



# The Tippet

January 2023

## Clearwater Fly Casters

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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club



### January 11<sup>th</sup> Program:

### “Hooked on the Joe”

*Presented by*

**Dan Mottern**

Everything St. Joe River. An exploration into the flora, fauna, people, and culture of the St Joe River Valley. Something of interest for everyone.

Dan Mottern (pictured at the right) is a 4th generation resident of the St. Joe Valley. He and his wife Beth are raising 3 girls Katy 21, Emily 17, & Ella 11. Dan is an avid fly fisherman/ fly shop owner (built & opened Idaho Fly Fishing Company at Avery in 2007 and have operated it every season since), marathon/trail runner (7 straight Boston Marathons), cyclist (cross country rider and avid St Joe River Road rider), backpacker (recently - John Muir Trail & Mt Whitney summit), hiker (most trails in the St. Joe), Birder (180 species identified in 2022), college instructor (wood science University of Idaho)



### A Message from President Steve

#### **Bush:**

Welcome to 2023! The way this winter has progressed, we can anticipate a year of good water flows which is good news for our fishing opportunities, the fish, and our agricultural communities. This is a reason to begin the New Year on a positive note.

I'm looking forward to being President of the Club which is made up of friendly like-minded folks. The Club is

fortunate to have a strong Executive Board and Committee Chairs who are familiar with their roles. At the moment we are seeking a Vice President for this coming year. It is a great time to fill this role while we have great Club support.

This year happens to be an Auction year in which we raise funds for both the operating account and for the Scholarship Fund. Next month, February, will be your chance to donate an item or two towards the Auction and be present to bid on some quality items available. We have equipment from two fly fishing Estates in this Auction. Pass the word about the Auction to your friends and invite others to attend the event. If they were to come as your guest, they will receive their meal that evening for free!

Read further in the Tippet about some tentative dates for this year's Club Fishouts. I hope to see everyone at the January Meeting.

**Back cast:** Eric Crawford (right), North Idaho Field Coordinator, Angler Conservation Program of Trout Unlimited and Pat Finnegan (left), Clearwater Snake River Chapter of Trout Unlimited and current President presented “Trout Unlimited - a Primer” at our club meeting in December. In the presentation, Pat provided an overview of Trout Unlimited as a national cold-water conservation organization and zeroing in on the Idaho Council/Chapters specifically. Eric gave an overview of Trout Unlimited Snake River campaign, from where we were to where we are today and how this can be a win-win for everyone in the region.



**Auction planning:** Planning for the upcoming Club Auction scheduled for February 8, 2023, is underway. Karen Zacharisen and Kay Youngblood, co-chairs for the event, will be making a plea for auction items and volunteers at our January meeting. **All donations must be accompanied by a completed auction form.** For each donated item, please print and complete the form on page 4 of this Newsletter. Alternatively, you can find the form on our website at:

<http://www.clearwaterflycasters.com/Auction%20Donor%20Form%20%20for%202.8.2023.pdf>

Completed forms for donated items are needed for identifying the items at the Auction, for advertising, and for bidding purposes. **Completed forms** for donated items should be sent to Karen at [kzacharisen@latahcu.coop](mailto:kzacharisen@latahcu.coop) or to Kay at [kaylynn4341@gmail.com](mailto:kaylynn4341@gmail.com) The biennial auction is our primary event focused on raising funds for Club operations and for the student Scholarship Fund. A good supply of auction items and participants is needed to insure a successful auction. Karen and Kay are open to all fund-raising ideas and would greatly appreciate your input. Here are a few ideas and plans for the auction:

- The Committee agreed that guests at the auction would eat free of charge at the club’s expense. So, members can invite friends interested in the auction and the club will cover the cost of the dinner. Hopefully they will be lively participants in the auction.
- Ideas for the auction can be found on page 3 of this Newsletter.
- Marc Retzlaff has offered to monitor the “**Dollar Table.**” Steve will remind club members at our January meeting that they could bring small items that they no longer need or want for the table. (i.e., hooks, feathers, fly tying tools, books, pictures or what you may have that might be of interest to participants at the auction).
- Bucket raffles will be set up for about eight items where participants can deposit raffle tickets depending on their interest in the item. Winning tickets will be drawn later in the event.
- Kay reiterated that lots of help is needed for set up on the day of the auction (Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>) and that club members volunteering to assist should arrive at 3:00 pm on the day of the event.
- The live auction will be carried out by Will Godfrey who has generously offered to be auctioneer for a very modest fee. Thanks to Doug Baldwin for securing the services of auctioneer Will Godfrey.

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**Auction Ideas**

- Rocky Mt. Elk Foundation
- Ducks Unlimited
- Latah Wildlife
- University Fishing Assoc.
- IDFG
- Palouse Conservation
- WA Fish & Game
- Restaurants: gift certificates
- Merchants: small donations from several into 1 basket
- Wineries: ID & WA
- White Pine Mercantile
- BackCountry Lark
- WSU Book Store: student scholarships help them too
- UI Book Store: student scholarships help them too
- Breweries: ID & WA
- Textiles: table runners, placemats, napkins
- Woodcraft: fly boxes
- Desserts: pies, cakes, candies, cupcakes, cookies
- Baskets: Use your imagination; here are a few ideas  
NFL Sunday: popcorn, bowls, drinks, etc.  
Some-Mores w/food, roasting sticks, etc.  
Travel snacks & games  
Grill Out: beer, brats, beverage & tools  
Italian dinner w/ wine
- Fishing: fly tying materials, rods, reels, tippet, flies & more
- Personal Fly Fishing Trip: share your knowledge on a river
- Host a Grand Dinner in Your Home: your style w/great food
- Books: fly tying, regional fishing guide books, maps, & more
- Hotel Night Packages
- Vacation Home or Cabin

Send your completed donation form to Kay Youngblood  
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## Auction Donor Form: February 8, 2023

Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(As you would like your name presented in publicity & program)

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Item(s) donated (description for the program): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Restrictions/Expirations: \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. Retail Value: \_\_\_\_\_

*Email completed form to Kay Youngblood at [kaylynn4341@gmail.com](mailto:kaylynn4341@gmail.com)*

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### Information below for Biennial Auction Committee

CFC Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Item # \_\_\_\_\_ Date received: \_\_\_\_\_ Live/Silent/Other: Circle One



## General Club Information

**Scholarships:** Cliff Swanson has designed a flyer that was sent to university colleagues to solicit scholarship applications from qualified students. General criteria for preparing and submitting proposals can be found on the club website. The proposals will be reviewed by the club and awards announced at one of our spring meetings.

**University of Idaho AEC Fly Box Project:** Steve Bush indicated that all of the flies have been tied by the club or purchased to complete our commitment to the Fly Box Project. However, the flies still need to be installed in the boxes.

**Hats:** We have about 5 hats left at \$15 each. They are available at club meetings, but the price may increase with a new order.

**Calendars:** Calendars for 2023 from Willow Press will be available at our January meeting for \$12 each. As in previous years, calendars are entitled, "What Fly Fishing Teaches Us", and "The Art of the Fly."

**Christmas Rod winner for 2022:** Long time club member John Read, pictured at the right, won the Christmas Rod raffle at our December Meeting. Congratulations John!



## Meeting Information

**Meetings are 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month** (except June, July, and August) in the Silver room, University Inn Best Western, Moscow, ID.

**Wet Fly Hour:** 5:30 pm

**Buffet Dinner:** 6:30 pm; \$21, students \$10

**Menu for November meeting: *Taco Bar, traditional seasoned ground beef, refried beans, shredded cheddar cheese, shredded lettuce, diced tomatoes, green onions, black olives, flour & corn tortillas, house made salad, sour cream, tortilla chips, dessert, coffee/tea/soda***

*For those with dietary restrictions, meals may be ordered off the regular menu.*

**Program:** 7:30 pm

## Important Dates and Events:

**January 11, 2023:** CFC Club Meeting at University Inn Best Western, Moscow, ID. Wet Fly hour at 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:30 pm and program at 7:30 pm. Bring a friend, bring a student!

**January 31, 2023:** Executive Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm at Paradise Creek Brewery in Pullman.

**February 8, 2023:** Club Auction at University Inn Best Western, Moscow, ID. Wet Fly hour at 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:30 pm and auction starting at 7:00 pm.

**May 19, 2023:** Amber Lake Fish Out. Meet at Amber Lake parking lot or boat launch area.

**June 15-16, 2023:** North Fork Coeur d'Alene Fish Out, Meet at Devils' Elbow Campground.

**July 14-16, 2023:** St. Joe Fish Out, Meet and camp at Fly Flat Campground

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## **Conservation Committee Report:**

### **Court Recommends Halting Alaska’s Unsustainable Harvest to Protect Wild Chinook and Southern Resident Killer Whales**

**We are thrilled to share and celebrate with you the expected outcome of our court victory for the recovery of the Northwest's critically endangered Southern Resident orcas and the wild Chinook they depend on.**

In a massive international and coast-wide decision for wild Chinook and Southern Resident killer whale recovery, Seattle’s federal Court issued a landmark opinion on Tuesday that recommends terminating unsustainable commercial salmon harvest that has persisted for decades until new environmental reviews of those fisheries occur. That overfishing was found in a previous ruling to illegally harm the recovery of both endangered Southern Resident killer whales and wild Chinook salmon across the Pacific Northwest.

On Tuesday, U.S. Magistrate Judge Michelle Peterson issued a report and recommendation on Wild Fish Conservancy’s lawsuit, agreeing that halting the summer and winter seasons of the Southeast Alaska Chinook troll fishery is the most appropriate remedy. Simultaneously, the judge found the federal government’s inadequate biological opinion should be remanded back to NOAA in order for the agency to address violations of environmental law.

Scientists have identified lack of large and abundant Chinook salmon as the primary cause of the decline of the Southern Resident killer whale population.

“I want to emphasize that Alaskan fishers are not to blame for NOAA’s chronic mismanagement of this fishery, and we are sympathetic to the burden this decision may pose on Southeast Alaskan communities,” says Emma Helverson, Executive Director of Wild Fish Conservancy. “However, it’s critical to also acknowledge that for decades this fishery has harvested majority non-Alaskan Chinook at unsustainable levels with cascading and coastwide consequences for fishing communities throughout British Columbia, Oregon, and Washington. In addition to the unparalleled benefits to killer whale and Chinook recovery, the Court’s decision will restore more control to communities over the recovery of their local Chinook salmon populations, particularly tribal people, and First Nations.”

“Despite the clear evidence, for too long government agencies, certifiers, and the media have been unwilling to acknowledge and address the unsustainable salmon harvest in this fishery and others that is harming the recovery of the Southern Resident killer whales and the wild Chinook they depend on,” says Helverson. “The Court’s finding is playing an important role in bringing science and policy closer together for the benefit of wild salmon, killer whales, and coastal communities.”

In the coming months, the Magistrate Judge’s report and recommendation and any objections from the defendants will be considered by the District Judge presiding over the case for a final ruling. **Thank you to all our members, supporters, attorneys, staff, and colleagues who have helped to make this incredible decision possible.**

**For a deeper dive into this case and the implications for wild Chinook and Southern Resident killer whale recovery, be sure to read our news post, [Celebrating a Landmark Legal Victory for Southern Resident Killer Whales and Wild Chinook Recovery](#).**

**Learn More**

**We want to thank you and our entire community of members and supporters!**

**This landmark accomplishment is just one example of what your support makes possible.** We hope you'll consider making a donation today to support our continued work protecting and restoring the Northwest's ecosystems and the diverse species that depend on them.

[Donate](#)

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*A Female Southern Resident Killer Whale from L-pod leaping in Puget Sound with a Chinook salmon in her mouth, August 2016.  
Photo: Jeff Friedman*

## Fly of the Month: "Wonder Wings Made Easy" Quick'n Easy Parachute

*(Courtesy of Fly Fishers International website, November 2022 edition)*

On a quick look at a looped Wonder Wing, you might think, "There is no way that "flimsy" hackle-fiber wing will support a parachute application." Believe us, it will after you learn to use the process we'll share in this chapter.

The Quick 'n Easy is a fly design Al developed in the early 90s after first learning about Wonder Wings. The parachute addition (above) came years later. It won't take you long to see why the fly got the name it has. It is a get-it-tied and on-the-water pattern for sure!

**Note to the readers:** Many readers (including us) tend to review the pictures on how to tie a fly and given our experience level, we are able to glean the fly-tying information the author is presenting. If you do that with this pattern, you have a very **high probability of failing**. Please check the **pictures** AND the **text** carefully for each step. The fly is easy to tie but does have some steps difficult to capture in a non-motion photograph. The text is there to help explain what's happening in the photograph.



### MATERIALS

**Hook:** Size 20 to 10, TMC 100, Mustad 94840 or similar

**Thread:** Tan, 70 denier (6/0) in size

**Tail:** Waste from the wings, ginger, or color of choice

**Wings:** Large ginger feathers, looped Wonder Wings

**Body:** Tan muskrat dubbing

**Hackle:** Ginger, parachute style

**Head:** Thread

**[CLICK HERE](#) FOR THE INDIVIDUAL STEPS TO TIE THIS FLY**





Dear Bristol Bay supporters,

The end of the year has us reflecting on all the good things that have happened in Bristol Bay in 2022. Clean Water Act protections for Bristol Bay’s headwaters reinitiated. A record sockeye salmon run. Half a million public comments in support of protections for the region’s iconic fisheries. The list goes on.

**All of these things couldn’t have happened without you. Thank you.**

Here’s what we are excited for in the next year. Finalized Clean Water Act protections. Defending the 2020 permit denial. Another big salmon run. Working to advance legislative protections for Bristol Bay.

What we are also likely to face? Lawsuits brought by the State of Alaska and Pebble Limited Partnership challenging Clean Water Act protections. The Pebble Limited Partnership has already committed to fighting protections for Bristol Bay in court, and we won’t shy away from that fight. [Help us by donating to Save Bristol Bay.](#)

We look forward to carrying out our commitment to the Bristol Bay watershed. Our work won’t stop until we are certain the Pebble Limited Partnership- or another mining company- won't return in the future. **If you’ve already made a gift, thank you. [If not, we hope you’ll consider making an end of year gift to set us up for success in 2023.](#)**

**DONATE NOW**

I’m always happy to share more details about what we do with your gift for Bristol Bay, but our team couldn’t be more grateful for your generosity.

Happy New Year!

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 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.