



# The Fly Line

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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 97005

*Wednesday, April 2, 2008*

7:00 – 7:30	Meeting opens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome to guests and new members</li> <li>• Planning for Nehalem outing (April 12) and Davis Lake outing (April 26-27)</li> <li>• Oregon Council Leadership Conference, April 12-13</li> <li>• Upcoming club auction in May</li> <li>• Shane Stewart on cutthroat regulations and the upcoming commission hearings</li> </ul>
7:30 – 8:30	Entertainment: Chris O'Donnell
8:30 – 9:00	Raffle and adjournment

### *Entertainment*

Chris O'Donnell has established himself as one of the preeminent guides in the Northwest. His business is "Adventures in Fly Fishing", and he is personally an expert on the Deschutes and Oregon coastal streams. He will give a presentation on fly line selection for spey and switch rods, along with some thoughts on steelhead fishing.

#### **Membership Audit**

According to our records the following are paid-up members for 2008:

Matt Avila, Doug Bain, Paul & Betty Belfanti (family), Greg Bernards, Brian Blihovde, Andy Bliss, Ralph Brooks, Al Browder, Chuck Cooney, Harold Dixon, Kermit Duncan, Ronald Ems, Earl Freepons, John Gillingham, Hal Gordon, Al Halvorson, Larry Heath, Ben Hedberg, Jerry Heppell, Steve Hunt, David Eisenhauer, Steve Harderbergh, Darryl Kaurin, Paul Keefner, Paul Kelvin, Roger Lehman, Curtis Lind, Jerry Lorang, Jim Marshall, Gary Martin, Bob May, Greg McCarty, John McNally, Pat McWaters, Bob Monaghan, Shane Moody, Mary Ann Murray, Mary Myhre, Don Nelson, Don Neron, David Nims, Pete Pripke, Bob Reed, Ron Reinebach, Ken Rentmesster, George Robins, Fred Rodley, Chris Roe, Dave Root, Jim Sandberg, Ed Sanders, Terry Sayre, Dale Schoewe, Susan Shoemaker, Paul Skelton, Chuck Smith, Clark J. Smith, Stan Smith, John Stalcup, Shane Stewart, Jay Tinsley, Jeff Van Hoy, Kim Wallenburn, Ken Weber, Dave Wesley, Tom Wideman, Chris Wilson, George Wilson, Bill Wolford, Fred Woodcock.



**Distinguished members at the Sandy River outing earlier this Year are, left to right Ron Reinebach, Chuck Cooney, Dave Wesley, and Ralph Brooks). They look good to me, but the fish did not agree!**

.....Photo by Pat McWaters

If you have paid and do not appear on this list, please contact Tom Wideman. His phone number and e-mail address are in the officers list on page 2 of this newsletter.

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**April President's Message**

**Auction:** Please bring any donations you may have to the meeting this month. The May 7<sup>th</sup> date for the auction is coming up fast. In addition to holding an oral auction, we are planning on having a silent "white elephant" raffle. Now is the time to look through your unused fishing and outdoor gear to determine what you can donate. Use your imagination. Items unrelated to fishing also are accepted. Tools make great auction items. Food is always good: jams, baked goods, smoked salmon, wines, etc. If you know someone who owns a restaurant, see if they will give discounts or free dinners. Ask your barber if he will give a free haircut. Ask your friends and neighbors to contribute. They are also welcome to attend and help the club make this year's auction the best ever.

**Oregon Council Leadership Conference:** Tilda Runner, president of the Oregon Council, has asked us to send a representative to the leadership conference scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. It is being held at the McKenzie River Conference Center, also known as the United States Basketball Academy. Directions to the Center are at [www.usba-inc.com](http://www.usba-inc.com).

The theme of the weekend will be membership. The program will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. Accommodations are dorms with bunk beds for Friday and Saturday night. Meals served will be breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings, lunch on Saturday and Sunday, as well as dinner on Saturday evening. You will need to bring your own bedding (sleeping bag), toiletries, towels, etc. The meeting will be held in Executive Lodge C.

Please let me know if you would like to attend and represent our club.

Keep your fly in the water.....Pete

**Upcoming Events**

- April 2<sup>nd</sup> .....Monthly Meeting
- April 3, 4, 5.....Dental Convention
- April 12<sup>th</sup> .....Nehalem River Outing
- April 16<sup>th</sup> .....Board Meeting
- April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> .....Davis Lake Outing
- May 7<sup>th</sup> .....Monthly Meeting:  
 Annual Club Auction
- May 10<sup>th</sup> .....McKenzie River Outing
- May 21<sup>st</sup> .....Board Meeting
- May 31<sup>st</sup> .....Lost Lake Outing
- June 4<sup>th</sup> .....Monthly Meeting
- June 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> .....Deschutes Outing
- June 18<sup>th</sup> .....Board Meeting
- June 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> .....Crane Prairie Outing

*Fly of the Month: “Bead-Head Midge Pupa”*



<b>Hook</b>	Heavy Scud Hook #18-24
<b>Thread</b>	8/0 Black
<b>Body</b>	Black Thread Body
<b>Thorax</b>	Peacock Herl or Black/Peacock Dubbing
<b>Rib</b>	Extra Fine Silver Wire
<b>Wing</b>	Pearl Krystal Flash
<b>Head</b>	Black Glass Bead

Submitted by Hal Gordon. Photo by John McNally

**History:** There are dozens of midge pupa patterns, this is one of my favorites and very easy to tie. The midge (or Chironomid) is widespread and found in most rivers and lakes. From a fish’s point of view, the midge’s small size is made up in volume. A trout will literally eat thousands each year, and they are available year around. You’d be wise to carry a couple dozen in your fly box where ever you fish for trout!

**How to Fish:** Chironomid species live in all types of water, from stagnant pools to well oxygenated riffle water. If fish are rising but you can’t see an insect, it’s probably a midge. This small fly is best fished deep, imitating the semi-dormant larva as it is washed along the stream bottom, or as a pupa rising to the surface to hatch. I often fish it as a dropper tied behind a well weighted nymph or a dry fly. Dead-drift it in deep holes along the bottom and let it slowly rise at the end of the swing to imitate a hatching midge. This fly is small, but imitates exactly what trout are looking for.

**Tying Instructions:** Slip the glass-bead on the hook, fix the hook in the vise and, beginning just behind the hook-eye, wrap a layer of thread over the shank to the bend. At the bend, tie in the silver wire rib and wrap the thread evenly up the hook to the hook eye, completely covering the tied-in end of the wire. Wrap the thread back to the hook bend, covering the wire. Wrap the thread forward again to about a beads-width behind the glass bead (you should now have covered the hook shank with four layers of thread). Counter-wrap the wire rib forward. Lay the Krystal Flash parallel and on top of the hook shank, take two wraps of thread, and fold both wings back along the top of the hook, and take several more wraps of thread to hold the wings in place. Finally, dub the thorax and tie off the thread behind the glass bead. Add a drop of cement to secure the thread.

**This would be a great pattern for anyone planning to join the trip to British Columbia with Ed Sanders in June.**

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