



The *Tippet* Time to Fish!

Spring has arrived and it is time to get out and wet a line! A few of our club members braved the weather on April 19th and fished Amber Lake. Glenn Woodhouse was kind enough to loan his Puma Craft to Mike Decker and myself to fish with and we meet A.J. Morris on the water. The fishing was slow, but the fish we caught were quite large and very heavy. Obviously the fish wintered very well.

May 3rd was the FFF Conclave in Ellensburg. The venue was outstanding this year, however they had so much planned during day that it was impossible to take it all in. There were speakers discussing fishing throughout the NW, fly tyers from all over Washington State, and local vendors showing their wares. The tyers were using some very innovative techniques and materials, which we were able to watch and interact with the tyers. They had casting competitions and classes going on most all day as well. The evening dinner and live auction raised lots of money for the FFF and was well attended. Cliff Swanson, his daughter Arah, Mike Decker, my wife Roxann and myself attended and represented our club. I would encourage all of our members to check out this event next year. They do plan to make it a two day event to allow folks to take in more of what they have to offer.

One of the organizations which was at the conclave and seemed very worthwhile is the Coastal Conservation Assoc. This is the organization which Gary Loomis has been involved with about saving the NW salmon fisheries. Anyone wanting more information about this organization can check out their website at CCAPNW.org.

Be sure to put July 11th through 13th on your calendars for our club St. Joe River Fishout. We will be gathering at Fish Flats on the St. Joe for some good fishing and socializing! More information will be made available as the time draws close.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting May 14th at the Best Western! We can use a new Newsletter Editor for the Tippet for this coming fall. If anyone would like to take on this role, please let Cliff Swanson or myself know.

Steve Bush, President CFC

Calendar

May 14 - Dale Coryell
"Alaska Rainbows"

May 17 - Amber Lake Outing

July 11-13 - St. Joe Fish
Outing

Sept 10 - Fall BBQ

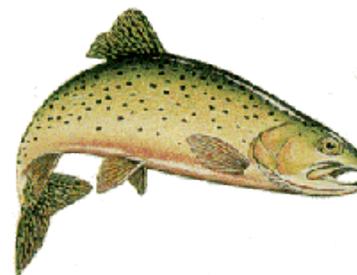
Oct 8 - Ken Iwamasa -
Fishing in Colorado

Nov 12 - Terry Nab Flyfishing
for Atlantic Salmon in Russia

Dec 10 - Reid Miller flyfishing
in Australia

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Tippet is available as a PDF file on our web site. At the board meeting in April it was suggested that the club could send out the newsletter electronically rather than by mail. This will be discussed with the members at the May meeting to see if this is a viable option. The mailings can be by email or regular USPS.





MAY SPEAKER DALE CORYELL

Dale will be discussing the perfect fishing spot at the May meeting. He books trips starting in August to this remote Alaska stream. This true wilderness adventure unlike any other will entice everyone to join in the experience of a lifetime. Dale uses small rafts while flyfishing and floating in a pristine river. Dale has been floating, fishing and camping, using his raft system for past 14 years. In total he has fished 9 different rivers in Alaska. He has found the river of his dreams.

In 2007 Dale found the perfect river for his fishing adventures. He says that he will continue to back to this same spot from now on. How could he resist when fishing on an eight day trip they landed four rainbows of 10 plus pounds. The grand daddy of them all weight 13.6 pounds. The small fish are in the 6-8 pound range. As a side note Dale says that this river holds big grayling averaged sized char and silvers.

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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 Fred Muehlbauer



Fred Muehlbauer has lived in Pullman since 1969 and was employed as a Research Geneticist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and located at WSU. He retired in 2006.

CFC activities

Membership – sporadically since the late 1980s and regularly for the past 5 years.

Offices: currently Vice-President.

Other participation: After being an on and off member, since retirement I have more regularly participated in the monthly meetings. At an earlier meeting this year, after some encouragement, I agreed to be Vice-President. I hope that the additional time afforded by retirement will give me more time to become involved in Club activities.

Favorites:

Fishing places: the Grande Ronde, St. Joe, Clearwater, and Kodiak Island

Flies: Purple peril, mayfly, stimulator

Fish: Steelhead, Cutthroat, Silver salmon

Memory: I have lots of memories of fishing for steelhead. I was fortunate to catch my first steelhead in 1969 which was our first

fall in the Palouse. I was with Andy Kleinhofs, Bob Warner and Dwane Miller. Although it was only 26 inches, it put up all the fight I could handle. I remember having great days on the Clearwater and found what became known as “Fred” hole that was very productive for a while until the boats took it over.

An episode on the Toutle River a few years before the eruption is firmly etched in my memory. We (Bob Warner, Dwane Miller, Dave Bezdicek, Larry Lilley and I) fished for three days without a hint of a fish. A few hours before we had to return to Pullman, I hooked a steelhead across the river just above strong rapids. The fish of course decided to go down the rapids at full speed. I was in about a foot of water about 10 feet from the bank and decided to run along the bank to catch up with the fish. I came upon a log that was lying from the bank into the river, and decided to vault over it and keep up the chase. Surprisingly, there was no bottom on the other side of the log and I went under losing my rod in the process. I pulled myself out and very quickly Bob Warner appeared on the scene greatly amused, as was Dwane Miller. After emptying my boots, we surveyed the situation and discovered that my rod was bouncing on the bottom in about 10 feet of water. We then were able to retrieve rod with a heavy lure using Bob’s rod and after some work we were able to untangle the line from the log. On taking up the slack it was apparent that the fish was still on. I was able to work my way down the river and land the fish, a nice 8 pounder.

When our four boys, Gary, Doug, Mike and Greg, were growing up, I spent many summers involved with Pullman Youth Baseball, Babe Ruth Baseball and American Legion Baseball.

Hobbies: Besides fly fishing, I do some gardening. I am hoping to resume fly tying.

Birthplace: I was born in Buffalo, New York and spent my youth in nearby West Seneca. My wife Linda and I have lived in Athens, Georgia and State College, Pennsylvania before moving to Pullman in 1969.

FLY OF THE MONTH
TWILIGHT LOOP WINGED EMERGER

Hook : Daiichi 1180 # 14 - 16
Thread : Uni-Thread 8/0 Dark Brown
Tail : Dryfly Hackle Fibers Dun
Rib : Krystal Flash Lime Green
Body : Dryfly Dubbing Dark Brown
Wing : Antron Yarn Pink
Hackle : Dryfly Hackle Grizzly
Thorax : Dryfly Dubbing Dark Brown



Tying Instruction :

Tie on thread just behind hook eye. Tie on antron loop, loop facing forward. Pull loop upright and wind thread around loop to form base for hackle. Tie on tail and wrap thread to hook bend. Tie on crystal flash for rib. Dub body to just behind wing. Rib body with crystal flash. Tie on grizzly hackle on base of wing. Dub thorax to hook eye. Wrap hackle parachute style. Tie off hackle at hook eye and whip finish.

Note : This is a variation on the Klinkhammer Special with a loop wing. Since most of the fly is underwater the pink antron wing allows good visibility in low light condition; ergo twilight emerger.

A quick note about mayfly emergers, not all mayflies emerge at the surface. In general only the crawlers and swimmers do. So before tying this fly in your favorite mayfly size and color check to see where in the water column that mayfly emerges. (This pattern is for Hendricksons)

<http://www.theflybench.com/dryfly/fty0124.htm>

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May Meeting:

Wednesday May 14, 2008

Buffet Dinner \$15/person

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