



# The Tippet

January 2022

## Clearwater Fly Casters

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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club



## January Program:

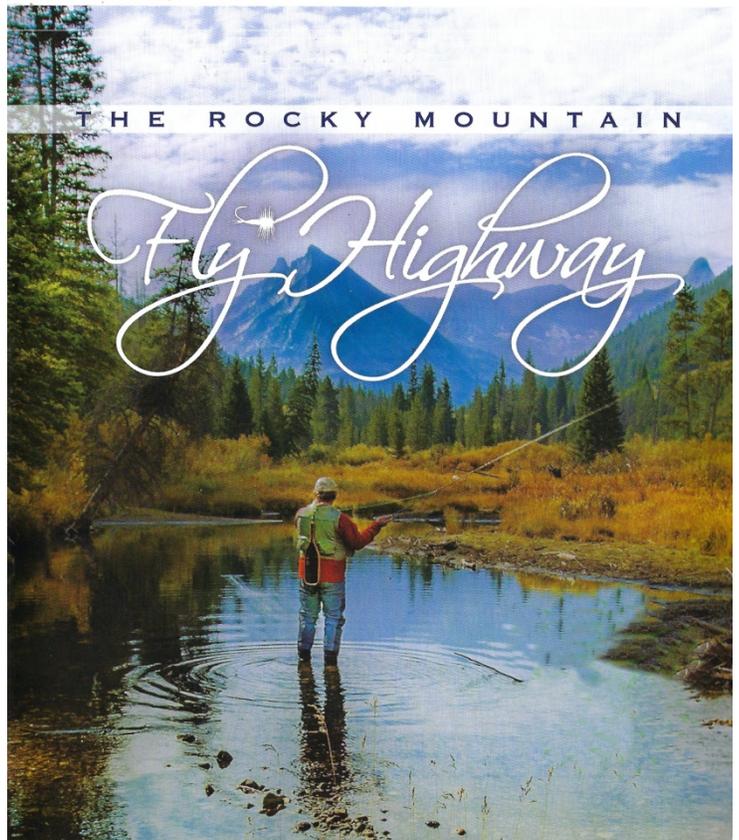
The first 2022 meeting of the Clearwater Fly Casters is scheduled for next Wednesday (January 12th) beginning at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom and will feature a showing of the video entitled “**The Rocky Mountain Fly Highway.**”

In the heart of the Northern Rockies, one 500-mile stretch of highway connects the West's most renowned blue-ribbon trout streams. It also passes through some of America's most spectacular scenery- jagged peaks, bewitching deserts, shimmering waters in pristine forests - a region that draws anglers from all over the world to settings that restore the soul.

“The Rocky Mountain Fly Highway” is a one-hour documentary narrated by Tom Skerritt, written by Tim Woodward, directed by Tom Hadzor and produced by Wide Eye Productions. The program

follows U.S. Highway 20 as it passes through some of the best fly-fishing waters in the world. Shot on location in Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, and Oregon, it is a visual feast of scenic beauty. You don't have to fly fish to love "The Rocky Mountain Fly Highway."

—[\*Jennifer Isenhardt\*](#)



To Join the Zoom Meeting on Wednesday January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm use the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87428354858?pwd=OUdGbkdQQ2djUi9qaFM4N1huWDI3dz09>

Meeting ID: 874 2835 4858

Passcode: 413033

*Information for joining the zoom meeting is the same as earlier virtual meetings via zoom and will remain the same for any future virtual meetings of the club. The Zoom meeting will open at 6:30 pm.*

## A Message from President Lynn Youngblood:

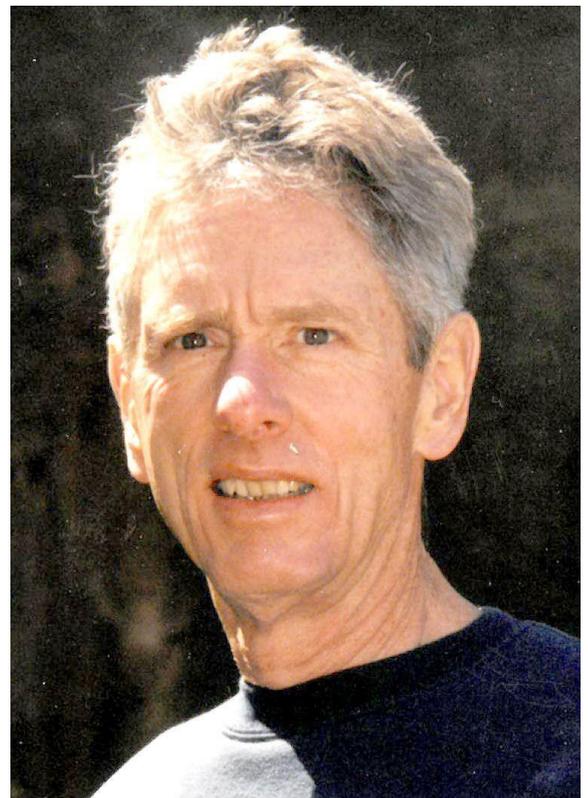
Happy New Year Fellow Fly Casters:

For me it's that time of year when I wonder if fishing weather will ever return! Kay will tell you that patience is not my strong suit, but I will persevere. One of the things that this pandemic has taught us is how important, yet challenging, it is to have social interaction with our friends. And a group of friends that we have been missing are our fellow Clearwater Fly Caster members. Your Executive Committee has decided that we will try to pull off our first in-person meeting in nearly two years, beginning next month. You'll be hearing more about this as we intend to make phone contact with each of you later in the month



to share our plans, but in the meantime, I would ask each of you to pencil in the date of February 9 as our next gathering. Be prepared to give us an answer about your interest in attending this event so that we can let Best Western know how many to expect. But please know that only members who are vaccinated will be encouraged to attend. Masks will be optional although you may wish to wear one as you enter the facility and prior to entering the banquet room. And as a special way of celebrating our return, there will be free appetizers and other surprises.

On a far less cheerful note, we all mourn the sudden passing of past president and long-time Tippet Editor, and good friend to all of us, Roger Willemsen (pictured at the right). He departed this world suddenly, in his home, on Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021. He was 77 years old. We have plans to further commemorate Roger and you'll be hearing more about this next month.



## Agenda: January Meeting:

1. Introductions and fishing reports at 6:30 pm.
2. Showing of the video "The Rocky Mountain Fly Highway."
3. Question and answer period.
4. Adjourn

## General Club Information:

February in-person Club Meeting – To celebrate our return to in-person monthly meetings, it has been proposed that the Club will offer each lady in attendance a rose for the evening and provide "free hors d'oeuvres" to all members in attendance. Since we need a minimum of 15 attendees to move forward the February event is still not finalized. Joe Dupont is slated to be our guest speaker that night.

## Back cast:

During our December club meeting Thomas Biladeau, Habitat Restoration Biologist, and the technical lead for Salmon Reintroduction for the Coeur d' Alene Tribe, presented "Salmon Reintroduction in the Blocked Area: Preparing a Home in the Hangman Creek Watershed."

## Conservation Committee

Conservation Committee Chair Doug Baldwin has no new information on litigation regarding continued gill netting on the Lower Columbia. Governor Inslee has requested a pause in the litigation.

## Fly of the Month: "Shrimp Shack"

This is a pattern I designed for coastal steelhead rivers. I was inspired by the first steelhead pattern my uncle taught me, the General Practitioner. The pattern is a stinger style fly with a pinch of weight on the backside. I originally tied this on a tube fly but found I needed more weight to get the fly down to the fish.

This pattern is provided courtesy of Fly Fishers International.

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## Materials:

Shank: Partridge Intruder Shank 35 mm

Hook: OPST Swing Hook Size #1

Wire: Senyo's Standard Intruder Trailer Hook Wire size large

Weight: .025 Lead Free Wire (8 turns)

Thread: UTC 140, Fl. Shell Pink

Eyes: EP Crab/Shrimp eyes large amber

Antenna Section: Whiting Spey Hackle, Grizzly/Salmon, Krystal Flash UV Pink,

Mouth Parts: EP brush Foxy Brush 1.5" tan, Ostrich Drab feather white

Dubbing: SLF saltwater dubbing Fl. Shell Pink

Shells: Female Golden Pheasant.



## Tying Steps:

1. Place shank into the vice and close the openings on the Waddington shank with thread wraps.
2. Attach the hook to intruder wire. The length of the wire should be 1" from the tie in point to the eye of the hook.
3. Wrap 8 wraps of 0.25 non-lead wire to the back end. Apply zap-a-gap to the entire shank and let dry.
4. Dub a small ball to the left of the wire.

5. Attach a 2" piece of the EP brush on the first wrap of non-lead wire.
6. Wrap the entire 2" piece of EP Brush forward
7. Use your bodkin to pick out the trapped hairs and then brush the fibers out with a toothbrush.
8. Add antennae to the sides of the shank. I wet them so I can see the length better. They should extend 2 ¼" from the tie in point.
9. Attach monofilament eyes. The eyes should roughly extend to the hook eye.
10. Cut 6 strands of UV pink Krystal flash and fold them in half on the thread. Tie them down on top of the shank. This will yield 12 strands poking out the back. Trim strands to different lengths.
11. Prepare a composite dubbing loop. Pull a good size chunk of dubbing out and align the fibers in your hand by stacking. This base layer should be about 2" in length. Next place about 25 ostrich herl fibers on top of the 2" dubbing base. I like to use material clips to hold everything together.
12. Prepare a 3-4" dubbing loop. Place the composite materials in the dubbing loop and spin. Be careful not to get any materials that you already tied into the fly trapped in the dubbing loop. Wrap the composite dubbing loop forward. You should have enough to finish on the second to last wrap of nonlead wire. Use a bodkin to pick out any trapped material. Next, use a toothbrush to remove any material that was not attached very well to the dubbing loop.
13. The remaining steps of the fly can be broken down into three segments (each segment roughly occupies one third of the remaining shank) At each segment complete steps 13-16. Attach a spey hackle by the tip.
14. Make a dubbing loop and dub to the end of the first third of the shank.
15. Wrap the spey hackle forward and tie off. Use a bodkin to pluck out any trapped dubbing or spey hackle fibers. Use the toothbrush to brush everything back and out of the way.
16. Attach a small length pheasant feather on the top of the shank. The length should be about ¼" shy of the eyes (See photo below). This completes the first segment. Repeat for the two remaining segments
17. Completion of the first two segments.
18. Completion of the third segment. Whip finish and cement the head with some hard as hull head cement.
19. Completed Shrimp Shack Fly.

**Editor's Note:**

This description for tying the "Shrimp Shack" makes no claim, implied or otherwise, that the presenter of the fly pattern was the original creator of the fly. This is Max Pfof's version of the fly, and it may differ from the creator's or other versions and variations.

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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. When the Covid Pandemic is behind us, meetings will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month from September through May. Meetings are 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.