



The Tippet *September 2022*

Clearwater Fly Casters

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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club



September 14th Program: Potluck get together

The club has received a generous invitation to hold the Traditional September Potluck get together at the Tharps' Residence in Palouse. The event will be held on Wednesday, September 14th beginning at 6:00 pm.

Directions according to Dave and Sharon: "The address for the event is 825 East 11th, Palouse, Washington. Do not use GPS as it will take you above the property where there is no easy access. So, from Moscow or Pullman, enter Palouse and turn right and go down Main Street through town towards Potlatch then, after crossing the railroad tracks, you will see yellow and green signs on the left indicating the Tharps' driveway. Go up the driveway if you have food, chairs, and people to deliver and don't want to walk up the hill from below the property by the barn."

"Parking will be at the next left on Lynn Street past the driveway. You can park on the grass by the barn or on our neighbor's property across from our property. We will put up signs. Then you can walk up various paths to the house. Don't get lost!"

"Potluck food. My thought is that if about a third of us bring a fish or meat dish, a third of us a veggie or salad dish and a third of us bring bread or a dessert, we won't starve. It seems that it all worked out the last time, as we are an astute group! I will do a beef stroganoff to feed 20-25 people and a salad. We will have the food dishes set out in the house to avoid the flies, but we will eat outside either in the garage or in the driveway, weather dependent."

"So, members should bring lawn chairs, and warm clothing as it will get chilly. We will have paper plates and plastic forks and knives but if convenient bring your own dishes for eating. Also bring whatever you may want to drink. You're welcome to come early as there are lots of places to explore including tree houses and hobbit trails and areas to just sit and chat with friends."

So that can be a starter for what people might want to bring. Also don't forget Lawn chairs."

See you all soon,
Cheers,
Sharon and Dave Tharp

p.s. This yummy peach pie will be provided by Kay Youngblood at the get together. Come and get your piece of the pie!



A Message from President Kay Youngblood:

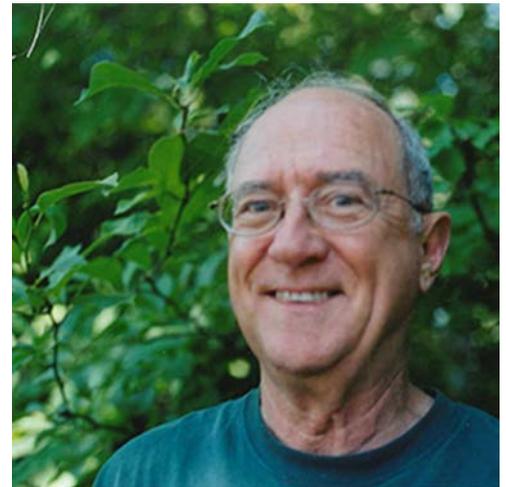
Fishing. Friends. Food.

What can be better than friends gathering to talk about fishing while eating savory entrees and sweet desserts. The annual casual kick-off for our Clearwater Fly Casters year is hosted by Sharon and Dave Tharp. Bring your favorite dish(s) to share, a chair, beverages, and fishing glory stories! I plan to bring, you guessed it, a pie! CFC has an exciting year planned with programs and the biennial auction in February.



Kay with 16" NF Clearwater cutthroat

Back cast: At our May club meeting, Ronald McFarland presented “How a dyed-in-the-wool bait angler was transformed into a generally inept, occasionally back-slipping fly thrower.” Ron reviewed prominent passages from his recently published books and mentioned his biography of Lieutenant Colonel Edward J. Steptoe (1815-1865), in whose honor the regional landmark known as Steptoe Butte is named, is currently being considered for publication. The presentation was very well received by the membership and President Lynn Youngblood has received many “positive comments.”



General Club Information:

Program Chair: With the imminent departure of Joe Vaughan, our club needs a new Program Chair for the coming year. Anyone interested in serving in this position, please contact someone on the Executive Committee. Several interesting potential presenters were discussed by the Committee and there will be follow up to secure participation in upcoming meetings.

University of Idaho AEC Proposal: Joe Vaughan reported that he has approached club members to consider contributing their pictures and stories about the remarkable hatches they may have encountered during their many stream/lake adventures. He felt that such an effort would help to “personalize” the Cornell boxes to a much greater degree. Joe reported that he does not have any idea of the layout plan for the boxes but said the group seemed very receptive.

Auction planning: Planning for the upcoming Club Auction scheduled for February is underway. The biennial auction is our primary event focused on raising funds for the Club and for student Scholarships.

Hats: Cliff Swanson has placed an order for additional Club hats. Hats are still on back order but will be available soon.

Highway 12 clean up: Steve Bush reported there will be a clean-up of Highway 12 on September 12th. Persons interested in assisting with this event should meet at the White House Campground at 10:00 am.

Fishing Adventures and Fishouts:



Fish taken by Ron McFarland in mid-June on the Henry's Fork using a nymph amidst a big caddis hatch--also caught a sizable rainbow but the photo was poor, so it is not shown.

St Joe Fishout:



Important Dates and Events:

October 4, 2022: Executive Committee Meeting at Paradise Creek Brewery at 6:00 pm. Club members are welcome to attend and bring their comments and ideas.

October 12, 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 pm. Fred Muehlbauer will present "Fishing for Coho on Kodiak Island". Bring a friend, bring a student!

February 15, 2023: Club Auction and Club meeting at University Inn Best Western, Moscow, ID.

Andy Kleinhofs passed away on May 9, 2022, after to a long illness. Andy was a long-time member of the Clearwater Fly Casters and served as President in 1984. He also served for several years as Conservation Chair and received The Steve Allured – Benton Collins Award in March 1993 in recognition of his many efforts in support of conservation. Andy was an avid fly fisherman and loved catching big fish, like the one on the right. He also could never remember a trip where no fish were caught. Andy loved fishing the Grande Ronde, Snake and Clearwater rivers for steelhead and to the Wind River in Southwest Washington for Chinook salmon. Frequent trips were also made in the fall to Kodiak Island for Coho.



Fly of the Month: “Sherwood's Micro Diver”

(Courtesy of Fly Fishers International website August 2022.)

Braden Sherwood takes a proven pattern and makes it better using Fish-Skull Chocklett's Articulated Micro-Spine system. It does take a little time to tie but worth it with the action of an articulated pattern.

Materials:

Tail Section:

- Fish-Skull Chocklett's Articulated Micro-Spine - Tail Shank
- Small Saddle Hackles (can be replaced with marabou or any other tailing material)

Body Section:

Fish-Skull Chocklett's Articulated Micro-Spine, 6 mm (3)

- Body: Cactus Chenille
- Wing: Soft Hackles

Fish-Skull Chocklett's Articulated Micro-Spine, 8 mm (4)

- Body: Cactus Chenille
- Wing: Soft Hackles

Hook:

Kona Universal Strong Streamer hook, size #1

- Body: Soft Hackles

Head: Deer Hair

Eyes: Surface Seducer Dragon Eyes, 6 mm



For the steps in tying Sherwood's Micro Diver, see Fly Fishers International website August 2022.

Dear Bristol Bay supporters,

This is it. We've reached the end of the comment period for proposed Clean Water Act safeguards for Bristol Bay. **You have until tomorrow (Tuesday) at midnight to tell EPA that you support clean water and healthy fish habitat in Bristol Bay, and want it protected for future generations. [Do it here.](#)**



Bristol Bay broke the all-time sockeye salmon record this summer at 78.4 million fish. Local people want permanent safeguards for this resource. Despite its permit denial, Pebble is still in the picture. We need these proposed protections to be finalized to help ensure that Pebble, or another mining company, cannot return in the future. [Take action now.](#)

This is the final opportunity for the public to weigh in on these proposed safeguards for Bristol Bay before the EPA issues a decision. [Please use your voice for Bristol Bay today.](#)

Sincerely, Meghan and Trout Unlimited's Save Bristol Bay team



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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 will be held on the 2nd 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.