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### MEETINGS

Second Tuesday of every month except Mar, Jul, and Aug

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6:30pm - Dinner - \$20

7:15pm - Program - free

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**CLUB PURPOSE:** Promote fly fishing, conserve regional fishing resources, encourage friendship & cooperation among all anglers.

**NEXT MEETING:** May meeting canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

## Jeff's Journal

by Jeff Drowley

As you all well know, the Governor's Stay Home Stay Healthy Proclamation (SHSHP) was extended to the end of August. Based on prognostications seen on the web, mid to late June is when things are really expected to ease. However, along with the extension came the news that effective May 5, 2020, fishing was once again going to be available in Washington on a day-fishing basis (no camping), and with limited access to restrooms while the state ramps up the ability to maintain them. Some of our members were planning on fishing separately on May 5, but I have as yet heard no results. Non-residents cannot get licenses in Washington at this point, similar to the ban on non-resident fishing in our neighboring state to the south. Idaho allows fishing, but non-residents have to sequester for 2 weeks (or if in the state less than two weeks, sequester for the entire time the non-residents are there). The extension through the end of May effectively eliminates our monthly meeting at CG Catering on May 12, and will impact the ability to hold the fly casting class. The dates for the casting class will be forthcoming when we have the ability to get groups as large as the sign-up together, which will be after SHSHP is repealed. I am encouraging members to again go fishing, keeping in mind the social distancing guidelines. Let's make sure we have stories to share when we can again hold our monthly meetings. Members are requested to consider writing articles or provide fly tying instructions for their favorite flies to be published in the newsletter. A diagram or picture of such flies would be helpful. Until next month, keep well and tight lines to you all.

### UPCOMING FISHING EVENTS

**All club sponsored activities have been canceled until further notice in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

# SARSCo-V-2 and Fly-Fishing: What Next?

by Kirk Deeter

[Editor's note: The following article is reprinted from AnglingTrade.com with kind permission from the author.]

## **As we seek an "out" from strict "stay-at-home" orders, how should anglers fish, and how should guides conduct trips?**

On Behalf of Trout Unlimited and Angling Trade Media, and in partnership with the American Fly Fishing Trade Association (AFFTA)

A month ago, I tackled the fly-fishing "elephant in the room" related to the coronavirus pandemic, namely can and should anglers be fishing now? The general conclusion was "yes," where states allow, in a hyper-local context and under a number of strict guidelines.

Now, we are starting to reach the next level, as many states are easing "stay-at-home" restrictions. Anglers are ready to fish more—and guides/outfitters/shops who have felt the financial impacts of shutdown are chomping at the bit to resume some type of operations.

So, let's tackle another elephant—what might guide trips and DIY angling practices look like in the "new normal?"

The truth is, it's going to be much harder to reach general consensus on these matters, as different areas of the country have different levels or precautions and restrictions. Nobody can give exact catch-all guidelines for fishing in all 50 states and beyond.

For a qualified perspective, I reached out to one of the most credible public health and infectious disease experts in the world—who

also happens to be a dedicated fly angler and a good friend. If anyone is legitimately positioned to see "both sides" of the "should we fish/guide, and *how* argument," it is Eric J. Esswein, MSPH, CIH, CIAQP, FAIHA, CAPT, USPHS (Ret.), CEO, Emeritus Health and Safety, LLC. In the past, Eric was instrumental in creating public health strategies to battle SARS and Ebola, and at this time he is on the front lines against Covid-19, literally trying to save the lives of many people. Still, he took time to answer some very pointed questions about DIY angling and how guiding might look in coming months, because that could save the lives of people in the fishing community.

## **Here's what he had to say about using a fly rod as a *better* than average measure for social distancing:**

*"With progressively diminished 'stay at home' 'safer at home' restrictions, all types of fishing will increase because it's our passion. Agreed, a 9-ft. rod is the "ultimate social distancing yardstick" and that analogy should be exploited, however, a rod, used in that manner is only as good as the intent and expertise of the user. So how the user actually behaves when using the rod as a physical distancing tool is critical.*

*"In a pandemic, consistent social behaviors are critical in breaking the chain of transmission and SARS CoV-2 is highly transmissible. Admonitions for behaviors and actions are textbook: maintain at least a 9' fly rod distance apart, wear some type of face covering, e.g., a neck gaiter/Buff, don't drive together, net your own fish... fish hyper-local, fish mostly with family members. Additional guidance is suggested: Screen yourself using CDC guidelines for COVID-19, seek medical care if you are symptomatic, fish alone, plan and prepare to be completely self-sufficient, have all the tippet, flotant, flies, all the nostrums you'll need for a day afield or plan to go without.*

## **About the importance of candid in-advance communication with people you intend to fish with—as friends or clients:**

*"If you plan to rendezvous with a buddy, have a forthright 'risk communication'*

discussion before your trip. Discuss if anyone is experiencing cough, shortness of breath, fever (101.4 F or above) or feverish symptoms, if any have had any high risk encounters in the past 14 days (grocery shopping, close contact with the general public for periods longer than 30 mins, while not wearing a face covering, not washing hands for 20 seconds with soap and water or using an alcohol based sanitizer after dermal contacts with commonly touched surfaces). SARS CoV-2 is age-discriminatory, folks 55 and older have a much higher risk for contracting the virus than folks 45 and younger and if you are over 65 and you contract COVID-19 the risk of death is 22 times higher than those 55 and younger. My observation is that folks on guided trips can afford to be guided and, let's face it, are often older. Guides and shop staff tend to be younger in my observations; they have lower risks for serious health effects. Folks with pre-existing heart, lung and kidney disease are at higher risk. Is fishing now really worth the risk if you are older or have existing health concerns. Can you wait?

#### **On weighing hazards v. risks:**

"Now it gets a scant technical, so please bear with me... In occupational health and safety (and what I teach my South African graduate students) we control workplace hazards by first understanding exposure risks, then using a paradigm called the "hierarchy of controls" (HOCs) to control or minimize exposure risks. The HOC is prioritized and involves first trying to eliminate the hazard, next substitution of a less hazardous substance or material, next engineering out the hazard, next, using administrative controls (policy and procedure and worker training to understand the hazard and the controls), lastly use of personal protective equipment (PPE). In a pandemic, we are faced with this: decision making in the face of uncertainty, do we really understand "hazard" and "risk" and what controls can be used to limit exposures.

"Unfortunately the public does not understand hazard vs. risk very well. A hazard is something that can harm or even

kill us, risk is the probably or likelihood we will be exposed to that hazard and an adverse outcome will occur. A large hole in a sidewalk is a serious hazard; the risk is falling in, sustaining serious injury or even death. Securing a sturdy metal plate over the hole totally eliminates the risk but not all risks can be eliminated in a pandemic. Often we begin to control risks through actions we can take personally to understand the hazard, our behaviors and the behavior of those around us. If we all do this, it's a force multiplier, hence 'stay at home.' We can decide not to do something, or at times foolishly to do something: 'Hold my beer, watch this shit...' SARS-COV-2 is a serious hazard, so we need to understand how our decisions and behaviors influence the risk we may be exposed to; this comes down to making informed choices and personal decisions about how much risk we are willing to tolerate.

"A real life fire-breathing example: on a float trip or when wading, a tangible hazard is falling from the boat and drowning, slipping and falling when wading, entrapment against a log or rock: drowning or serious injury. We control the risk by wearing a life jacket, listening to the guide, not drinking alcohol to excess, sitting down and bracing while in rapids, wading safely, wearing a wading belt, using a wading staff, not wading in swift currents or past our wading strength or skill levels.

#### **On implementing the HOC's for COVID-19 and fishing:**

**Elimination:** decide if the joy derived from fishing is worth the risk one may encounter in times of a pandemic and high COVID-19 transmissibility. We are still in the acceleration phase of this pandemic, the risks are still high. If you decide to accept the risks of being out with a guide or others, maintain physical distancing as much as possible. Perhaps that means no float trips, waiting until new cases of COVID-19 are decreasing for a 14-day period. Any guide trips should require agreed upon no touch guiding, no shared food, guides not handling clients rods, and touching clients only in an

emergency. No handshakes, use an elbow or toe tap to greet or say goodbye.

**Substitution:** we can't substitute a virus of lesser transmissibility or pathogenicity but we can substitute another experience: binge watch fly fishing shows and videos, tie flies. Read Harrop's Trout Hunter.... Some of this is a waiting game, for now.

**Engineering controls:** not a lot here that's particularly useful, hard to engineer out a virus. A vaccine would help; it's a long way off.

**Administrative controls:** Keep COVID-19 symptomatic clients out of shops and off boats as best as possible. If guides and shop staff have symptoms they should not be working. This involves developing and implementing policy and procedures (e.g., waivers we sign before a float trip that give clients caveat emptor that in a time of a pandemic there will be risks) but the shop and guide are doing everything possible to limit the risks of transmission. Using alcohol-based hand rubs, washing down frequently touched surfaces in shops and on boats, posting signage on shop doors: if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms please do not come in, phone into the shop, pay by CC, curbside pick-up of your order. No shaking hands when greeting clients, tipping can happen and should but the guide needs to wash his/her hands or use an alcohol based hand rub. No hugs after a big fish day. Clients should be asked to wear a face covering or a neck gaiter, and BTW these are on sale in our shop for 30% off for guided trips but you have to stand away from the register and other shop customers, and we are limiting customers to 3 at a time in the shop at any one time for physical distancing purposes to protect our staff and our customers. Please don't pet Otis the shop dog, he loves it, but he does not want to be a fomite (technically he can't be because fomites are inanimate objects such as doorknobs, phones and such that can hold and transmit virus). Still, don't pet him during the pandemic.

**PPE,** has a big place in a pandemic and for some of the right reasons, especially in

healthcare. For fishing and in shops, face coverings are recommended but the degree of how well neck gators and cloth face coverings really work to prevent transmission is unknown, there's no data yet. But yes, recommended.

**Regarding fishing from boats now:**

That's where a clear caveat emptor needs to be discussed with the guide and client before the trip. Is the shop insured for force majeure events, of which COVID-19 certainly falls under. Phone calls with the client before a trip to inquire: are you symptomatic, have you had any high-risk exposures, can we do a walk and wade trip instead of a float? Risk communication needs to occur with clients and shop staff. Here's what we are doing, but we can't control the risk 100%

Re: pangas and flats skiffs; one client likely poses less risks but all boats are potentially floating hot zones (e.g., cruise ships). Again, shops need to "have the discussion" and provide risk communication to clients before the trip to qualify if they are experiencing symptoms and acknowledging there will be some degree of risk, explaining that with COVID-19 infections can be asymptomatic and shop owners are doing what they can to follow CDC guidance for prevention.

The main points for control now are going to be taking whatever actions can reduce risks of transmission by following CDC guidance for small business, clear risk communication with clients, shop staff and guides and until the pandemic is better controlled acknowledgment there will be risks for exposures because some risk can be controlled to some degree but not entirely. Clearly stating what measures are being taken on the part of the shop and guide and asking clients for mutual actions for behavior and actions on their part will be required.

So please, take all that in and consider it carefully.

Here are my personal takeaways and how I'm going to apply it to my fishing, going forward.

Número uno, *all* anglers should strictly abide by the local regulations imposed by their states, counties and local communities, foremost. When somebody goes rogue, breaks the rules and gets somebody sick, that could have ramifications for all of us. I think DIY angling and hyper-local fishing will be the main focus for the next several months. Smart guides and shops will adjust business models to tap into this as an opportunity, perhaps becoming more “coach” than the guide who ties on your flies and nets your fish.

I think most trout trips can and should be walk-wade, and social distancing by at least the length of a fly rod is easily understood, even “catchy.” Meet people at the fishing spot; don’t drive together. Where PPE and know which way the wind blows.

I feel really bad for guides who have no option but to guide from a boat. But I think you need to watch the science. Different states already have different precautions, which I understand and respect. New Zealand is now operating with 1-meter distancing guidance, which is much more do-able in the boat context, it seems, than 6-feet. Either way, I’m not having any non-household people in my boat until 6-foot distancing guidance is clearly lifted.

Communication, verbal screening, and candor are all critical things. Liability may be a legitimate concern.

The highest risk group for COVID-19 is 55 and older, which happens to reflect many anglers, and the vast majority of guide clients.

To date I have been nothing but impressed by the vast amounts of poise and character displayed by the angling community as a whole, and guides and outfitters in particular. We will continue doing our thing to offer discussions, updates, and information as we all work through this. Take care.

## Home made Quick Release

by Ted Poston

At my first (and presently only) fishing trip of the season, **Ken Gano** and I traveled to Lake Lenice in March. We met a couple of gentlemen from the Yakima Fly Club and one of them gave me a home-made tool for de-hooking fish that allowed you to not handle the fish. He said that one of the guides in the Christmas Islands had used one like this and he copied the design and had handed out over 50 of them to encourage fishers to avoid handling fish. This model measures 9-1/2 inches long and is constructed with what looks to be 2 mm rigid stainless steel wire and two wine bottle corks. The corks here were from two buck chuck, but feel free to travel to Walla Walla where you can easily spend \$60.00 per cork at some of the upper echelon wineries. You drill a hole in both corks and run the wire through them to form a floating handle. Make a loop on the handle end to secure the stoppers and at the other end you form a 3/4 inch tear drop loop with about a 1 mm gap.



To unhook the fish, simply run the loop down the leader to the fly (hopefully lodged somewhere in a fish’s mouth) and give it a

twist. The fishing was not good at Lenice and I only got one fish to the boat, but it flopped off before I could try this out. As usual, Ken caught more fish than I. I regret not getting the Yakima fisher's name, but I appreciate his generosity and efforts to promote responsible fly fishing.

You can find all kinds of dehookers online ranging from 4 to 20 dollars, but they **do not** require wine. Cheers and let's hit the water.

## Shipman's Buzzer

by Jeff Drowley



### Material:

Rib: Fine Pearl Lurex  
Body Orange Antron  
Hook Sizes 12-18  
Thorax Orange Antron  
Thread Orange, 8/0 or 6/0  
Breathers White Antron

### Tying Instructions:

Tie thread on at eye and run along shank to barb and back to eye.

Tie in a length of white Antron so it overlaps the eye and the hook by approximately the hook gap.

Take the thread down to the bend with close turns over the antron, pulling it tight.

Tie in 2 inches of pearl lurex at the bend to serve as the rib later.

Dub orange Antron on tying thread and wind along hook toward the eye, stopping just shy of the forward tuft of white Antron.

Take pearl lurex and wind forward in evenly spaced wraps to the front end of the dubbing.

Secure lurex and remove excess.

Add more orange dubbing to the tying thread and wind back along body about 1/5 shank length to serve as thorax.

Tie off and Whip finish.

Trim breathers at either end as necessary, and roughen up the body with velcro.

Larger sizes are for stillwater. Size 18 and smaller may be used in creek slides and pools as well. Can substitute black or olive dubbing for the orange dubbing, and match thread to dubbing. Fly is designed to imitate a hatching midge and sit in the surface film.

## May 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

by Denny Kreid

The April 28, 2020 CBFC Board meeting was held at 7PM as a Skype multiparty connection per an agenda provided via email by President Drowley.

Board members connected to the call included Jeff Drowley, Mike Wade, Sheldon Coleman, Rich Holten, Jim Loomis, Wanda Shearer, Bill Frier, and Denny Kreid.

*Conflict of Interest* - President Jeff Drowley asked if there were any concerns on the part of the Board with regard to conflict of

interest. With no issues raised, the meeting proceeded per the agenda provided.

*Secretary's Report* - Secretary Denny Kreid asked if there were any new comments on the March 24, 2020 Board Meeting minutes. President Drowley noted that the March 24 report incorrectly stated that the April Board meeting would be on April 27, which was subsequently corrected with President Drowley's meeting notice. With this correction, the March 24, 2020 minutes were approved by the Board.

*Treasurer's Report* – A copy of the April CBFC Treasurer's Report (through April 28) prepared by Treasurer Sheldon Coleman was provided to the Board by President Drowley by email with the April 2020 Board Meeting notice. President Drowley requested comments on the Treasurer's Report. Following discussion, the April 2020 Treasurer's Report was accepted by the Board.

*Membership Report* – Vice President for Membership Rich Holten provided an update on members that are paid up for 2020, currently at 79 including 4 new members.

*Programs Report* – Vice President for Programs, Craig Anderson was unable to attend the meeting, but via email had provided an update the status of the upcoming CBFC programs, as follows;

- May 12, 2020 – Gary Lewis, Umpqua river guide, writer and TV host, *Canceled. Will reschedule when possible.*
- June 9, 2020 - Steve Worley, owner of the Worley Bugger Fly Shop on Christmas Island - *Tentative*
- September 8, 2020 – CBFC member reports on summer 2020 fishing outings - *Tentative*
- October 13, 2020 – Henry Hughes, Deputy Editor of the Fly Fishing and Tying Journal. - *Tentative*

VP for Programs Craig Anderson will attempt to reschedule the speakers that have to be cancelled for future programs.

*Newsletter Editor's Report* – Newsletter Editor Mike Wade indicated that final Newsletter input is needed by the morning of May 6, 2020. As always, inputs from the membership are solicited.

### *Old Business*

*Potential CBFC Charter Amendment* - President Drowley in his email announcing the Board meeting had attached a draft copy of a proposed amendment to the CBFC Charter that was provided by Sheldon Colman. After brief discussion it was agreed to table this discussion with the intent to convene a group of Board members to come up with an appropriate approach to address this subject.

*Status of CG Public House Contracts* - President Drowley briefly discussed the contracts with CGPH covering the remainder of the year. Due to the COVID-19 problem, the timing and ultimate contractual details for future meetings are to be determined.

*Rod Building class* – The rod building class was initially planned to follow the fly tying class starting March 18, 2020 and running for five weeks tentatively at the Sportsman's Warehouse location. Wanda Shearer and Mac Ryan are leading the class. The students ordered and have received their materials. However, the rod building class is indefinitely delayed pending resolution of the COVID 19 virus outbreak. Wanda will be following up with the club, Sportsman's Warehouse, and the students when the COVID-19 issues ramp down sufficiently to plan ahead.

*Fly Casting Class* – The status of the planned CBFC fly casting class is still TBD pending the COVID crisis outcome.

## Future Outings and events

- March – Rocky Ford Outing - canceled
- April/May – Sun Lakes outing – canceled
- August – Anthony Lakes outing - tentative
- September - Lochsa River - tentative
- September – Pot Holes State Park – tentative

The dates and details of planned rescheduling of the above outings will be announced when conditions allow. Jim Loomis took an action to plan an outing to Leech Lake in June if the Covid issue settles down sufficiently.

The status of the annual Art in the Park event, and thereby the CBFC Salmon Bake, currently scheduled for late July is tentative. President Drowley will follow up with Dale Schielke to keep up on the likely fate of this event.

## New Business

*Future Meetings* – The May CBFC monthly meeting scheduled for May 11 is canceled. The May CBFC Board meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on May 26, 2020, tentatively on Skype. The CBFC dinner meeting currently scheduled for June 8 is tentative pending ongoing developments in the Covid Pandemic.



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