



The *Tippet*

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Clearwater Fly Casters
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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club



April Speaker: Sean Wilson, ID Fish and Game, “Results of the First Four Years of a Whole Lake Fertilization Experiment on Dworshak Reservoir”

Bio: I grew up in the town of Aberdeen on the rainy Washington coast. My first fishing experiences included chasing cutthroat in small streams where I grew up and anything that swam in the local ponds and lakes. Later, I learned to fish for salmon and steelhead in the local rivers, including the Chehalis, Satsop and Wynoochee. After graduating from high school, my love of both fishing and science lead me to pursue a career in fisheries. I earned an Associates Degree from Grays Harbor College in 1991 and a Bachelor’s Degree from the University of Washington in 1993. Afterwards, I worked seasonally for Washington Fish and Wildlife running fish traps, counting salmon redds and interviewing anglers. I made my way to Idaho and earned a Master’s Degree from the University of Idaho in 2005. I now work as a fisheries research biologist for Idaho Fish and Game and spend my time off passing my love of fishing to my children.

Dworshak Reservoir provides a multi-species fishery for kokanee, smallmouth bass and trout, as well as important habitat for threatened bull trout. Recently, the productivity of the reservoir and the nitrogen to phosphorus ratio were steadily declining. Dworshak becomes severely nitrogen limited by summer, leading to blue-green algae. Fertilization was suggested as a way to restore the N:P ratios and provide more forage for fish. In 2007, the US Army Corps of Engineers began supplementing the reservoir with liquid ammonium nitrate on a weekly basis from May through October. Idaho Fish and Game has been conducting limnological and fish surveys to monitor the effects of the fertilization. My talk will lay out the experiments to date and the results.

President Cliff Swanson’s Message

The auction committee is working at publicizing, planning, and gathering items for the club auction in September. If an individual would like to donate an item to the auction please contact one of the auction committee representatives. The type of items that have been gathered in the past, such as used, but not abused, items are great. Items from local merchants are also being sought. If you know of someone or a business that may be a potential donor to our fall auction they will be a lot more receptive to donating to someone that they know rather than if they see a club member that they do not know. Items need not be fishing in nature. One of the goals for switching the auction to a daytime event is to attract non-club members to the auction. Club members on the sponsors committee are Cliff Swanson, Paul Agidius, Steve Bush and Dave Uberauga. These members are keeping a master list of donors so that follow-ups can be made to thank them for their donation and to identify them at the auction.

Calendar

- Apr 5: Special Amber Lake Fly Tying Night, Moscow Title
- Apr 13: CFC Meeting, Sean Wilson, ID Fish and Game, “Nutrient Enhancement in Dworshak”
- Apr 16: Amber Lake Fishout
- Apr 19: Regular Fly Tying Night, Moscow Title
- May 11: CFC Meeting, Program TBA
- Jul 15-17: St. Joe Fishout
- Sep 24: CFC Fall Fly Fishing Classic, 1912 Bldg, Moscow

Information

The *Tippet* is available as a PDF file on our web site. Please submit information to the Newsletter Editor.

Meetings 2nd Wed:

Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 PM
Dinner: 6:30 PM
(buffet, \$16 per person)
Program: 7:30 PM

Backcast to March Meeting

Guests: Bob Buvel's wife April, Mike Ray and Brittany Kitto from Moscow, Bob Williamson's son Jim, Len Zickler (FFF representative) and son Dan, Carl Johnson (FFF representative) and wife Maura, Peg Kingery (Kelly Creek Fly-casters)

Announcements: Carl Johnson talked about the **2011 WA Fly Fishing Fair**, which will be April 29-30 in Ellensburg, WA. There will be fly tying, fly casting, classes, seminars, and an award banquet and auction. Website: <http://washingtouncouncilfff.org/wfff>. Admission is \$5 for both days, or FFF members free.

Peg Kingery told the club about the upcoming **North Idaho Fly Fishing Expo**, March 25-26 at the Red Lion in Lewiston. This fair is organized and hosted by the Kelly Creek Flycasters. There will be fly tying, casting, lessons, seminars, banquet, and auctions. See their website for details: <http://www.niffe.org/>. Proceeds help support scholarships for fisheries research at WSU and UI, juvenile corrections center instruction, women's fly fishing seminars, conservation projects, etc. Admission is free.

Doug Baldwin reported for the Conservation Committee that there are two legislative bills being proposed that need the members' attention. In Montana, HB309 would reclassify a number of fishable streams as "ditches", removing any public rights to float and fish them. In Washington, SB5669 would combine Fish and Game with other agencies and could lead to changes in public input to the Commission. See the CCA website for further information on this bill.

Bruce Frazier reported on new fees that the club is encountering relative to banking. It may be desirable to move our account. It was moved, seconded and passed that the club president and treasurer could decide on the best course of action and move the account if desirable.

Fishing Reports: Only member Cliff Swanson offered a fishing report. He said he had been out fishing and had caught six cutts in three days. The air temperature was about 46 F and the water 41 F. He used dark Woolly Buggers and a small beetle dropper.

Raffle: There were a number of items in the raffle, including a coaster with a fish print, sets of flies, a book, tying materials, etc. Winners were Dave Tharp, Bruce Frazier, Nancy Miller, Doug Young, Jim Palmersheim, Monte Elder, Mary Reed, Mike Dekker, Brittany Kitto, Andy Kleinhoffs, Gary Thorgard and Cliff Swanson.

Program: Vail Borne of River Borne Outfitters, "Fly Fishing the Deschutes River, Oregon"

Vail grew up fly fishing in Washington State, where he could often be found packing his old school float tube up to some desolate alpine lake, or bumming rides over to the East Side to fish the Yakima River. Vail moved to California after college and spent a half dozen years skiing, climbing, and fishing throughout the Sierras. He coached skiing at Squaw Valley, and guided rock climbing and fly fishing in Tahoe and Yosemite. Vail moved to Bend in 2002 and has since been fishing and guiding the Deschutes River and surrounding areas. He has a partner, Sam Sickles, who specializes on lower-river trips.



The Deschutes has 100 miles of tailwater fishery, with the main species being Redside Rainbows and Steelhead. Trout numbers are on the order of 1700 per mile. The river is stable, making it a great spring fishery. All fishing is wade fishing, as it has been illegal to fish from a boat since 1932. The river was named a Federal Wild and Scenic River in 1988.

River Borne Outfitters offers a number of one-day and multi-day float trips. The best trout float is from Warm Springs to Trout Creek, a 10 mile, one-day trip, or from Trout Creek to Maupin, a 30 mile, three-day trip. Trout fishing is best in the May-July window, in the upper parts of the river. Summer Steelhead are in July-Sept in the lower 24 miles. Fall Steelhead are spread throughout the lower 100 miles in Sept-Nov.

There are good hatches throughout the year, with Stoneflies, Caddis Flies and Mayflies at different times. The most well-known hatches are the Salmon Flies, which start at the mouth in mid-May and then move up the river with increasing temperatures. There are Golden Stone Fly hatches as well. Trout move to the banks to intercept these flies as they attempt to get to shore. A 9-foot, 5-weight rod is about right for this fishing with dry or nymph Stone Fly imitations. If the wading is difficult, then you are in the right kind of water.



Spey rods have become popular for the Steelhead, which average 6-8 pounds. The average Spey rod would be 12.5-foot, 7-weight. The same techniques are used as you would use on the Clearwater. Small patterns are best, with flash near the mouth and more drab patterns upstream. Walking speed currents are where the best lies are found. There is good nymphing water further up-stream, later in the season.

They also guide on the Crooked River, which has about 2500 fish per mile, but they average only 10-12 inches. This is a high-desert, tailwater fishery. There are wild "Redfish" and Whitefish to be caught. They do full-day or half-day walk-ins on this river.

Vail has a complete web site with tons of information: <http://www.riverborneoutfitters.com> .

Club Items

Special Fly Tying Night for Amber Lake Fishout (from Tim Cavileer)

A few have mentioned that it might be nice to get together and tie flies for the Amber Lake outing. When: Tuesday, April 5th, 2011, 6:30pm - 9:00pm Where: Moscow Title, 127 South Washington St, Suite 2; Moscow Some flies you might want to tie are listed below. Of course, bring your favorite to share with the group.

The Pocket Pin <http://flyangleronline.com/features/oldflies/part115.php>

Olive Willy <http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4478>

Waterboatman <http://community.flyfisherman.com/fly-recipe/water-boatman>

Serendipity <http://www.fishingwithflies.com/Serendipity.html>

Olive Sparkle Scud <http://www.clearwaterflycasters.com/newsletter/april2010-tippet.pdf>

The Bead Worm <http://www.clearwaterflycasters.com/newsletter/march2010-tippet.pdf>

The Chromie <http://www.flyfishersrepublic.com/patterns/chromie/>

The Ice Cream Cone <http://www.flyfishersrepublic.com/patterns/ice-cream-cone/>

CFC Raffle Rods (Squares are \$5/ea or 5/\$20)

Bamboo Rod Raffle: 7'6" 5 wt "Rogue" Headwaters Bamboo Rod, Medium Fast Action, Two Tips, Powder Coated Aluminum Rod Tube, A Headwaters Bamboo Rod Co. Hat

Spey Rod Raffle: TICA Veteran II FISA 1403, 14' 3pc, 10/11 wt. with sock and tube, TICA Veteran II G211 Reel, RIO 10 wt Windcutter Spey Multi-tip line

From FFF Web Site: See the following link to watch videos of tying the **Lead Eye Gotcha** and the **Krystal Flash Chironomid**: <http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Default.aspx?tabid=5132>

Fly of the Month for April: Red Fox Squirrel Hair Nymph

HOOK: Heavy wire, 2X or 3X long, sizes 18 to 2

BEAD: Optional (see second picture)

THREAD: Black (appropriate size for hook)

WEIGHT: Lead wire

TAIL: Red-fox-squirrel back guard hair and underfur

RIB: Fine oval gold tinsel

ABDOMEN: A blend of one part red-fox-squirrel belly fur and one part a similar shade of antron dubbing

THORAX: Red-fox-squirrel back guard hair and underfur



http://www.ozarkangler.com/lesson-8-the-red-fox-squirrel-hair-nymph_5034_ct.aspx

<http://stevenojai.tripod.com/rfsquir.htm>

<http://www.hatchesmagazine.com/page/may2006/183>

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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.