



The Tippet

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Clearwater Fly Casters

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November Program: Jens Hegg, 'The Worlds Longest Freshwater Fish Migration'

Jens Hegg is a PhD candidate at the University of Idaho in the interdisciplinary [Water Resources Program](#). His work focuses on the ecology of fish movement and migration, specifically the trade-offs that fish must make to survive a complex and changing environment. Using the chemical records stored in the ear bones of fish, he reconstructs the details of their migrations to understand how their migrations are changing. These records, stored in the ear bones like the rings of a tree, are a trove of valuable information, especially for species whose migrations are too long and remote to study using more conventional methods.

For several species of giant, migratory catfish in the Amazon basin their migration has been mysterious precisely because it is so remote. These fish undertake the longest freshwater migration in the world, from the mouth of the Amazon to the Andes mountain foothills. But, understanding the migration of these catfish is critical for their future conservation. They are threatened by mega-dams being built in the Amazon headwaters (such as the well-publicized Belo Monte dam), as well as overfishing, in much the same way that salmon were affected by dams and overfishing in early 20th century. Mr. Hegg will present his research showing how, using techniques they developed to study salmon in the Snake River, the chemical records stored in ear bones can be used to uncover the migration of giant catfish in the Amazon River.

Jens Hegg can be contacted at (afishinschool.blogspot.com, @AFishInSchool on Twitter)

Forward Cast:

Important Dates and Events:

Nov 1: CFC Exec Committee Mtg, 6 pm, Thai Ginger, Pullman, WA (all members are welcome)

Nov 9: CFC Club Meeting, Univ Best Western, Moscow: **Bring a friend! Bring a Student!**

Nov 23: Fly Tying, Moscow Title, 6:30 pm (beginners welcome, contact Steve Bush moscowtitle@moscow.com for more information)

Feb 8, 2017: Club auction

Presidents' Message (Joy Lunsford)

Since its thanksgiving, I'm thinking about all that that I'm thankful for...

- Living in the beautiful Palouse - for someone that grew up in the city—it just doesn't get any better!

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 (except June, July and Aug) University Best Western Inn, Moscow, ID

Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 pm

Buffet Dinner \$16, Students \$8: 6:30 pm

Program: 7:00 pm

- Camping and fly fishing trips to North Fork of the Clearwater/Kelly Creek
- The patience of my “significant other” as he teaches me the art of fly fishing
- The success of the St. Joe fishout and the Amber Lake fishout
- The wonderful club social hosted by Cindy and Paul Agidius
- All the help I’ve received from the Executive Board Committee this past year
- Many more years of fly fishing, camping and just enjoying life!

Shooting Line:

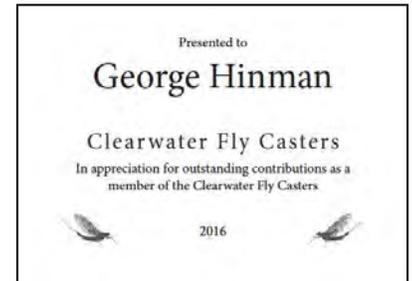
George Hinman Recognition



George Hinman receiving plaque from Cliff Swanson

George is the last of the original 22 charter members (1970) of Clearwater Fly Casters. In a few weeks George will celebrate his 89th birthday and starting his 90 years young.

Conversation with George following the presentation of plaque of recognition and merit. His favorite fishing memory: in British Columbia, Canada; Lake Hi Hium. Fishing group stayed in a small cabin. One of the wives also came, the only female, who per George, drank all the wine. This outing was 46 years ago.



After getting his snow tires installed in early November, in the winter months George will be living in a house next to his daughter in Missoula, MT. Although he can't wade fish anymore, George fishes from a boat on the Bitterroot in the spring or June, whichever comes first?

University of Idaho Health & Recreation Fair

Clearwater Fly Casters participated in the University of Idaho 28th Annual Vandal Health & Recreation Fair. Local organizations are invited to advertise services and products to University of Idaho students, faculty and staff. Member Cliff Swanson tied flies and Kay Youngblood encouraged persons interested in signing up for casting lessons, fly tying instruction and fly fishing education - such as reading water, knots, etc. A great opportunity to meet students and faculty alike!



International Fly Fishing Film Festival (IF4)

Thanks to all who volunteered and participated in IF4 hosted by CFC. A special thank you to:

Sponsors for total combined cash donations of \$1100 - White Pine Gear Exchange & Fly Shop, Hyperspud Sports, North 40 Outfitters, Sportsman's Warehouse, Moscow Title, Palouse Unit American Fisheries Society (PUAFS), and Gritman Hospital



Donors of raffle items - White Pine Gear Exchange & Fly Shop, Hyperspud Sports, Palouse Unit American Fisheries Society (PUAFS), Hells Canyon Chapter of CCA, Backcountry Lark, Steve Bush, Cliff Swanson, and Rise Experience Collective.

Several individuals and businesses deserve special recognition: Andy Abrams, Rise Experience Collective – master of ceremonies; Tyler Nash, White Pine Gear Exchange & Fly Shop – donation of a guided fishing adventure for two on the St Joe River; Loretta Campbell, Hyperspud Sports – managed beer and wine sales; Cliff Swanson – designed sponsor logo dvd; and Steve Bush, Moscow Title – for his leadership in organizing the event.

The Event was a huge success! It was enjoyed by an audience of around 100 and generated net proceeds of about \$1800 for the CFC scholarship fund.



Emcee Andy Abrams presenting door prize to Reid Camp



Jubilant winners of the guided St Joe fishing trip donated by Tyler Nash (center)



Auctioneer Dave Tharp

Catch and Release:

The years we spend learning to cast and drift a fly or the thousands of dollars we spend on gear and travel are all wasted if we don't have fish. With more anglers entering the sport every day, sport fish are heavily pressured and in grave danger. There are a lot of common mistakes that anglers make which contribute to fish mortality. Most are innocent and many don't show an immediate risk. With that in mind here are fourteen tips to help keep our little friends happy and healthy:

<http://www.ginkandgasoline.com/fly-fishing-tips-technique/sunday-classic-14-ways-to-prevent-fish-mortality/>

“I thought you might enjoy this article about handling fish. As a guide I can't tell you how many times I remind clients (even experienced anglers) about following most of these tips” – Jim Palmersheim

Back Cast:

Clearwater Fly Casters Club Meeting October 12, 2016

Vice President Tonda Lark presided at the Clearwater Fly Casters meeting.

Guests: Bob Triplehorn and Dwight David Abbott

Fishing reports:

1. **Elk River:** Cliff Swanson caught several 8" brookies on a Royal Wulf.
2. **British Columbia:** Lynn and Kay Youngblood fished with Dave & Sharon Tharp. Caught brook trout 15" - 17". Also caught 20" rainbows. Primarily lake fishing.
3. **St. Joe River:** John Read & Scott O'Donnell fished streamers in the pools. Fishing not great.
4. **Lenice Lake, WA:** Steve Busch caught ten 14" - 16" on chironomids and mayflies.
5. **Dave & Sharon Expedition, British Columbia:** Dave loves the metric system when measuring fish! Discovered lake fishing in Washington is ok.
6. **Big Horn River, MT:** This is a drift boat river. Fished 3 miles down from the dam.
7. **Henry's Fork, NF of the Clearwater below Superior, MT, Upper Selway, Clark Fork, and St. Joe:** all good.
8. **Yellowstone River, MT:** Discovered the river was closed due to parasite infestation.
9. **St. Joe:** Marc Ratzlaf, Cliff Swanson and Doug Baldwin fished with vets from the Elks program. Fishing was not great. Thanks to Peg Kingery for casting instructions.

Announcements:

- **Buffet:** Best Western is providing food/price options. We can have 2 -3 ounce entrees for the same price we have been paying (\$16). Or, pay \$18/meal with larger portions. Moved by Lynn Youngblood and second by Doug Baldwin to pay \$16/meal with 2 -3 ounce meat portions. Motion passed.
- **International Fly Fishing Film Fest (I4F):** October 3rd at the Kenworthy. Netted about \$1,800 for the Scholarship Fund.
- **Calendars:** Lynn Youngblood reported there are 6 calendars left. See him to purchase yours now!
- **UI's Health & Recreation Fair:** Cliff reported that he and Kay had a table display tying flies and promoting CFC. Also gathered names and contact information for students and faculty interested in casting lessons, fly tying and fly fishing education.
- **George Hinman Presentation:** Prior to the meeting due to George's schedule, Cliff presented George, the last remaining CFC charter member, an award recognizing his contributions to Clearwater Fly Casters.
- **Dime Time at Moscow Co-op:** Peg Kingery encouraged everyone to shop at the Co-op and bring your own bag; a bag for every item! The Co-op will donate a dime to Casting for Recovery.
- **Casting for Recovery Benefit Auction:** Peg Kingery reported Casting for Recovery made 13K at last Saturday's auction in Coeur d'Alene.
- **Western Rocky Mountain Council of FFF:** Peg Kingery, secretary of this organization, is selling tickets for a drift boat. There are only 100 tickets. Tickets sell for \$100 each.

Committee Reports:

- **Treasurer:** Lynn Youngblood announced General Fund of \$2,800 and Scholarship Fund of \$3,400.
- **Scholarship:** Chair Cliff Swanson reported the information will soon be on the CFC website.
- **Membership:** Paul Agidius reminded everyone that dues are due now as our "year" is from September to May. Dues are: Students \$10, individuals \$25, and families \$35.

Program: Steve Busch, Clearwater Fly Casters member, presents Cuban Fishing Experience.

Steve and 11 other fishermen, flew from Toronto, Canada to Cancun, Mexico, then to Cayo Cruz in the eastern part of Cuba on April 30, 2016. The general public of Cuba are not permitted in this area. Since American

dollars are not accepted, dollars were exchanged for Cuban pesos but the local citizenry could not use this type of peso called "coup". The group stayed at a former sugar plantation converted to a sort of bed and breakfast.

There were 2 anglers per boat with 1 guide. Bonefish were found in 12 - 18" deep water and very difficult to see. Catch and release for bonefish. Snapper and "jack" were found along the base of the mangroves. Jacks are not released. It was not the right season for tarpon. Snook are also present, but they were not there at the right time.

Steve and company found a "cloud" of bonefish - a school of 10,000! No explanation for this aberration of so many fish in one spot. Fishing was easy, almost too easy! Steve did hook into a nice barracuda.

In addition to the fishing dialogue illustrated by beautiful photos, Steve shared information about the existing Cuban culture and the foreseeable changes once this country's borders are open to American development and tourism.

Thank you Steve for sharing enlightening information on both fishing and cultural aspects of Cuba.



Steve Busch receiving speakers certificate from Tonda Lark

Fly of the Month: Hackle Stacker Flag – March Brown

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

Hook – 14 Dry Fly Hook (14-20)
Thread – 8/0 Brown
Shuck – Brown Sparkle Yarn
Abdomen – Brown Super Fine Dubbing
Flag/Post – Cream Sparkle Yarn
Hackle – Grizzly
Thorax – Dark Hare's Ear Dubbing



Written and Photographed By: Kit Seaton

Creator: Bob Quigley

Guest Tyer: Brandon Bwyer

The Magic City Fly Fishers intermediate fly tying program is lead each week by a different guest tyer. This gives the students the chance to learn different techniques and flies that they may not otherwise be introduced to. One of the very talented guest tyers was Brandon Dwyer who introduced the class to tying the para loop style of tying flies by tying the Hackle Stacker Flag. The Hackle Stacker is an emerging mayfly pattern developed by Bob Quigley. Bob created this pattern to fool the picky fish in the clear waters of spring creeks. Although designed for slow moving water it as much at home on the choppy water of the western freestone rivers. This version of the Hackle Stacker Flag is tied to represent a March Brown, but it can be tied to represent any number of mayfly species.

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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.