



The *Tippet*

October, 2008

Clearwater Fly Casters
www.clearwaterflycasters.com
A Federation of Fly Fishers Club



President's Message

Well the calendar says September, but the temperatures outside don't agree with the calendar. Summer didn't seem to get here until the 4th of July weekend. We timed the St. Joe Fish Out just right. I believe all those that attended had a very good time. If you have photos from the fishout, please plan to bring them to the October 8th meeting. Our family is missing four hot dog roasters with telescoping metal rods and wooden handles. If anyone discovered them while cleaning up, we would be glad if you were to bring them to the meeting.

The BBQ was very successful. We have Dave and Sharon Tharp to thank for that! Good food, good company and a spectacular evening. Dave was gracious enough to share his salt water catch with the club. Reid Miller was brave enough to volunteer to be our newsletter editor, so thank him when you see him. We want to thank Cliff Swanson for doing the job for two years and getting us set up with Kinko's to greatly streamline the process.

Since the snows stayed so long and the rivers ran high and cool, we ought to have very good fishing this fall. I've overheard folks talking recently about the St. Joe, Lochsa and N Fork Clearwater Rivers all fishing well. Anyone notice any hoppers around this summer? The steelhead numbers coming over the dams appear to be outstanding. There are lots of boats at the Confluence in Lewiston. The Executive Board is hoping to create one more Fish Out for the club this fall. We are looking at a Steelhead Fish Out on the Snake River South of Asotin, WA, October 25th. Please put that date on your calendars and plan to join the club for some steelhead! Some of the "regulars" in the steelhead arena might be willing to assist some other club members who have not yet been "bitten" by the Steelies. Hope everyone has had a good summer thus far, and look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on October 8th.

Steve Bush, President CFC

Calendar

Oct 8: Ken Iwamasa, Fishing in Colorado and Beyond

Oct 9: Kelly Creek Fly-casters, Ken Iwamasa, Fly Fishing in Mongolia

Oct 25: Tentative Date for Steelhead Fishout

Nov 12: Terry Nab, Flyfishing for Atlantic Salmon in Russia

Dec 10: Reid Miller, Flyfishing and Travels in Australia

Information

The Tippet is available as a PDF file on our web site. Please submit short articles, recipes for favorite flies (with pictures), or other materials you would suggest included in The Tippet to the Newsletter Editor.

Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 PM

Dinner: 6:30 PM (buffet, \$16 per person)

Program: 7:30 PM

October Speaker

“Fly Fishing in Colorado and Beyond” – Ken Iwamasa

Clearwater Fly Casters Meeting – October 8, 2008 – Best Western University Inn, Moscow, ID – Presentation to Start 7:30 PM

We are extremely pleased to have internationally famous fly fisher and fly tyer Ken Iwamasa visit The Palouse and give us a presentation on some of his favorite trout fishing in the US. This presentation surveys the rivers, species of fish, hatches and fly patterns, and the changing environmental issues that confront all fly fishers and conservationists of Colorado and the Rocky Mt region. This is an update on the current status of some of our most famous rivers, and tries to answer some questions on "What happened to all of our hatches?", a review of recent angling techniques and the many new flies used to catch these fish. This show has the same title as Ken's very first presentation to his local TU chapter in 1976, but much has happened in the intervening years.

Ken is the author of the book **Iwamasa Flies**, with an introduction by Dave Whitlock, contributor to the book **Stoneflies** by Swisher and Richards and contributor to the books **Colorado Fly Tyers** and **Fly-Tyer's Almanac** by Dave Whitlock. Ken is the originator of more than twenty fly patterns and has published many articles in **Fly Fisherman** and **Fly Tyer** magazines in the US, and he has published articles in **Tight Loops** magazine and **Fly Fisherman Magazine Japan Edition**, and **La Fourmi**, published in France. He appears in many books written by authors such as John Geriach and John Randolph, Ted Leeson and others.

Ken, along with Jim Palmersheim, were co-curators of the Confluence: International Trout Fly Exhibition. Also, Ken was former executive director and writer for **Fly Fisherman Magazine Japan Edition**, as well as one of the original Orvis fly fishing school instructors and guide, and he has given numerous show presentations to TU and FFF chapters throughout the US since 1976.

Ken has fly fished in many fresh and salt waters of the world. In addition, he has worked to establish eco-tourism (fly fishing tourism) in Mongolia and has worked with Peter Mullett since 1999, to promote fly fishing for taimen in the Darhat Valley. Please read his article “The Taimen of the Darhat Valley – Mongolia” in the Sept 2007 issue of **Fly Fisherman** magazine.

Ken will be making a presentation on “Fly Fishing in Mongolia” to the Kelly Creek Fly Casters the evening of October 9, and some of our members may wish to attend. This will be a very up to date presentation on fly fishing in Mongolia. In this show, Peter Mullett and Ken travel to various regions of Mongolia in search of taimen (Hocho hochon), the legendary predatory fish of all Siberia, Russia and Eastern Europe. It is clear that Mongolia is one of the last pristine spawning and nursery waters of this predatory trout/salmon that lives entirely in fresh water. In this presentation, Ken will talk about the terrain, the people, the rivers, the huge flies and the various other fish that are caught, as well as the equipment used to catch these fish. Peter Mullett has been going to Mongolia, annually, since 1999, and he has been working with Mongolians to develop fly fishing eco-tourism in the Darhat Valley. Please see his website www.mongofly.com.

Ken is a life member of Trout Unlimited and is currently a professor of art at the University of Colorado, Boulder, and has shown his creative art work nationally and internationally as well.

St. Joe Fishout

The club held its annual summer fishout at the Fly Flat Campground on the Upper St. Joe River on July 9-13. Flows were still well above normal, and the fishing spotty up near the camp. Some members had better luck on the lower river. Nevertheless, a good time was had by all, except for your new newsletter editor, who was sick in bed with relapsing fever much of the time. Attendance was again good, with thanks due to all those responsible for organizing this stellar event, especially Steve and Roxanne Bush.

As shown in the picture at right, some stories were told at the club dinner, even by the president. His audience appears to be hanging on every word.

The club supplied the meat (beef kabobs), and The Millers brought green salad for the group. Other club members brought side dishes and drinks, and the report is that it was a memorable occasion. If you missed the fishout this year, be sure and get up there next year, as we are promising warmer weather, lower stream flows and much better fishing.



President Bush Relating Average Length of His Fish at the Fishout (Newsletter Editor's Interpretation)

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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.

Fly tying recipe by Blake Davis, Edited by Chris Windram
Source: http://www.saltwaterflies.com/gotcha_tying.html

The Gotcha is perhaps the most popular bonefish fly ever designed, and has accounted for thousands of bonefish for anglers worldwide. This simple and very effective pattern belongs in the box of every bonefish angler, and tying the Gotcha in a variety of sizes, weights, and colors will help anglers match local fishing conditions.

Hook: Mustad 34007 #4 (shown) or Tiemco 811S #4. Size variations: #2, #4, #6, #8.

Thread: Tan, Pink Ultra Thread 140 Denier.

Eyes: Stainless Steel Bead Chain Size Medium

Tail: Pearlescent Mylar Tubing size Medium

Body: Pearl Body Braid (HT, Diamond, or Flat Diamond Braid)

Wing: Craft Fur Plus; Golden Tan.

Flash: Krystal Flash Gray Ghost #21.

This fly will ride hook point up, which helps prevent snagging on the bottom. If weeds or coral will be an issue in the locations that you plan to fish, consider adding a monofilament weed guard as the last step. Don't hesitate to experiment with alternate wing & body colors - many of the craft fur and body braid materials are available in a variety of nice tans, pinks, and oranges. It's also nice to have a variety of sizes available from #8-#2, and this fly can be made unweighted by omitting the bead chain eyes, or made in heavier versions for windy days or deep water by using lead eyes.

The Gotcha



Note: See web site for detailed tying instructions.

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