



The Tippet

Presidents Message

A trout walks into a bar in Ennis Montana. The bar tender asks, "What'll ya have?" The trout coyly replies, "You're just going to have to figure that out". Well I've been serving a lot of different cocktails to steelhead lately (mostly iced drinks!) and my tip jar is still empty.

Judging from the not-quite-fly fishing non-fish reports at the January meeting I am clearly not alone. This time of year the Clearwater Fly Casters clan is more of a "Fly Fisherman's Anonymous" support group than a fishing club. By the time this message reaches you, we will be starting to turn the corner on winter. So here are some Winter non-fishing tips that I know I should do, rarely follow myself, but will expound upon anyway in the off chance that this inspires you (and hopefully me) to be more prepared for trout fishing this Spring.

1. Tie Flies - Now is the time to be tying those damsel fly wiggle nymphs, chironamids, leeches, Woolly Buggers, and adult midge patterns for the Spring lake fishing and our Amber lake outing on April 28. You never have enough bead head Hares Ear and Prince nymphs, Elk Hair Caddis, Royal Wulffs and Parachute Adams by the time that the North Fork and St. Joe are coming on in the Spring/Summer.

2. Clean Lines - Cleaning and dressing your lines now and storing them on a large diameter object such as a 2 liter pop bottle or even a five gallon bucket will make them feel like new when trout fishing starts coming on. Heck, considering the large arbor fly reel craze of late, you could "one-up" your buddies and just duck tape that mega-arbor bucket onto your reel seat!

3. Clean Reels - By this point in the year the inside of your reels (or at least mine) are reminiscent of an ant colony and sound more like a grist mill than a precision machined instrument.

4. Patch Your Waders - Bolster your motivation by drafting a customer dissatisfaction letter to your favorite wader company, and then go to work patching. With the breathable waders, a good trick is to place a high powered light inside of the waders in a dark room to identify those pesky pinholes. For the inevitable neoprene stocking foot leaks you have to get intimate with your waders in the tub or shower and fill the feet and legs up with water to find the leaks. It is best that you wait to when your spouse is out on errands when you take this task on because being caught wrestling with a filled-up pair of waders in the shower can be a bit hard to explain! Of course give them plenty of time to dry out before applying that **Cotol** thinned Aquaseal to the neoprene.

Raffle tickets for the 7 1/2', 5 wt. bamboo rod are about half sold. We need to move the other 75. The sooner we sell them, the sooner we have a happy winner. If you want to buy some or need more to sell please contact Cliff Swanson or pick them up at the February 14th meeting. Bring the stubs and the bucks for tickets you have already sold to Cliff at the next meeting.

Tight Lines,

Glenn

Calendar

February 14th - General Meeting speaker Mike Kaul Fishing the Bridger Wilderness

February 10th - Kelly Creek Lie-n-Tie Day Asotin HS

February 17th - Burger & Flys

March 14th - General meeting - speaker Jerry Cebula Fishing for Steelhead in British Columbia

April 9th- Club auction note this is a Monday

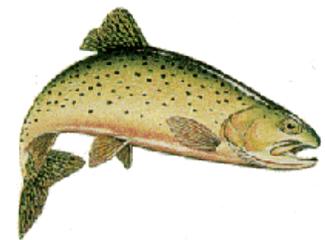
April 28 - Amber Lake Fish Out

May 9 - TBA

June 1-2 ? Fishout @ Elk River

July 13-15 - St. Joe Fish Out, Fly Flat Campground

September 12 - Annual BBQ hosted by Don Shearer



NEED MORE RAFFLE TICKETS? THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING. THE CLUBS GOAL IS FOR EVERYONE TO TRY AND SELL 10 TICKETS.



The Backcast

Executive Meeting January 10, 2006. It was decided that it would be best if the board meeting were to be held on a night other than the regular meeting night. The next board meeting will be held at the Old Post Office in Pullman on January 18th at 5:30 PM. Bruce Frazier confirmed that Mike Kaul will be our February speaker and that Jerry Cebula will present at the March meeting. The clubs auction will be held in April. The Collins-Allured Award committee is on track and has selected the next recipient. The awardees for the Alspach-Engerbretson have been selected and will be introduced at the February meeting. Other items on the agenda will be discussed at the Board meeting on the 18th.

Fishing Reports: Steve Bush and his son caught some fish at Elk Creek Reservoir using a new fly pattern. (Power Bait) Gary Young caught a large whitefish will steelheading. Gary Evers had been on the Rhonde fishing and only managed to catch a smolt or two. Kay and Lynn Youngblood have been fishing for steelhead without much success. Cliff Swanson reported that he had heard of some blue gill and crappie being caught through the ice at Spring Valley Reservoir.

Presentation: Reid Miller gave us a great presentation on Chili with highlights of a recent trip he made with wife Nancy. His presentation covered their association with some former exchange students; he had some great geographic and geological features as well as some fishing experiences in Patagonia.

Raffle Items: Lynn Youngblood fishing gloves, Debbie Bell picture frame and copper dubbing material, Silvia Evers Fishing Colander, Glenn Wood House double retriever, Roxanne Bush ice dubbing, George Hinman Olive dubbing, mallard feathers and CDC feathers, Gary Evers damsel eyes and Tom Weber Chartreuse Marabo.

Executive Meeting January 18 at the Old Post office in Pullman.

Elk River was suggested as a proposed fishout for the first weekend in June (the 2nd or 3rd). The club needs to verify when the free fishing day in Idaho is before a fishout is scheduled. This can be a topic of discussion for our next meeting. Some potential future program ideas were thrown out: 1. Ideas for May: a) Yakima - The Evening Hatch Show b) Bernie Taylor - see Tim C. c) Steve Probasco d) Will Godfrey, KFC - local rivers e) Zach Funkhauser - local fishing. 2. Swede's Flyshop for Pike fishing 3. "Bill the Carp Guy" out of Spokane - Bob Harwood would likely have his contact info. The Washington Council FFF Tying Expo is in Ellensburg on April 21 - Potential fly tying "delegates" could be Glen Murray, John Read, Bill Hendrix, Debbie Bell, and Tim Cavileer. There was some discussion regarding purchase of Power Point projector for club. a decision was made to what until after the rod raffle is finished. Also, the bamboo rod raffle should infuse \$1,200 into the club treasury so this could be the funding source. Cost of a projector will be in the \$600-\$800 range. This years community dinner at the St. Joe Fishout it will be potluck.. The club will provide for the main course and members will bring sides and deserts. Some coordination of the sides might be warranted to avoid 400 pounds of potato salad! The board decided not to pursue adopting the stretch of highway along the Lochsa adjacent to the Kelly Creek club stretch due its distance from the Moscow and risk to life-and-limb due to narrow shoulders. Someone had a great suggestion that we just do our own cleanup closer to home or on a more accessible area. The North Fork of the Clearwater was one suggestion among many. It was felt that having an "Adopt a Highway" sign with our name on it would do very little to promote membership for the CFC. Really, a clean-up effort could be part of any of our club fishing outings and be in alignment with our conservation charter.

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

Treasurer's Report for Jan., 2007

Business Checking Account

Beginning Balance, Jan 1, 2007	\$1,132.05
Total Deposits	
(including savings transfers)	1,126.00
Expenses for January.2007	536.65
Ending Balance, January 31	\$1,721.40

Business Money Market Account

Beginning Balance, 1-1-06	\$4,594.68
Interest income	3.60
Ending Balance, 1-31-07	\$4,598.28

Shirley Engerbretson,
Treasurer



Mike Kaul February Speaker

Mike is from Pinedale, Wyoming, which is located at the foot of the Wind River Mountains and the Bridger Wilderness. This area produces the headwaters of a multitude of outstanding trout streams to include the renowned Green and New Fork Rivers. Mike has taken every opportunity in the past 40 some years to chase these wily trout with a fly rod. Starting under the tutelage of his grandfather at age 8, Mike studied and practiced the fly fishing craft with great zeal. He introduced fly-fishing to many individuals of all ages and backgrounds over the years and enjoys working with beginners who want to learn the art of fly-casting and fly-fishing. Mike, a Federation of Fly Fishers Certified Casting Instructor, conducts a fly-fishing school and does wade fish guiding during the fishing season in the Pinedale area.

Mike will be presenting "Western Wyoming Fishing Adventures" (A Power Point Presentation)

The Bridger Wilderness encompasses nearly 400,000 acres of pristine forest, lakes, streams, and mountains, including the Wind River Mountain Range. This vast area of unparalleled beauty, sometimes referred to as the "forgotten wilderness" because of its lack of notoriety, contains 1300 lakes, several hundred miles of connecting streams, 15 of the 16 highest peaks in Wyoming, 27 active glaciers, and over 600 miles of trails. The Wind River Mountains, the largest continuous mountain chain in the lower 48 states, produces the headwaters of a multitude of outstanding fishing streams which include great trout producing rivers such as the Green and New Fork. The many lakes also provide excellent still water fishing opportunities. These venues offer anglers the chance to get away from crowds and pursue a wide variety of fresh water fish to include rainbow, brown, brook, cutthroat, golden, lake (mackinaw) trout and the feisty grayling.

In addition to fishing, Mike Kaul will discuss other recreational activities feature in the area, comment on the rich history of the region and provide information on accommodations and services.

You can find out more about Mike at: www.flyfishingwyomingwinds.com

MEMBER PROFILE

Glen Murray is a Montana native that grew up in the Bozeman area where he worked on farms and ranches. He could walk or ride his bike to several good fishing holes. Glen graduated from Gallatin County High School in 1957 and went on to study Range Management and Agronomy-Physiology at Montana State University and The University of Arizona. He received a PhD from the U of A in 1967. He retired from the Plant Science Department in 1999 where he had conducted field research on numerous crops and taught crop management and physiology classes for 32 years. Glen has been a Moscow resident for nearly 40 years.

Glen has been an active member of the Clearwater Fly Casters Club for about five years. He was The Tippet editor for 2 1/2 years and did an outstanding job. He has attended most of the fish outings and has been involved in many club sponsored activities that include: Fly tying demonstrations at Tri State, stream restoration and habitat plantings on the West Fork of the St. Maries River, looked for Bull Trout redds on the upper drainage of the St. Joe River for the Forest Service, and tying flies for Washington FFF activities. Glen has also volunteered with the Idaho Fish and Game to fish for steelhead smolts on several tributaries to the Potlatch River, and taught classes for the Sportsman-Landowner employees to help them to evaluate crop losses from big game. Plus he has taught hunter safety classes to the area youth.

Glen is a volunteer for the Latah County Youth Accountability Board. His duties are to help counsel children under 18 and at times parents to help them get on track and become good citizens in our society and learn from their mistakes. Most of the clients that he sees have done something stupid and are not hard-core criminals. The clients he works with sign a contract and on the successful completion prevents them from having a record.

Glen's favorite fishing holes are the North Fork of The Clearwater and the Colville Indian Reservation. He has come to a point in his fishing hobby where he likes to catch big fish, but really enjoys the places that fishing takes him. He chases trout with a caddis pattern or throws some form of a woolly bugger at his prey. He also fishes for bass and pike. Glen's favorite memories are watching and helping his children catch brook trout. He cockled at the memories of his children jerking the fish out of the water and sometimes up into the brush.

Some of Glen's other hobbies and activities include fly tying, big game hunting, and triathlons, including Ironman competitions, and helping people with their home projects. He enjoys both physical and mental challenging projects.





Fly for February: The Klinkhåmmer Special

HOOK; #8-22 Partridge GRS15ST, K12ST, Daiichi 1730 or a curved caddis hook bent slightly halfway along the shank

THREAD: Gray, tan or to match dubbing

BODY: varied from tan and olive to black.

THORAX: Peacock herl

WING: Cul-de-canord, polypropylene, calf tail etc.

HACKLE: Color to match natural

HEAD: Black thread



The Klinkhåmmer Special is a great early season fly. This fly is my go to fly early when the water is high early in the season.. Presenting this fly in a run behind a large bolder or in a seam that has slowed the current a little will bring an unsuspecting cutthroat up of the bottom. Hans Van Klinken developed the fly over 20 years ago. Hans gives credit to a Swedish tier Tomas Olsen who created a similar pattern a year before he developed the Klinkhåmmer. Hans also credits an American Roy Richardson who independently developed his Equal Emerger about the same time as Olsen. Enough history, if you would like to read more about the Klinkhåmmer please see *Fly Fisherman*, December 2006 pages 34-37,59.

Clearwater Fly Casters

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February 14th Meeting:

Best Western University Inn, Moscow

Buffet Dinner \$15/person

Wet fly hour 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:30

and Program at 7:30 pm.

Shirley will still take money
for your 2007 dues.

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