



NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER, 2013

THE MEETING

After trying elsewhere, the Board decided to recommence our monthly meetings at BJ's. At least we can hear each other. So, we meet Tuesday, September 2 at 7:00 pm at BJ's in Hamilton with a program. Most come around 6:00 pm to hear all the places they should have been fishing and didn't. I don't know if your front lawn is concrete or rocks and pink flamingoes. Mine is grass and I probably should have just hayed it instead of trying for a uniform cut. Seems like I needed to cut every third day or face the dreaded clumps. The worst part was the inability to get away to our favorite river. I high centered the raft five times the last time out. Bummed of a summer. Hope yours was better.

THE SPEAKER

I believe our speaker this meeting is our own Bob Prince. School is about to begin and he is a captive market. At press, he was doing work plans for class and his subject for the meeting will be a mystery.

THOSE WHO SPAKE

Actually, we **all** got to speak at our last gathering. We estimate some 75 of us turned out under the yellow jacket skies of Steve Lilburn's wonderful riverside home. Steaks were burned. Black pots were filled with mouth watering viands. The keg held out under fierce assault. There were many smiles around so we'll have to cancel the reservation for next year at Taco Bell and do it at

Steve's again. The Club greatly appreciates all those who brought supplementary dishes, particularly some spectacular salads. And sweaty hats off to the Black Pots who worked long over hot coals to bring us so many great dishes.

We count the Karstetter Classic bamboo rods gathering as a great success. (Would we say otherwise?) It was well attended and there were many, many classic cane rods cast. I suspect we'll do it again.

Finally, but far from least, let us all thank Steve Lilburn for hosting our get together. He worked long hours getting his place sprayed for mosquitoes (sadly, not yellow jackets), mowed, games set, casting pond built and furniture arranged. Without Steve and his place on the Bitterroot, this would not have been as much fun. The whole Club thanks Steve.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our esteemed President, Jim Cline, was fishing at press time. He was up on the North Fork of the Blackfoot and can tell you all about it at the meeting. This is the single acceptable excuse for missing the deadline.

PASSING

It is our sad lot to tell you of the passing of Frank Murabito in early August. Frank loved our Club and gave us flies for the raffle each month without fail. He will be missed. Our Club sent his widow, Irene, a large bouquet. The service will be next month and only for family and a few close friends.

The Ride. The Fall.

Little Bobbie Fickett,
a riding he did go
Into the mountains, high and low.
For fun he'd picked it.
But his horse balked at a grade
And Bobbie had to kick it
To move the boy he stuck it
"Down the hill!" He bade.
But his horse was wicked
And Bobbie's words he was not buying
Instead she sent Bobbie a flying
And Bobbie was in a sticky wicket.

That old paint fell on poor Bobbie
Just as if he had sicced it
And Bobbie, he was licked it
And is now looking for a new hobby.

The Club hopes Bob Fickett recovers completely and soon from his horse accident. And it should be a lesson to us all to hold the rod and spare the reins.

FLY OF THE MONTH

E/C Caddis

by Bob Percy

Recipe

Hook: Tiemco TMC 100, size 16

Thread: Uni 8/0, tan or black

Shuck: Ginger Zelon or Antron

Abdomen: Hare's ear dubbing

Thorax: Olive dubbing

Wing: Deer body hair

Hackle: Grizzly



The E/C Caddis was developed by Ralph Cutter who has spent many hours in trout streams with scuba gear to get a trout's eye view of what floating insects and artificial flies look like. One result is the E/C Caddis which presents a more realistic silhouette than other caddis patterns such as the Elk Hair Caddis. E/C stands for emerger/cripple, the two forms most readily available to a trout. Once emerged, adults fly almost immediately. The Zelon "tail" imitates the trailing shuck. The parachute hackle as compared to the more traditional hackling allows the fly to sit in the film. Apply floatant to the wing, hackle and thorax but not the abdomen or shuck. Usually it is fished dead drift but I have also had success when the fly swings at the end of the drift or by twitching it to simulate a struggling bug.

The shuck should be about the length of the hook gap. Dub a tapered abdomen followed by the thorax for 3/4 of the hook shank. Tie in the hackle followed by the wing. The deer hair should extend back at an angle over the abdomen with the butts extending over the eye. Finish dubbing the thorax. You can then gently pull up the tips and the butts of the wing hair and wrap a couple

of turns of the hackle around the base of the wing and then tie it off and trim the butts. Lastly, a dab of cement will hold the fly together.

RIVER CLEANUP

Years ago, some of our Club's founders, in particular, Phil and Dorreen Romans, started an annual cleanup of the Bitterroot River. This is now an annual event, currently being organized by the Bitterroot Water Forum. Our Club remains a sponsor.

The River Cleanup will be held this year on Saturday, September 14. There will be the very fun BBQ, with prizes, at Angler's Roost following your dredging up old car parts and beer cans from our Bitterroot. This year, with the low water, walking part of it rather than rafting, may be the ticket. The Water Forum will post more info as the date gets closer.

POOP RESURFACES AT LAGOON

or

POOP LAGOON RESURFACES!

I have it on fair authority that the work to make Poop Lagoon safer with a dedicated raft and boat bypass will commence the second week of September. This is great! That Corvallis irrigation dam has caused many hurtful accidents and considerable rower stress. The full title of the project is Corvallis Canal Diversion Navigational Improvements Project. (Does that sound like a government title ?)

The work with which our Club (and others) can help is the grouting on Wednesday, September 18 and the cleanup on Thursday, September 19. Mark your calendars, bring your boots and gloves and help make the Bitterroot a safer river to float. Our Club's point man is Mike Taylor. He will speak to you at the meeting on September 2. But if you have to miss that meeting, call Mike at 961-2448. Please help.

FOR FUN

Why Some Men Have Dogs And Not Wives:

1. The later you are, the more excited your dogs are to see you.
2. Dogs don't notice if you call them by another dog's name.
3. Dogs like it if you leave a lot of things on the floor.
4. A dog's parents never visit.
5. Dogs agree that you have to raise your voice to get your point across.

6. You never have to wait for a dog; they're ready to go 24 hours a day.
 7. Dogs find you amusing when you're drunk.
 8. Dogs like to go hunting and fishing.
 9. A dog will not wake you up at night to ask, "If I died, would you get another dog?"
 10. If a dog has babies, you can put an ad in the paper and give them away.
 11. A dog will let you put a studded collar on it without calling you a pervert.
 12. If a dog smells another dog on you, they don't get mad. They just think it's interesting.
 13. Dogs like to ride in the back of a pickup truck.
- And last, but not least:
14. If a dog leaves, it won't take half of your stuff.
- To test this theory: Lock your wife and your dog in the garage for an hour. Then open it and see who's happy to see you.

THE AUTHOR

Sadly, Judy and I will be drowning in kids and grandkids and will miss the September 2 meeting. See you in October. You can reach me at 406-381-5611 or richmorrisey@q.com.

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