



October 2014 Newsletter

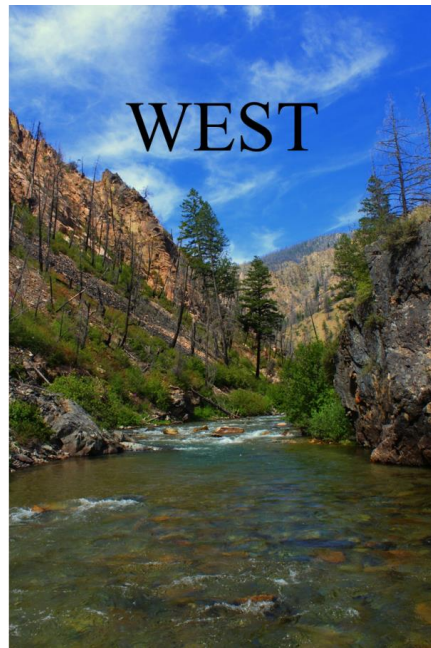
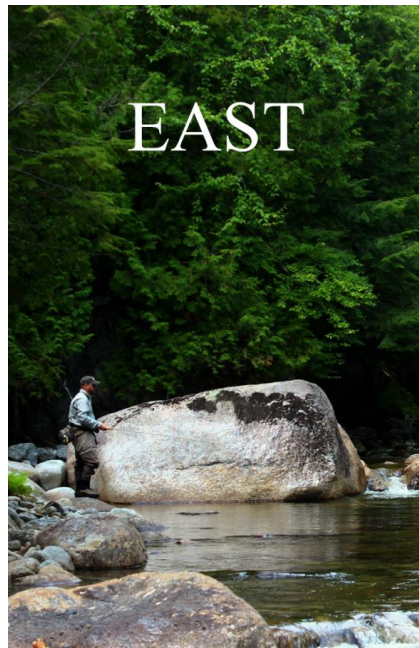
October Meeting, 6pm, Tuesday October 7, 2014
BJ's Restaurant, Hamilton

*"If you wish to be happy for an hour, get intoxicated.
If you wish to be happy for three days, get married.
If you wish to be happy for eight days, kill your pig and
eat it.
If you wish to be happy forever, learn to fish"*

Chinese proverb

THE MONTH OF OCTOBER - Brings the best dry fly and streamer fishing of the year. Low water, turning leaves and blue wing olives. Hungry fish bulking up for winter and the tourists and occasional fishermen are gone. It's my favorite time of the year – and it should be yours too. GET OUT ON THE WATER AND ENJOY OUR RELIABLY BEAUTIFUL FALL WEATHER!!

The Program



Program Description: This presentation brings information on two exciting fly fishing destinations set in some of the most beautiful regions to fish in the United States, the Adirondack Mountains of northern New York and the Upper Salmon River Basin of Idaho. Speaker Alec Underwood will provide in depth information on the top trout streams, flies, and hatches, as well as the reasons why both destinations should be added to your fly fishing bucket list.

Bio: Alec Underwood was born in the heart of the Adirondack Mountains of upstate New York. Ever since being handed a fly rod at the age of seven, he was addicted to the sport of fly fishing. Alec learned to fish on the small mountain streams of the Adirondacks and later made the decision to move west to fish some of the greatest trout streams in the world. Now at the University of Montana, Alec studies Fisheries Biology while living the dream of fishing and hunting in the last best place. He spends most of his time on the water and enjoys capturing the sport he loves through a camera lens.



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Autumn is upon us, the river cooling down and fishing is getting better every day. Sure hope you have some good days on the river during this season catching fish while enjoying the fall colors.

We all owe Rich Morrissey and his crew great big thanks for another great Annual summer picnic. The rib eye steaks were great and the beer followed suit. Thanks go also to those who provided those tasty side dishes. Thanks also to Steve Lilburn for hosting us for the second year. What a great place for such an event. I look forward to next year's picnic.

Throughout the years the Club has had excellent events thanks to those individuals who have served on the FFB Broad, many for as long as the Club has been in existence. Several of the current Board members would like to have some time off to catch their breath. I am asking for new Board members to step up and help keep the Club viable.

Remember it's your club and there is lots of talent in the membership, so step up, you will find it more fun than you might think. If interested let me (Doug, 961-5455) or Rich (381-5611) know.

Chris Anderson will be the head sled during our next meeting as your tired old president is getting a pacemaker installed to increase his idling speed.

See you soon

Doug

"No living thing is more particular about his table manners than a trout...."

Roland Pertwee - FISH ARE SUCH LIARS

Our own Peg Miskin, who is National Program Director of Casting for Recovery sent along two great photos of recent participants in their recent retreat.

The Club again sponsored two women from Ravalli County to attend the Casting for Recovery Glacier retreat in September. Pictured on fishing day are the 14 women participants, CFR volunteer staff and river helpers. Also a photo of the five women from Ravalli County who attended. Big thanks to the FFB and supporting members who gave these breast cancer survivors this wonderful and rewarding weekend!

Peg

Casting for Recovery's program combines counseling, medical information, and the therapeutic sport of fly-fishing. Our two-and-a-half day retreats are offered at *no cost* to women at any age and any stage of breast cancer treatment and recovery.

Casting for Recovery is a 501(c)(3) non-profit.





The Editors Corner – Things I’ve learned and ideas I’ve stolen from my fishing partners.

Happily, I can report that I was too busy fishing during the month of September to prepare an Editors Corner column – next month for sure!!

Fly of the Month



One of our most successful Club outings the past few years has been to Georgetown Lake to fish, among other things, the damsel hatch. Damsel adults are the delicate insects with slender bright blue or tan abdomens that can be seen in great abundance around the shoreline. In a few lakes like Georgetown, trout will take drowned adults from the surface or even jump after hovering adults. However in many lakes this does not occur with regularity and the fish prefer the nymphs. There are many damsel nymph patterns but this one works for me. Leon Powell provided a drowned damsel adult pattern for the July 2012 Fly of the Month. With the nymph pattern presented here, all-important life cycle phases (from a trout's perspective) are covered.

Damsel nymphs have very prominent eyes. I prefer monofilament or molded plastic barbell eyes. You can make mono eyes by melting the ends of a short piece of heavy monofilament but it is much easier to buy them premade. The marabou tail should be about as long as the hook

shank. The abdomen is constructed by tying in a few marabou barbs, twisting them to form a rope and then wrapping the rope forward. For the thorax, tie in a few barbs and wind them without twisting so that the barbules stick out and simulate the legs. Damsel nymphs vary in color from dark olive to brown to light olive depending in part on the color of the vegetation they inhabit. I tie it with light or dark olive marabou. Fish it with a floating line and a 9 foot leader tapered to 3X. Big fish may run into the weeds and a heavy leader is needed to pull them out. When damsel nymphs prepare to hatch they swim or crawl towards shore or towards weed beds with emergent shoots and crawl out on the vegetation. Many swim just below the surface. They swim slowly with a snake-like undulating motion for 6 to 12 inches and then pause for 5 or 10 seconds. Of course this complex swimming motion can only be roughly suggested. Since they are swimming towards a place where they can crawl out of the water it is important that casts be made away from and not towards shore or emergent weeds. A wrong-way nymph will be viewed with suspicion.

Recipe

Hook: TMC 2312, size 14
Thread: UNI thread, 8/0 Olive Dun
Eyes: Mono dumbbell eyes
Tail: Light olive marabou
Abdomen: Light olive marabou
Thorax: Light olive marabou
Rib: Perl Crystal Flash
Wing case: Plastic bag strip

“The charm of fishing is that it is the pursuit of what is elusive but attainable, a perpetual series of occasions for hope”

JOHN BUCHAN
SCOTTISH PUBLISHER AND POLITICIAN