



The Tippet

Mid-Winter Greetings

Now is the time, while the snow is still piling up, to look into your fly boxes and take inventory. It is not only a good way to pass some cold winter evenings, but also a good way to get started thinking of Spring Pond Fishing. For those of you finding the time and energy to stand waist deep in the 'Ronde or Clearwater after Steelhead, you don't have to do as much dreaming about the action to come.

The Conservation Committee meet Jan. 24th in Pullman and discussed the public hearings being planned by the U.S. Forest Service concerning the Idaho Roadless Plan. The Lewiston Hearing was scheduled for Tuesday Jan. 29th. Doug Baldwin and I had planned to attend, but I took ill and Doug went without me. The roads that night were terrible, but we ought to have a good report from Doug at our next meeting. Doug obtained a copy of the paperwork made available for me from the hearing. If anyone has a couple of months to read the volumes provided, by the Forest Service, we might have a good understanding of the Proposal! Also discussed on the 24th was the Nez Perce Indians new interest in Gill Netting on the Clearwater. All Clearwater Fly Caster members interested in these and other issues are welcome to attend our next Conservation Committee meeting.

Kelly Creek Fly Casters have put together a very eventful day on February 23rd at their Annual Fishing Fair. Anyone attending will surely find things of interest to view and participate in. It is also their annual Fund Raiser, so they'd certainly like to see our Club bring our checkbooks along and help out their club.

Burger's and Flies is scheduled March 15th, at its usual location. More about that event later. The Executive Committee has discussed a Club outing at Elk River, ID on April 19th. That is also an Amber Lake Outing Day schedule by Kelly Creek Flycasters. Our Washington residents may want to join them for a fun day at Amber.

This spring's FFF Conclave is scheduled again in Ellensburg, WA on May 3rd. The FFF is looking to volunteers from all its clubs to assist with the event, from set up, tying, banquet, whatever anyone may want to do to participate. Anyone planning on attending, let me know, so we can get you in touch with John Newberry, the volunteer coordinator.

Our Clubs Amber Lake Outing is scheduled for May 17th. Please put these dates on your calendar and enjoy some great fellowship. For those of you who can't wait for spring to fish and have to test the waters after those Steelhead in February, I can only wish you "Tight Lines".

Steve Bush, President CFC

Calendar

February 13 - Terry Nab fishing for atlantic salmon in Iceland

February 23 - Kelly Creek Fishing Fair

March 12 - Harley Reno

March 15th - Burgers and Flies

April 9 - Kent Mayer Steelhead rehabilitation on Asotin Creek

April 19 - Elk River Fish Outing

May 3 - Washington FFF Conclave, Ellensburg

May 14 - TBA

May 17 - Amber Lake Outing

Kelly Creek Flycasters Fishing Fair February 23, 2008

The Kelly Creek Flycasters has changed there Tie and Lie day and their Spring Banquet into one event. This community event should be of interest to everyone. It will include all day events for fly tying, casting classes, specialty classes, a women's group and destination shows that will culminate with a dinner, auction and a keynote speaker in the evening. For More details check out their web site: <http://www.kellycreekflycasters.com/>.

If anyone is interested in tying flies at the Fishing Fair there may be a slot available. More information will be available at the meeting on the 13th.



FEBRUARY SPEAKER TERRY NAB

Terry Nab, from the Kelly Creek Flycasters Club, will speak to the Clearwater Flycasters at our February 13th meeting about fly fishing for Atlantic Salmon in Iceland. This should be a very interesting program. So grab a friend as a guest and join Terry for an informative program.

Tippet Editor Needed

After two years of editing the newsletter it is time to let someone else have an opportunity to become involved with the club. I have several projects and plans for the upcoming year and will be stressed for time.

An editor will be needed for the September issue.

Membership Dues

Please note the two digit number or text on your mailing address after your name. If the two digit number is **not** "08", Lifetime or Complimentary your **dues are due**. This will be your last Tippet until your dues are paid. Dues can be paid to Bruce Frazier, our treasurer, at a club meeting or mailed to the clubs address: Clearwater Fly Casters, PO Box 394, Pullman, WA 99163

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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.



FIVE HELPFUL TIPS FOR GEARING UP FOR THE SEASON

by Davidson River Outfitters. Reprinted from the Western Rocky Mountain Council FFF newsletter spring 2007

I often see people on the stream who are upset because some small piece of their gear is not working correctly. Here are some things that you should check at the beginning of the year, which will help you be less frustrated and hopefully more productive on the water.

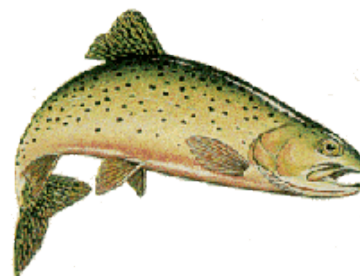
1. Check all the guides on your rod for nicks and burrs. These small nicks will cut fly lines and tippets and may cost you the fish of a lifetime, or at least you will have to buy a new line or leader. To check for burrs take a small piece of nylon panty-hose and pull it back and forth through your guides. If it tears or hangs you have a burr or nick and that guide needs to be replaced.
2. Check you fly line. If it is cracked, replace it. You will also take this time to redo nail knots or loop knots that are over one year old. Clean you entire line with mild soap and water and then coat with a line dressing. You will be amazed at how much this helps your old line.
3. Check your tippet. Most tippets will break down in about six months after they have been exposed to UV light.
4. Check your waders. Look for any leaks or dry rot that may have occurred over the winter or since the last time you fished. Turn them inside out and fill them with water. Either patch the leaks you found or take them to your local fly shop for repair.
5. Check your files. Remove flies with rusty hooks that you may have fished or dropped in the water. Usually that rusty hook is a sure indication that the hook will break with a little pressure the hook set.

May Conclave - Ellensburg

The WSCFFF will be holding the Washington State Fly Fishing Conclave in Ellensburg, Washington on May 3, 2008. If you enjoyed last year's event, then this year's program will knock your socks off. The Conclave will consist of fly tying and casting demonstrations, classes, seminars, games, and competition throughout the day, followed by a reservation only dinner. This year's dinner will feature Bob Jacklin as the keynote speaker.

If you're interested in learning fly tying techniques, seeing every kind of fly pattern from micros to saltwater streamers, this will be the show. Vern Jeremica has lined up demonstrations that provide something for everyone.

The Overlake Fly Fishing Club is heading the education program which already has confirmed seminars from Brian O'Keefe on Fly Fishing the Methow, Joe Warren on Fly Fishing the Columbia River Basin, Jack Cook on Fly Fishing the Sauk and Skagit Rivers and David Williams on Fly Fishing for Smallmouth..





FLY OF THE MONTH EMERGIN CADDIS

Hook : Daiichi 1180 # 14 - 20
Thread : Uni-Thread 8/0 Tan
Body : Dryfly Dubbing Color to Match Natural
Thorax : Dryfly Dubbing Color to Match Natural
Wing : Elk Body Hair Natural
Wing Case : Closed-Cell Foam Yellow



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TYING INSTRUCTIONS :

- 1) Place hook in vise.
- 2) Attach thread at eye and go about 1/4 down the shank. Run thread back to eye.
- 3) Attach a piece of foam about 3" long by 1/4" wide at the eye and extending out over the eye. This is enough for 2 flies. You can do more or less. Bind down the foam and run thread to just into the bend.
- 4) Dub the body material about 1/2 way up the shank or just past that point.
- 5) Stack the hair and attach the wing so that it extends just past the bend. Wing should be relatively sparse. Run thread to eye (the point where you first attached the foam).
- 6) Dub thorax material onto thread and wrap back to where you tied the wing on.
- 7) Fold foam back over thorax, tie off and whip finish.
- 8) Clip foam off right behind whip finish and go fishing.

From the FlyBench.com tied by Aaron Hirschhorn

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February Meeting:

Wednesday February 13, 2008

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 Bruce at the Febuary meeting and he will make sure you get registered. **Newsletters will not be mailed if your dues are not paid by February 13.**

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