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**April Chapter Meeting**  
**Westbrook Club House**  
**14255 S.W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street (one block east of S.W. Murray)**  
**Beaverton, OR 97008**

**Wednesday, April 5, 2006, 7:00 p.m.**

7:00 – 7:30	Meeting is called to order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jerry Heppell will summarize our new candidates for scholarship.</li> <li>• Dave Wesley, Outing Chairman, will discuss logistics for the McKenzie River outing and hand out a sign-up sheet.</li> <li>• Update on possible outing to the Oregon Hatchery Research Center this fall.</li> <li>• John McNally will give a “heads-up” on our agreement to provide tying and casting classes for the Boy Scouts this fall (September 9<sup>th</sup>).</li> </ul>
7:30 – 8:30	Entertainment: Hal Gordon on fishing in Alaska.
8:30 – 9:00	Monthly raffle: more “toys” for fly fishing addicts. Meeting adjourns.

## **Entertainment**

Hal Gordon, as many of you already know, has built a reputation for being one of the best fly tyers in our area. He is known not only for his beautiful classic Atlantic Salmon patterns, but also for his precise and effective modern patterns. His love of our sport, however, goes way beyond tying. He has fished in areas all over the United States and in several foreign countries. This month I believe he will give a presentation on a trip he made to Alaska last year. This is your chance to learn how you can put together an economical and productive trip to the far north without having to pay for expensive lodges or guides. Hal always does a great job, and you will get good information and straight talk. Don't miss this one.

## **“Hooked” On Spey Casting**

Member Paul Skelton has converted completely to fly fishing and given up on his “redneck” past in Tillamook. Not even injury will pry his beloved spey rod from his hands. Recently, while fishing on the Sandy River, he “hooked” himself cleanly in the corner of the mouth with a sharp #1/0 barbed Owner hook. The hook, which is the “business end” of his “Redneck Squiddler” fly (see *Fly of the Month* on back page), could not be pulled out. Paul, being alone at the time, had to hike out and drive to the nearest emergency room to have the hook removed. Before doing so, he took a picture of himself with his cell phone. Originally we were going to publish it in the newsletter, but it is a little too gruesome. Ask Paul about the picture – he will be glad to show it to you.



*Paul Skelton on the Trask*

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*April President's Message*

**McKenzie River Outing:** The club is planning its annual outing to the McKenzie River. Normally we float from Hendrick's Bridge to Bellinger, but we recently received word that due to changes in the river it may not be passable. I am suggesting that we try another float. One possibility would be to put in at Bellinger and take out at the Hayden Bridge. Another possibility would be to put in at Hayden Bridge and take out at Armitage Park. We will make a firm decision at this month's meeting. If you have any better ideas, please let me know. This trip is designed to be a float trip, as there is very little access on the river for bank anglers. You will need to have a pontoon or drift boat in order to navigate the river safely. **For that reason, it is necessary for you to sign up for the trip.** Our Outing Chairman, Dave Wesley, will be glad to take your name at this month's meeting, or you can call or e-mail him (phone 503-848-0812, or e-mail at dcwesley@comcast.net). We need to know who is planning to join us so we can organize shuttles and make certain everyone has a "ride" down the river. Usually we have some open seats in drift boats or, in some cases, we have loaner pontoon boats.

Sorry I will miss you at this month's meeting. Ralph Brooks and I will be on the Green River in Utah trying to catch some early spring trout. Tight lines.....**Pete**

*A Note From Tom Wideman, Membership Chair*

Just a friendly reminder from your membership chair: since the beginning of the year, a number of people have either signed up at a meeting or dropped their dues off with Don or Pete at River City Fly Shop. These make up the list of "Members in Good Standing." If you feel your name has been omitted inadvertently (nobody's perfect), see me at the next meeting, e-mail me at tgwideman@comcast.net, or call me at 503-579-3129 and I'll personally look into it for you. Thanks!

**Members in Good Standing as of 03/15/06:**

Jon Begley, Ralph Brooks, James Browder, Michael Brownell, Kim Brun, Curt Caffall, Chuck Cooney, Kermit B. Duncan, David Eisenhauer, John Gillingham, Hal Gordon, Al Halvorson, Ruth Harshfield, Larry Heath, Jerry Heppell, Floyd Humphries, Steve Hunt, Paul Jensen, Bob Johnson, Roger Lehman, Jackson Leong, Paul Lévasseur, Jim Marshall, Jack Cary Maycumber, Greg McCarty, John McNally, Pat McWaters, Mary Ann Murray, Mary Myhre, Don Nelson, David Nims, Hugh O'Donnell Jr., Dave Pabley, Rob Perry, Roy Polito, David Potts, Pete Priepeke, Rab Rabot, Greg Richards, George Robins, Christopher Roe, Jim Sandberg, Edwin Saunders, Terry Sayre, Charles Scott, Bjorn Segrell, Susan Shoemaker, Les Sims, Paul Skelton, Clark J. Smith, Stan Smith, John Stalcup, Shane Stewart, Jim Stone, Jake Surber, Pat Tapley, Rich Taylor, Dave Wesley, Tom Wideman, George Wilson, Penny Woodcock & Family, Ted Young.

*Upcoming Events*

April 5<sup>th</sup> .....Monthly Meeting  
April 19<sup>th</sup> .....Board Meeting, River City Fly Shop  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> .....McKenzie River Outing  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> .....Monthly Meeting  
May 17<sup>th</sup> .....Board Meeting, River City Fly Shop  
May 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> .....Deschutes Outing

## *Fly of the Month: "The Redneck Squiddler"*



<b>Body Foundation</b>	Waddington Shank, 45mm
<b>Stinger Hook/Line</b>	#1/0 Owner Cutting Point or similar on 40-50# Dacron or Spider Line
<b>Thread</b>	0/6 red or hot orange
<b>Weight</b>	Large Dumbbell eyes,
<b>Tentacles (Butt Section)</b>	2 colors of Ostrich plus Flashabou or Krystral Flash
<b>Body (Front Section)</b>	2 colors of cross-cut rabbit strips

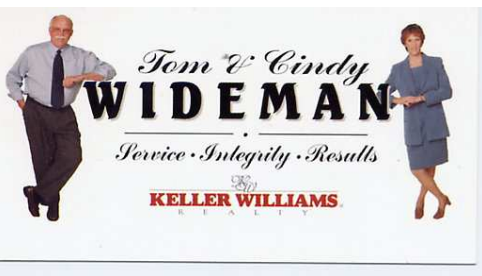
### About the Fly:

The Redneck Squiddler was developed by our own WCFE member Paul Skelton. It is a modification of Bob Ward's Intruder, but easier to tie. The fly imitates a small squid and can be fished on any of our Pacific Northwest coastal rivers.

### How to Fish:


Because of the size of the fly it is most easily fished with a two-handed rod. Use a basic across and downstream swing. Try twitching the fly at the end of the swing. Paul fishes the fly in any of Oregon's coastal rivers.

Thanks to John McNally for photographing the fly!




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### Tying Instructions:

1. Using 40-50 lb. strength spider or Dacron line attach the stinger hook to the Waddington shank. To do so double over a 6" length of line and poke the loop through the eye of the hook, pull the hook thru the loop and cinch up the slack. Lay the free ends along the length of the Waddington shank, leaving the hook about 1 inch behind the shank end. Secure the line to the shank with tying thread. Fold the excess line back down shank and again overwrap the line with thread. Clip off any remaining excess Dacron.
2. Tie the dumbbell on top and about 2/3s of the way back from the eye of the shank by "X-ing" the thread across the dumbbell.
3. The butt of the fly is made by first tying in a 6-10 pieces of ostrich herl (first color) near the end of the shank. The herl should extend to about the hook gap.
4. Moving upward on the shank tie in two long, narrow grizzly neck hackles that extend just past the hook bend.
5. Just below the dumbbell eyes tie in about 12 long ostrich herl (second color) mixed with a few strands of flashabou.
6. Tie cross-cut rabbit strip (first color) immediately below the eyes. Make one full wrap below the eyes then wrap forward and tie off leaving enough room for 1-2 more wraps of a contrasting color of fur.
7. Tie in a few strands of flashabou that extend half or three-fourths the length of the fly.
8. Tie in a contrasting color of cross-cut rabbit strip to that used in #6, wrap forward 1-2 times and tie off to finish the fly.

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