



The Tippet *April, 2015*

Clearwater Fly Casters

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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club



April Program: ‘Aquatic Food Webs and Implications For Ecosystem Restoration’, Adrienne Zuckerman, Water Resources Science & Management, University of Idaho

Adrienne received a Clearwater Fly Casters Scholarship in 2014 and will report on her MS project



Adrienne Zuckerman is pursuing a M.S. degree in Water Resources Science & Management at the University of Idaho. Her research has focused in the Methow River Basin (WA) on a project with the US Geological Survey and the Bureau of Reclamation to validate a model predicting food availability for trout and salmon and

hydrologic conditions under simulation. She evaluated biofilm and algae dynamics, and measured temporal patterns of invertebrate and riparian subsidies that feed juvenile fish. A better understanding of the processes that generate and sustain food resources can improve success for fisheries restoration efforts.

Adrienne earned a B.A. with a double major in Environmental Studies and International Affairs at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, OR. Since then, she worked in the White Salmon River Basin the Columbia River Gorge with farmers and irrigators to prepare for the impending removal of the Condit Dam, which came down in 2011. She surveyed the White Salmon River basin and tributaries by foot, documenting areas of pristine habitat and impairments and worked with landowners to improve conditions for spawning adults, as well as resident and anadromous juveniles. She also worked to spread awareness about invasive New Zealand Mudsnaileds, tiny, self-reproducing mollusks, and to encourage diligent checks on boating, fishing, and research gear before moving between watersheds. She is an avid rafter and has been lucky to float the Deschutes River most summers while learning how to fly fish for steelhead, or redband trout (*O. mykiss gardeneri*) and marvel at the incredible stonefly hatch that occurs in early summer.

CFC Calendar

Apr 8, CFC Club Meeting & Auction, Univ Best Western, 5:30 Buffet; Auction 7:00 pm

Apr 28: CFC Executive Committee Mtg, 6 pm, Hilltop Inn, Pullman, WA

May 13: CFC Club Meeting, Best Western Inn, Moscow, ID

May 16: Amber Lake Fish Out

June 13: CFC Elk River Outing & ID Free Fishing Day

July 10-12: St Joe Fish Out

**Additional events at:
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Information

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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 pm

Program: 7:30 pm

Presidents' Message (Joe Vaughan)

When we who fish or hunt converse, we compare notes and may even brag of our successes and failures in objective terms - the fish we caught, the game bagged. Cynics may comment on how much more cheaply our exercise or protein could have been obtained at the gym or the grocery store. But we find rewards, beyond the objectives of fish caught and game bagged, in our personal knowledge of the wild.

Most of my trips out of doors in field, forest and stream have not been particularly memorable. But those moments when I have witnessed firsthand nature's workings revealed most intimately have excited me instantly and left shining, indelible memories. I vividly recall standing along a stream just before a thunderstorm, the wind rising, seeing an orb-weaving spider furling up its web into a gooey ball and retreating with it into the shelter of a leaf to suck on it — how wondrous and how provident! I recall stepping over a small pool in a stream crossed by my trail in the Wind River, seeing a tiny trout leaping repeatedly after a mayfly hovering just above the water — what abandon! I remember a juvenile pine marten with chocolate points coming out on a limb of a conifer to investigate me with twitching nose and mewling sounds, as I made my dawn casts over a mountain lake in the Selway Crags.

We all, I suspect, harbor special memories of serendipitous encounters with wildlife, and I think these experiences are important, both to us and through us to wilderness. But lately we wonder if younger generations are much less likely to encounter nature in such meaningful ways; indeed, some have diagnosed our society, and youth in particular, as suffering nature deficit disorder (*Last Child in the Woods*, [Richard Louv](#), 2005)! And it is to our group's credit that we work to educate youth and others to the joys of fly-fishing, that excellent way of being with the wild.

Forward Cast:

- **April 10:** Palouse Unit American Fisheries Society Wild Game Feed & Auction, 1912 Center, Moscow
- **May 1 & 2:** Washington Fly Fishing Fair, Ellensburg, WA
- **May 16:** CFC Amber Lake Fishout
- **June 6 & 7:** WA free fishing weekend
- **June 12:** Moscow Art Walk
- **June 13:** CFC Elk River Outing & ID Free Fishing Day
- **July 10 – 12:** CFC St Joe River Fishout
- **Aug 11-15:** International FFF Fair, Bend, OR, Riverhouse Convention Center

Roll Cast:

The executive committee has recommended an increase in the clubs membership fee. The proposal is to raise the cost of an individual membership from \$20 to \$25, family membership from \$30 to \$35, and no change in student membership currently at \$10. Membership categories and dues shall be set by a vote of the general membership as stated in our bylaws. Accordingly, members will have this opportunity at the club meeting on April 8, 2015.

Have you ever had the urge to go fishing but you couldn't find anyone to go with! Well how about inviting a fellow club member to go along. Or maybe you would like to invite a fellow member to a party. Or you would like to contact a fellow member regarding something else. But you don't have any way of contacting that

individual. To help remedy that problem you will have an opportunity to share your email address with other club members. You will be able to 'opt in' at the club meeting on April 8.

University Best Western informed us that 'happy hour' will end at 6 pm. So come to the CFC Wet Fly Hour early (5:30 pm) and order doubles.

Back Cast to March Meeting:

President Joe Vaughan presided at the Clearwater Fly Casters meeting.

Guests: Joe and Charlene Douglas, Joe is the owner of Black Dog Custom Rods and Fly Shop, Clarkston, WA. Chris Caudill and his son Avery, Dulce Kersting. This is a partial list of guests at the meeting. We do welcome all guests and apologize for any omissions.

Fishing reports: Cliff went to Elk Creek and reported it was cold both in temperature and in the fishing. John Read reported that Amber Lake provided a great day of fishing but not a great day for catching. Doug Baldwin also went to Amber Lake, and said it was cold, around 45 degrees F. He brought in a 17-inch rainbow, but by the time he got the fish in he could no longer feel his feet.

Committee Reports:

Steve Bush, International Federation of Fly Fishers Representative: The International Federation of Fly Fishers (IFFF) is going to be held in Ellensburg, Washington again this year. The dates are May 1-2. The event is \$5, or IFFF members get in free. It's been good in the past and should be again this year. Talk to Steve for more information.

Announcements:

Bruce Frazier announced that nominations are open for the Ben Collins Steve Allured Award. According to the Bylaws, this award is given to a member of the club in recognition of outstanding contributions to the activities of the Clearwater Fly Casters, conservation, and the sport of fly-fishing. It is requested that nominations be provided in secret. Past winners of the award will select the winner.

The regular meeting was brief to allow ample time for the Auction.

Auction Notes:

Thanks to you, the CFC semiannual auction was a great success! We are pleased to report that the auction brought in more than \$3000 for our scholarship fund and general operating account. The Executive Committee expresses our sincere thanks to everyone who assisted with the auction and to everyone who opened their pocket books.

The event would not have been possible without the donation of 'items' for both the silent and live auctions. Thanks to everyone who brought in many excellent items. And special thanks to these companies for their donations:

Mawdsley Lake Fishing Lodge – Saskatchewan fishing adventure
Sportsman's Warehouse, Lewiston – Two gift certificates
Black Dog Custom Rods and Fly Shop, Clarkston – Custom graphite casting rod
Backcountry Lark, Moscow – Fly fishing set
NRS, Moscow – Chinook life jacket
Orvis, Coeur d'Alene – Flies, cap, fly casting instruction

Pullman Building Supply, Pullman – Garden shears
Animal Clinic & Hospital, Moscow – Spay/Neuter certificate
Essential Glass Works, Moscow – Gift certificate
Swilly's, Pullman – Dinner certificate
Best Western University Inn, Moscow – Dinner certificate
Ampersand Vinegar & Oil Tap House, Moscow – Oil and Vinegar
Aikido of Moscow – One month training
Moscow Food Co-op, Moscow – Gift certificate
Café Moro, Pullman – Coffee and gift cards
Idaho Cedar Sales – Cedar fencing

Auction Photos:





Fly of the Month: Spooky Shad

From the FFF website, <http://fedflyfishers.org/Tying/FlyoftheMonth.aspx>

Hook: Mustad 410 jig hook or bend a hook to suit you
Thread: Any color 8/0 or so will work. It's a bass fly
Body: 2mm fun foam and double sided sticky tape
Body Cover: Estaz or crystal flash. Pick your favorite color, Chartreuse is good
Body Color: Permanent marker. Prismacolor works from hobby lobby
Eyes: Doll eyes
Tail: Marabou color to match the approach. Rabbit, saddle hackle or rubber spinnerbait hackle also works



This fly is a combination of some techniques developed by Anthony Hips and John Gulley. William Heugel always wanted to have a fly that emulated the Zara Spook. John developed a fly called the lil spook and built it around some double sticky sided foam tape. Anthony developed his popper by building up foam and painting them. William used the two techniques together and applied a jig hook. The jig hook places the eye of the hook at a position similar to that of the Zara Spook which gives it a bit of the walk the dog feature. This has turned out to be one fish catching fly. Works great for Black Bass and would probably do well for some saltwater.

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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.