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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 6, 2011

7:00 – 7:30	President Chuck Cooney opens meeting. Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome to new members and guests • Planning for Lost Lake outing in the Coast Range on April 16th • Scholarship program for OSU Fish and Wildlife students; a briefing on our 2011 candidates • Planning for annual club auction at the May, 2011 meeting. This is our major fundraiser for the year, so start thinking now about what you can contribute. • Volunteers for Orvis fly fishing classes
7:30 – 8:30	Entertainment: Joel LaFollette on fishing the Metolius River
8:30 – 9:00	Raffle. Prizes this month will include winner's choice of three trout rods; pocket knives from the selection; 3-wt, right hand ONLY wind fly reel with cloth bag; gear bag; thinga-ma-bobbers, thunder eggs, & steelhead nymphing leaders set; and much more. Meeting adjourns.

Entertainment

Joel LaFollette will give a presentation on fishing the Metolius River. Joel is the owner and operator of the "Royal Treatment Fly Fishing" shop in West Linn. He brings a wealth of experience and knowledge on fishing this justifiably famous and beautiful fishery.

Rob Crandall's Before-Work Special

Last month Rob Crandall offered two free 3-1/2 hour sessions on the Clackamas River concentrating on spey casting skills. This is a great offer worth \$100. He needs, however, to make reservations soon before his busy season. If interested call him at (503) 704-6449.

George Wilson's Cascade Adventure

Vice President George Wilson is planning a weeklong trip to the central cascades July 24-31, 2011. He will set up a base camp at Crane Prairie Campground and is inviting any member of the club to join him. If you are interested, send him an e-mail at george_wilson@comcast.net. He will then keep you posted with further details as the date draws near.

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April President's Message

Fly fishing 101 ---- The Orvis Fly Fishing Shop has asked WCFE to help out with their Free Lessons on fly casting and outfit rigging. Please see John McNally, our Education Chair to help out with the Orvis Free casting program. Volunteers will have a chance to work with the 201 program. This will be an on the water fishing day for the students.

Scholarships Program ----- WCFE has now been given the list of Candidates from OSU to choose from for the "Marty Day scholarship". The board will review the list at the April Board Meeting and make their selection for the award.

Casting for Recovery ---- WCFE is proud to report that we will be presenting a check for \$1,000.00 to Casting for Recovery Oregon North at the April Meeting. This organization works with women that are recovering from Breast Cancer. Fly fishing is part of their therapy treatment.

Spring is here let's go fly fishing ---- Chuck Cooney, President

ANNUAL CLUB AUCTION

May 4th marks the 7th annual club auction. This is our single most important fundraiser of the year. It has allowed us to award over \$10,000 in scholarships to OSU students along with many other programs ranging from youth education to environmental projects. Please consider a contribution to help make this year's auction the best ever. We need outdoor-related gear, but contributions including services or anything else are appreciated. Contact Paul Keefner (p.keefner@yahoo.com) regarding any contributions you may have.

Upcoming Events

April 6thMonthly Meeting
April 16thLost Lake Outing (Coast Range)
April 20th6:30 p.m., Board Meeting
7:00 p.m., Fly Tyers' Night
May 4thMonthly Meeting: Annual Club Auction
May 18th6:30 p.m., Board Meeting
7:00 p.m., Fly Tyers' Night
May 22ndRock Creek Reservoir Outing
June 1stMonthly Meeting
June 5th -6thDeschutes River Outing
June 15th6:30 p.m., Board Meeting
7:00 p.m., Fly Tyers' Night

Fly of the Month: Mid-shank Bead Midges
Contributed by Ralph Brooks



Category	Trout
Hook	size 18-24, standard to 2X long
Weight	Glass bead; midge size
Thread	8/0 or 10/0
Tail	Midge Krystal Flash, dubbing strands or similar
Abdomen	Thread and fine wire
Thorax	Coarse dubbing
Wing	Cul-de-canard (CDC) puffs

“Small flies catch big fish.” I don’t know who said it first but it’s a favorite saying of mine. It is a rare day spent on the water when there aren’t midges around. And while I would prefer to fish big flies like salmonflies, caddis, or mayflies, there are days the fish just want those damn tiny midges. Midges may be small but make up a significant portion of a trout’s diet through the year. Bottom line is midge patterns are small, take up little space in your gear and are definitely worth having in your possession at all times. And despite their size, midges are actually fairly easy to tie and use the most minimal amount of materials. The mid-shank bead midges here are something I put together on the vise one night and work well as emergers. Best colors are usually blacks, grays, olives, browns, reds, and whites.

How to Tie:

- 1) Slide a bead on the hook.
- 2) Wrap just enough thread between the hook eye and bead to hold the bead a short distance behind the eye and tie off with a half-hitch.
- 3) Attach the thread behind the bead and tie in a tail of 1-2 strands of midge Krystal flash or a few strands of coarse relatively straight dubbing (shiny material is good). The tail should be slightly shorter than the hook shank.
- 4) Tie in a piece of fine wire at the end of the hook shank to be used for ribbing.
- 5) Wrap the shank to behind the bead with thread. Keep the body thin.
- 6) Next wrap the wire ribbing forward, 3-5 wraps depending on the size of the hook.
- 7) Spin a very small amount of dubbing on your thread and dub a thorax just behind the bead. The thorax should be about the same size as the bead.
- 8) Whip finish or half-hitch behind the bead and cement. A thin cement works best and it’s not a bad idea to cover the thread body with the cement as well to give it a little shine.
- 9) To finish the fly, attach the thread in front of the bead and tie in a small bunch of CDC, letting the flow over the back of the fly. Finish the head of the fly, tie off, and cement. Then tear or cut the CDC wing so that it is about the length of the hook shank or slightly shorter.

How to Fish: If the fish are seen feeding on top, then put the fly in the film. Dead drift or just let it hang. Fish them dead drift under an indicator. Vary the depth as needed.

NOTE: Thanks to Ralph Brooks for his many contributions to our “Fly of the Month” series. If you as a member would like to submit one of your favorite flies, put it in a Word document as above and send it to ppriepke@gmail.com

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