



The Tippet

October 2020

Clearwater Fly Casters

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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club



Message from the Executive Committee:

Your Executive Committee met via Zoom on Tuesday, October 6th and have some information to share with the membership:

Participating Executive Committee Members: Tony McDonnell (Secretary), Lynn Youngblood (Treasurer), Fred Muehlbauer (Tippet Editor), Joe Vaughan (Program Chair), Steve Bush (FFF Representative) Doug Baldwin (Conservation Chair), and Cliff Swanson (Scholarships).

Items discussed during the meeting included the Future of CFC Meetings and events, Membership Dues, Scholarships, Calendars, Memorials, and future Fish Outs.

- **CFC meetings** currently are not possible due to COVID-19. The intention is to resume regular club activities as soon as feasible. Hopefully as soon as Spring 2021.
- **Scholarships.** Due to limited funds in the Scholarship account, we can only afford one Scholarship this year. Cliff has indicated that he is yet to hear from student advisors concerning Scholarship applications this year, but he expects to receive applications soon.
- **Calendars.** The only fundraiser we currently have ongoing is the sale of calendars for 2021. This past year we sold about 15 calendars at \$10 per copy. Two versions of the calendar are available so members wishing to order calendars, please indicate your preference for either "This is What Fly Fishing Teaches Us" or "The Art of the Fly." Please contact Lynn Youngblood at kaylynn4341@gmail.com with your preference, and send a check to cover the cost of your order to Lynn Youngblood, Clearwater Fly Casters, P.O. Box 394, Pullman, WA 99163. The deadline for ordering calendars is November 1st, so please submit your order to Lynn as soon as you can.
- **Memorials.** We lost two outstanding members this year in Sylvia Evers and Lillian Young. Contributions to the Scholarship Fund have been made in their names and has raised a significant amount. The Club is grateful for the generosity of club members. Members wishing to contribute to the Scholarship fund in the name of Sylvia Evers or Lillian Young may send a check to Lynn Youngblood, Clearwater Fly Casters, P.O. Box 394, Pullman, WA 99163
- **Fish Outs.** Due to continued Covid-19 concerns, we will not be sponsoring any Fish Outs this calendar year; but we are considering having the St. Joe Fish Out the weekend of July 16th to 18th next year (2021) so mark your calendars accordingly.

Notice:

Membership dues are currently due for most members. Memberships run on the Academic calendar from September to the end of August. Dues are \$25/year for individuals and \$35/year for families. Please send a check for your dues to: Lynn Youngblood, Clearwater Fly Casters, P.O. Box 394, Pullman, WA 99163

Picture Page:



Appearing in the Lewiston Tribune on Friday October 9th was Nate Burr of Rexburg with his Idaho record setting Yellowstone cutthroat trout. The record setting fish was caught after slamming a streamer which led to a chase of a half a mile in a drift boat. The fish was carefully handled and released soon after taking a quick photo.

A bass recently caught on the Snake river by Doug Baldwin. The fish was estimated at 4 pounds. After a quick photo, the fish was carefully unhooked and released.



Below, club members Steve Bush and Cliff Swanson during a previous St. Joe Fish Out.



Fly of the Month: “Purple Rat”

This fly pattern is courtesy of Fly Fishers International. Details and steps for tying this fly can be found on their website:

<http://fedflyfishers.org/Tying/FlyoftheMonth.aspx>

By Bob Bates

October is when many folks in Western Canada, Northwest United States and down along the California coast go steelhead fishing. Most of them use nice looking flies to attract the attention of these fish returning to their home waters. Some even use expensive Atlantic Salmon patterns. Tom Le Bar from Sweet Home, OR was tying attractive steelhead flies at the April, 2010 Fly Tying Expo in Albany, Oregon. First let me assure you that this is not the only “Rat” pattern in existence. There are eight more listed in *Flies for Atlantic Salmon* by Dick Stewart and Farrow

Allen. According to them the “Rat” series was originated and introduced in 1911 by Roy Angus Thompson (R.A.T.). Many well known angler/tiers, including Paul Jorgenson, are named as developers of “Rat” patterns. A variation of Jorgenson’s Blue Rat is shown in the September 2002 FFF Fly of the Month. Most anglers fish this pattern wet fly style. That is cast a floating line quartering downstream, and let the fly swing toward shore. Steelhead hits are obvious most of the time. I have had some hits almost jerk me off my rock. Tom usually fishes this fly deep. However, if you leave room between the eye and the head a riffle hitch can be used. Then you can fish it as a waking fly and watch the fish chase the fly if you keep it waking. What you are supposed to do is bow to the fish and then tighten the line when you feel its weight. Tying a riffle a riffle hitch is easy. (It goes by other names, also.) Tie the fly on your leader using your favorite knot. It can be an improved Clinch Knot or an improved Turle Knot. Then face downstream, hold the fly pointing toward the shore put one half hitch behind the eye with the leader coming toward you. Put a second half hitch behind the first. Again, the leader comes out toward you. You can use line mends to slow or speed up the fly.

Materials List:

Hook: Daiichi 2421 Low Water

Thread: Orange, black or any color you like

Tag: Mylar tinsel, medium, gold/silver and fuchsia Uni-Stretch

Tail: Fox squirrel, reddish/brownish hair from the bottom of the tail

Rib and counter wrap: Small oval tinsel, silver or gold

Body: Peacock herl

Wing: Fox squirrel



Conservation Committee:

Volunteers Needed At Broodstock Collection Derby

As most of you know, we are quickly approaching our annual [CCA King of the Reach derby](#). The King of the Reach is the most unique fishing derby in the nation, bringing together anglers to catch wild fall Chinook for the Priest Rapids Hatchery.

We are currently in need of volunteers at both the Vernita and White Bluffs sites to help with fish transport to the trucks, fish ticket collection, etc. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Rich Coleman at rkcfishon@aol.com.

King of the Reach Angler Entries Only Available through October 15th!

For those who are fishing aboard boats that are registered in the [King of the Reach derby](#), you need to purchase your entries and complete the Hold Harmless, WDFW Covid training video, and WDFW volunteer registration documents by 11:59 P.M. on October 15th.

There will be no registration after that point, and no on-site registration will be accepted. No exceptions! Pre-registered boats without anglers and/or that have not completed the pre-event requirements will be disqualified and replaced.

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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.