



The *Tippet*

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Clearwater Fly Casters
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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club



February Program: LeRoy Hyatt, “Flyfishing for Steelhead”



LeRoy is the co-host of the popular public broadcasting television show produced by KWSU, “Fly Tying the Anglers Art.” Currently, there are over sixty episodes airing nationwide in both the United States and Canada. A new series has recently been completed that aired early in 2009.

LeRoy has taught fly tying for over twenty five years, and he always keeps the emphasis on having fun while fly tying. He gets genuine pleasure from seeing a new or a seasoned tier’s eyes light up when the tier sees LeRoy demonstrate a new technique or idea.

In his lifetime of fly fishing and fly tying he has willingly shared his knowledge and his experiences with many other fly fishers and tiers. He writes a bi-weekly column for his local newspaper on fly tying and fly fishing and has done so for many years.

As a commercial tier LeRoy specializes in tying with deer hair and he ties professionally both trout and steelhead patterns.

The visual presentation he created on steelhead fly fishing has rewarded him with extensive travel to many clubs and other organizations throughout America.



President’s Message: Kay and Lynn Youngblood

CFC’s year is off to a great start having had a good crowd for the January meeting, almost enough that we had to set up another “round.” So let’s make that our goal for the February meeting – having the good folks at the Best Western bring in an additional table! Please note that we’ve extended until the March meeting the separate raffle for the St. Joe River Kick Boat Catch-and-Release Landing Net beautifully handcrafted by our own Bill Hendrix, so just another reason to show up this month – a chance to purchase more tickets for that prize. Kay and I are looking forward to hearing LeRoy Hyatt this month. He’s a walking encyclopedia when it comes to fishing and fly tying. See you there!

Calendar

Feb 8: CFC Meeting, LeRoy Hyatt, Fly Tying and Talk, “Flyfishing for Steelhead”, University Inn, Moscow 5:30 pm

Apr 11: CFC Meeting, Jim Hill, “Flyfishing in Glacier”, University Inn, Moscow 5:30 pm

May 9: CFC Meeting, Rick and Sam Hedding, “Smallmouth Bass on the Fly”, University Inn, Moscow 5:30 pm

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 January Meeting (from notes by Lavon Frazier)

Our new co-presidents Kay and Lynn Youngblood presided at the meeting. Their first order of business was to thank Cliff Swanson for the great job he did as last year's president. Cliff was given a hearty round of applause.

Guests: Tim Prather, a UI professor in noxious weeds, and Russ Koefed, both from Moscow, were guests of Lynn and Kay. Jennifer Morrison, originally from Cour D'Alene who came down to school at UI and stayed on in Moscow, was a guest of Steve and Linda Gardai and Chris and Krystal Lewis. Our guest speaker, Barry Cummings, his wife Larissa, and 12-year old daughter Brittany (who is a great spin fisher) were introduced, and we learned that Barry is Lynn's son-in-law. Barry didn't know that Lynn and Kay would be presiding over the meeting where he was presenting!

Fishing Reports: Dave Yonge reported that he caught two steelhead on the Snake. In Florida, he caught a redfish that weighed about 10 pounds, the largest one he's ever caught, and a couple of speckled trout. Bob Harwood said he had an "almost fishing" report – when he was in Abu Dhabi and Dubai (United Arab Emirates) to visit his daughter, he went deep sea fishing. Unfortunately, the fish he caught were too big to print, so he ended up buying some at a fish market to print!

Committee Reports and Announcements: Steve Bush reported that the Washington Conclave of the FFF will be in Ellensburg on May 4-5, 2012. He put flyers on the tables regarding FFF membership and also for Trout Unlimited. Steve has membership forms for both if anyone is interested. One project of Trout Unlimited is to save the cutthroat in Yellowstone Lake which are being decimated by predatory lake trout. It's estimated that only 1% of the native cutthroat are left in the lake. Steve distributed a news article about acoustic transmitters being placed on lake trout to lead biologists to their spawning beds where they can drop dry ice to destroy the eggs and young. They need \$85,000 to get enough transmitters into fish to get rid of them and re-establish the cutthroat.

Paul Agidius, Membership Committee, announced that club dues are now due. He encouraged members to take some of the club's business cards and recruit new members.

Doug Baldwin, Conservation Committee, mentioned that IDFG will provide breakfast and lunch for those building bluebird houses on Saturday, January 14, at the Bruns Ranch in Juliaetta. The goal this year is to build 100 boxes. (Reporter's note – the final tally was 135 boxes.) He also reported that the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation pulled their support for the Upper Lochsa land exchange. The lands under discussion have shifted and they all are now in Idaho County; the comment deadline has been extended to February 17.

Cliff Swanson, Scholarship Committee, reported that application information had been sent to departments at WSU and UI but he still needed a contact for EWU. He noted that LCSC doesn't have graduate programs for students to qualify. The current scholarship offered is a \$1000 award to a student doing fisheries-related research.

Dave Tharp announced that he brought in a collection of VHS tapes and asked members to help themselves. Doug Young requested that anyone who watches a video and thinks it would make a good program for a club meeting to let him know.

Doug announced that LeRoy Hyatt will be our speaker on February 8. He will tie flies before the meeting, 5:30 – 6:30. He helped out a lot with fly tying at the Classic, and he has a weekly column in the Lewiston Tribune.

Bill Hendrix talked about the net he built for the club's special raffle. The net would retail for about \$150. The drawing for the net will probably be held in March to give people more time to buy tickets.

Sharon Tharp announced an open house from 1 – 5 pm and a dance in the evening held this coming Saturday at the Palouse Community Center. She thought this would be a good opportunity for members to check out the venue for possible future activities.

John Read mentioned a possible fish-out at Elk Creek Reservoir sometime in June. Mike Decker said he usually has his casting class for Schweitzer employees on the Idaho free-fishing day in June.

Raffle and Auction: Raffle winners included: Doug Baldwin, Roxanne Bush, Steve Bush, Linda Gardai, Bob Harwood, Bill Hendrix, George Hinman, Andy Kleinhofs, Krystal Lewis, Jennifer Morrison, Jim Nagler, John Read, Mary Read, Cliff Swanson, and Doug Young. Kay Youngblood brought brownies, auctioned off to Jolanta Kleinhofs.

Program: Barry Cummings, IDFG, “Enforcement Issues and How the Public Can Help” Barry said that if he had known Lynn was going to be at this meeting as co-president, he could have made his program really interesting!! Barry is District Conservation Officer with a crew of six, including two officers in the Lewiston area. (Lynn bragged that Barry was honored as State Conservation Officer of the Year after being on the job for only three years.) Barry came from Montana where he did lots of fishing and has been in this area about 10 years.

The IDFG enforcement division started in 1899 with the hiring of the first game warden. In 1913, the first female game warden was hired, and in 1938, the Idaho Fish & Game Commission was authorized by the legislature with seven members, not employees, to represent the people and keep the commission separate from politics. Since 1970, officers are required to attend the 10-week Police Officer Standards and Training Academy. In 1978, the title of game warden was replaced by conservation officer, and an officer could enforce any law in Idaho, however they did not carry weapons. That changed in 1981 when Claude Dallas killed two unarmed officers. Since then they are mandated to carry a firearm. Their only income is from licenses.

There are over 110 conservation officers in Idaho today. Some patrol areas are as large as 3000 square miles. Barry’s region, Region 2, is a very busy district. He spends about 40% of his time enforcing game laws (there are 186 days of big game hunting on the Palouse), which includes responding to incidents, collecting and processing evidence, writing case reports, testifying at trials, etc . He spends 20-30 days a year on the St. Joe. The rest of his job entails hunter and sportsman education, biological work, landowner relations, taking care of nuisance wildlife, fish and wildlife management, and required job training.

Barry said he very much enjoys protecting the resource from those who don’t obey the laws. In a study by the University of Idaho, it was determined that a conservation officer detects only 3-5% of the violations, so his main focus is deterrence. He has made over 147,000 angler and over 250,000 non-enforcement contacts.

Concerned members of the public can help in several ways. First, if you witness a violation, call CAP (Citizens against Poaching), which is a 7x24 hotline at 800-632-5999. Be as specific as you can with information – what the violators were doing, license plate numbers, and photos if possible. Most of his cases result from calls from concerned citizens. He advises not to confront the violator. Second, get involved with current events. Understand and become an educator on the issues. Third, be a big picture thinker. Consider the issue from all sides. There is a wildlife summit in Boise for citizens to get involved including non-hunters. There is also a place on the IDFG website for feedback.

Fly of the Month: Royal Coyote

Hook: #10 dry or curved shank

Thread: black 8/0

Tail: golden pheasant tippet

Body: peacock herl (fore and aft), red uni-stretch or floss

Under Wing: deer hair

Over Wing: white calf tail

Hackle: brown (can mix with grizzly)



This fly was part of Episode 410 of “Fly Tying The Angler’s Art”, with Leroy Hyatt as co-host. The picture and recipe were supplied by Tim Calileer. The Royal Coyote is a variation of the original Coyote pattern, which LeRoy had tied in a previous series. The design was originated by LeRoy and his fishing buddies. This attractor pattern can work almost anytime and offers a very nice silhouette on the water.

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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.