



## The *Tippet* Presidents Message

I suppose that all the steelhead fisherman have move to the Grand Ronde River recently. I have been driving along the Clearwater River since the weather has warmed and the river has risen, there have been very few fly fishermen on the Clearwater. With the color in the river, there were actually very few hardware fishermen out last weekend as well.

For those waiting for the lakes to thaw and the pontoon boats to be inflated for spring trout fishing, it is time to finish up the fly tying soon. Joe McGurkin would like everyone to plan to attend the Burgers and Flies on March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Craig Lewis home, beginning at anytime after 3 p.

Bruce Frazier wants to remind everyone that dues needed to be paid in order to continue to receive the Tippet. Speaking of the Tippet, Cliff Swanson is stepping down as Tippet Editor after the May edition. The club is looking for someone to take over that job. There is also a need for a secretary for the club.

For those who attended the Kelly Creek Fly Casters Fly Fishing Fair and Fund Raiser on February 23, they were treated to some excellent programs and a fine prime rib dinner. Some of the talks I attended were Brian O'Keefe on Streamside Photography, which was humorous and informative. Keith Carlson presented a program on Nymph Fishing, and Zack Funkhouser talked about fishing the Clearwater drainage. Zack's talk was so crowded that some folks had to sit on the floor.

The Federation of Fly Fishers is considering moving their national headquarters to Loveland, CO. The federation feels like it will be easier for folks to attend the annual conclave. The Washington Council of FFF is having their annual Expo at Ellensburg, WA on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Last years event was well planned and attended. I plan to attend again this year, so if anyone wants to car pool, let me know. The organizers are planning on having 100 fly tiers, a fly-casting competition, banquet and auction.

Doug Baldwin, Conservation Committee Chairman, has crafted a letter to be sent out from the club in opposition to the roadless plan drafted by the State of Idaho. I will have copies available at the meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> for individuals to send in their own personal letter to their legislators. Hope to see everyone at the meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup>

*Steve Bush*

Prevaricator Supreme

## Calendar

**March 12** - Harley Reno drift boat fishing yes or no?

**March 15th** - Burgers and Flies

**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

### JOE MCGURKINS

BURGERS & FLIES

SATURDAY MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>

STARTS AT 3:00 P.M.

The event will be held at Craig Lewis's shop on the south end of Mountain View Street.

Come and tie some flies or just tell some semi-true fishing stories.

The auction will start at 7:00 p.m.

### Idaho Roadless Plan

From information that Doug Baldwin has gathered on the federal roadless plan it appears as if special interest groups are interested in building roads in a lot of the present day roadless areas. There is an underlying current that seems to be pointing at the mining industry. Mining claims can be made, but just because you have a claim does not give a guarantee that a road can be built to access the claim. So by opening up the roadless areas to logging, roads will be built to accommodate the logging and hence the miners can move in and mine.

From testimony given by people that have worked in the industry they are saying that the roadless areas are there for a reason and need to stay that way. Road building and logging damage the watersheds. The USFS works for the public and are charged with the **stewardship** of federal roadless lands.

Doug has drafted a letter that the executive committee has approved. Copies of the letter will be available at the March meeting. If anyone would like to write a letter opposing the building of roads in roadless areas you are encouraged to write to your congressmen.



## MARCH SPEAKER HARLEY W. RENO

**H**arley W. Reno holds B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in Zoology from Oklahoma State University, his specialty being evolution of sensory and anatomical systems in fishes and other vertebrates. His college teaching career spanned 33 years, including appointments at Oklahoma State University, Baylor University, Pan American University, the University of Tulsa, and the University of Idaho (Idaho Falls).

Harley's industrial career included four years as an Environmental Consultant for Williams Brothers Engineering Company of Tulsa (Oklahoma) to domestic and foreign companies of the oil, gas, and coal mining industry. He spent 20 years as an engineering consultant at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory, a nuclear research installation of the U. S. Department of Energy.

Outside the academic and industrial worlds, Harley enjoyed a 50-year professional guiding career in fly fishing. He began hunting for Steelhead and various estuarine fishes in California at the age of 13. Later he moved to Oklahoma and Texas where he chased Large-mouthed Black Bass, with the hunt eventually extending into Mexico. The scent of pine trees and clean air attracted him to Idaho, where he has searched for trophy trout for the past 28 years. His guiding career still continues, though he considers himself an advanced amateur, providing the service without monetary compensation. His speaking and tying skills routinely are featured at regional and national fly-fishing events throughout the Northwest. In 2006, several of his flies won first, second, and third place honors (People's Choice) in the International Fly Tying Competition sponsored by the Federation of Fly Fishers.

Dr. Reno's publications include contributions to refereed journals specializing in fisheries, zoological, anatomical, environmental, and nuclear sciences. He also has published articles in the proceedings of various nuclear, hazardous waste management, and numismatic organizations. Contributions to popular literature have addressed management of warm water fisheries, lure fishing for game fishes in fresh and estuarine waters, coin collecting, and Civil War history. He authored or co-authored three pocket guides on lure fishing, archery, and Walleye fishing. His recently published book, offered as compact disk by the Federation of Fly Fishers *Hunt—Don't Pray—for Fish: Techniques and Strategies for Fly Fishing from a Drift Boat* is a culmination of almost 60 years of guiding and fly-fishing experience gained from fishing all over the United States and parts of Canada and Mexico.



### Clearwater Fly Casters Officers 2008

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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.**



## MEMBER PROFILE ANDRIS KLEINHOFS

Andris Kleinhofs has lived in Pullman since 1967. Where he is a Professor of Genetics at WSU.

### **CFC activities**

Membership - since 70's (do not remember year I joined)

Offices: Vice president and President; Chair, conservation committee on several occasions

Other participation: - my fondest memories and contributions to the club have been through the conservation committee. It was during Walter Becker's tenure as President that I complained on several occasions that the club was just a bunch of guys getting together once a month to have dinner and drink, but we really did not do anything to facilitate the sport of fly fishing. In retaliation, Walter appointed me as chair of the conservation committee. If it existed before I was not aware of it and it certainly was not very active. Besides the usual activities of cleaning up the Grande Ronde after the steelhead season and writing letters, we had two ambitious goals. One was to establish a quality fishing lake in the Pullman vicinity. We targeted Amber Lake, even obtained support from the lady who ran the lone fishing resort on the lake, but the Washington Department of Fish and Game (WDFG) would not budge. After several years of effort, we gave up. Much to our amazement and pleasure the WDFG did eventually establish Amber Lake as a quality fishing lake. I guess they just needed to think that they thought of it themselves. The other goal was to identify and lease a lake in the Pullman vicinity for club use. We dreamed of having a private lake where we could raise giant triploid trout for the club members to catch and release, where we could experiment with different fly patterns and also with different trout strains and management practices. We searched maps looking for a suitable lake. George Johnson even rented a private plane to fly around the countryside looking for lakes that may not be on maps. Needless to say this dream was never realized, but it was fun planning, searching and dreaming.

The triploid trout story is a success that I contributed to. In those days the Spokane club, being mostly physicians, were trying to stock sterile trout in the area lakes by operating to remove the sex organs. Needless to say this was tedious and not very successful. At about that time the Genetics Program, which I was chairing, hired Garry Thorgaard. Gary was the most qualified applicant, but it did not hurt that he was working with trout and steelhead. Garry and I fished together occasionally and the subject of sterile fish came up. I explained to Gary how plant scientists make seedless watermelons by a crossing diploid plant with a tetraploid plant to produce triploid seed, which then produced seedless watermelons. Gary succeeded in developing tetraploid trout, but they were not very healthy. In the meantime, he developed the idea of blocking the reduction division with heat leading to diploid gametes that could be fertilized with normal haploid gametes to produce triploid progeny. Thus, a successful and economic method of developing sterile triploid trout was born. These sterile trout have not quite become the panacea we expected, but they are starting to show up in more and more places with remarkable success stories.

My biggest thrill was receiving the Steve Allure-Benton Collins conservation award in 1993. This was totally unexpected, but I hope was at least in part motivated by some of these activities as the conservation committee chair and member.

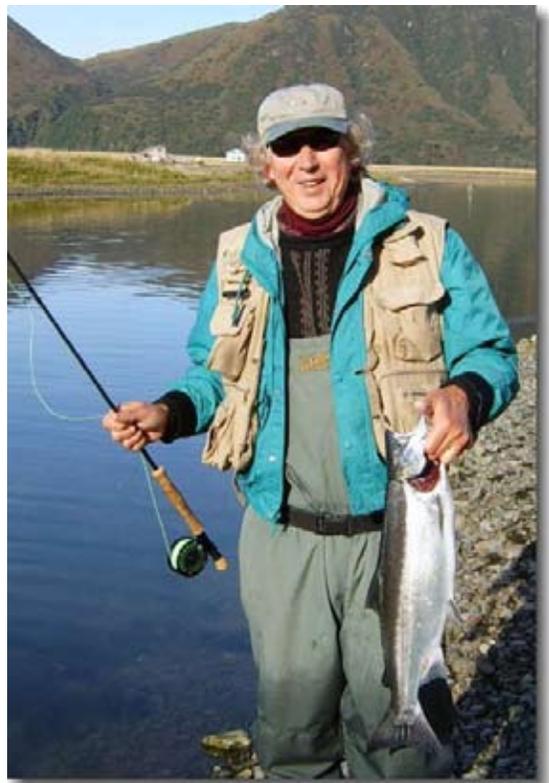
### **Favorites**

Fishing places: the Grande Ronde river

Flies: greenbutt skunk

Fish: steelhead; although the Kodiak Island silver salmon are making a strong challenge

Memory: my fishing memories are too numerous to recount in brief. Some of the highlights would have to be first steelhead which was landed the first year (1968) I started steelheading. The largest steelhead, 23 lbs, was landed on the New Years eve day on the Clearwater river at what we called Fred's (Muehlbauer) hole due to his amazing success there (also known as Black Rock hole and now overrun by boats). The largest steelhead on a fly was caught and released (measured 37 in) on the Clearwater above the Mill hole.



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I was not always a fly fisherman and still am not a purist. When I started fly fishing, I was not and still am not very good at casting. One humorous event occurred at the mouth of the Grande Ronde. I was furiously waving a fly in the air trying to get more line out when the whole thing collapsed around my head. The fly fell harmlessly in the river about 5 feet from the shore and went floating down river. While I was trying to untangle myself, a steelhead rose and went for the fly. Fortunately she did not hook herself, but the lesson was learned that you do not need to cast to the other bank to catch fish. Another time I was on my way to the Grande Ronde and noticed that the El Capitan hole was not occupied. I stopped to fish it and a few casts later hooked and landed a nice steelhead. That was pretty nice, I thought and wondered what was going on at the Ronde. To find out, drove to the Ronde and pretty much repeated the story there i.e. a few cast and another steelhead. Instead of staying to catch and release more steelhead, I decided that I was on a roll and needed to complete the hat trick, that is a steelhead from each of our three rivers all in the same day. I drove to the Clearwater and fished the rest of the day without a touch.

**Hobbies:** major hobby, besides fishing and fly tying, is mushrooming. My passion for mushrooming is equaled or perhaps exceeded by my wife's passion for mushrooming. She does fish, but clearly does not have the same commitment to it that I do. However, when it comes to mushrooming I can hardly keep up with her.

**Birthplace:** I was born in Dobeles, Latvia. My parents and I escaped to Germany during the second invasion by the Soviet Union and eventually wound up in the British occupation zone. In 1950, we were able to immigrate to the United States. I have lived in Oklahoma and Nebraska, but most of my life in Pullman, Washington.

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## **March Meeting:**

**Wednesday March 12, 2008**

**Buffet Dinner \$15/person**

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

**and Program at 7:30 PM**