



The Tippet

April 2022

Clearwater Fly Casters

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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club



April 13th Program:

“Salmon & Steelhead Fisheries Management in the Clearwater Region”

presented by

Joe Dupont and Joe Thiessen

Multiple fisheries topics will be presented including a discussion of Clearwater river's steelhead seasons and regulations. Regulations are changing with new steelhead seasons and limits in the Clearwater River basin will be discussed and why these changes are occurring.

Should we be worried that we keep our fishing season open when our rivers are hot? This presentation will cover some new research we completed where we evaluated how fishing during warmer water conditions could influence fish populations.

Interesting new findings on our Hells Canyon White Sturgeon population will be discussed. I suspect our 40-45 minutes will be up by the time we reach this talk, but if people want me to continue, I would be glad to talk about some of the new things we are learning about regarding sturgeon in the Hells Canyon Reach of the Snake River.

Joe DuPont: “I have the fortunate experience of being raised on a farm located between Moscow and Troy, and now as the Clearwater Region’s Fisheries Manager, I get to manage the same waters that I fished as a kid. I have been the Clearwater Region’s Fisheries Manager for 14 years. The 20 years prior to that, I held multiple biologist jobs working for AVISTA, the Idaho Department of Lands, and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game studying topics such as the effects of hydropower operations on resident fish; strategies that



allow forestry and fisheries to coexists; native trout movement, mortality, and habitat use; and the effects of drawdown on warm water fish.”

Joe Dupont is Clearwater Region’s Fisheries Manager and Joe Thiessen is Lab Coordinator at Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Both speakers are located at Lewiston, Idaho.

Your Executive Committee in Action:

Executive Committee Meeting April 5th at the Paradise Creek Brewery in Pullman. The Committee meets monthly to consider club issues and set the agenda for the regular meeting the following week. All club members are welcome to attend Executive Committee meetings and contribute their ideas.



*Left front to back; Left front to back; Joe Vaughan, Fred Muehlbauer, Tim Cavileer, and Steve Bush
Right front to back; Lynn Youngblood, Doug Baldwin, Tony McDonnell, and Cliff Swanson*

A Message from President Lynn Youngblood:

It's beginning to feel as if we're back to normal with Clearwater Fly Casters. At our March meeting there were 30 in attendance so that's the critical mass needed to move ahead. I'd like to pay tribute to your Executive Committee, pictured at our April 5 meeting at Paradise Creek Brewery, who continued to meet on a regular basis throughout the pandemic. Missing from the picture is the photographer, my better half, Kay. The only mistake the Board may have made recently was to accept the Youngbloods' offer to serve as co-presidents for 2022, but we didn't have an overwhelming demand from anyone else to take the job! (smiley face here!) But the responsibility is made much easier because of the support of the Board. In early 2021 we eventually moved to virtual club meetings; then to live in-person gatherings and the coming meeting will be our third consecutive month reconvening at the University Best Western. Hopefully we'll see more of you this coming Wednesday

Back cast:

At our second in-person meeting on March 9th John Read gave us the exciting details about his recent fishing adventure to Belize. He caught numerous Tarpon, Bonefish and Permit while scoring several “Grand Slams,” where all three species are caught in a single day. John filled us in on details of Belize, getting there, the accommodations, casting instructions and his fishing adventure. Apparently, John intends to make a return trip next year. Maybe we will get another fine report.

Unknown member paid dues:

We had two members pay their dues (Bob Russell and one other member) Bob is recorded as paid but the other dues paying member remains unknown. Please let Paul Agidius or Lynn Youngblood know if you are the other member who paid dues at the last meeting.

Fly Tying Teaching Opportunity:

The Department of Movement Sciences at the University of Idaho has taught fly fishing and – fly tying classes for many years. However, the last instructor (Debbie Bell) recently retired. Anyone interested in teaching fly tying should contact Dr. David Paul. Contact information is below. At least a bachelor’s degree is needed to be an instructor.

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Habitat for Humanity, Beans ‘n’ Jeans 2022! Silent Auction Online:

Kay Youngblood has contributed one of her famous cherry pies to the silent auction. The winning bidder will receive a certificate to claim the prize (See Certificate on page 6) The website for the silent auction can be accessed at the following website: <https://event.auctria.com/03e043b4-146c-4030-b4ef-683069e14982/>

Meeting Information

Our April meeting will take place at our usual venue, University Inn Best Western, Moscow, ID.

Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 pm

Buffet Dinner: 6:30 pm; \$17, students \$10

Menu: Lasagna Buffet: 5 layered Lasagna with roasted tomato sauce, shredded mozzarella, ricotta cheese, and a blend of Italian sausage with ground beef, served with seasonal vegetables, mixed green salad with assorted dressings, rolls & butters. Desert and decaf coffee.

Program: 7:30 pm

Conservation Committee: Conservation Chair Doug Baldwin indicated that the situation for anadromous fish remains bleak on the Lower Columbia River. Washington has allowed the commercial gill nets to remain in place though funds were recently approved for a voluntary commercial gill net buy-back program. It remains to be seen if this will improve the fishery. It seems that Governor Inslee has not been the anadromous fisheries advocate we had hoped for.

As quoted from CCA Tide April/May 2022 issue: “CCA Oregon continues leading the fight to defend the lower Columbia River gill net reforms, which have moved most gillnetting to off-channel fishing areas and increased sport fishing opportunity. The reforms have been in place since 2013 and have been funded through the \$9.75 Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead Endorsement fee. This is a critical backstop as the WDFW, and the gill net fleet continue pressuring ODFW to accept a massive expansion of non-selective gillnetting in the lower Columbia River while making large cuts to recreational fisheries. In fact, WDFW’s proposal would cut the 2022 lower Columbia River spring Chinook fishery by nearly 20 percent.”

Legislative update: Voluntary Non-tribal Columbia River Buyback

The final budget agreement includes language for a \$14.4 million voluntary buyback of non-tribal Columbia River gillnet licenses. This is consistent with Governor Inslee’s proposal and extensive efforts have been made to incorporate the Governor’s guidance into this program. It includes language ensuring that the buyback benefits salmon and steelhead conservation by reducing impacts of the gillnet fishery while supporting selective harvest methods that are better suited to protect wild salmon and steelhead populations, such as B-run steelhead.

A buyback program was a key tenet of the original bi-state Columbia River reforms which sought to transition gillnets out of the mainstem Columbia River and into off-channel areas. In recent years, the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission has sought to increase mainstem gillnetting under their highly contentious policy C-3630. This voluntary buyback program is a huge step toward getting the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms back on track. *Article provided by Coastal Conservation Association.*

Legislative update: Review of Columbia River Commercial Fishery Mortality Estimates

The final budget agreement includes \$175,000 for a third-party scientific review of WDFW’s fishery mortality estimates for Columbia River commercial fisheries, including the lower Columbia River gillnet fishery. For years CCA and others have highlighted concerns about the lack of science and monitoring to support mortality estimates for the commercial gillnet fishery. In fact, WDFW has never done a scientific study to determine the release mortality rates from gillnets and rarely subjects the fishery to monitoring. This independent third-party review is critically important to ensure we are taking a consistent, science-based approach concerning mortalities in all commercial fisheries, including those occurring in off-channel areas. *Article provided by Coastal Conservation Association.*

Membership:

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.

Hats: Cliff Swanson has placed an order for additional Club hats. They will be available soon.

Scholarships: Cliff Swanson indicated that we will not provide a scholarship this year as we didn't receive any qualified applicants.

Tree Planting: Fly Fishers International is planting trees at the Red River Campground on May 21st and they request volunteers to assist with that effort. Please visit with Steve Bush if you have interest in doing so.

Road Access to Big Creek: In good news for club members and others, a decision was made to deny a recent request to close the road access to Big Creek.

University of Idaho AEC Proposal: The proposal is under review and Joe Vaughan has agreed to act as liaison between our club and the Entomology Department at the U of I.

Joe Vaughan (pictured at the right) to leave as Program Chair:

The club has had the good fortune of having Joe as our Program Chair since 2018. He successfully secured excellent speakers with interesting and enlightening topics to enhance our monthly meetings. Joe will eventually be leaving the area for new haunts, and we wish him well in his new endeavors and hope he stays in touch.

The club will be searching for a new Program Chair. Anyone interested in serving in this position, please contact someone on the Executive Committee.



Important Dates and Events:

April 13, 2022: CFC Club Meeting at University Inn Best Western, Moscow, ID. Wet Fly hour at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30 and program at 7:30. Bring a friend, bring a student! Joe Vaughan, Program Chair, has lined up Joe Dupont as guest speaker for our April Meeting. He will present "Salmon & Steelhead Fisheries Management in the Clearwater Region"

April 8-16, 2022: Habitat for Humanity, Beans 'n' Jeans 2022! Silent Auction Online. The silent auction can be accessed at the following website: <https://event.auctria.com/03e043b4-146c-4030-b4ef-683069e14982/>

April 16, 2022: Habitat for Humanity, Beans 'n' Jeans 2022! In-Person BBQ Fundraising Event. SEL Event Center.

May 11, 2022: CFC Club Meeting at University Inn Best Western, Moscow, ID. Wet Fly hour at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30 and program at 7:30. Ron McFarland from the U of I is slated to be our speaker for the May meeting. Bring a friend, bring a student!

May 14, 2022: Amber Lake Fish Out. Meet at Amber Lake parking lot or boat launch area.

June 16-17, 2022: North Fork Coeur d'Alene Fish Out, Meet at Devils' Elbow Campground.

July 15-17, 2022: St. Joe Fish Out, Meet and camp at Fly Flat Campground

Certificate to Redeem Fresh Homemade Cherry Pie

By Kay Youngblood, Clearwater Fly Casters

Email Kay at kaylynn4341@gmail.com to schedule pie pick-up or delivery in towns of Moscow -Pullman



Organic cherries are grown in Palouse, harvested, and fresh frozen. The cherry tree was planted by Paul who owned the Oasis restaurant in Palouse, long years ago. Paul planted the tree to make cherry pies to serve in his restaurant. Paul and the Oasis are now a memory, but the cherry tree continues to share its bounty each year with all who pick this delightful fruit. Taste the sunshine and enjoy with a scoop of ice cream.

Thank YOU for supporting Palouse Habitat for Humanity

To refresh the pie, remove from pie carrier. Pre-heat oven to 350°. Place pie on center rack and bake for 10 minutes. Remove from oven. Cut and serve. Yum!

Fly of the Month: “Frank Sawyer's Pheasant Tail Nymph”

Courtesy of *Fly Fishers International* website.

Edition: March 2022

Written by: Jerry Coviello

Photographed By: Jerry Coviello

Creator: Frank Sawyer

Frank Sawyer's was the originator of the Pheasant Tail Nymph (PTN), he was employed by The Fishing Association in Wiltshire, England for forty-one years as the Riverkeeper along the upper Avon, the only materials used to tie his fly are a 2X long nymph hook, usually in sizes 16 and 18 to match, long pheasant tail fibers from the center tail of a male pheasant and very fine copper wire, Frank's description of the copper wire had to be a little thicker than a human hair.

Here in the States when we think of the Pheasant Tail Nymph, we are familiar with Al Troth's version of brown thread, pheasant tail fibers, copper wire rib and peacock herl thorax with legs. Also known as the American version

Both flies work very well.



Materials

Hook: 2X Nymph Hook 14—18

Tail: Male Ringneck Pheasant Center tail

Underbody: Extra Fine Copper Wire.

Abdomen: Extra Fine Copper wire wrapped with Male Ringneck Pheasant Center Tail fibers

Thorax: Male Ringneck Pheasant Center Tail Fibers over a larger wrapped copper wire shaped thorax. **Wingcase:** Male Ringneck Pheasant Center Tail Fibers folded over 2 times

Steps:

1. Place hook in your vise
2. Tie in the Extra Fine Copper wire at the bend of the hook
3. Bring the copper wire towards the eye of the hook and stop one eye length behind the eye
4. Build the thorax shape with the copper wire
5. Wrap your copper wire back towards the bend of the hook and wiggle the copper wire tag to break off.
6. Tie in 4 strands of Pheasant Tail fibers at the bend of the hook using the copper wire to bind them to the hook
7. Twist the pheasant tail fibers with the copper wire, forming a dubbing noodle with the copper wire and pheasant tail fibers (Rotated the hook for wrapping ease)
8. Wrap the copper wire and pheasant tail noodle to form the abdomen. If you run out of the pheasant tail fibers, you can always add more.
9. Wrap over the thorax to behind the eye. Stopping one eye length behind the eye
10. Bring the copper wire behind the thorax and fold over the pheasant tail fibers to start forming the wingcase
11. Bring the copper wire behind the eye, one eye length behind the eye
12. Fold the pheasant tail fibers over the thorax and secure behind the eye of the hook with the copper wire
13. Whip finish
14. Add a drop of head cement to the wingcase. The fly is complete.

Fly Fishers International Event: Fly Casting Fair

“The Washington Council of FFI is re-starting in-person events with a first of its kind Casting Fair. The event at Lake Ballinger Park will be a day-long program of casting skills, challenges and fly tying. We want to invite all FFI members and members of our affiliated fly clubs to join us. Bring your rod and get expert help tuning up your cast. Bring your friends and get a re-introduction to everything FFI has to offer. More events are in the works, including a new Expo in coming months. Join us Aug. 13 at Lake Ballinger and let's get back in action.”

Fly Casting Fair

August 13 • 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Lake Ballinger Park, Mountlake Terrace, WA

- › Walk-in Casting Clinic
- › Casting Skills Development
- › Casting Workshops
- › Fly Tying



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