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## August Chapter Meeting

Westbrook Club House

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Beaverton, OR 97008

Wednesday, August 1, 2007

6:00 – 6:30	Brief meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation of \$1,000 donation to Casting for Recovery</li><li>• Seek volunteers for Boy Scout casting lessons on August 18<sup>th</sup></li></ul>
6:30 – 8:30	<b><u>Dinner Bell Rings!</u></b> Annual barbeque begins. Great food, drink, plus casting games
8:30 – 9:00	Raffle, clean-up, and adjournment

## Annual Barbeque

This month's meeting, as you know, is dedicated to feasting and fun, **and it starts early at 6:00 p.m.** The club is providing the entrees for the barbeque. We have 25 pounds of halibut and 25 pounds of sockeye, along with a good supply of ribs, that we will be grilling for everyone. We are asking each of our members to bring a side dish to compliment the fish and ribs. Bring your favorite picnic food: potato salad, beans, casseroles, bread, desserts, etc. Bring whatever you like and share it with the rest of the group. The club will also provide soft drinks and water for everyone. If you want to have wine or beer, please bring your own supply.

We have planned a casting game for those who are interested in having a little competitive fun, so bring your rod if you want to participate.

The entire family is invited. The BBQ is open to all friends and family members, so please bring them if you want. Keep in mind also that there are two swimming pools adjacent to the clubhouse. Roger Lehman has said that you are welcome to bring your swimming trunks and use the pools if you would like to do so. Someone, along with Roger, will be around getting set up after about 4:30, so come early if you wish.



Tom Wideman, Shane Stuart, Chuck Cooney, Hal Gordon, and Dave Wesley caught some nice fish at the club outing on the Middle Fork of the Willamette last week.

**Don't miss this. It always proves to be one of the most fun events of the year.**

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## President's Message

**Casting for Recovery/Reel Recovery:** Sabina Smith and Robin Healy, representatives from the "Stonefly Maidens" and the "Casting for Recovery" program, will be joining us at the barbeque this month. We will be presenting them with a check for \$1,000.00, which will be used to sponsor one lady cancer victim to attend a fly fishing retreat at the Big K Guest Ranch on the Umpqua River. Please join me in welcoming Sabina and Robin.

We recently learned that there is a similar program to "Casting for Recovery" for men. It is called "Reel Recovery," and it also sponsors fly fishing retreats at the Big K Guest Ranch and other lodges. Robert Bernard, who heads up this charity, recently spoke to the Board. He is looking for two things:

- A donation to finance his retreat.
- Volunteers who would act as "buddies" for the attendees with cancer at the Big K Ranch.

The Board is reviewing our bank balance and is making a decision about how much money we could donate. I would like each of you to consider volunteering a couple of days of your time to help out at the Big K Guest Ranch (August 22-24). Unlike the participants, you would provide your own food and lodging, but the reward for providing your expertise is self evident. Please let me know if you would like to donate some of your time.

**FFF Fly Rod Kit Program:** FFF is making fly rod building kits available to its affiliate and charter clubs. These kits (Redington blanks) can be purchased as a benefit from our rod-building seminars. Each club can receive up to twelve rods. Our club will be charged \$10.00 per rod plus shipping and handling. The cost to each member would range from \$13.00 to \$25.00, depending upon the number of people who participate. The rods range in size from 2 weights to 14 weights. Two spey rods are also available: a three-piece 180" 10 weight and a three-piece 168" 9 weight. Kits include:

- Graphite fly rod blank
- Set of snake guides
- Reel seat
- Cork grip
- Tip top
- Hook keeper

If you are interested please contact me at the barbeque. I have a complete list of rod kits available. Let me know what you would like. Remember, we are only allowed twelve rods, so catch me quick – it will be "first come, first serve."

Keep the wind knots out of your leader.....Pete

**Fly of the Month: “Reverse Spider”**



**We featured this fly a couple of years ago in *The Fly Line*, but decided to reprint it as it has become a perennial favorite for coastal cutthroat and August is the time to be looking for these fish. Be sure to make this part of your arsenal.**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Reverse Spider</b>
<b>Category</b>	Searun Cutthroat
<b>Hook</b>	Size 8, Dae-Riki 270
<b>Thread</b>	6/0 or 8/0: color your choice
<b>Body</b>	Chenille or Dubbing: color of your choice, but keep it slender. Optional: Mylar tinsel applied for ribbing
<b>Secondary Hackle</b>	Use good grizzly hackle suitable for a size 12 dry fly
<b>Primary Hackle or Wing</b>	White Silver Amherst Neck or Mallard Flank

**History:** The Reverse Spider is a popular searun pattern originated by Mike Kinney of Washington state. Through experimentation, Kinney realized that tying the hackle backwards created a more durable fly as well as more attractive action. Effective body colors include black, yellow, pink, red, and orange. Many other searun patterns can be found in Les Johnson’s *Fly-Fishing Coastal Cutthroat Trout: Flies, Techniques, Conservation*.

**Tying Instructions:** Attach thread near the eye of the hook. Tie in Amherst hackle by the tip just behind the eye of the hook. Fold hackle and palmer forward in “reverse” of a normal wing or hackle. Wind thread back on the hook to just above the barb. Attach chenille or dubbing. Move thread back to just behind the Amherst hackle. Wind chenille or dubbing forward to just behind the Amherst. Palmer a thick tuft of grizzly hackle just behind the Amherst as a “shock absorber” for the Amherst. Whip finish, hiding the thread next to the grizzly hackle. Find a coastal river.

**How to Fish:** Cast the fly towards structure or into current seams. Strip back in a “hip hop” fashion just inches below the surface and hang on!

**Upcoming Events**

- August 1<sup>st</sup> .....Annual Barbeque
- August 15<sup>th</sup> .....Board Meeting
- September 5<sup>th</sup> .....Monthly Meeting
- September 19<sup>th</sup> .....Board Meeting
- September 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> .....Metolius Outing
- October 3<sup>rd</sup> .....Monthly Meeting
- October 17<sup>th</sup> .....Board Meeting
- October 20<sup>th</sup> .....Outing TBD
- November 7<sup>th</sup> .....Monthly Meeting
- November 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> .....Deschutes  
Steelhead Outing
- November 21<sup>st</sup> .....Board Meeting
- December 5<sup>th</sup> .....Annual Holiday  
Banquet

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