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April Chapter Meeting

Westbrook Club House

14255 S.W. 6th Street (one block east of S.W. Murray)

Beaverton, OR 97005

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

7:00 – 7:30	Meeting opens. Business to be discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome guests and new members • Scholarships for OSU students • Auction in May • Planning for Vernonia Lake outing on April 18th • Fly tying night March 18th • Presentation on Casting for Recovery
7:30 – 8:30	Entertainment – Kevin Erickson: Fishing the Mexican Yucatan
8:30 – 9:00	Raffle: more good prizes. Support the club and buy a few tickets. Meeting adjourns

Entertainment: Casa Blanca

Kevin Erickson is a former sales manager for “Kaufmann’s Streamborn” and is currently a well-known photographer and tyer of classic fly patterns. He is also a member of our club and has a wealth of experience to share with us. He has a presentation on Casa Blanca in the Mexican Yucatan. This flyfishing lodge is all alone on the southernmost shore of Ascension Bay. There are no roads to this lodge. Its remote location and prolific fishing for bonefish, permit and tarpon make it s dream destination. I’m sure you will find it very interesting.

Auction in May

Every year we hold an auction to help fund our education and conservation efforts. It has enabled us to sponsor \$10,000 in scholarships for OSU students over the years, along with supporting ODFW projects for boat launch improvement and stream enhancement. It is our major fundraiser and is essential to our ability to continue our efforts to support our fishery. This year we plan to give out \$3,000 in scholarships along with a \$1,000 donation to the Native Fish Society for Molalla River conservation efforts.

Now is the time to think about what you might be able to donate. The Board has decided to hold this year’s auction at the May 6th meeting. It will be coming up sooner than you think. What can you donate? We always welcome rods, reels, art work, flies, camping gear, books and magazines -- essentially anything associated with our sport. But don’t be afraid to think outside the square. Restaurant coupons and other service-oriented discounts are always welcome.

Tom Wideman will be our auctioneer. I guarantee he will make it fun. Bring your friends and family – everyone is welcome.

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April President's Message

Casting for Recovery: Robin Healy and Mary Ann Dozer from The Stonefly Maidens are very active in the national "Casting for Recovery." They will give a short presentation at this month's meeting to promote a fly casting clinic being held in conjunction with "Reel Recovery." "Casting for Recovery" is for victims of female breast cancer and "Reel Recovery" is for male cancer victims.

The casting clinic will be held on Saturday, April 25th at Blue Lake Regional Park, Portland, Oregon. For more information you can contact Mary Ann Dozer at cfrcastingclinic@stoneflymaidens.org. This is a major fundraiser for cancer victims and is supported by FFF. The cost is \$50 for one workshop, \$75 for two workshops, or \$125 for a custom workshop and one other workshop. Workshops include:

- Beginning fly casting
- Beyond the basics: tune up your casting
- Accuracy
- Distance
- Single-hand spey casting
- Two-hand spey casting.

Our guests will provide more detail at this month's meeting and may even be looking for volunteers to support their efforts.

Native Fish Society: Last month we made a \$1,000 contribution to the Native Fish Society. I received a nice thank-you note that they wanted me to share with you: "Please thank the club members and board for the generous donation to help with or work on the Molalla River. It was a real pleasure to speak at the WCFF meeting. Please let everyone know their money will go to good use restoring wild native fish in the Molalla."

In addition, we may have the opportunity to donate time for redd surveys and carcass distribution. More to come.

Don't Forget Fly Tying Night: April 15th is our next fly tying night. It starts at 7:00 p.m. at the clubhouse. This is a great time to share any fishing skills you may have: rod building, line splicing, leader design, fly tying techniques, etc. The night always proves to be illuminating, so please share your knowledge and attend.

Upcoming Events

April 1stMonthly Meeting
April 15thBoard Meeting/Fly Tying Night
April 18thVernonia Lake Outing
May 6thMonthly Meeting: Annual Auction
May 16thRock Creek Reservoir Outing
May 20thBoard Meeting/Fly Tying Night

Fly of the Month: Mart's Snowshoe Caddis



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Hook	Standard dry fly, round bend
Thread	GSP or other strong thread
Body	Superfine dubbing, color of your choice
Wings, Thorax, Legs	Hair from snowshoe hare's foot

History: The use of the hair from the foot of the snowshoe hare was first introduced in the 1980s. Fran Betters "Usual" was one of the first to use this "unusual" material. Why use it? It contains natural oils that make it hydrophobic and buoyant. The dense and curly hair holds lots of air bubbles and the guard hairs are stiff and translucent, giving it a very natural appearance. The buoyancy of this material is its greatest advantage. Its durability is also of great importance. If it becomes slimy after catching a few fish, simply rinse it off and dry it out by rubbing on your sleeve or by using a little desiccant. Silicone fly floatant should not be used.

Variations: Snowshoe hare's foot is also great for tying emergers. Ted Leeson and Jim Schollmeyer's book on **Tying Emergers** contains some great patterns.

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How to Fish: Fish as a dry fly on the surface or in the surface film. Usually it is presented in a drag-free drift. However, a twitch or two might catch the interest of trout.

How to Tie:

1. Wrap the thread to the point above the barb.
2. Dub a thin and tight body, and then tie a small bunch of snowshoe hair "caddis style" on top of the hook as a wing. It should not be much longer than the hook.
3. A small spot of "Zap-A-Gap" will hold the wing in place.
4. Dub a small amount of underfur and tie around the thread holding the wing down.
5. Lift the bunch of hair over the eye of the hook and cut following the direction of the wing.
6. Whip finish. Apply head cement. Remember – a hare's foot can be a lucky charm. Go fishing.

**Don't forget the auction in May.
Bring your donations to this month's
meeting or to River City Fly Shop.**



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