



The Tippet

September 2021

Clearwater Fly Casters

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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club



First Meeting of Fall 2021 rescheduled and relocated.

The first meeting of the Clearwater Fly Casters has been rescheduled for Wednesday, September 22nd beginning at 5:30 pm. The meeting will now be held at the residence of Dave and Sharon Tharp in Palouse. As before they have graciously offered to host the first club meeting of the fall. During the get together, there will be a showing of the video entitled **“The Rocky Mountain Fly Highway.”**

The Tharps have provided the following details for the event:

“Event will take place between the house and the garage with lots of flat place for chairs. Bring light chairs to move around if you want to stroll the property and sit and talk or whatever. We also have many chairs available too.

You can park below or above the house. Do not use GPS. Take road from Palouse to Potlatch. Just past 40 mile per hour sign turn left up driveway or continue and turn left onto Lynd Street and park below. Then walk up.

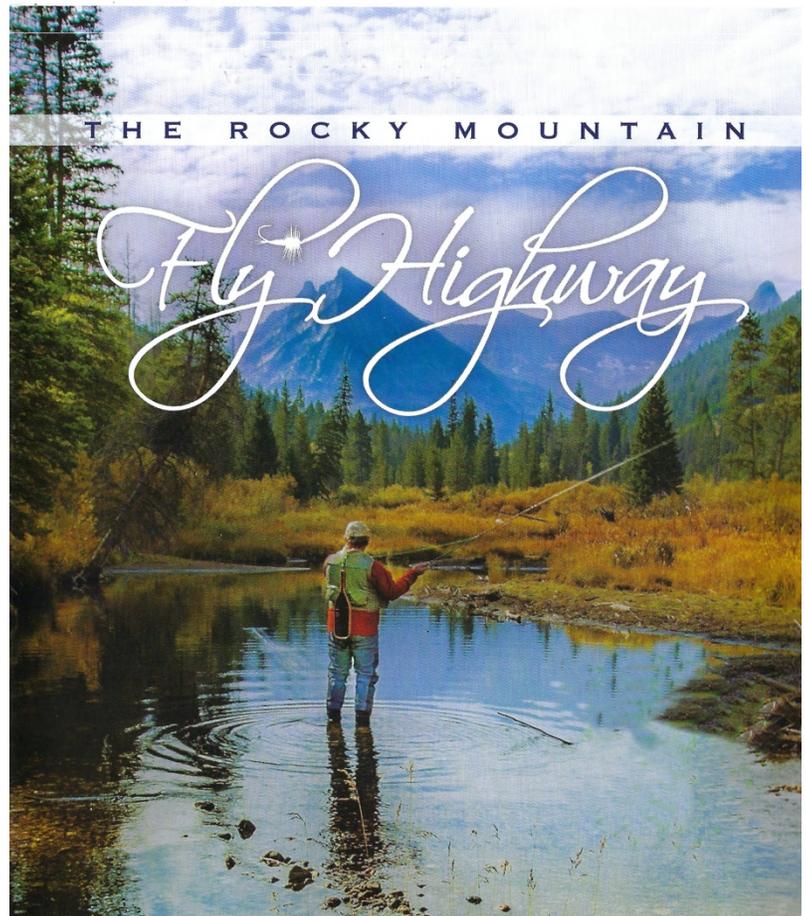
Bring take-out and water and drinks so we don't have to share and spread this darn virus.

There are bathroom facilities in Palouse. I'll set up a camp porta potty for emergency use and/or the house bathroom. Will also have a washing hands facility outside.

By September it maybe be cooler and darker so dress warm and bring flashlights. If rainy we will have canopies up and there is space under an overhang on back of the garage for several people 6 feet apart and masked! If we're still in this raging virus thing.

To be safe I recommend we stay 6 feet apart and be masked if we have traveled or been in a social grouping that was a potential virus spreader. And of course, please be vaccinated for the safety of everyone.

So that's it folks. I welcome you all and wish us all and safe and fun time to share fishing stories. Cheers. Sharon and Dave.



Scholarship Recipient

Some of you may wonder from time to time about how our past scholarship recipients are faring out there in the real world. A wonderful example of that recently appeared in the Spokesman Review where the article featured Conor Giorgi, a graduate of Eastern Washington University and the 2013 recipient of our Aspach-Engerbretsen Memorial Scholarship. Conor is the Anadromous Program Manager for the Spokane Tribe. He led the introduction of 51 adult Chinook Salmon into the Little Spokane River, the first salmon to swim there in 111 years! This is part of a larger effort to reintroduce sustainable salmon populations above Chief Joseph and Grand Coulee dams. A large group of people gathered to watch as 51 adult Chinook salmon are released into the Little Spokane River, Friday, Aug. 6, 2021



Important Dates and Events:

September 22, 2021: CFC Club get together at Tharps in Palouse. See first page of this Newsletter for details of this event.

October 13, 2021: 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!

November 16, 2021: International Fly Fishing Film Festival. Kenworthy Theater, Moscow, ID. Doors open at 6:00 pm, films start at 7:00 pm. Tickets available from Steve Bush, Executive Board members and at the door.

General Club Information

Next Executive Committee Meeting. Our next Executive Committee meeting, an in-person gathering, will be on Tuesday, October 5th at 6:00 pm at Paradise Creek Brewery in Palouse. Members are encouraged to participate in the deliberations of the Executive Committee and offer their ideas and perspectives on the operations of the club

Membership:

Membership Chair, Paul Agidius, indicated some members have not paid their dues for the 2020-2022 membership period.

Given the fact that we are unable to hold general meetings due to Covid-19, it was agreed that membership dues paid in 2020 will also cover dues for 2021. Thus, members will have two years of membership for the cost of one year of dues.

Members are encouraged to renew their membership by sending a check for their dues to Lynn Youngblood, P.O. Box 394, Pullman, Washington 99163. **CFC membership dues are \$25/yr. for individuals, \$35/yr. for families, \$10/yr. for students, \$50/yr. sustaining, and \$300/lifetime.**

Upon renewal, members will receive a 50th Anniversary Clearwater Fly Casters club pin.

Conservation Committee:

The following article appeared in the Coastal Conservation Association newsletter of August 27, 2021

Mainstem Columbia River Gillnets and Steelhead



This year's return of summer steelhead is a fraction of the recent 10-year average and is on track to be the worst dating back to the construction of Bonneville Dam in 1938. CCA has repeatedly sounded the alarm about the continued mainstem non-tribal gillnetting in the Columbia River's Zones 4-5, which is rarely monitored and

has never been subjected to the studies required to determine the number of steelhead caught, injured, and killed in this fishery as bycatch.

Under the bi-state Columbia River reforms, non-tribal gillnets were supposed to be completely transitioned out of the mainstem Columbia River. However, WDFW and ODFW continue allowing mainstem gillnetting during the fall season in Zones 4-5 (above Warrior Rock). Last month, WDFW and ODFW approved an initial eight fishing periods for non-tribal commercial gillnets in Zones 4-5 running from August 9 through September 2 - even as returns of summer steelhead hit record lows, including the ESA-listed "B-run" population destined for the Snake River.

NOAA Fisheries, the federal agency responsible for protecting ESA-listed salmon and steelhead, has largely looked the other way. In fact, in 2018 it approved a request by ODFW and WDFW to reduce the steelhead release mortality rate assigned to gillnets - a request that lacked the studies and detailed observations required for other fishing gears. This paved the way for the states to kill more steelhead as bycatch in the Zones 4-5 non-tribal gillnet fishery.

Despite having no scientific studies to substantiate their claims, gillnet advocates like Washington Fish and Wildlife Commissioners Donald McIsaac and [Kim Thorburn](#) regularly claim gillnets as selective - including this [latest public proclamation](#) during an August 6 Washington Commission meeting. These Commissioners are also pressing the Oregon Commission to restore non-tribal gillnetting anywhere in the mainstem during the spring, summer, and fall seasons.

CCA has vigorously defended the bi-state Columbia River gillnet reforms, which have kept non-tribal gillnets out of mainstem Columbia River during the spring and summer seasons since 2017 - benefiting the conservation of wild and endangered salmon and steelhead populations. So far, the Oregon Commission is standing strong against these efforts.

Please take just a moment to email the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission at odfw.commission@odfw.oregon.gov and thank them for their commitment to the conservation of salmon and steelhead and urge them to reject Washington's efforts to return non-tribal gillnets throughout the mainstem Columbia River.

Fly of the Month: “Parachute Mr. Rapidan”

This month's fly is the Parachute Mr. Rapidan. This is a parachute version of the dry fly created by Harry Murray from Murray's fly shop in Virginia. It is a great mayfly pattern for March Browns in the spring. It is a great imitation for drakes in the summer in the larger sizes. The variegated colors of the dubbing used for the body is very realistic and water-proof. The low profile look of a parachute style fly makes an impression in the surface film that can trigger fish to eat it.



Material:

Hook - dry fly size 8-16

Thread - Brown, 17/0 trico thread on wing post

Tail - Moose body hair

Dubbing - Fly-rite # 34

Wing post - Yellow Mcflylon

Hackle - Grizzly and brown

Source: Rangeley Fly Shop website: <https://rangeleyflyshop.com/blogs/fly-of-the-month-maine-fly-shop/parachute-mr-rapidan>

A message from our Prevaricator Supreme and the Second Biggest Liar

(AKA CFC President & Vice-President)

Greetings CFC members,

You may have noticed the blank spaces in the club newsletter for President & Vice President. I know I have and felt that as a club this issue needs to be addressed. While Covid did a number on meetings recently, member interest and enthusiasm has been less than spectacular. This really isn't anything new and getting candidates for these two positions has always been tough. As I thought about this, I tried coming up with a few ideas that might encourage membership interest and participation in running the club.

Here are some of my ideas:

- 1) **Bribes/Incentives.** The club could pay for the President & VP's yearly dues and dinners.
- 2) **Institute a draft/lottery.** Pretty self-explanatory. Issue a number to each member and drafted a lucky individual into these two exalted positions.
- 3) **Raffle.** This and the next idea could be both entertaining and profitable for the club. This would not be a normal raffle but rather members could nominate someone from the club for \$10.

- 4) **Bidding War.** Nominations would then be auctioned for donations by members with the candidate receiving the highest amount being elected. The winner would then have the option to buy their way out of the position and thereby passing the office to the second highest winner.

Seriously, elections are coming up for these two positions in December. If you would like more information on serving as President and/or Vice President please contact any member of the Executive committee. Don't make me bring my deck of cards to the meeting ;) A list of past presidents can be found on the club website at <http://www.clearwaterflycasters.com/history/cfcpresidents.pdf>

Cheers,
Tim Cavileer
Past-President 2004, 2005

A photo of interest:



Robbie Dockter of Conrad holds the new Montana state record brown trout caught March 3 on the Marias River. The fish weighed 32.42 pounds and measured 37 inches long.

Sierra Dockter

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Membership and Monthly Meeting:

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