



# The Tippet

November, 2015

## *Clearwater Fly Casters*

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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club



## **November Program:-Joe DuPont, Idaho Fish and Game**

### **Presentation Topic: Steelhead Salmon Conflict**

### **Presidents' Message (Joe Vaughan)**

My fishing buddy Paul and I both needed to get out on some water with our fly rods. Both of us spent most of the weekend trying to catch up on work, but agreed to get out somewhere, anywhere, Sunday afternoon. We settled on a trip down to the nearby section of the Snake River. Conditions on the river when we got to Almota were inviting, with light easterly wind and light enough cloud cover that we were reaching for the sunscreen. Once we'd launched Paul's canoe, Paul in the stern, we prospected downstream along the shore, casting bead-head and bug-eyed streamers along structures and right up to the bank, searching for bass. Then, after crossing to the south bank and continuing downstream, we saw them, a pod of carp right at the surface in some kind of feeding scrum, each of them seemingly mowing a section of the surface, all of them wallowing along with their mouths open. We couldn't see what the carp were taking, and they weren't taking anything we were offering, even though we had made a quick study of carp flies before we headed out. We were casting flies right into the lanes they were mowing, Paul with a dry and me with a wet fly, but they ignored our offerings. At times when the light and the angle were right, we could see the pink of their mouths, held open as they seemingly strained the surface, but for what? And then one of the brighter members of the pod would apparently see us, and they would all disappear in vigorous swirls and gurgles. Eventually, when approaching one of these pods we saw what looked like small dark insects flecking the water the pod was working. We barely got a chance to tie on some new flies to match, because about that time the wind shifted to westerly, freshening and setting up a chop, and we decided it was time to head back. We paddled upriver with a following wind of 30 gusting to 40, back toward our launch site, surfing on the larger waves. For a few minutes I put down my paddle and held up a big garbage bag as a foresail, pinning the corners down with my feet on the gunwales on both sides, until my shoulders got tired. Paul said my sail did at least as much good as my paddling! Happily, our landing was sheltered by a barge, creating an area of relative calm. So we were able to land safely and unload, and then haul the canoe up the embankment. The wind was strong enough that while the canoe was sitting on the gravel road waiting for us to hoist it up and put it

### **CFC Calendar**

**Nov 11, CFC Club Meeting,  
Univ Best Western, Moscow**

**Nov 18, Fly Tying, 6:30 pm,  
Moscow Title, Moscow, ID**

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

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

### **Information**

**The Tippet is available as a  
PDF file on our web site:  
[www.clearwaterflycasters.com](http://www.clearwaterflycasters.com)**

**Please submit information to  
the Newsletter Editor.**

**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 pm**

**Program: 7:30 pm**

atop the car, it started to skitter away from us, propelled by the wind. So I must observe that a fishing trip is sometimes made memorable, not only by the fish, but by the weather! Maybe next time, it will be more about the fish!

## Shooting Line:

### U of ID Health and Rec Fair



Cliff Swanson and Kay Youngblood represented Clearwater Fly Casters at the U of ID Health and Rec Fair on Oct 14. Many students and faculty stopped by the CFC booth for information on fly fishing and our club activities. Cliff demonstrated the fine art of fly tying and Kay enlisted names of individuals interested in receiving our newsletter, and in adult casting and tying



instruction. Expenses for this were an entry fee of \$25 (new this year) and \$5.85 for candy (bait to get people to stop; yes, this works) and a color copy of a Harwood print to be given by CFC to the student who had their "I visited so many booths" paper stamped. **Clearwater Fly Casters was the only fly fishing booth there. So, we stood out.**

### Harwood Prints

Harwood prints were on display at the **Colter's Creek Winery**, Juliaetta, for the past several months. Fourteen unframed and 1 framed prints were sold for a total of \$645. There was no commission collected for the sale - **Thank you Mike of Colter's Creek Winery!!!!** The prints are now on display at Hyperspud, Outdoor Lark and White Pine Gear and Exchange. Nice job **Doug Baldwin** for coordinating this activity!

## Forward Cast:



On November 16<sup>th</sup>: The International Fly Fishing Film Festival, <http://flyfilmfest.com/IF4/> will be coming to Moscow. It will be shown at The Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre at 508 South Main Street. Doors open at 6 pm and the films begin at 7 pm. Four to six films will be shown and there will be a raffle. This is not the same as the Costa Fly Fishing Film Tour that CFC co-sponsored in September. Different films will be shown. Tickets are \$10 advance purchase and \$15 the night of the show and are available for sale at White Pine Gear Exchange and Fly Shop, Hyperspud Sports and through Clearwater Fly Casters and Kelly Creek Fly Casters members.

100% of the proceeds from ticket, raffle and beer sales will be split evenly between The Clearwater Fly Casters and Kelly Creek Fly Casters to fund their scholarships.

Hosted by:



## Other Important Events and Dates:

**Now: CFC membership dues are now due**

April 22: Annual Wild Game Feed, American Fisheries Society – Palouse Unit

April 29-30: 2016 WA Fly Fishing Fair, Ellensburg, WA

## In Memoriam

Mary C Hinman, wife of George Hinman, passed away in her home on Oct 25. A memorial service will be held at 2 pm Monday (Nov 2) at the Kimball Funeral Home of Pullman. Kay Youngblood ordered flowers and sent a sympathy card on behalf of CFC. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.kimballfh.com](http://www.kimballfh.com). George is a long time member of CFC. Our thoughts and prayers are with you George. We hope to see you soon at one of our meetings.

## Back Cast:

### *Clearwater Fly Casters Club Meeting October 14, 2015*

**President** Joe Vaughan presided at the Clearwater Fly Casters meeting.

**Guests:** Jason Youngblood, from California. Belinda Rhodes, Eric Norquist a new member from Colton, Andy Abrams and Steve Pozzanghera.

#### **Fishing reports:**

- Dave Yonge fished the Bahamas in May and the story of the "dead organism" near his steelhead fishing spot (I guess you had to be there).
- Dave and Sharon Tharp floated the Clearwater from the confluence of Kelly Creek.
- John Read floated the Joe. October caddis NOT taken, but fish keyed on 20-22's.
- Tyler Nash, owner of White Pine Gear Exchange fished the Big Horn, Gray Reef, North Platte in July on the way to be married. True love: sleeping under a car in the rain!
- Paul Agidius fished the Joe. Hooked a nice one on a #14 caddis. CFS was 250.
- Cliff thanked CFC members who helped the Moscow Elks veterans with fishing and Peg Kingery for her fly casting instruction.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- **Membership:** Paul reminded everyone that **membership dues are due now**, since CFC's year begins in August. Individual membership is \$35, couples membership \$25 and student membership \$10.
- **Treasurer:** Lynn Youngblood reported Scholarship Fund is \$4,500 + and General Fund is \$3,000. 2016 calendars are now available for \$10 each.

- **Nominating:** Officers rotate at the new year. Holding an office is a great way to learn more about CFC, the membership and the many things CFC participates in - local, regional and national events and with organizations.
- **Conservation:** Doug Baldwin yielded the floor to Steve Pozzanghera, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. Comments are being collected now through October 31, 2015 from hunters, anglers, bird watchers and more. Comments can be made online, on Face Book or letter with mailing address. A summary of the feedback will be presented to the 2016 Washington State legislature. Steve presented a short power point presentation illustrating the facts and figures that make Washington State a sportsman's paradise.



## Announcements:

1. **Casting for Recovery:** Peg Kingery thanked CFC for their help in the Casting for Recovery program this past summer at the Flying B Ranch in Kamiah. Next year's event will be held at the same place. Other Casting for Recovery events will be at Gritman Hospital, the national IFFF conference in Salt Lake City, UT and the steelhead derby.
2. Reminder to **purchase raffle tickets**; 6 for \$5. December is the raffle ticket drawing for a fly rod. Make sure you dues are paid so you can be eligible to win the rod!
3. **Black Dog** fly shop in Clarkston is now retired. Inventory was purchased by Backcountry Lark (Tonda Lark).
4. The **Bob Harwood collection** on display at Coulter's Creek netted \$645 in sales. The collection is now at the White Pine Gear Exchange, Moscow.
5. Tyler Nash, White Pine Gear Exchange, and Andy Abrams, Rise Experience Collective, announced they are sponsoring a **Fly Fishing Film Festival** to be held this fall. CFC is invited to team and partner with them in this venture. The proceeds will go to Clearwater Fly Casters and Kelly Creek Fly Casters for scholarships.

## Program Notes:



Dan Blanco, newly appointed Idaho Fish and Game (IDFG) Commissioner for the Clearwater Region, introduced himself. Dan reviewed the process by which he was selected, his responsibilities as Commissioner, and a few of the recent legislative issues confronting IDFG. Dan mentioned that public comment is welcome from both residents and non-residents. Opportunity for comment is available at: <https://fishandgame.idaho.gov/content/public-involvement>. Dan, the son of Basque immigrants, shared his family stories of fly fishing the "wonder rod." "Fishing is more than a past time - Fly fishing is very time consuming; that is the point."

## Fly of the Month: Purple Haze

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

Published by Bob Bates  
Federation of Fly Fishers - Washington Council

**Hook:** Tiemco 100, sizes 10 – 18 (Or other dry fly hook)

**Thread:** Black or color to match body

**Tail:** Natural brown elk

**Body:** Flex Floss, Purple, light green, light blue, and black seem best

**Post:** Calf tail or poly yarn, white

**Hackle:** Grizzly and brown

**Thorax:** Peacock herl



Ilene Hirsh from Salem, OR called this a variation of the Parachute Adams as she tied it at the 25th Fly fishing Expo, in Albany, OR. So out of curiosity I did an internet search. First I tried just “Purple Haze” and received 2.9 million hits for vegetation (cannabis), Jimmy Hendricks, etc. When I entered “Purple Haze fishing fly” I had only 139,000 hits, but there was a bewildering array of patterns: dry flies, wet flies, emergers, bead heads, streamers, etc. all named purple haze. Also two or three different people were given credit for designing it. When I looked at just parachutes there were many ways of tying it. The only common factor with this attractor was it caught a lot of fish. People caught fish in streams and lakes. Even my doctor used it, as does Ilene, on the Madison river. Ilene wrote in an e-mail “It's used to match BWO, duns, drakes, and tricos.” From the internet search it works great in the spring time and in the fall to match different hatches. Just change the size to match the insect. You can also change the hackle colors to match the insects. So how do you fish it. For streams I always think “drag free drift.” You want the fly to look like a drifting insect. If there a “v” wake coming off the fly that's drag, so change your ways. Cast upstream with a slight hook in the leader so the fly is slightly off to the side of the line. Cast across stream with an upstream mend. Remember when mending a line on the water, you cause drag. Cast downstream with a wiggle cast, and hope the fish hits before the line straightens. Another way of achieving the same effect is to throw your line up a little. It will fall with a series of curves like a wiggle cast. If you cast too high the line will land at your feet. In lakes, remember the wind. If you can cast and let the fly sit, great. However, there are times when you want the fly to look alive, so wiggle it a little. If there is wind, use the above suggestions for moving water, and have fun.



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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 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.