



# The Tippet *September, 2014*

## *Clearwater Fly Casters*

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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club



## September Program: Annual Potluck at Robinson Park

Date: September 10

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Robinson County Park- South shelter, 5168 Robinson Park Rd,

Moscow, ID: About 5 miles east of Moscow

### What to Bring:

- Chair
- Food to share; consider a meat dish, side dishes, salad, dessert, etc.
- Your Own Beverage
- Appetite
- Fishing Reports
- A friend or someone interested in joining Clearwater Fly Casters!

Paper plates/cups and plastic ware will be provided

We will have a camp fire and some lanterns

A flashlight may be helpful.

See you there!

## Calendar

**Sept 10: Annual Potluck**

**Sept 3: U of Idaho Health and Recreation Fair, Student Rec Center, 12 noon – 4 pm, CFC will have a booth**

**Additional events at:**

**[www.clearwaterflycasters.com](http://www.clearwaterflycasters.com)**

## Information

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[www.clearwaterflycasters.com](http://www.clearwaterflycasters.com)

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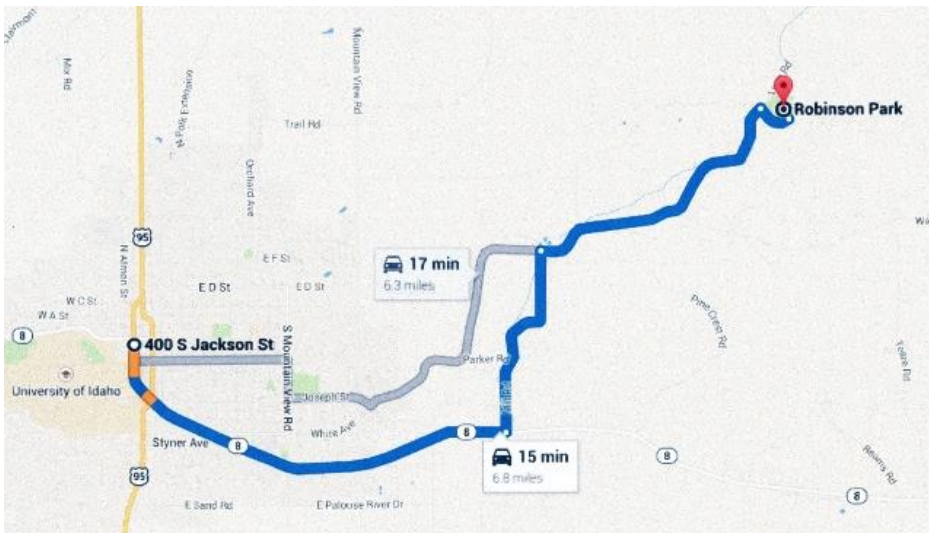
Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed, University Best Western Inn, Moscow, ID

**Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 pm**

**Buffet Dinner \$16, Students**

**\$8: 6:30**

**Program: 7:30**



## Presidents' Message (Roger Willemsen)

It's time for the September Tippet already and the days are getting shorter. This means that fall is just around the corner. But don't be dismayed - fall fishing can be the best time to be on the water. So even if you didn't get the garage cleaned and the house painted, the life affirming passion that is fall fly fishing needs to be enjoyed.

Hope you had a great summer with some exceptional adventures! Our regular meetings begin after the summer hiatus with a potluck at Robinson Park. Bring your favorite dish and your best fishing stories for all to enjoy. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the potluck.

## Backcast to May Meeting

**President** Roger Willemsen presided at the Clearwater Fly Casters meeting.

**Guests:** Our guest speaker, Fred Rabe and his guest Cathy Wilmes.

**Fishing reports:** Steve Bush fishing at Amber Lake last Saturday, said it was "slow." Barry Cummings fished Lake Powell for striped bass. The fishery is stressed and eventually may crash; catching 20" fish that are without meat. Lynn and Doug fished Rock Lake and caught 1 nice fish. Crystal Lewis, family and friends fished in Puerto Rico catching barracuda and mackerel. Sharon Tharp reported fishing Amber Lake where she caught BIG fish on white nymphs, but no witnesses. She also fished Coffee Pot and scored BIG fish once again on wooley buggers with green thread. Sharon mentioned during their recent long travels she and Dave went fishing with friends Lucky & Danny. Sharon brought photos to share of Corpus Christie, TX. Dave reported on his "phantom" friend, discovering it was Jack Mayfield, a former sales associate, who joined in on the fishing at Amber Lake. Dave caught 3 fish. Joe Vaughn, while fishing at Amber Lake, cautioned persons using a float tube to make sure it is fully inflated in order to stay dry.

**Special Award:** John Read presented a plaque of appreciation for contributions to CFC to Bill Hendrix, who is moving to Wisconsin. John highlighted a few of Bill's offerings such as preparing the meals for the St. Joe fish outs in his 48 lb Dutch oven, his beautiful handcrafted fishing nets, an Allured-Collins recipient, and a few fishing stories. Bill graciously accepted his award. He acknowledged that CFC is one of the best organizations in which he has been involved. His personal best memory was with Bill Alspaugh in facilitating the scholarship award. Bill gave Dave Tharp the Dutch oven that feeds 30 people. Bill noted he is moving to River Falls, WI and is within easy walking distance to the Kinnickinnic River, a class trout stream. Bill's advice to the club: As a club, you are standing on the shoulders of others; remember and honor them. John then presented Bill with a fly box, handcrafted by John Read, inscribed with "120 years of experience and not a lick of sense." That story relates to the "Old Farts Club" of Jim Palmersheim, Dave Yonge, Dave Tharp, John Read and himself taking too long on a float-fishing trip on the Joe.

### Committee Reports and Announcements:

Steve Bush; FFF and more

- FFF, Steve attended the Ellensburg conclave. Lots of good tiers were there. He reminded us of the National Convention in Livingston, MT August 5-9.
- Steve also reported on the Moscow High School fly fishing instruction by CFC members. There were 4 classes; 1 knot instruction, 2 casting practice and 1 Spring Valley fly fishing - catching fish and a hotdog bar-b-cue.
- Due to the success and expressed interest, Steve is gathering CFC members to teach an adult casting class this spring. Exact dates and times to be determined. Perhaps the class members will become CFC members!

Lynn Youngblood; Treasurer

- Reported that there is about \$3,000 in general operating fund and \$5,600 in scholarship fund.

Roger:

- Amber Lake Fish Out Report : about 10 people attended and the weather was great.
- The CFC donation to the Palouse Habitat Beans 'N Jeans silent auction brought \$105.00.
- CFC donated a framed Bob Harwood print that fetched \$525.00 at the Palouse Student Chapter of the American Fisheries Society fundraiser.

Barry Cummings, IDFG:

- As a follow-up from last meeting, Barry wanted to address the question "what can we do" to support IDFG law enforcement?
  - a. Don't let "party hunting" (filling someone's tag with your own) become socially acceptable.
  - b. Be a good witness: IDFG enforcement relies on sportspersons in the field.
  - c. Find middle ground; question and seek appropriate answers to resolve issues.
  - d. 'Pass it on' - 50 is the average age of hunters and anglers.
  - e. Stay engaged. Be a "data point" at meetings; attend and be heard.

- Barry is looking for a photo of Thomas Wilson Bartley, one of the first IDFG game wardens. If successful, your effort would be noted. Barry left a copy of "The Lovely Old St. Joe" by Mary E. Bartley, wife of Thomas, for all to enjoy.

Remarks: While fishing at Amber Lake Dave Tharp noticed kids with adults catching numerous fish using power bait. After a brief conversation of explaining the fishing regulations for Amber, they stopped as they understood why only artificial lures are used. Dave also noted that when fishing at Coffee Pot recently, an angler kept 6 fish; which is over the bag limit. Dave's comments to the angler went unheeded. Perhaps a cell phone photo of license plate to the proper authorities may help deter poaching. Cliff noted that his observing elk poaching resulted in successful criminal prosecution.

**Raffle** was conducted. All raffle tickets will be kept for the custom rod raffle in December. Members are encouraged to bring "different" raffle items to supplement and support this raffle.

## Program Notes:

CFC Program Chair, Fred Meyer, introduced Fred Rabe, presenting "Relationship of Aspen Beaver Ponds and Brook Trout in the Rocky Mountains." Fred said, where you find aspen trees, you find beaver and the converse is true too. Fred classified 2 different type of ponds, Spring and Seep. Fred studied the stunting of brook trout due to abandoned beaver dams that leak water, called seep ponds. Not only did the fish exhibit stunting, but there were large quantities of them. He compared seep ponds to spring ponds with free flowing water that had fewer, but larger brook trout. In some experiments, brook trout were replaced with rainbow trout with the same results, many small fish. Smaller and numerous fish were the primary result of silted over gravel and poor food sources. In extreme cases in high mountain lakes, the egg masses are reabsorbed by the fish due to insufficient food and nutrition. Fred's studies were primarily in Colorado and some in Idaho.

## Fly of the Month: Western Coachman

From the FFF website, [www.fedflyfishers.org/tying/flyoftheMonth.asp](http://www.fedflyfishers.org/tying/flyoftheMonth.asp)

**Hook:** Daiichi 1550 #12-20

**Thread/Body:** Flymaster Black 6/0

**Tail:** Golden Pheasant Tippet

**Rib:** Small Gold Wire

**Body:** Peacock Herl, 2-4 strands

**Wing:** White Deer Hair

**Hackle:** Brown Hen or Indian Neck



Western Coachman, is a pattern which was developed and made popular by Buz Buszek around 1940. This is one of many patterns that was inspired by the Coachman, a fly rumored to have been created by the coachman or driver for the royal family in the 1820's. The Western Coachman is a versatile fly that can be fished either dry or wet

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.