



The Tippet *December, 2014*

Clearwater Fly Casters

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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club



December Program: Cliff Swanson, Paul Agidius, Marc Ratzlaff, Steve Bush “Cutthroat Slam in 6 Days, 1600 Miles and 3 States”



This past summer Marc Ratzlaff, Paul Agidius, Steve Bush and Cliff Swanson went on a fishing adventure that took them from Moscow to the Bear lake area and back. The purpose of the trip was to catch Idaho's four native subspecies of Cutthroat Trout. In order to accomplish the mission it was necessary to travel to southeastern Idaho within 9 miles of the Utah border. The December program will be presented by the members of the group explaining the planning and execution of their journey along with some non-fishing highlights.

Presidents' Message (Roger Willemsen)

Seasons' greetings to everyone! Hope you had a great Thanksgiving and wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. There is still fishing to be done – catch a steelhead!

This will be my last presidents' message since my one-year term as president is ending. I really enjoyed serving as your president but feel that it's time to turn the 'gavel' over to someone else. I will admit there were a few challenges but for the most part everything went smoothly. The Executive committee was great to work with and provided much needed insight and direction. I will continue to serve the club in my new role as editor of the monthly newsletter.

I enjoyed our November program presented by Glen Murray and want to thank him and Mawdsley Lake Fishing Lodge for their donation of a 2016 fishing/lodging adventure at their lodge in Saskatchewan Canada. It will be offered for auction sometime in the future.

I want to remind members that the drawing for the custom fly rod will be at our December meeting. Everyone who bought raffle tickets during the year and are paid members for 2014/2015 are eligible to win. Good Luck! Also, you are encouraged to bring raffle items to supplement and support the raffle - perhaps for our December meeting something with a Christmas theme.

Calendar

Dec 2: Executive Committee meeting, Thai Ginger, Pullman. 5:30 pm

Dec 10: CFC Monthly Mtg

Jan 14: CFC Monthly Mtg

**Additional events at:
www.clearwaterflycasters.com**

Information

**The Tippet is available as a PDF file on our web site:
www.clearwaterflycasters.com**

Please submit information to the Newsletter Editor.

Meetings 2nd Wed, University Best Western Inn, Moscow, ID

Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 pm

Buffet Dinner \$16, Students \$8: 6:30

Program: 7:30

Backcast to November Meeting:

President Roger Willemsen presided at the Clearwater Fly Casters meeting.

Guests: Our guest speaker, Glen Murray and his lovely wife, Iris. Bob and Sandy Garcia. Lawrence Rose, and Tyler Comeau.

Fishing reports: Cliff Swanson and Marc Ratzlaff went fishing last week at the Lochsa and caught big fish. Lynn and Kay Youngblood also fished last week at the Joe before the weather changed; fish rising, figuring out what they wanted was a challenge, but did catch a few 11-15." Tyler Comeau, Coastal Conservation Association CCA member fished the Grand Ronde for steelhead.

Tyler Comeau, VP Washington CCA: Author of a conservation article in Northwest Fly Fishing, November/December 2014. Tyler said most commercial gill netters only make about 15K a year, supplementing their income with logging or other employment. Sport fishing licenses produce much more revenue for the State of Washington than gill netters. There are more fish going over the Bonneville dam now than when it was completed in 1939. CCA is trying to establish a "Hells Canyon" chapter. Dues are only \$25 per year. Members receive the "Tide" magazine and provide support for fisheries legislation as promoted by CCA to benefit both ocean and inland sport fishing.

Committee Reports and Announcements:

Steve Bush

- Encouraged CFC members to join the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA). CCA is very active in reducing gill netting that in turn helps all recreational fishing. It is only \$25 to join for a year.

Lynn Youngblood; Treasurer

- Reported that there is about \$3,500 in the general operating fund and \$5,600 in the scholarship fund. There are 5 calendars remaining for sale at \$10 each. Let Lynn know if you are interested in purchasing one. Dues are now due since our year is associated with the academic year, August - May, not the calendar year. Dues are \$20 for individual and \$30 for family. Student dues are \$10. When delivering calendars to George Hinman, Lynn conveyed George's message saying he missed the CFC members and the meetings.

Dates to Remember & Put on Your Calendar

- **December 2:** Executive Meeting, Thai Ginger, Pullman, 5:30. All are welcome to attend.
- **December 10:** Clearwater Fly Casters Meeting. Bring a friend! Bring a student! Drawing for the custom fly rod at this meeting from the raffle tickets from January to December 2014. Dues **MUST** be paid to be eligible to win!

Raffle was conducted. All raffle tickets will be kept for the custom fly rod raffle in December. Members are encouraged to bring "different" raffle items to supplement and support this raffle, perhaps with a Christmas theme for the December meeting.



Program Notes:



Program chair, Fred Meyer, welcomed our friend and guest speaker, Glen Murray. A former CFC member, Glen is part owner of Mawdsley Lake Fishing Lodge located in Northern Saskatchewan, Canada. The province of Saskatchewan is known as the "land of living skies," as illustrated by striking photographs taken at the lodge. From the small lichen and fungi to the large animals and birds such as caribou, bear, loons and eagles, nature's beauty abounds. Glen reviewed the catch and release rules of the fish species found at Mawdsley Lake (Northern Pike, Lake Trout and Lake Whitefish). The Haultain River provides habitat for Arctic Grayling. Glen noted that several people have caught Northern Pike 40" long and longer. Glen estimated the 40" pike to be 40-50 years old.

It is approximately 1,200 miles from Moscow to Mawdsley. Glen provided photos of the dining room, bunk house and shower building. The boats are 14' long with 15 hp motors. There are 4 main lakes: Hobson, Marwdsley, East Mawdsley and Haresign Lake. Glen reviewed favored flies and fishing equipment, including steel leaders for those pike!

There are 4 sets of dates for 2015:

1. June 4 - June 10
2. June 12 - June 18
3. June 20 - 26
4. June 28 - July 4

Clearwater Fly Casters gratefully accepted the gift donated by Glen - 5.5 days of fishing at Mawdsley Lake in 2016 for our next fundraiser auction. This gift includes the fishing and lodging at the Mawdsley Lake, with travel to and from the lodge paid by the successful auction bidder.



Glen welcomes any questions regarding this calendar year or future fishing schedules. He can be reached at mawdsleylakefishinglodge.com or 403-394-0888. Fishing at Mawdsley Lake is a "priceless experience!"

Fly of the Month: Damselfly Nymph

From the FFF website,

<http://fedflyfishers.org/Tying/FlyoftheMonth.aspx>

Hook – Size 12 Nymph Hook

Thread – 8/0 light Brown

Weight – Small Lead or Non-Lead wire

Tail and Body – Light Brown Marabou

Rib – Gold Ultra Fine Wire – the smallest you can find

Shell back – Crystal Flashabou

This pattern is a great fly for tiers of all skill levels. It is an easy fly that has very few materials.

The damselfly nymph will swim for only a few feet before resting. When the nymph stops swimming it sinks. As it sinks the body remains level and the tail raises. This fly is design to mimic this resting state. Uses a piece of non-lead weight on the bottom side of the hook shank to work as a basalt so the fly will descend uniformly. The fish will take the nymph as it is settling in the water.



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Membership and Monthly Meeting:

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.