



The Tippet

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Clearwater Fly Casters

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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club



January Program: Steve Temple “Secrets of the Clark Fork”



Steve Temple, the new owner of Clark Fork trout, has guided the rivers of Montana since 2006. Steve previously guided the Green River in Wyoming and is a past winner of the "Jackson Hole One Fly" competition. The Temples are long-time fly fishermen in the Eastern Sierra outside of Mammoth Lakes before moving to Montana in 2006. Steve regularly provides area river, including the

Clark Fork River, reports for flow, temperature and hatch at www.clarkforktrout.com. Visit Steve at shows in Boise (Jan 11,12), Spokane (March 20-24), and Ellensburg (May 3-4).

Our Show "Secrets of the Clark Fork." This is Your chance to discover along with local Guide Steve Temple the many things You need to know about the Clark Fork River. Steve will share pictures and strategy for camping, lodging, river access and fishing spots. This presentation is helpful to those visiting and floating the Clark Fork River. Steve will share his experience on the river during the seasonal changes with flies, river flows and where to find the fish. The Clark Fork has some secrets that You will want to know that may apply to all rivers and some that are unique to our fishery in Montana. Steve promises that there will be secrets even the frequent visitor to Montana will be surprised to hear. See You on the River! Steve Temple, Clark Fork Trout.

Steve will also be bring a fly box and selection of Clark Fork flies for the raffle.

Presidents' Message (Roger Willemsen)

With the start of the new year there will be some changes at CFC. They (undefined) say that change is a good thing! There has certainly been quite a change in officers and committee chairs as we head into the new year. This will be my first year in an official leadership role and I am really looking forward to the challenge. With the help of the officers and the general membership I am confident that 2014 will be a banner year for CFC. I think all those retiring from official positions deserve special recognition for a job well done and their contributions to the success of the club. The list is rather long (was it something I said or did?): Lynn and Kay Youngblood - Co-Presidents, Cliff Swanson – Past President, Lavon Frazier - Secretary, Bruce Frazier - Treasurer, Doug Young - Program Chair, Reid Miller - Newsletter Editor. I also want to welcome and look forward to working with the new officers for 2014. I will strive to make change a good thing!

Calendar

**Jan 8, Steve Temple,
“Secrets of the Clark
Fork”, CFC Monthly
Meeting, University Inn,
Moscow**

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:
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 PM
Buffet \$16: 6:30 PM
Program: 7:30 PM**

The fly fishing season has slowed down for me with the arrival of winter weather. I find that it's a good time to enjoy cleaning the rods, oiling the reels, sorting and organizing flies and finally washing that grimy fly fishing vest. It's also a great time to spend with friends at the CFC meetings socializing and having fun talking about fishing. The days are getting longer and better weather will be here before you know it. I already hear plans being made for fishing trips in 2014. **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Backcast to December Meeting

Guests: Jan Kirchoff, Greg Applegate, Ron Jones, Larry Wriggle and Noah Krause.

Guests of Ken Cain, speaker: Mark Terrazas, Pat Blaufuss, Joe Evavold

New members: Greg Applegate, Ron Jones and Larry Wriggle. Leonard Askum has rejoined CFC after having been a member many years ago. **WELCOME** to all the new members!

Fishing Reports: Cliff mentioned 4–6" of ice on Spring Valley Reservoir. Andy K. said ice fishing would be necessary for steelhead fishing. Jim P. fished the Clearwater at Clarkston. The Snake is fishing well when warm. Also, steelhead seem interested in small flies with floating line. Doug B. fished Rock Lake Friday after Thanksgiving; cold water with a few tentative bites; did hook a nice brown trout.

Mawdsley Lake information was placed on each dining table. There will be a presentation on Mawdsley at the November 2014 meeting. Several members have been to Mawdsley; Roger W., Bruce F., Marc R. and Doug Y. to name a few. Northern pike on flies are the main game but lake trout and Grayling are also found in the lake and rivers, respectively.

Executive Committee members under the two-year term of Co-Presidents' Lynn and Kay Youngblood were recognized. The Executive Committee members were each given a packet of four fly fishing note cards made by Kay featuring photos of different trout waters.

Officers for 2014 are as follows: Roger Willemsen-President; Vice President is available; Lynn Youngblood-Treasurer; Kay Youngblood-Secretary. Committee Chairs are Cliff Swanson-Scholarship; Paul Agidus-Membership; Steve Bush-FFF; Doug Baldwin-Conservation; Joy Lunsford-Tippet and Program chair is still available. The slate was voted in unanimously. If anyone is interested in the positions of Vice President or Program Chair (most of the programs for 2014 have been assembled), please contact Roger W. or any member of the Executive Committee.



Allured-Collins Award past awardees are to meet with Cliff Swanson following this meeting in order to decide to whom this award shall be presented.

Raffle Grand Prize Drawing: The grand raffle prize this year was for \$230. All raffle tickets for 2013 were put into the jar and thoroughly mixed, shaken and stirred. Speaker Ken Cain pulled the winning raffle ticket belonging to Steve Bush. **Congratulations Steve!**

Announcements:

There will not be an Executive Meeting for January. The next regular meeting will be January 8, 2014



Fly tying at Steve Bush's office, 127 S. Washington Street, suite #2, Moscow on January 15, 2014 from 6:30 - 9:00

Program Notes: Ken Cain, "Restoration of Burbot in the Kooteni River"

Speaker Ken Cain spoke about restoring burbot in the Kootenai River where it once was prevalent. Ken is the project leader at University of Idaho for the burbot restoration project in the Kootenai River. The burbot is a fresh water cod. They spawn in winter preferring water temperatures 0 to 7° C. The eggs hatch about 40 days after fertilization and begin life as a larval form without a mouth for 10-14 days. An adult matures in 3-4 years.

The goal is to restore a viable, self sustaining and harvestable burbot fishery in the lower Kootenai River. Changes to the burbot habitat such as dams, dikes, river channeling, degradation and water temperatures too warm in addition to over harvesting have contributed to the demise of the once natural occurring burbot in the Kootenai River. Several organizations such as University of Idaho, Kootenai Tribe, IDFG, Washington State and Bonneville Power, to name a few, have been involved in the restoration process. Ken described how the fish are captured, genders determined, raising fish in the lab at UI, disease control within the lab, and releasing juvenile fish into the Kootenai River.

The presentation was informative and encouraging with burbot numbers slowly increasing in the lower Kootenai River. Ken graciously received the piscatorial prowess certificate as presented by Lynn.

Fly of the Month: X-Caddis

From the FFF website, www.fedflyfishers.org/tying/flyoftheMonth.asp

Hook: Tiemco TMC 100, 5210, 100BL, 900BL, Daiichi 1310, Mustad 94840, etc., sizes 12-20

Thread: 6/0, 8/0 color to match body

Tail: Zelon, amber gold or caddis gold, crinkled

Body: Dubbed beaver or Antron: tan, brown, olive or black to match the naturals

Wing: Deer or elk hair

The X-Caddis was originally tied about 1980 by Craig Mathews and company at Blue Ribbon Flies, West Yellowstone, Montana. Early patterns were tied with dubbed beaver bodies, but now most tiers use Antron because it is "buggier." It is a fly for spring, summer and fall, and will take fish during the day when there is no hatch, during a hatch and during the "evening rise." Most of the time fish it drag free using a floating line. Some anglers put floatant on the whole fly, but there is an advantage to putting floatant only on the wing. This makes it float low like a crippled caddis that hasn't freed itself from the shuck.



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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.