



The Tippet

Presidents Message

Greetings members, friends, and fellow fisher persons. The Monday following our February meeting we had a very good board meeting. Although there were only five of us in attendance, we made good progress on the April auction planning, and had some exciting discussion regarding conservation related ideas and opportunities.

Our biennial fundraising auction will be **MONDAY** April 9th at the Best Western University Inn. Yes **MONDAY**, not our usual Wednesday meeting, due to unavailability of rooms at the BWUI on April 11th. I know that old habits die-hard so I will provide multiple reminders leading up to the event. Did I mention that it will be **MONDAY** April 9th this year? So start rummaging through those high quality, lightly used items that a fellow CFC cohort just has to have and you can stand to part with. The funds raised at our auction are the primary source for our Bill Alspach & Dave Engerbretson Memorial Scholarship. For those of you who couldn't make the February meeting, we awarded this year's scholarship to Micah Zuccarelli, a University of Idaho Fisheries Biology PhD candidate. Micah gave an excellent presentation on his research proposal related to characterizing stress levels of fish through chemical analysis of peritoneal fluid. This characterization will be used with PIT tags that are currently under development that can measure key chemical components of a fish's peritoneal fluid with the ultimate desired outcome of determining the effects that stress caused by things like fish ladders has on ultimate spawning success. In case I failed to mention it, our 2007 auction will be **MONDAY**, April 9th.

On the conservation front, Glen Murray, our Conservation Chair, made the excellent suggestion that we consider "adopting" a stretch of water that club members feel passionate about, and make some long term project plans related to stream restoration and other related conservation efforts. So I would ask that each of you consider this and provide your ideas and suggestions to Glen Murray and/or myself. We will discuss this at upcoming meetings as well until it gels into a reality. In addition, Jen Bruns, who is the new IDFG volunteer coordinator, has provided us with a list of volunteer conservation projects. Some members have already signed up for some of the activities and we will circulate the sign-up sheets at future meetings. Read on in the Tippet to see more details on these projects.

For our upcoming March 14th meeting, the 2007 winner of the Steve Allured-Benton Collins Memorial Award will be announced. This award is given to a member of the club in recognition of outstanding contributions to the activities of the Clearwater Fly Casters, conservation, and the sport of fly-fishing. Jerry Cebula of the Kelly Creek Fly Casters will be our speaker presenting on Steelhead Fishing in British Columbia. And as usual you can expect an excellent dinner, fun raffle, good camaraderie, and a few lightly embellished fish tales. See you at the March meeting

Tight Lines,

Glenn

Calendar

March 14th - General meeting - speaker Jerry Cebula Fishing for Steelhead in British Columbia. The Allured-Collins will be Announced

April 9th- Club auction this is a **Monday**

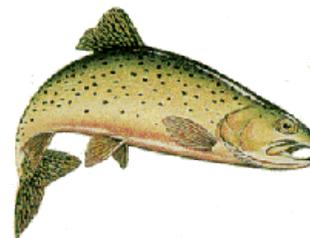
April 28 - Amber Lake Fish Out

May 9 - TBA

June 1-2 Tentative Fishout at Elk River Reservoir

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

September 12 - Annual BBQ hosted by Don Shearer



RAFFLE UPDATE: ALL THE TICKETS ARE DISTRIBUTED TO OUR MEMBERS.

IF YOU HAVE PACKET 131-135 PLEASE LET CLIFF SWANSON KNOW THAT YOU HAVE THEM.



The Backcast

February 14, 2007: Mike Succarelli a 4th year PhD student is this years Engerbretson-Aslpech scholarship winner. He presented a brief summary of his project relating to stress on Kootenai River Sturgeon and Chinook salmon. An interesting outcome from his project may be the development of a PIT tag that will have the ability to monitor stress. Jen Bruns, Clearwater Region Volunteer Coordinator with the IDFG introduced herself and told about some volunteer opportunities for the year. Some of the opportunities are: habitat improvement planting, steelhead sampling on the Potlatch river basin, Redbird Wildlife Management area cleanup, firewood sale help on Craig Mountain and Soldiers Meadow, Craig Mountain Quail Habitat improvement project and lowland lake creel surveys

February Speaker: Mike Kaul from Prindale, Wyoming presentation included some great photographs from the Wind River Mountains and Bridger Wilderness area. He also told the group of some great fishing opportunities in his home area.

Fishing reports: Gerry Vidergar reported on a fine trip to Ascension Bay. Gary Ewers has been out on the snake, Glenn Woodhouse found ice dames on the Rhonde, Glen Murray had a hook up on the Rhonde.

Raffle winners: Tim Cavileer-hook file, Steve Bush-ice dubbing, Diana Vidergar-gloves, Bob Harwood-tippet holder, Paul Agidius-CDC material, Mike Decker-partridge skin, Fred Muehlbauer-dubbing, (Fred also won the yearly drawing for a custom built fly rod earlier this year), Doug Young-plastic eyes, Kay Youngblood-copper dubbing, Glenn Woodhouse-Harwood print, Debbie Bell-dubbing, Tom Weber-marabou.

Board Meeting February 19, 2007: Old Post Office in Pullman. In depth discussions for the planning of the biennial auction. Some conservation issues and some ways to encourage membership were also held.

Near Spences Bridge

a heron in rubber pants,
I waited for daylight, leaden
river sliding one direction, freight
train worming the opposite bank
headed the other, the black shoreline
(the part of the world I'am on) going
yet another.

I'd camped nights on the Nicola,
read glove-held Cormac McCarthy
and shivered with the pulsing lantern.
Never got a room
or took a shower
or bought a meal;
shat with the coyotes,
moon rolling in frosted sage.

Cast an extended live nerve
Through five platinum days,
fly carving the sheen
into brief fleeing arcs,
suprisingly kissed twice
by myths called steelhead. I cradled
one, a silver-clad gipsy with rouge
on her cheeks, a gift.

returned to its source
knowing wet palms
would recall the evanescent
caress while I tried to believe
we'd be as the water
and find our way home.

JJ Cebula

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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.



March Speaker Jerry Cebula

Jerry has lived outside of Lenore Idaho for the last 13 years. In that time he has actively fishing for steelhead (*steelhead*) since 1984. Jerry released his first steelhead but it still hasn't let him go. He considers himself a recovering addict but does not suffer the withdrawal pain and anger from reduced steelhead fishing opportunities in recent years. The turning point for Jerry came when he encountered two jet-skis, sporting spey rods that came tearing up the Bulkley River. He still dreams of a catch and release season on the Clearwater where all motorized craft are banned. He compares this type of activity as being similar to the restricting in-line muzzle loader hunters, a tweak back toward the original intent of the sport.

Jerry will be presenting a slide show made up of parts from several trips to British Columbia in the past century. Most of his slides are from the Bulkley and Babine Rivers. His presentation will be a real treat as he has decided that it is time to reveal some of the lesser-known waters of British Columbia.



Jerry with a nice Coho that he caught in 2006. Even though it is not a steelhead he claims he is trying to quit.

A book review by Don Sherer

Title: Long ago in the Northern Palouse, ISBN 0-922993-34-3

Author: Glenn Leitz, Page 98

Excerpted from the book: Fish for the Lakes (May 1907)

The fish to stock Rock Lake and Bonnie Lake arrived this morning at Rosalia in charge of a special messenger from Fisheries Station, Oregon City, Oregon. The fish were taken to the lakes today.

The stocking of Rock Lake and Bonnie was secured through an effort of the Rosalia Hyak Club and under the club's management the fish were transferred to the lakes. The consignment consists of land-locked salmon for Rock Lake and eastern brook trout for Bonnie Lake. These species were placed in the lake at the recommendation of U.S. Commissioner Bowers, under whose direction the fish were delivered at Rosalia.

The number of each species sent was about 5,000 for each lake, all of them about an inch and a half long. The belief is that the natives of the lakes to which the fish have been assigned are well adapted to the propagation of the species, and local anglers are anticipating great sport at the lakes in the not distant future.

CFC Auction April 9, 2007:

Items that you would like to donate can be brought to the meeting the night of the auction. If you plan on bringing some items contact one of the members of the auction committee. Members are Bob Clark, Nancy & Reid Miller, Glen Murray, Debbie Bell and Gary Lee. As in the past hosted fishing trips, birding adventures, hosted dinners or other outings are encouraged.

Tippet submissions: If you have any interesting information, photographs of club members, book reviews or any information that would be interesting reading in the tippet, please send them to Cliff Swanson. E-mail or snail mail works equally as well.

Troy High School PE Fishing grant:

If you would like to volunteer your time to help Erin Royce with her fishing and fly tying classes she can be contacted at Troy High School, 101 Trojan Drive, Troy ID 83871 or eroyce@sd287.k12.id.us.



Fly of the Month: Timberline Eberger

Hook: Light wire
Size: 14-22
Thread: Gray
Tail: Gray marabou
Body Gray muskrat and seal fur blended together
Rib: Fine gold wire
Wing: Grizzle hackle points tied short
Hackle: Brown



This fine pattern was developed by angler Randy Kaufman. It can be deadly when trout are taking small emerging mayflies. It can be fished dead drift just under the surface film. The grizzle tied short represents the immature wings of the natural and the marabou tail gives the impression that the nymph has just shed its skin.

Reference: The Fly-Tying Bible by Peter Gathercole, pages 118-119.

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Best Western University Inn, Moscow

Buffet Dinner \$15/person

Wet fly hour 5:30 pm

Dinner at 6:30

Program at 7:30 pm.

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