



The Tippet

February 2020

Clearwater Fly Casters

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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club



February Program:

“Lessons Learned in America’s Wildest Classroom” a presentation by Ed Krumpe

Ed Krumpe is a professor emeritus of natural resource management in the College of Natural Resources at the University of Idaho. He taught courses and conducted research in wilderness and wild and scenic river management, planning, and public involvement for 36 years. Recently he worked with the River Management Society (RMS) to develop suggested core competencies for professionals working in river management. He actively works with the Selway Bitterroot Frank Church Foundation which involves citizens in conducting wilderness and river stewardship.

After a career of working for 40 years with University of Idaho’s Taylor Wilderness Research Station in the heart of the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness, retired professor Ed Krumpe will share some observations on four decades of change in fish, wildlife, forest fire, and managing the most destructive species in the woods -- humans.

Information

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Please submit information to the Newsletter Editor at f.muehlj@gmail.com

Meetings 2nd Wed (except June, July and Aug)
University Best Western Inn, Moscow, ID

Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 pm

Buffet Dinner: 6:30 pm; \$16, students \$8

Menu:

Mediterranean Buffet: Chicken and Rice w/ Caramelized Onions, Mushrooms, Garlic, Garbanzo Beans, topped with a Balsamic Reduction, served with a side of Feta Cheese Garlic Green Beans, Mixed Green Salad with Assorted Dressings, Rolls & Butter, Tiramisu for dessert

Coffee/Tea/Soda

Program: 7:00 pm



Back Cast:

John Jorgensen PhD Student at Washington State University presented “Quantitative Food Web Analysis to Detangle Restoration Effectiveness in Co-limited Habitats” at our January 2020 meeting. Immediately following his presentation, he received the CFC award certificate.



Dear Members of the Clearwater Fly Caster's Club,

While the search goes on for a volunteer to replace the wonderful efforts of Karen Zacharisen, as the past president of our organization, various members of the Executive Committee have offered to act in this leadership role until a new president has been found. As you know, Cliff Swanson volunteered to lead our January meeting with Tony McDonnell, Paul Agidius and Steve Bush taking the reins in succeeding months.

Please consider helping our club by volunteering for the office of President as we move into the new year. Your thoughtful consideration for this proposal is most appreciated. Please help us as we seek to provide you with informative research regarding the issues that confront us as passionate fly fishermen.



Karen Zacharisen (photo left with Lynn and Kay Youngblood) completes her term as our president and receives the traditional box of flies as a token of our appreciation and thanks for her excellent leadership during 2019. Hopefully the fine assortment of flies will portend an exciting fishing season.

International Fly Fishing Film Festival:

Patagonia presents the International Fly Fishing Film Festival at Kenworthy Theater here in Moscow on March 30th. The festival consists of short and feature length films produced by professional filmmakers from all corners of the globe, showcasing the passion, lifestyle and culture of fly-fishing. This is a must see experience. Doors open at 6 pm with the show starting at 7 pm. The evening also includes raffle items and possibly a silent auction. Raffle items donated by club members for the event are gratefully accepted. For additional information about the event contact Steve Bush.

Tickets: \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door

Coastal Conservation Association Annual Banquet:

Each CCA chapter puts on an annual fundraising banquet the proceeds of which stay in Washington to fund CCA advocacy efforts and statewide operations. The fundraising success of the banquet relies upon the banquet committees, donors and attendees. Costs are \$65 for an individual or \$425 per table of 8 (\$53 per person). See Conservation Committee Chair Doug Baldwin for further information and to arrange for tickets or a full table. All banquet attendees become members of CCA.

The mission of CCA is to conserve, promote and enhance the present and future availability of these coastal resources for the benefit and enjoyment of the general public. By fully supporting CCA we gain an effective voice in setting coastal fishing policies especially regarding threatened salmon and steelhead. Needless to say, lets have a good turnout for this important event!

Raffle Board:

A large number of excellent small flies have been donated to the club for use in fund raising. A Raffle Board has been established with 50 squares. The choice of 50 squares commemorates the 50 years of Clearwater Fly Casters. When the 50 squares have been filled, there will be a drawing for the 50 flies. The Raffle Board will be available at the February meeting.

Moscow Elks Vets Fly Tying and Casting Program:

The group is still looking for any used clothing or fly fishing gear you might want to donate. They are mainly in need of wading boots and waders for men and women. Even though this is an Elks program the majority of the helpers are members of Clearwater Fly Casters. If you have gear you are willing to part with, please bring the items to the next meeting of the club. Cliff Swanson will be collecting the items and passing them on to the Elks program.

Club Advertisement in the Pullman Chamber of Commerce Publication Review:

Clearwater Fly Casters: Celebrating 50 Years

Clearwater Fly Casters is a group who enjoy fly fishing and seek to encourage others in their pursuit of the sport and to perpetuate fly fishing through education and conservation activities, both for members of the club and for the community at large. Clearwater Fly Casters is celebrating the charter of the organization 50 years ago.

Membership in the club is in the vicinity of 100 with an average attendance at our monthly meetings of 40 or more. One unique aspect of our club compared to other fly fishing clubs is the number of women involved. In fact, we have had two women presidents in the last few years including our most recent one. In addition to our regular meetings, held at the Best Western in Moscow on the second Wednesday evening of each month except for the summer, we have 2-3 outings each year in locations such as the St. Joe River, the North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene and Amber Lake.

The Club takes pride in the fact that we provide scholarships annually to students pursuing their graduate or doctoral degrees in fisheries and fisheries management at Washington State University, University of Idaho, Lewis and Clark State College, and Eastern Washington University. Since 2016 we have awarded more than \$16,000 to students working toward their degrees.

For more information, check out our website at www.clearwaterflycasters.com

Scholarships:

Clearwater Fly Casters award Scholarships each year to worthy graduate students from the University of Idaho, Washington State University and Eastern Washington University. Students are invited to submit proposals that are evaluated by club members and scholarships are awarded based on merit and potential benefit to fisheries in the area.

Required:

1. A one-page description of the proposed research project with the contact information for the student.
2. A letter of endorsement from the faculty advisor.

PDF or Word files are preferred

Email your application and endorsement letter to: clswan12@gmail.com
or Mail to Clearwater Fly Casters, Scholarship Chair, 1121 Lamb Road, Troy, ID 83871
Scholarship Awards will be announced at the May meeting of the club.

The Clearwater Fly Casters Scholarship Fund has awarded over \$16,000 in the past 5 years to graduate and undergraduate students in studies of fisheries and fishery management. Past recipients have been from the University of Idaho, Washington State University and Eastern Washington University. Lewis and Clark State College students are also eligible to participate. Research by these students benefits not only fish, but also enhances the economics of the Pacific Northwest.

North Idaho Fly Fishing Expo:

The North Idaho Fly Fishing Expo sponsored by the Kelly Creek Flycasters will be held March 19-21, 2020 at the Red Lion in Lewiston, Idaho.

Thursday, March 19, Fly Fishing Film night sponsored by the Lewiston Tribune

Friday and Saturday, March 20-21, Fly tying and educational sessions both days

Friday night, March 20, Banquet with Speakers Ladin Langman and Steve Ronholt of “Fishing with Ladin.” Ladin and Steve will also do a session on Saturday.

Conservation Committee: Columbia River Gillnets

On Friday, January 17, Oregon suspended its participation in the joint state Policy Review Committee (PRC). The PRC has been heavily biased by pro-gillnet Commissioners from both states, which led to a vote last February to recommend restoring year-round gillnetting to the mainstem Columbia River – an alarming recommendation that the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission subsequently voted to adopt last March in Spokane. WDFW’s leadership has acknowledged that the Spokane vote killed the agency’s fee increase proposal and Columbia River endorsement reauthorization during the 2019 legislative session.

Oregon’s decision to walk away from the PRC is positive. It may signal a shift in Oregon’s policy on Columbia River gillnets following major turnover on the Oregon Commission – another welcome development. Unfortunately, some members of the Washington Commission continue their efforts to push Oregon to match Washington’s position of year-round mainstem gillnetting. During Friday’s session, comments were made by Commissioners (and PRC Members) Bob Kehoe and Donald McIsaac (click links for video) defending the policy that was adopted in Spokane. Furthermore, they urged WDFW Director Kelly Susewind to reduce the popular spring Chinook recreational fishery by pursuing more mainstem gillnetting this year. Remember, there has been no mainstem gillnet fishery for spring Chinook since 2016.

On Saturday, fireworks were evident between different Commissioners as Kehoe and McIsaac pushed for a letter to Oregon asking them to reconsider their decision to suspend the PRC. The Commission will be discussing the Columbia River reforms again during its regular meeting in Olympia on Friday, February 7 at 11:20 am, including a draft letter that was written by Commissioner Kehoe.

We had hoped that the Washington Commission and WDFW would pull back from their alarming efforts to restore year-round Columbia River mainstem gillnet fisheries, but recent developments don’t look promising. This is unfortunate given the poor health of Columbia River salmon and steelhead populations. At the same time, the agency faces a major budget shortfall and is asking the legislature for an additional \$26 million.

The Columbia River Endorsement alone generated over \$1.5 million for WDFW each year, which doesn’t account for the license fee revenue. By comparison, WDFW receives about \$145,000 in annual revenue from the entire Columbia/Grays Harbor/Willapa gillnet fleet. Over 200,000 anglers purchased the Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead Endorsement while there are only nine gillnetters who land more than \$20,000 of annual ex-vessel value in Columbia River salmon fisheries.

Important Dates and Events:

February 12, 2020: CFC Club Meeting, University Inn Best Western, Moscow, ID Wet Fly Hour 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:30 pm and Program at 7:30 pm. Bring a friend. Bring a student!

March 19-21, 2020: North Idaho Fly Fishing Expo sponsored by the Kelly Creek Flycasters will be held at the Red Lion in Lewiston, Idaho. (see below for details)

March 30, 2020: International Fly Fishing Film Festival. Kenworthy Theater, Moscow, ID. Doors open at 6:00 pm, films start at 7:00 pm

April 17, 2020: Coastal Conservation Association Annual banquet, Quality Inn Convention Center, Clarkston, Washington doors open at 5:30 pm

May 16, 2020: Amber Lake Fish Out

June 12-13, 2020: North Fork Coeur d’Alene Fish Out, Meet at Devils’ Elbow Campground.

July 10-11, 2020: St. Joe Fish Out, Fly Flat Campground

Fly of the Month: "The Cosmic Nymph"

This fly pattern is courtesy of Fly Fishers International.
Details for tying this fly can be found on their website:
<http://fedflyfishers.org/Tying/FlyoftheMonth.aspx>

This is Lee Barbee's first Fly of the Month Submission.
Lee is a Pro Team member for Solarez UV Resin and
avid fly tier. Lee ties the Cosmic Nymph for Trout and
Steelhead and can be tied from size 12 to 18.

Materials:

Hook: Partridge CZ/SHR

Thread: Semperfli Waxed Thread 8/0 Black

Weight: Matte Black Tungsten Bead

Tail: Ice Blue Flashabou

Body: Blue Polish Quill

Wing Case: 6 fibers of Pheasant Tail

Thorax: Tan Opposum dubbing

Legs: Ice Blue Flashabou

UV Resin: Solarez Bone Dry on the body,
Solarez Thin and Firemist Blue on the wing case



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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.