of the St. Maries River for the USFS, free fishing for kids at Hordaman Pond, free fishing day at Spring Valley, Tri- State fly tying demos, tying flies at Burgers and Flies and an Idaho Fish and Game conservation planting on Wallen Road near Troy. He is a member of the Rotary club and has served as their president. He is a volunteer hockey official and hockey coach at the Rotary Veterans Memorial Pavilion (RVMP), he sits on the RVMP board, is a member of the National Ski Patrol and patrols at Bald Mountain Ski Area, is a charter member of the local Trout Unlimited chapter and most recently has become a member of the Elk River Volunteer Fire Department.

It is great to have good people in the area like Roxann and Steve.

Some interesting web sites for tying some flies and some audio podcasts. If you don't have itunes or an MP3 player on you computer you may want to download one to take a look at these sites.

<http://globalflyfisher.com/patterns/czech/> a good step by step introductin to tying the czech nymph.

http://www.czechnymphs.com/tying/tying_2003_002.html another tying site

http://www.mustad.no/action/flyofthemonth/archive/cz_nymph.html mustad tying site.

<http://www.askaboutflyfishing.com/> internet fly fishing show. Live on line on Wednesdays

<http://www.flyfishohio.com/> Adventures in Fly fishing and Adventures in Fly Tying Fly tying audio podcast and fly fishing adventures audio podcast

<http://www.utahoutdoors.com/radio/> Mostly about Utah outdoor activites some activities for southern idaho. Podcast available

http://www.kfbk.com/pages/p_simms.html The outdoor show with Bob Simms from Sacramento

<http://radio.boisestate.edu/> Off the trail podcast Click on podcasts * Host: Jyl Hoyt

* Join veteran producer, Jyl Hoyt as she goes Off the Trail in search of the stories of Idaho's rich bio-diversity. From butterflies to Big Horn Sheep, from wolves to whales and from Blue Heron to Redband Trout, enjoy a weekly visit with these fascinating species in their natural habitat.



FLY OF THE MONTH
CZECH NYMPH



Materials:

- Body: Tan Fur With a Section of Green
- Rib: Fine Gold Tinsel and Clear Nylon Monofilament
- Shellback: Brown Plastic Wrap or Scud Material
- Thread: Brown
- Thorax: Hare's Fur
- Weight: Lead Wire
- Hook: Heavy Scud size 6-12

Directions: Pinch down the barb on the hook. Tie in the monofilament, the scud back and the tinsel in that order. Next dub the hook with the tan fur and the green section. Then tie in a section of darker hare's ear fur. Wrap the tinsel forward and tie off. Then lay the scud back on the hook and tie it off. Next wrap the monofilament forward. Whip finish a nice and cement a head.

From *The Fly-Tying Bible*, by Peter Gathercole, page 134

Clearwater Fly Casters
PO Box 394
Pullman, WA 99163



December Meeting:

Wednesday December 12, 2007

Buffet Dinner \$15/person

Wet fly Hour: 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30

PM and Program at 7:30 PM

- Membership dues are due. See Shirley
- at the December meeting and she will
- make sure you get registered. \$20/yr for
- individuals, \$30/yr for families, \$10/yr
- for students, \$50/yr sustaining, \$300/
- lifetime.