



The Tippet

September, 2015

Clearwater Fly Casters

www.clearwaterflycasters.com

A Federation of Fly Fishers Club



September Program: Annual Picnic at Paul and Cindy Agidius Residence



Date: September 9

- Time: 6:00 pm
- 1155 Crumarine Loop, Moscow, ID
Located about 2 miles past Robinson Park
(Signs will be posted from Robinson Park to assist)
- Paul and Cindy will do low country boil for the main dish

What to Bring:

- Salads and desserts to share
- Lawn chair
- Your Own Beverage
(water will be provided)
- Appetite
- Fishing Reports
- A friend or someone interested in joining

Directions and map available at:

<http://www.clearwaterflycasters.com/AgidiusDirections.html>

Paper plates/cups and plastic ware will be provided

Dress appropriately for the weather

See you there!

Presidents' Message (Joe Vaughan)

The Fly Fishing Film Tour (F3T) is coming to The Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre in Moscow on September 14, co-sponsored by Backcountry Lark and your club. See details elsewhere in this newsletter. Drop by Tonda's shop (BackCountryLark) and check out the raffle items and buy some tickets for you and your friends!

Bringing F3T to our area is a major action for CFC in our promoting fly-fishing as a highly enjoyable recreational past-time, while also supporting our scholarship program. CFC looks for opportunities to share our love of fly fishing, and this is a great opportunity to do so, and

CFC Calendar

Sept 9: CFC Picnic, Paul & Cindy Agidius residence

Sept 14: Fly Fishing Film Tour 2015, Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre, 6:30 pm

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

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

hopefully recruit new members!

High quality fly fishing depends both upon high quality fish habitat and prudent fishery management. Fish habitat is so much more than a river or lake itself; such waters are a consequence and expression of the entire upland landscape and its history. For a variety of reasons trout habitat is today under a great deal of stress; regional climate change apparently means warmer winters, lower snowpack, warmer rivers, lower flows, bark-beetle tree kills, and rampant wildfires, as well as the expansion of the ranges of invasive and/or warm-water species. The beautiful fish that we cast to need more advocates with more energy in their corner. Advocates supporting habitat conservation and effective fisheries management policies, and pitching in as volunteers on conservation projects! CFC already plays a role in these areas - keeping ourselves informed by inviting excellent program speakers. But we need recruits to help us move into the future, a challenging one for the cold-water trout, steelhead and salmon fisheries. We need recruits to join us in working to keep the fish we love swimming, and hitting flies, into the future.

Forward Cast:

Fly Fishing Film Tour (F3T) 2015

The Clearwater Fly Casters and Backcountry Lark are bringing the 2015 Fly Fishing Film Tour to Moscow. Half of all ticket sale proceeds will go to the Clearwater Fly Caster's scholarship fund. All attendees receive a raffle ticket for items including a Patagonia waterproof bag and a TFO fly rod which will be given away at intermission. Beer will also be available for purchase from The Moscow Brewery Company.



Eleven to 12 short films will be shown. Trailers can be viewed at <http://www.flyfilmtour.com/watch-trailers/>

- When: September 14th, 2015
- Where: Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre, Moscow
- Time: Doors open at 6:30pm, show starts at 7:00pm
- Tickets:
 - \$10 in advance at Backcountry Lark, on line at www.bitly.com/F3TTickets, or at the CFC picnic on Sept 9
 - \$15 night of show at Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre

Be sure to arrive early to learn more about the Clearwater Fly Casters, catch up with fishing buddies and grab a good seat. Don't miss out on this awesome night of fishing fun! For more information click on <http://www.flyfilmtour.com/> or contact Tonda Lark at info@backcountrylark.com (208) 883-3155.

Back Cast to April Meeting:

Vice President Joy Lunsford presided at the Clearwater Fly Casters meeting.

Guests: No guests were present.

Fishing reports: Jim Palmersheim and Dave Tharp fished the St. Joe as did John Read. Fishing was good, catching could have been better. Jim fished with streamers, Dave with a variety including emergers and John Read fished above and below the surface. Lynn and Kay fished the NF of the CDA; water was cold and not a lot

of fish on the hook. They also fished the lower part of the NF of the Clearwater with good results; water was warm and fish hit large dry flies. Marc Ratzlaff fished the St. Maries without much luck. John Turner fished the NF of the CDA, below Pritchard, with good results. Tonda Lark fished Spring Valley with leech patterns.

Committee Reports:

- **Treasurer:** Lynn Youngblood reported Scholarship Fund is \$4,500 + and General Fund is \$4,200+.
- **FFF:** Steve Bush reported that 6 CFC members attended the Ellensburg, WA Expo. Attendees were: Steve Bush, Doug Baldwin, Dave Evans, Paul Agidius, Joe Vaughan, and March Brownell, now from Olympia. There were 2 rooms of tiers (100+ tiers). Dave Huse, mayfly authority and author, was there signing his books. Dave Tharp endorsed Huse's book saying this is a must in your library.

Announcements:

1. Steve Bush mentioned the Wild Steelheaders United, handout on the tables. It is a new angler advocacy community created by Trout Unlimited. Go to <http://www.tu.org/> and just click...no cost! They will keep you up to date on the latest news and science regarding wild steelhead.
 2. Steve also promoted CCA (Coastal Conservation Association) as they are advocating the removal of gill nets along WA and OR. Membership is only \$25.00. CCA organizer, Gary Loomis, has been a past CFC speaker. Check out www.ccawashington.org.
 3. Steve provided updates on the Moscow High School CFC involvement in teaching about 32 students, knots, rod and reel fundamentals, and grass casting at MHS. The 4th and final class was held at Spring Valley casting and trying to hook a fish. Steve said several students had very nice looking casts! In addition to Steve, CFC members helping with this project were Paul Agidius, Cliff Swanson, Jim Palmersheim, Reid Miller, Roger Willemsen, and Lynn Youngblood.
 4. Cliff Swanson mentioned the Moscow Elks - Veterans education of university veteran students via an Elks grant. CFC has been involved with teaching knots, fly tying and more. CFC members that have helped are John Read, Jim Palmersheim, Marc Ratzlaff, Steve Bush, Cliff Swanson, Doug Baldwin, Paul Agidius and Peg Kingery. Cliff mentioned there will be another session this fall. Initially there were 12 vets, with 4 regular attendees. One of the students is a Vietnam vet. The student vets will receive a fly tying vise and complete 4 piece rod and fly reel.
 5. Tonda Lark presented the flier regarding the Fly Fishing Film Tour in Moscow. Cliff noted the proposed date of Wednesday, September 16th, is also the first day of the Latah County Fair. Perhaps there could be a table advertising the FFF (Fly Fishing Film) and selling tickets while promoting CFC too at the Latah County Fair. The films feature salt and fresh water fishing primarily in the Northwest. Trailers are available. (Dave Tharp mentioned CFC purchased the film "Trout Grass" from the 1999 FFF which has been screened at a CFC meeting.) Tonda said the emcees of the event would be he and CFC President, Joe Vaughan. Tables or booths would be available for rent, but free to CFC members.
- Dave Tharp moved that CFC support FFF with a second by Marc Ratzlaff. Motion passed with a voice vote. Since this is the last meeting before fall, Lynn Youngblood moved that the CFC Exe. Committee coordinate with Tonda regarding implementation of details and request involvement other interested parties such as Kelly Creek Fly Casters and the University of Idaho student chapter of American Fisheries Society. Steve Gardai provided a second. The motion passed by a show of hands.
6. Jim Palmersheim, noted Alaskan fishing guide, let the membership know that Alaska West is reducing their fees for the upcoming month of July from \$5,995 per week to \$4,500. Fishing is located on the Kanektok River in Southwest Alaska. The fishing will be closed to kings. However, chums,

sockeye and "off the charts" steelhead size trout abound! There is a charter plane from Anchorage to Quinhagak and back. Jim would be our guide! Included in the fee are 3 hearty meals a day with guided trips Sunday to Sunday. This is Jim's 9th season guiding. Seeking more information or booking a trip, go to www.AlaskaWest.com.

7. Cliff presented the idea of CFC purchasing rods with reels, line, etc. from TFO, Echo or other sources that would give the club favorable discounts. The club has for the last 3 years taught casting to MHS students, adult casting at Elk River and other educational opportunities involving casting. Steve Bush has borrowed FFF rods and reels. He and others have invested lots of time before each class in adjusting and cleaning reels and fly lines. If the club had their own "stable" of rods, we could have them operational and ready as needed. Several CFC members investigated TFO rods at Ellensburg. The cost of the TFO rod, reel, line, backing, etc. would be \$53.00. The estimated retail cost of the rod is \$150.00. General consensus would be a 5 wt. rod. If the club would purchase about 10-12 rods, then they would be ready for educational and service use. An idea to raise funds for this project would be to have a 50/50 raffle or have the club match member contributions for such. Steve said he is not sure how long the TFO rod deal would be available. Tonda said he would research Echo rods, reels with backing, line, etc. including rod cases. The decision to purchase was deferred until Tonda's price information was presented.

8. Peg Kingery reminded us of the Casting for Recovery (CFR) golf tournament this weekend. The CFR retreat will be at the Flying B Ranch in Kamiah. Fourteen (14) breast cancer survivors have been selected to participate. Peg is seeking volunteers to help the women fly fish in the stocked pond on Sunday, July 19th. Please contact Peg via email at: pkingery@alumni.uidaho.edu. Peg informed the interested persons that there would be a brief orientation via phone in understanding some of the physical challenges some of the women may face in fly fishing due to their recovery from breast cancer. Thank you Peg for your involvement with CFR and inviting CFC to participate.

Dates to Remember & Put on Your Calendar

- **Sept 9** CFC Picnic at the home of Paul and Cindy Agidius, Moscow
- **Sept 14** Fly Fishing Film Tour 2015, Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre

Program Notes:

Due to misunderstanding regarding the presentation date, Megan Skinner will join us at a future meeting

Clearwater Fly Casters St. Joe Fishout

The CFC St. Joe fishout was July 10 – 12 at Fly Flat Campground. Thirty three fishers and campers (plus children and dogs) participated in the event. In spite of high water temperature the fishing was good. The weather was excellent with rain Friday night and cloudy and cool over the weekend. Here are a few photos taken at the potluck and breakfast:



Pickled Herring Anyone?



Guests Russ & Sally



Socializing



Good Potluck



Dave Flipping Pancakes

Fly of the Month: Adams Silhouette

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

Hook: Turned Up Eye Dry Fly Hook - Mustad 94842
Thread: Black 6/0
Body: Muskrat dubbing fur
Hackle: Brown and Grizzly mixed
Wing: Grizzly hackle tips or cut wing grizzly body feathers
Tail: Woodchuck guard hair fibers

Fly designed by Eric Leiser. Warning: tying this fly will require some blood loss. The Adams Silhouette is tied so that the point of the hook rides above the surface of the water, and by tying the fly upside down in the vise you are surely going to stick your finger against the hook point. Examining the fly you will see that the tail, which is forced down into the bend, is now upwards like that of a natural. The body will ride on the surface supported by the hackle.



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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.