



The Tippet

October, 2015

Clearwater Fly Casters

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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club



October Program: Dan Blanco, Idaho Fish and Game Commissioner, Clearwater Region

Dan Blanco was recently appointed by Gov. Otter to represent the Clearwater region on the Idaho Fish and Game Commission. He is an avid fly fisherman, spey caster and bird hunter. Join in on the discussion regarding Id F&G challenges, policies and regulations with an opportunity to provide feedback.

Presidents' Message (Joe Vaughan)

The *Costa Fly Fishing Film Tour* event, cosponsored by your club and Outdoor Lark September 14 was a modest success (see full story in Back Cast, page 3 of this Tippet). Ten people left email contact info at the CFC table for a reminder about our upcoming meeting October 14, and others took a newsletter or CFC card. *Since a good many of our club were there, I'd be interested to get impressions of the film festival, so as to learn how we might improve on the event should we wish to co-sponsor it again.*

Costa of course makes sunglasses, *fishing glasses*. Being able to see, learning to see, and *seeing* are all so important in fly fishing! And doesn't life resemble fly fishing to that extent? And here is a situation where I wish I had better sight, or perhaps better insight, into our membership.

A request from Brett Haverstick, Education & Outreach Director for the Friends of the Clearwater, for comments on the Forest Service's St Joe Ranger District Travel Plan found its way to me September 5th, but the comment period ended September 8th. Unfortunately, between getting ready for the film festival burning all of the Executive Committee's bandwidth, and my waiting for some clarifying information from the Forest Service about the travel plan, I failed to formulate a timely response. And judging from the critique that the Friends of the Clearwater has shared (<http://www.friendsoftheclearwater.org/>) I think we should have commented, as well. *You may wonder why I'm reporting on the non-submission of unwritten comments?* My point -- I suggest that we work out a policy statement about what kinds of things CFC supports, what CFC opposes, and how our policy might be expressed philosophically, as it were. This could serve as guidance for club officers in responding the next time an important topic, relevant to fly fishing, comes up, with a short time to act.

CFC Calendar

Oct 8, Fly Tying instruction for UI veterans, Reoccurring event every Thursday through Nov. 6pm, Elks Lodge, Highway 8

Oct 14, CFC Club Meeting, Univ Best Western, Moscow

Oct 21, Fly Tying, 6:30 pm, Moscow Title, Moscow, ID

**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 pm

Program: 7:30 pm

And now it is College Football Season, about which season one of our Spring 2015 speakers, Chester Allen, had some specific fishing advice -- **Go fishing!**

Shooting Line:

Four CFC members, Steve Bush, Cliff Swanson, Mark Ratzlaff and Paul Agidius, received the CuttCatch Award by the International Federation of Fly Fishers. They each were given a pin, patch and certificate in recognition of their accomplishment. During this self-styled Idaho cutthroat slam they caught four subspecies of cutthroat trout (westslope, Bonneville, Snake River fine spotted and Yellowstone). They are laying claim to a record of sorts - first to complete the cut slam in Idaho in one trip. (More on this adventure in the Jan 2015 Tippet and in the Lewiston Tribune, Outdoor section, Sept 25, 2015)

Back Cast:

Clearwater Fly Casters Annual Picnic, Sept 9, 2015

Location: Our hosts Paul and Cindy Agidius opened their home and shared their warm hospitality and main course of "low country" boil of shrimp, sausage, corn on the cob and small potatoes. The table was full of numerous and delicious potluck items brought by CFC members and guests.

President Joe Vaughan presided at this social gathering.

Guests: "First Lady" Rebecca Craft, fly fishing enthusiasts new to the area, Eric Saenz and Bryce Garrison.

Fishing and Reports:

- Joe and Rebecca went on a guided trip via kayak in the San Juan Islands. Very interesting in paddling in the ocean and seeing wildlife on the shore.
- Paul Agidius will be at Silver Creek the end of the month.
- Dave Tharp reported that 10 days ago while fishing on the St. Joe the water temperature was 70 degrees. On a more recent trip the water was 56 degrees. Fishing was good on BWO's.
- Sharon Tharp floated the St. Joe with her new found rod since no one claimed it after she called TFO to let them know of someone else's loss.
- Lynn Youngblood said he and Kay just returned from floating the Kootenai River near Libby, MT. Trout must be 28" or longer to keep. Lynn's biggest fish was 15" short of a keeper. Kootenai Falls was fabulous!
- Kay Youngblood reported fishing the Dee River in the country of Wales. She explained the process of river ownership and "buying" your license for a certain section of river. Lots of sheep on the banks with slow fishing for brown trout and grayling. Hooked some, but didn't catch any. Also Youngbloods' and Tonda Lark helped at Casting for Recovery in July.

Announcements:

- Cliff Swanson promoted the veterans grant program through Moscow Elks. There is fly tying and casting instruction with their own TFO rod set up. There are 10 confirmed veterans that will be attending this class.
- Doug Baldwin said Joe and Char Douglas are closing the "Black Dog," 13th Street, Clarkston. Selling remainder of their merchandise.
- Tonda Lark is preparing for the Fly Fishing Film Festival (FFFF) on September 14th, 7:00 p.m. at the Kenworthy. There will be 4 groups in the lobby and 2 groups in the auditorium. Tonda has sent radio

spots and news articles to various publications. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door. Great prizes will be drawn from ticket stubs. After previewing the films, Tonda said the films are wonderful! There will be a short meeting for members regarding the FFFF following this gathering.

Thank you once again to all who attended and to our hosts Paul and Cindy.



Picnic Photos



Fly Fishing Film Festival, Sept 14, 2015

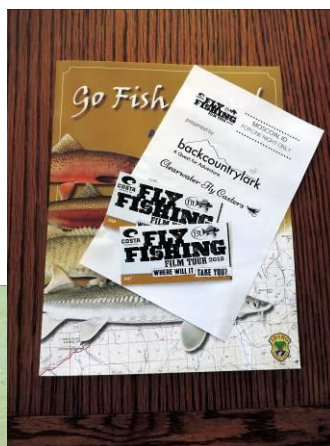
The *Costa Fly Fishing Film Tour* event, cosponsored by Clearwater Fly Casters and Outdoor Lark was held on Sept 14 at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre in Moscow. Joe Vaughan (CFC President) and Tonda Lark (Backcountry Lark) welcomed an enthusiastic crowd of at least 125 of all ages and genders. Great short films on fishing, domestic and foreign, for trout and steelhead and salmon and bonefish - was that a tarpon?, carp?, and for the huge Mongolian Taimen, which when it hit a fly (*tie up a few water rats!*) would cartwheel, tail over head before crashing back into the water and sending up a geyser-like splash. Diversity of cultures and countries, such as Cuba, were explored. The life and antics of fly fishing guides in Alaska, feeling the strength of big browns, and research expeditions were artfully presented. The cinematography, music and editing of the 15 to 20 minute films were well crafted and thoughtfully presented. Woven within the films were other themes such as preserving our rivers and streams for future generations that are stressed in part due to climate change and habitat loss. And also helping veterans cop with post-traumatic stress so they can focus on the fish and the fly surrounded by the bounty of nature.

Tables with information and representatives from Clearwater Fly Casters, Idaho Fish and Game, Federated Fly Fishers and Coastal Conservation Association were present to answer questions. Moscow Brewing Company provided no host beer. Other refreshments were available in the lobby.

We had ten people leave email contact info with CFC. They will receive a copy of the Tippet as a reminder about our upcoming meeting October 14, and others took a newsletter or CFC card.

Door prizes were drawn from the ticket stubs. Fly fishing equipment, caps, t-shirts, and a variety of outdoor items were zestfully claimed as the winning numbers were announced by Tonda Lark during the intermission. John Read won the grand prize - a Temple Forks Outfitters Mangrove rod (9' 5wt 4 piece). Also during intermission, Dave Tharp gave an impromptu seminar on temperature and fish stress referencing our recent stream conditions, implicitly promoting catch & release fishing by conveying concern about fish survival! Dave recommended a stream temperature of 70F as the bright line when one should stop fishing for trout.

Appreciation is extended to all who attended this year's Fly Fishing Film Festival. Tonda Lark encouraged everyone to return next year!



Film Festival Photos



Fly of the Month: Grey Goose

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

Hook: #10 - 14 scud hook

TMC 2487, Daiichi 1130, TMC 403BLJ, Umpqua U202, TMC 2488

Dai-Riki 125, Dai-Riki 135

Thread: Black 8/0 Uni-Thread or equivalent

Rib: Fine Silver wire

Body: Canada goose wing fibers (herl) or similar

Wing Case: Canada goose wing fibers (herl) or similar

Thorax: Peacock herl

This pattern represents a large midge but is often taken by fish feeding on sedge pupae and small fry. The thorax material and colour can be varied to give many effective combinations.



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Membership and Monthly Meeting:

CFC membership dues are \$25/yr for individuals, \$35/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.