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August Chapter Meeting
Westbrook Club House
14255 S.W. 6th Street (one block east of S.W. Murray)
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Wednesday, August 5, 2009

6:00 – 6:15	Brief meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome to new members and guests • Willamette River outing
6:15 – 8:00	Annual BBQ feast begins. Note: meeting and BBQ begins early this month. Arrive by 6:00 p.m.
8:00 – 8:45	Casting games and raffle. We have a very nice reel and rod as a featured prize for the BBQ
8:45 -	Clean-up and adjournment

Annual BBQ

The time has once again arrived. This is always one of the most popular events of the year. Please plan to come and enjoy some great fun and food. Bring your friends and family – everyone is welcome. Don Nelson has obtained some fresh sockeye salmon and halibut from Yakutat. Shane Stewart will be the fish chef, as he has been for the past two years. He does a great job, and his offerings will be as good as you would find in a fine restaurant. Pete and Kathi Priepeke will provide the pork country ribs, which promise to be tender, juice, and finger-licking good.

What can you do? Please bring your favorite side dish: beans, salads, casseroles, desserts, or anything you think your fellow members would enjoy with their fish and meat entrees. You may want to bring some of your favorite beverages (pop, beer, wine, etc.) The club will provide some water, some beer, and some carbonated drinks, but you may want to bring one of your favorites.

We plan to have some light-hearted casting contests, so bring one of your favorite rods for the competition. Tom Wideman will provide some casting rings to test your accuracy and help keep things under control.

This year we will have a raffle. We have selected a very nice rod and reel combination, along with some other smaller prizes. Don't miss this one. The food will be good, and the conversation and lies will be great fun.

August 15th Willamette Outing

The exact venue has not been selected yet, but we are planning a smallmouth bass trip on August 15th at the Willamette River. Sign up at this month's meeting if you are interested. Our outing hosts (Dave Wesley, Chuck Cooney, and George Wilson) will have more details at the BBQ. If you have any questions please contact them.

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August President's Message

Ron Reinebach sent me some words of wisdom recently that I would like to share with you.

“All I need to know about life I learned fishing”

- 🐟 There is no such thing as too much equipment
- 🐟 When in doubt, exaggerate
- 🐟 Even the best lines get weak after they are used a few times
- 🐟 Sometimes you really have to squirm to get off the hook
- 🐟 Fishing is always better on the other side of the lake
- 🐟 Good things come to those who wade

Upcoming Events

August 5th6:00 p.m., Annual Club BBQ

August 15thSmallmouth outing/Willamette River

August 19th6:30 p.m., Board Meeting, Club House
7:00 p.m., Fly Tying Night, Club House

September 2ndMonthly Meeting

September 19thColdwater Lake Outing

October 7thMonthly Meeting



We're never too busy to take excellent care of your referrals!



Hook	Tiemco 206 BL, size 16 or 14
Tail, Abdomen, & Wing	Single natural or dyed duck flank or breast feather
Hackle	Use any color hackle to match the desired pattern
Thread	Color to match hackle with very little or no head
Optional	Hard as Nails [404] to stiffen abdomen/wing

History: I was first given a prototype of this pattern by the late educator and bamboo rod builder, Ed Hartzell of Portland. A version he used on Hosmer Lake was tied with natural gray mallard flank and black hackle to represent Callibaetis spinners. Later, during some reading I found some history on this “Hatch Master” in the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club’s *Flies of the Northwest* publication from 1986. Below is an excerpt from page 63:

“Dick Alf of Sun Valley, Idaho, popularized this mayfly pattern on slow moving rivers and streams. It is used extensively on Idaho’s Silver Creek.”

While I have found this fly to work exceptionally well in still or slow moving waters, I’ve had plenty of success using the Hatch Master in swift waters. I’ve used this fly on the Deschutes and McKenzie rivers with examples tied from natural wood duck for PEDs and with darker dyed mallard for March Browns. For coastal streams, I’ve had success skating this fly for Cutthroats. I’ve found pressured or “educated” trout to take this fly readily when the “traditional” patterns are refused! Give this pattern a try and I think you might be surprised by your results. The first couple of attempts may take some getting used to, but in addition to its fishability, the fly is relatively easy to tie!

How to Tie

1. Secure thread onto hook using only the minimum number of wraps to secure thread to hook. Try to not wrap back on the shank more than one or two eye lengths.
2. Select an evenly “matched” flank feather and reverse the direction of the fibers from the point you would like the tail to begin. Ensure the wispy, non-variegated fibers on the lower-end of the stem are removed prior to attempting to tie it in.
3. Lay the feather with curvature up immediately behind the eye of the hook at the point where the reversed fibers begin.
4. With your thread, wrap once around the feather stem and hook creating a “cinch” or loop that will be used to secure the feather and pull the reversed fibers snug.
5. With your free hand, pull the ‘tail’ section of feathers through while holding the thread loop snug, but not tight.
6. Holding the “tail” of the flank feather with your free hand, slowly pull the feather through the one wrap of thread. The feather’s fibers should pull through and be pulled into a slim body.
7. Tie in a few wraps to secure the body section to the hook. (note-the fly will really only be connected to the hook at the hackle tie-in point)
8. At this point, the feather fibers should be splayed out to either side of the hook. You can then adjust this and sort out how thick you want the wings to be. Pull the desired fibers from the reversed portion and secure them as you normally would wing material. Do NOT trim materials for the wing at this point, leave them full length!
9. Tie in your hackle feather and wrap desired number of wraps behind and in front of wings.
10. Finish with a very minimal head wraps and trim wings to desired length.
11. Using your scissors, separate two fibers on each side of the remaining section making up the tail and carefully snip the center section out forming the tail (two or three fibers can be used as an option).
12. OPTIONAL – Use a light coat of ‘Hard as Nails’ (404) to stiffen the tail and abdomen sections of the finished fly. I rub this in with my fingers to ensure it’s thoroughly soaked in. The polish dried very fast...tie one on with a loop knot and have fun!



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