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MEETINGS

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

6:00pm - Wet Fly - no host
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: January 12, 2021, virtual meeting using Zoom. Presentation starts at 7:00 PM, login starting at 6:55 PM by clicking [here](#).

PROGRAM: Our January Zoom meeting speaker is Chad Chorney from Picabo, Idaho. He will be speaking about fishing on Silver Creek. For those of us that have tried fishing that spring creek, you know that it is a challenge both in terms of knowing the regulations in place for various segments of the stream, and the extreme technicality of fishing there.

Originally from upstate NY, Chad has lived in Idaho since 2004. He particularly enjoys the teaching aspect of guiding, and is equally proficient with beginning and experienced anglers. Chad is patient, enthusiastic, and good natured. Chad is a professional photographer and freelance author, and his photos and articles have appeared in such publications as Anglers Journal, Gray's Sporting Journal, Fly Fisherman, Fly Fishing and Tying Journal, American Angler, Eastern Fly Fishing, Northwest Fly Fishing, TROUT Magazine, and Catch Magazine. A sampling of his work can be found at <https://www.instagram.com/rchadchorneyphotography/>. Each winter, Chad brings anglers to Chilean Patagonia, and has fished in Alaska, British Columbia, Ontario, Belize, Mexico, Argentina, Chile, and throughout the US. Chad is an accomplished upland and waterfowl hunter and guide, and lives in Picabo with his Springer Spaniel, "Trico."



UPCOMING FISHING EVENTS

Jan 21 Advanced Fly Tying Class

Feb 26-28 Tri City Sportsman Show (tentative)

Apr 28 – May 2 Sun Lakes Outing

Jeff's Journal

by Jeff Drowley

Happy New Year fellow Columbia Basin Fly Casters. Here's wishing you great fishing adventures in the coming year! We finally have a COVID-19 vaccine on the horizon, which will enable those vaccinated to attend face to face meetings later in the year. Current priority is still health care workers, elderly in assisted living/nursing homes, emergency workers (Fire, Police). Sometime thereafter, the shots should be available to older non-assisted living, non-nursing home people, but that direction and timing are currently unknown. DOH.WA.Gov expects to know more in the following week (January 4-8) and will make that information available on their website. Our local infection rate has been dropping in the past 2 weeks, but is way above the guidance to get to phase 2. As of December 24, (last official count), there were 1442 new cases in the past 2 weeks, some 19.5 times the state published guidance to get to phase 2. The total Benton-Franklin case count is 20,067, or ~6.8% of the local population, nowhere near herd immunity.

Upcoming events include the January 12 club meeting and the February 9 club meeting, both using Zoom. We have some great speakers lined up for our virtual club meetings and I strongly encourage you to join in. The club will also participate in the annual Tri Cities Sportsmen Show, tentatively scheduled for February 26-28.

Fishing outings are tentative, pending pandemic relief, but we have the Dry Falls State Park planned for April 28 - May 2, 2021. Other locations being considered are Rocky Ford, Leech Lake, and Lenice or Nunnally Lakes.

As you will have noted from the December newsletter, we are planning on donating

locally tied flies to the Tie-a-Thon. The styles and sizes were denoted in the December newsletter, and I would encourage club members to tie some to get ready for the season as a minimum.

Jeff

Advanced Fly Tying

by Craig Anderson

It is that time of year when we usually hold fly tying classes, but because of COVID-19 restrictions, the club is going to try something a little different this year. Rather than in-person beginner lessons, we will hold advanced classes on-line using Zoom. If you know basic fly tying techniques or have finished the beginner's class previously, you may want to join us in this experiment and tie with us. We will be concentrating on more advanced techniques and tying flies that use these techniques. You can tie along or just watch, your choice. The course will run for four weeks, tying two flies per session. The first session will occur at 7:00 PM on January 21st. There is no need to sign up in advance. You can join the class by clicking [here](#). In addition, we will send out a Zoom invitation a few days before each session, and if you need help in learning how to use Zoom, call or text Mike Wade at (509) 713-0859.

The first night we will be tying a Copper John and a Parachute Adams, and in future Zoom invitations we will list flies and materials for each fly to be tied in the subsequent sessions. Below are listed the recommended materials for each of these patterns, but feel free to substitute. For example, if you don't have a copper bead of the correct size, find another color of the correct size.

Copper John



- Thread - Both black 6/0 and 8/0 thread
- Hook - Size 12 or 14, or for a bit easier tying, a 2XL hook can be used
- Bead - Copper bead of the correct size for the hook (e.g., 1/8" for 12 hook, 3/32" for 14 hook)
- Wire - Copper wire, UTC BR or MED or equivalent
- Tail - Dark goose or turkey biots
- Wing Case - Dark scud back (or strip of black garbage bag), and purple or other color Flashabou
- Thorax - Peacock herl
- Legs - Dark hackle fibers or pheasant tail fibers
- Wing Case Seal - Thick head cement or clear nail polish, such as Sally Hansens clear finish.

Copper Johns can be tied in any number of color schemes, e.g., green, yellow, gold, etc. Just match up the bead and wire to the color you want. In addition to tying a rather complicated fly, the techniques you will learn are wrapping wire without gaps, tying biots as tails, and adding wings to small flies.

Parachute Adams



Thread - Black 6/0 or 8/0

Hook - Size 12 or 14 dry fly hook, again a 2XL dry fly hook may be more comfortable

Tail - Grizzly hackle fibers or moose body hair

Abdomen and thorax - Grey dubbing, rabbit, fine or Z-lon dubbing, for examples

Parachute Post - White or light colored

Antron or Z-lon (or Polar Bear) or calf hair for a real test

Hackle - Grizzly or brown or both, sized for hook size

Using a mechanical whip finisher is highly recommended, but if you are *really* good at hand whip finishing, that will be ok. The techniques you will learn are alternative post tying, various dubbing methods, and finishing a parachute fly on a post. So join us for fun on the 21st, and if you have questions, call or text Craig Anderson at (509) 378-7849.

New Tool

by Dave Myers

Many of you may be visually handicapped, just like me. Or, you may have small tremors in your hands, just like me. Those challenges can make tying a new fly on that 7X tippet a long and frustrating process. There is good news! The Knot Kneeder is a major breakthrough. This simple tool can be a big help. I saw it advertised on YouTube, checked it out, and then purchased a few; they came after Christmas and I have had an opportunity to try one out. It is as good as advertised and maybe better.



I still have to get the tippet through the hook eye, but from then on the knots are significantly faster to tie. I had my wife try it out, and there went my spare. There is one minor drawback, and that is it takes a few inches more of leader material. Check it out at knotneedle.com

Thanks, Santa

One thing all fly fishers seem to have in common is a need (ok, desire) to try out new stuff. While this sometimes creates storage problems (ok, hoarding behavior), at least our friends and relatives never have to worry about running out of gift ideas for us. Whether it is something to place under the Christmas tree or stuff in a stocking, there are always new things to fill the bill. Here are a few items received by various club members this year:

Dennis Dauble reports receiving "Yet another fish-inspired mask for Christmas and a Scandinavian product called "Fish Soap" that is not soap, rather baked plastic but purported to remove fish (and onion) odor from your hands. Not that any self-respecting fly caster would ever touch a fish."

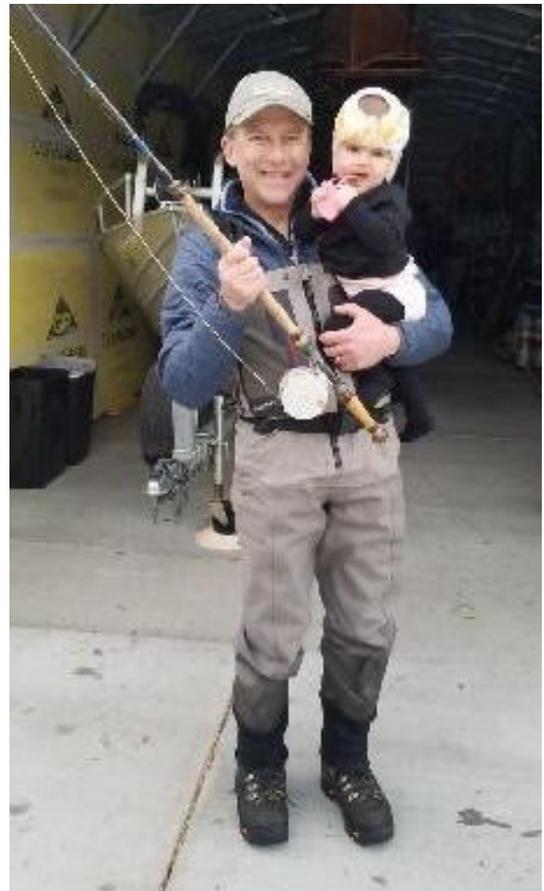


Craig Anderson shares that "Although I received several fly fishing gifts, my brother got me two books. Both were new to me and

quite welcome, but by far the best was [The Feather Bender's Flytying Techniques](#) by Barry Ore Clarke, a Norwegian. I have many books on tying, but this one has more than several techniques new to me, including tying a Goddard Caddis without packing the hair and a gill abdomen nymph tied by wedging peacock herl between wraps of larva lace. Thanks, bro!!"

Jeff Drowley also admits to having fat fingers and received a Knot Kneeder. He says the website has demonstrations of 20 knots that can be very quickly tied with the tool. He does warn that the tool is small "and can be easily lost while on the water."

Mark Feshley says "Well, not exactly Christmas, but my granddaughter Reagan greeted me when I returned from a day of fishing over Thanksgiving. No fish, but her



greeting was worth more than anything! Of course that is a pink fish she is holding. I look forward to exploring rivers with her looking for pretty rocks. Someday we will tie flies and fish as well.

Worden Fishing Memories

by Mark Worden

I am thankful my Dad, Larry Worden, taught me to fish. While in grade school, he started me out with a spinning rod to hook me on fishing. It worked!

My April 24th birthday happens to be near the opening weekend of fishing season in Oregon. Naturally, I always got fishing gear on my birthday, to my heart's delight, and often a fishing trip to Howard Prairie on opening day. It seemed to always be cold and snowing, but out in the boat bundled up we would go. Dad had a little gas heater lit to keep me warm; yes, I am still thankful for that care. He always brought Velveeta cheese for bait; but somehow it always disappeared as a snack before lunch. We usually fished with eggs, anyway, so I could catch lots of fish.

As I grew into Junior High, we switched to my Dad's passion of fly fishing. Dad loved hunting big fish at Hosmer Lake, and when it was snowed-in, Davis Lake. On our first trip to Davis, while trying to learn a new lake, he was quite frustrated because we had caught no fish. If you knew my dad, that was unacceptable. We had gone to shore for lunch and a nice man and his son rowed ashore next to us. Dad said, "How are you guys doing?" The man and his son, with big happy grins, lifted a sack full of big Rainbows. Dad jumped to his feet with a shocked look on his brow and said, "How'd you get-em, what did you use?" The man slowly looked at me and then at my Dad and smiled. He reached for his rod and said, "My son and I have our limits!" He then cut the fly off his line and held it out to my Dad saying, "Leaches always work in Davis Lake." Dad grabbed the fly and exclaimed in

a voice of surprise, "You caught-em on a bloody leach?" They gave us two flies and instructions on how to fish them. We said, "Thank you so much!" Lunch was over. The boat was launched. We soon said, "Fish on!" and had a swell father and son time hooking and landing fish. We released our fish unharmed as Dad was over his meat hog days (his words).

I could probably write a book on the lakes, rivers, and streams that I fished with my Dad. But one of the most memorable trips was when we took Grandma Worden fishing on a small stream in eastern Washington, after I graduated from college. She was in her 80s. I packed her, when necessary, piggy-back from hole to hole and put her in just the right position for a short cast. They were small and hungry fish and we had just the right fly. She caught fish after fish, laughing and cackling in joyous fun. Dad fussed over her with care to make sure she had a safe and fun time. I think it was on the way home that she told a story about a favorite family phrase that has been passed down from generation to generation – ONE MORE CAST! - How often I had heard that phrase while being raised by a fish-crazed man. She said, "Larry, your dad always said, 'One more cast,' forever, when I was ready to go home. It made me so mad! But one time, I was catching fish like crazy and he was lying in the bottom of the boat, green behind the gills. For an hour I kept telling him, 'One more cast, Ray, One more cast!'" Grandma then cackled like only she could do as she remembered that time; she evened the score and taught Grampa Worden a lesson. It must be in the blood: a family trait to neglect your kin in the pursuit of a rising trout to a fly. For my Dad no doubt remembered the time at Hosmer Lake, when I lay in the bottom of the boat moaning with a belly ache. He kept landing Landlocked Atlantics and shouting "One more cast!" When we finally got to the bank, I

tossed my “cookies” behind a tree. He said, “Man, you really were sick!” I looked at him in utter disbelief. He must have been in his own world to think that I would not have been casting and hauling in fish right beside him if I had not been sick. Sometimes we men can be so focused that we sadly don't perceive the obvious. I am strangely just like my Dad.

“One more cast!” “One more cast!” God, please help us to enjoy our passions but not to the hurt or neglect of others. Help us to be mindful of what time it is. Help us to discern when to stop and when to go, when to say no to our passions we love for the love of others.

If you were to visit my Dad's grave in Kennewick, Washington after reading this story, you still might be surprised to find inscribed on his gravestone: “One More Cast”. I was. It is quite fitting!

May 2021 bring many fishing adventures and blessings to you and your family.

If anyone in the Club would like to connect with me for a fishing outing in Southwestern Montana please give me a call at 406-683-2721. I would especially like to connect with those who fished with my late Father, Larry Worden. I promise you I won't dump you overboard if you get in my Ro Tailwater Skiff with me. Dad was legendary for dumping people in the lake out of his small boats.

Midges for Winter Trout

Fly fishing for trout in the winter can be challenging. Cold weather reduces trout metabolism, suppressing feeding and willingness to move for food. Hatches are few and far between. One insect that frequently ignores the cold weather is the

midge and it can be found on nearly any lake or stream. Here are a couple of new midge patterns you might want to add to your box.

Double Down CDC Pheasant Tail Nymph

This fly is a cross between Randall Kauffman's CDC Pheasant Tail and Charlie Craven's Two-Bit Hooker. Tied in size 18, it should work great on our local waters.



90 Percenter Midge Emerger

For those winter midge hatches you might want to try an emerger. Here is a [link](#) to tying this fairly simple but effective fly.



December 2020 Board

Meeting Minutes

by Denny Kreid

The December 15, 2020 CBFC Board meeting was held at 7PM as a Zoom multiparty connection per an agenda provided via email by President Drowley.

Board members connected to the call included Jeff Drowley, Mike Wade, Sheldon Coleman, Craig Anderson, Jim Loomis, Reed Kaldor, Dave Meyers, Bill Frier, Wanda shearer, and Denny Kreid.

Conflict of Interest - President 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 November 17, 2020 Board meeting minutes as presented in the Newsletter. With no correction identified, the November 17, 2020 Board meeting minutes were approved by the Board.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Sheldon Coleman submitted the December Treasurer's report to the Board by email prior to the meeting. After it was noted that the November speaker has not yet received a speaker's fee, Sheldon committed to send the fee to the speaker. After additional discussion, the December 2020 Treasurer's Report was accepted by the Board.

Membership Report – Vice President for Membership Rich Holten was unable to attend. After discussion it was concluded that the current paid up CBFC membership remains at 86.

Programs Report – Vice President for Programs, Craig Anderson provided an update on recent and planning for upcoming programs

- The December 8, 2020 CBFC program was presented on Zoom by Gary Lewis out of Bend Oregon. The program featured the Utah Cutthroat Trout Grand Slam.
- The January 11, 2021 CBFC program will be presented on Zoom by Chad Chorney on Fly Fishing Silver Creek. Mike Wade will coordinate with Chad on the Zoom system.

Conservation Report – Conservation activities chair Dennis Dauble was unable to attend so no conservation report was available.

Newsletter editor's Report – Editor Mike Wade noted that input for the January newsletter is needed by January 6, 2021.

Old Business

- CG Contracts are still tentative.
- Sportsmen Show is still tentatively planned for Feb 26-28, 2021 at the HAPO Center.
- Craig volunteered to coordinate the 2021 CBFC Sportsmen Show booth if it happens.
- Annual Banquet - Craig has tentative reservations at the Country Club in March and discussions continue. It appears that the Country Club may need to go to 6 persons to a table. Craig is not actively pursuing the banquet issue at this time

Outings and events

- Rich Holten is coordinating a Sun Lakes outing planned for April 28 – May 2, 2021

New Business

- It was agreed that Board and Club monthly meetings will continue on Zoom for the foreseeable future.

- Jeff's discussions with CG management indicated they may need to use 6 to a table arrangement when they can move forward. The dinner the cost at CG would be a little higher than recently charged but manageable
- It was suggested and agreed that Board should poll the CBFC members if they would agree to the 6 per table arrangement at the banquet and/or monthly meetings if that is what is offered.
- Proposed Advanced Fly Tying zoom class - Craig and Mike presented a draft plan for this activity. It was agreed by the Board that we should continue to develop a plan for this project. Craig and Mike are leading the charge and will make more info available to the Board before the next meeting

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Future Club Meetings

- The next Club meeting is tentatively scheduled for Jan 12, 2021
- Newsletter input is needed by noon Jan 6, 2021
- The next Board meeting will be on a Zoom connection on January 25, 2021



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