

The Tippet

Presidents Message

The weather bureau has been toying with us by giving the idea that spring is near, but allowing us to enjoy a few more snow flurries. With the cool weather thus far the area ponds and lakes are not getting free of their ice cover. It won't be long before we will be able to do more than dream about our favorite areas to fish early in the year. I'm hoping that when the ice finally does come off, the fish are going to be extremely hungry. Might do me well to tie up a few Club Sandwich patterns to throw at them. Those of you who had attended the burger's and Flies event a few weeks ago had the opportunity to tie a few flies, eat a couple of burgers, and bid on some hot items which Joe McGurkin was able to round up for the auction. Joe tells me he was able to present the special Olympic's committee with another \$3,000.00 check this year. Joe wants to thank all of those who came and made it another fun and successful event.

Seems like our last speaker Harley Reno, of Idaho Falls, had innovative techniques and equipment which are enough different to cause quite a bit of discussion this past few weeks. He was an animated speaker for sure. I want to thank Doug Young for his work on lining up the speakers for our monthly meetings, which make them enjoyable and informative to all who attend.

Looking ahead we have an outing planned at Amber Lake to fish with the Kelly Creek Fly Casters on April 9th. It is always good to get a chance to fish with others who enjoy this sport as much as our members do. May 3rd is the Washington Federation of Fly Fishers conclave in Ellensburg, WA. You can see that all they have planned for the day on their website. You can also register at the website. Some presenters listed are Brian O'Keefe on Fly Fishing the Methow, David Williams on Fly Fishing for Small mouth Bass. Events listed are fly tying and casting demonstrations, classes, seminars, and competitions throughout the day. The Keynote Speaker at the evening dinners is Bob Jacklin, who is a fly fishing guide in the Yellowstone region. Some folks plan to spend a day fishing on the Yakima River during their visit to Ellensburg.

Our own club Amber Lake Fish Out is planned for May 17th, when the weather may have warmed up enough by then to actually have good fishing and enjoy the opportunity to have a food lunch on the bank in an outdoor setting. I hope you'll put that date on your calendar.

See you April 9th.

Steve Bush, President CFC

Calendar

April 9 - Kent Mayer
Steelhead rehabilitation on
Asotin Creek

April 19 - Kelly Creek
Fishout @ Amber Lake

May 3 - Washington FFF
Conclave, Ellensburg

May 14 - Dale Coryell
"Alaska Rainbows"

May 17 - Amber Lake Outing

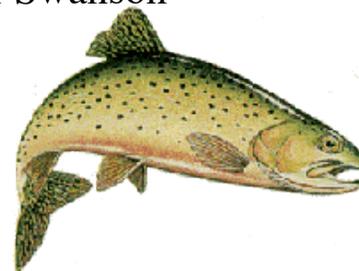
July 11-13 - St. Joe Fish
Outing

Sept 10 - Fall BBQ

Editor Needed

I have enjoyed the job of editor of The Tippet. I have other plans and need to step down from my position. May will be the last tippet for me for the 07-08 year and a new editor will be needed for the September Tippet.

Cliff Swanson



“Where Did All These Steelhead Come From?”

by Kent Mayer , March Speaker

Asotin Creek has one of the most abundant, naturally-producing steelhead streams on the eastside of the Cascade Mountains. With a population of more than 600 adults and 41,000 juveniles in just 29 miles, Asotin Creek averages 1,400 juvenile steelhead per mile! And all of these fish are listed as “Threatened” under the Endangered Species Act.



Asotin Creek has been proposed to serve as a reference (i.e., experimental control) stream for steelhead recovery and supplementation efforts throughout the Columbia River Basin. The Asotin Creek assessment project is a low cost, high-value project, which collects and distributes data on both adult and juvenile steelhead. It may be the only unsupplemented reference stream collecting such a wide array of reference data. In addition, more than \$8 million dollars has been spent on habitat improvement projects in the Asotin Creek watershed since 1996. The question is: What has this money bought?

Come find out why the Asotin Creek Assessment Project is one of the most unique steelhead research projects anywhere. Kent Mayer is a Fish Biologist from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife in Clarkston, Washington.

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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.

FOR THE GEAR BAG

A well-stocked first-aid kit is necessity for every fly fishing adventure. Choose containers for your kits that are roomy, durable, easy to carry and simple to open. Plastic tackle boxes or containers for strong art supplies are ideal.

While kit contents will vary, your basic kit (which most outdoors or camping-type stores should carry) should include at least the following. If you can't buy one with these contents, pick up a few supplies and create your own.

- ✓ Adhesive bandages
- ✓ Antibiotic ointment
- ✓ Gauze pads
- ✓ Iodine or similar prep pads
- ✓ alcohol prep pads
- ✓ Butterfly bandages
- ✓ Medical adhesive tape
- ✓ Aspirin and/or non-aspirin pain relievers
- ✓ First aid manual
- ✓ Soap
- ✓ Tweezers
- ✓ Scissors

Safety information for the outdoors is available from many places including the local health department, US Forest Service, Idaho Fish and Game, Washington Game and Fish, web sites, local libraries and many retailers.

A nice male steelhead from Asotin Creek. Asotin Creek has one of the most abundant, self sustaining unsupplemented populations of ESA-listed steelhead in the Interior Columbia Basin. Asotin creek averages more than 500 spawning adults and 40,000 juveniles in Just 46 kilometers of river.



FLY OF THE MONTH
FOAM-BACKED HUMPY

Hook: Dry fly 8-18
Thread: Fine nylon to match fly color
Tail: Deer, elk hair or moose mane
Body: Your choice of dubbing, etc. various colors - yellow, gray, brown, red, black
Overbody or Hump: Closed-celled foam in color of choice
Hackle: Mixed grizzly and brown or other hackle of choice.



The Humpy is a versatile fly that floats well. Because it is close enough in appearance to a variety of bugs, it works well in many situations. Boyd Matson has come across a simplified version that floats even better and is much more durable. It is also much easier and faster to tie. The pattern employs closed-cell foam for the overbody in place of the deer or elk hair as on the original. He also eliminated the hair wing which is the trickiest part of the original fly to tie. The fish don't seem to mind this omission. It can be tied in sizes from 8-18 in a variety of colors. Put an assortment in your fly boxes and give them a try.

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April Meeting:

Wednesday April 9, 2008

Buffet Dinner \$15/person

Wet fly Hour: 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM
and Program at 7:30 PM