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August Chapter Meeting
Westbrook Club House
14255 S.W. 6th Street (one block east of S.W. Murray)
Beaverton, OR 97005

Wednesday, August 3, 2011

6:00 p.m.	Note: Meeting begins one hour earlier than normal. We need to have extra time in order to consume all the great food we will have at the BBQ.
6:00 – 6:15	President Chuck Cooney welcomes everyone to the festivities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special welcome to new members and guests • Sign-up sheet and logistics for the August 20-21 outing on East Lake
6:15 – 8:30	BBQ: the fun, the games, and the eating begin
8:30 – 9:00	Raffle: more great prizes (see President's Message below). Tickets will be sold throughout the BBQ. Meeting adjourns

Annual August BBQ and President's Message

I want to invite you to our annual BBQ. It will be held at the Westbrook Clubhouse (the usual monthly meeting place) on Wednesday, August 3rd starting at 6 p.m. This is a potluck, so bring your favorite side dish, salad or dessert. We will barbeque hamburgers and hot dogs this year (furnished by the club), and as always there will be casting games for all. There will be lots of raffle prizes too, so bring a fat wallet! According to Tom, these will include a 4-wt outfit (rod, reel, and line), wading staff, a float tube, flies, your choice of pocket knives and a dinner certificate for a very nice restaurant, and maybe more. Both pools at the clubhouse will be open and available for our use. Please come join the fun.

The fishing this year has ranged from good to not-so-good, wet on some days and dry on others. There's been no shortage of water in the rivers and lakes. I just got back from four days of fishing on the John Day River, which was 30 days later than normal coming into shape this year. The fishing was not the same as in yours past due to flood damage, but we still caught a lot of Smallmouth Bass. Smaller in size this year, they were still a lot of fun to catch. If you've never been to the John Day River, ASK ME! This August would be a great time to go, with the water levels still high for this time of year.

I attended the FFF meeting in Sisters on Saturday and learned that we are not the only club that will be fishing East Lake this month. Three other clubs from around the state have scheduled to go on the same weekend. Come join me for the camp-out and fun and a chance to meet a lot of like-minded fishermen from around the state at East Lake on **August 20th and 21st**. More fly fishing days.....Chuck Cooney, President

I'm looking for "a few good men (and women)" to help with casting and tying at the Boy Scout Venture Ranger Quest. It's behind the Evergreen Air & Space Museum in McMinnville, OR, and we have to be set up and ready to go at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 11, 2011. At this point I think we only have 2 or 3 people committed to help, and we need at least 4 or 5. It is all day, so it would be nice to have enough people to rotate and give each other a break. If you can help, we can go over details at the August BBQ. Thanks. John McNally. jackdog1948@comcast.net

Fly of the Month: Goddard's Caddis
Contributed by Ralph Brooks



Category	Trout
<i>Hook</i>	Standard dry, 10-16
<i>Thread</i>	Brown, 8/0
<i>Body</i>	Deer or elk hair, natural
<i>Antennae</i>	Feather shafts or monofilament
<i>Hackle</i>	Saddle hackle in furnace to light brown

History: The originator of this fly is Englishman John Goddard. At one time the fly was called the G & H caddis, G for Goddard and H for his fishing buddy Cliff Henry.

How to Tie:

1. Begin by wrapping the thread around the shank toward the bend and trim the tag.
2. Just ahead of the bend tie in a clump of deer or elk hair, with the ends back. Wrap a few times tightly over this, to make the hairs stand up.
3. Next, hold the first clump of hair back, and tie another clump in just in front of it. This is called spinning or stacking deer or elk hair, a way to shape a fly's body and secure its buoyancy. These hairs will later be trimmed to shape. Continue tying in clumps of hair and wrapping them to make them stand until you are about 2/3 of the way forward to the eye of the hook.
4. Now trim the body. It should be tapered to the front, and slightly thicker toward the back, shaped like a moth. Consult the photo and perhaps others on the internet to see how to trim the deer or elk hair. A new razor blade is a great tool for trimming but sharp scissors work fine as well. Don't feel bad if you destroy the first few if you haven't done it before!
5. With the hair body occupying the back 2/3 of the hook, there should be a bare space behind the eye of the hook. Now remove the barbs (feathery parts) from two hackle feathers to expose the shafts. Cut two one-inch sections of bare feather shaft to be used as antennae (an alternative to save feathers is to use mono, say 2X or 3X tippet colored with a brown permanent ink pen). Tie these in, facing forward.
6. At the front of the spun hair body tie in a saddle hackle to be wrapped forward. Saddles are best because of their length, which allows for a full and dense hackle without having to tie in multiple feathers.
7. Wrap the saddle hackle forward over the space and over where the antennae are tied in. Secure just behind the eye of the hook. Whip finish and cement the fly.

Variations: Described above is the standard Goddard Caddis but it can also be tied with a black, cream or olive body and hackle of a complimentary color. Lots of tiers consider the antennae optional.

How to Fish: This is a favorite of mine on the Deschutes River near sunset. Fished on a floating line and long leader with, as always, the best dead drift as possible. This is also a great fly for skating and don't be shy about giving it a go on a lake. Again, it's a great evening fly as it is easy to see and once greased up it's a high floater.

Just a reminder...There is no Board Meeting or Fly Tying Night during the month of August. Board meetings and Fly Tying Nights will resume in September.

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