



The Tippet

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Clearwater Fly Casters
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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club



January Program: Barry Cummings, Idaho Fish & Game, "Enforcement Issues and How the Public Can Help"

The presentation will include the enforcement part of fisheries management, ethics, how to be a good witness, and public involvement.

Barry's Bio: He graduated in 2000 from the University of Montana with a degree in Wildlife Biology. He worked for Montana Fish Wildlife and Park for several years while in college, working many on many projects like Bull Trout education, stream side fish identification surveys and telemetry migration of Bull Trout in the Blackfoot and Clearwater River Drainages. He also worked on the Milltown Dam project and as an enforcement technician/water safety officer for the US Forest Service and State of Montana. He was hired by Idaho Fish and Game as a Conservation Officer in 2001, to the Idaho Falls patrol area. He moved to the Clearwater region in 2002 as the Senior Conservation Officer for the Deary Patrol area, where he worked until he accepted the District Conservation Officer position supervising the six Conservation Officers that work out of the Lewiston District.

Barry grew up fishing the small streams and farm ponds of Indiana. He fly fished a great deal while in Missoula, having the Blackfoot, Bitterroot and Clarkfork Rivers in his back yard. He remembers catching his first trout on a fly rod in Rock Creek. He has fished many places and for many species but believes that he enjoys most sight fishing for large early season Northern Pike in the remote lakes of Ontario.

President's Message: Kay and Lynn Youngblood

Kay and I are happy to have been entrusted with CFC's presidency for 2012. We're looking forward to a good year.....and at our upcoming meeting we're going to start the year out on a "nepotistic" (is that really a word?) note. Our speaker will be my favorite (and only) son-in-law. I don't think Barry knows that Kay and I will be "presiding."

I'm guessing that this is the first time in CFC history that we've had co-presidents, but as you know, I'm pretty codependent upon Kay, so it makes sense doesn't it? I also think it may be the first time that a female has had some presidential responsibility, but I couldn't in good conscience take on this duty by myself knowing that my better half is the better fisherperson of the two of us. One of the many things of which I am quite proud about CFC is the number of women involved in the club. On more than one occasion I've heard guest speakers comment about the presence of significant numbers of women in our group. Having said that, I'll hand this message over to Kay.



Calendar

Jan 3: CFC Fly Tying, Moscow Title, 6:30-9 pm

Jan 11: CFC Monthly Meeting, Barry Cummings, Idaho Fish & Game, "Enforcement Issues and How the Public Can Help", University Inn, 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**

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KNotes: I, too, am looking forward to the New Year. Lynn and I will be fortunate if we come close to measuring up to the effort that Cliff and his team made in 2011. And since most of us aren't out fishing at this time of year, perhaps we have time to invite some guests and prospective members to our January 11 meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

Backcast to December Meeting

Guests: Mike Ray and Brittney Kitto, fishing friends of Steve and Linda Gardai.

Fishing Reports: Mike Ray reported getting two on the Grande Ronde over Veterans' Day weekend. On November 11, Marc Ratzlaff was hunting behind Moose Creek Reservoir. He stopped at the lake and caught three fish within 15 minutes. He thinks he closed the season as the lake was iced over a few days later.

Dave Yonge was in the Florida keys, then tried his luck on the Grande Ronde, and didn't catch anything at all. He hooked a steelhead on The Ronde, but thought he was hung up on a rock so he popped the line. Later he realized it wasn't acting like a rock but was a really big fish instead. He says after that experience, he's going back to Florida! Gary Evers reported that a friend of his caught some nice salmon on The Ronde this fall.

Dan Payne went jig fishing on The Clearwater – he hooked 12 and landed eight. Another fisherman caught two steelhead on the Clearwater using his drift boat. Both of them were in the Cherry Lane area of the river.

Cliff Swanson reported some ice on Spring Valley. He referenced Andy Kleinhof's story about fly fishing on ice. Andy clarified that the story of cutting a long trench in the ice and casting his fly into it was for liar's night.

Announcements: Cliff Swanson mentioned that the FFF Conclave in Spokane conflicts with our usual July weekend for the St. Joe Fishout. There was some discussion of holding the fishout earlier or later, discussion to be continued at the next Executive Board meeting. Cliff also asked if anyone had contacts at LCSC to convey information about the club's scholarships.

Marc Ratzlaff asked for a list of members with their contact information to get in touch with prospective fishing partners, etc. There was some discussion of keeping the list private. Bruce Frazier pointed out that FFF asked for a membership list as well.

Cliff presented the engraved plaque for the Ben Collins - Steve Allured award to 2011 winner Doug Young. He also belatedly presented the engraved fly box made by John Read and filled with flies tied by Cliff to last year's president, Paul Agidius. A new "official fishing tree", made by Cliff, was presented to Dave Tharp for his unrelenting enthusiasm for finding the old fishing tree. It came complete with a fish counter for his fishing partners to keep track of the fish Dave catches!

Raffle and Auction: Fishing gear raffle winners included Paul Agidius, Steve Bush, Sylvia Evers, Steve Gardai, Dan Payne, and Dave Tharp. The winner of the year-end rod raffle was Bob Harwood. In lieu of a gift exchange for the holidays, members brought home-made breads, pies, gift baskets, and other goodies for a silent auction. This was a fun activity that brought in \$286 for the club. A big thank-you to those with the highest bids: Doug Baldwin, Steve Bush, Tim Cavileer, Gary and Sylvia Evers, Lavon Frazier, Linda Gardai, George Hinman, Jolanta Kleinhofs, Mary Read, Cliff Swanson, Dave Tharp, and Doug Young.



Program: Nate Brumley, Dry Fly Innovations, DVD

Doug Young introduced a shortened showing of Nate Brumley's DVD titled "Fly Fishing the High Country". The segment we watched took place on Ennis Lake in southern Idaho. It was filmed on a windy day, and we saw many catches of nicely colored cutthroats. Everyone was watching the fishing but also chuckling at Nate's saying "Sammy", which turned out to be his cameraman's name, at least once and sometimes multiple times in the same sentence. Nate recommends the black cdc caddis, black and red ants, and dragonflies for fishing the high lakes.

Some other tips from segments we did not watch at the meeting include keeping oneself concealed to not spook the trout, and always fishing in the same direction, i.e., clockwise or counter-clockwise, along the perimeter of a lake as the trout are often close to the bank. Doug Young added a comment that he's found he can often hook one of these hungry trout almost every cast with a dark nymph, either alone or as a dropper, as well as the dry flies used by Nate.

What is the FFF all about?

The Federation of Fly Fishers, founded in Eugene, Oregon in 1965, *was formed to give fly fishing a unified voice, to promote fly fishing as a method of angling and to protect and expand fly fishing opportunities.* It is the **only** organized advocate for fly fishers on the national and regional level, and is now international in scope. By charter and inclination, the FFF is organized from the bottom up. Each member club in North America and around the world is a unique, self-directed group.

The FFF works to maintain the fly fishing opportunities available today—cold water, warm water, and saltwater—all fish in all waters.

The FFF works to improve the fly fishing opportunities for tomorrow-- actively working to restore and conserve clean waters and healthy ecosystems for all sport species. The FFF believes that we need to protect all species and all fisheries habitat, and has encouraged catch and release of wild fish since 1965.

Fly of the Month: Black or Purple Egg-sucking Leech

Source: <http://www.salmonflies.net/fly45.html>

Hook: 3X long streamer (e.g. Mustad #9672) sizes 2-10
Weighted: With lead wire of appropriate size
Tail: Black or Purple Marabou
Body: Black or Purple chenille
Hackle: Black or Purple saddle hackle, palmered
Head: Egg yarn wound and formed to egg shape



This fly is a combination of two patterns, the Single Egg Fly, and the Woolly Bugger. It's simply a Woolly Bugger with a yarn egg tied in at the head. Materials such as chenille or plastic beads have been used to form the egg at the head of the fly, replacing the yarn. Tie a purple woolly bugger, a black woolly bugger, or another color of your choice, and leave enough space at the head of the fly to add a chenille egg. Effective colors for the egg head are the same as those used for single egg patterns, i.e. pink, red, orange, chartreuse.

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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.