



The Tippet *January, 2015*

Clearwater Fly Casters

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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club



January Program: Marc J Divens, Fisheries Biologist, WDFW, Spokane Valley, WA “Fly Fishing Opportunities for Warmwater Fish in Washington”



Marc plans on a 30 minute presentation on *Fly Fishing Opportunities for Warmwater Fish in Washington* including some information on the history of warmwater fish in Washington, Washington’s Warmwater Fish Management Program, select fly fishing opportunities, and the searchable FISH WASHINGTON database.



Marc started with WDFW’s Inland Fish Program in 1995 working in Olympia as part of the Inland Fish Research Team. In 1999, Marc relocated to Spokane to work as the Lead Fisheries Biologist for the Warmwater Fisheries Assessment Team in Regions 1 and 3. Since that time, he has conducted surveys on over 50 inland waters; worked to develop sampling strategies for

Northern Pike with Kalispel Tribe co-managers; developed guidelines for regulating quality crappie populations; oversaw tiger muskie stocking evaluations; including diet, fish community response, and habitat use; and conducted larval crappie surveys to assess their natural production.

Presidents’ Message (Joe Vaughan)

New Year’s Resolutions are a curious custom, I think. If one really wishes to resolve to take an action, each and every day is, as the saying goes, the first day of the rest of one’s life. Still, we do like to have special days marked out on our calendars, do we not, that invite us to special contemplations:

Thanksgiving, recently, for bringing to mind all for which we might be grateful. And New Year’s, for being two-faced in the sense of looking back as well as forward, and perhaps resolving to some significant act or accomplishment.

Looking back, I appreciate the grace this club exhibits in welcoming newbie fly-fishers and new members generally! Looking farther back, I contemplate with appreciation as well as some awe those who have worked, guided by great wisdom, at significant personal sacrifice, many times against great odds, to educate people around the value of our wild lands and wild life heritage, and to push for laws and policies that conserve these shared riches. The very idea of national parks, a savvy compromise between pure preservation and unfettered public use, is an idea that came uniquely, I think, from our nation; and that is just part of the broader leadership in protection of air and water quality that our nation has shown. And of course, trout fishing aficionados and their allies have also played an important role. I’m happy to be allied with you all, and them, those who came before us, who did their part and showed us a way forward.

So I resolve to do my part to support conservation in the New Year, and seek to

Calendar

Jan 9: Executive Committee meeting, Thai Ginger, Pullman. 5:30 pm

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

better understand how to best do that. I also resolve to get out fishing more, in which resolution I urge you all to join me, except maybe for Doug Baldwin, who it seems to me gets out fishing enough already!

Backcast to December Meeting:

President Roger Willemsen presided at the Clearwater Fly Casters meeting, Dec 10, 2014, Best Western, Moscow

Guests were introduced: Tonda Lark, Dulce Kersting, Rick Hobbs, Bill Seybold and Jocelyn Aycrigg, Matt and Jan Aycrigg and Spencer Plumb.

The slate of CFC officers submitted by the Executive Board was presented to the members. They are:

President: Joe Vaughn
Vice President: Joy Lunsford
Past President: Roger Willemsen
Treasurer: Lynn Youngblood
Secretary: Kay Youngblood

**Congratulations and Thank You
2015 CFC Officers & Chairs**

Cliff Swanson moved that the slate of officers for 2015 be accepted as presented. A second to the motion was not required. The motion passed unanimously. Congratulations and thank you to the 2015 officers!

The list of CFC committee chairs for 2015 was also introduced. Committee chairs do not require a vote by the membership. Committee chairs for 2015 will be:

FFF Representative: Steve Bush
Conservation Chair: Doug Baldwin
Membership Chair: Paul Agidius
Program Co-Chairs: Fred Meyer and Joy Lunsford
Newsletter Editor: Roger Willemsen
Webmaster: Cliff Swanson

President Roger introduced Tonda Lark and asked him to present some information on his recently established business. Tonda opened up an outdoor store called "Backcountry Lark" 2-1/2 months ago. He carries Patagonia clothing and is working on becoming a dealer for that line. He also carries Echo Fly-fishing kits and is working to secure a source for flies. Tonda also mentioned he has a corner of the store dedicated to fly-fishing. He hopes to continue to expand his offerings as time goes on and as he gets a feel of what is needed in the local fly-fishing community. He would like to work with CFC members to advance fly fishing awareness in the Moscow area. He is located at 512 S. Main Street, Moscow. Information about Backcountry Lark can be found at <http://www.backcountry.com/> and his email address is info@backcountrylark.com.

President Roger announced that Bob Harwood prints are for sale, the framed prints are \$100 and the unframed prints are \$20. There are several kinds of fish in different sizes available. The prints are available for viewing in the back of the room. All proceeds benefit the club - please think about buying one or two. They make great Christmas gifts and the proceeds go toward the CFC scholarship fund!

Fishing reports

Dave Tharp reported that he and Sharon went to fish the St Joe, but everything was frozen. Krystal Lewis and Steve and Lynda Gardai purchased a Jet boat steelhead fishing adventure last spring at the Student Chapter of the American Fisheries Society auction. They all went on the trip recently, and had a great time. The jet boat experience was fun, but a little scary—especially when traveling at night. They fished from 7am-9pm, got 3 fish in the boat and lost another 3. It was a very long, but fun day!

Ice Fishing equipment donated by Bruce Frazier was put up for bid—Dave Tharp conducted a fast and furious, auction with Steve Bush submitting the winning bid.

Following the program the drawing for the fly rod was conducted. Lucky Steve Bush won the fly rod drawing. He's lucky because he also won last year! Steve donated the rod back to the club and asked that we draw again. Dave Tharp made a motion to take the money intended for the rod and instead add it to the scholarship fund. Andy Kleinhofs seconded the motion. President Roger Willemsen asked if that would be acceptable to Steve, and he said it was fine as long as the membership was agreeable. The motion passed with one member abstaining.

Program Notes:



CFC members, Cliff Swanson Paul Agidius, Marc Ratzlaff, and Steve Bush, presented the program - *Cutthroat Slam in 6 days, 1600 miles and 3 states.*

Marc Ratzlaff, Steve Bush, Paul Agidius and Cliff Swanson were the guest speakers at the December 2014 meeting. They each took a turn sharing the trip that they took in mid-July in a quest for each one of them to catch at least one of Idaho's four subspecies of Cutthroat Trout.

The adventure began on July 12 as they traveled to the Lochsa River to spend the first night on the trip. Marc and Paul managed to catch a Westslope Cutthroat Trout on this leg of the trip. The next morning after a quick breakfast at the Lochsa Lodge they were off to Southern Idaho and a night's stay on St. Charles Creek. The next morning they got an early start, and by noon each one of the group had caught a Bonneville Cutthroat Trout. The third stop was Palisades Reservoir to camp and fish McCoy Creek, where they each managed to each catch a Finespotted Snake River Cutthroat Trout. After spending two nights here, the next part of the journey took them to the Victor and Driggs, Idaho to primarily fish for Yellowstone Cutthroat trout. Camping in the national forests, in grizzly bear country, was exciting, and made more so when they all had caught a Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout. Back to the Lochsa and camping at Powell; Steve and Cliff caught their Westslope Cutthroat.



The group had as much fun planning, researching and organizing the trip as they had actually completing it. They traveled 3 states, 1610 miles and camped out 6 nights to each catch at least one of Idaho's native cutthroat trout species.

Fly of the Month: Balanced Streamer

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

Hook: Tiemco 5263 or Mustad 9672 size 8 3XL

Thread: UNI-Thread, 6/0 black

Body: Any dubbing i.e. Ice Dub, black, peacock, golden and olive colors

Rib: Krystal flash, purple

Bead: 5/32" tungsten, color depending on color of fly

Wire "eyes": Rio, Wire Bite, 30 lb

Tail: Marabou, usually black but can be olive



Fly patterns that hang horizontally in the water have become a staple. This includes Washington to North Dakota in the United States and British Columbia to Manitoba in Canada. The Balanced Bead Head pattern was developed before 2005 by Jerry McBride of Deer Lake, WA and published in the 2006 February Fly of the Month. Many times when successful lake anglers are asked "What-are-you-using?" The answer is "Balanced Leech", "Balanced Damselfly", "Balanced etc." This version was tied by Leon Buckles, Spokane, WA. He learned about it from Bob Vanderwater in the Central Alberta Fly Tying Club, Canada. This tying style gives you three options for fishing. It can be suspended from a strike indicator like any other balanced pattern. It can be tied to a leader and retrieved like a traditional leech or nymph. If you want to have a second fly it can be attached to the bottom "eye".

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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.