



# The Fly Line

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**December Chapter Meeting**  
**Westbrook Club House**  
**14255 S.W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street (one block east of S.W. Murray)**  
**Beaverton, OR 97008**

*Wednesday, December 7, 2005, 7:00 p.m.*

7:00 – 7:30	Meeting comes to order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A toast and memorial for Marty Day (see story below)</li> <li>• Planning for Sandy River outing on December 10<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>
7:00 – 8:30	Holiday Banquet begins
8:30 – 9:00	Raffle

## The Banquet: What You Need To Do

Complimentary turkey and ham will be provided by the club, along with beverages. The rest of the meal is potluck and depends on you. Bring your favorite side dish, salad, dessert, or appetizer. As always, everyone is invited, so please bring your family, friends, or significant others. This annual banquet is our way of celebrating the holiday season, but this year we will also celebrate and pay homage to Marty Day, our vice president, who recently passed away in a car accident. Marty, who has been our club chef, would want us to give thanks for the gifts of life and not dwell on the tragedy. So that is what we will do.

## *In Memoriam*

## Martin Day: The Final Fishing Trip



On Wednesday, 11/23/05, Marty Day and Ralph Brooks left on a 5-day fishing trip to the South Fork of the Boise River. This is one of the best destination trout rivers in the country, and both were excited about going. Early in the trip the weather was good and the river was in excellent condition. Marty caught one of the largest trout of his life: "too big to fit in the net." He could not stop talking about it and about all the giant trout gulping in the foam lines. However, the weather took a turn for the worse, and Marty and Ralph decided to drive back on Saturday, 11/26/05. About 20 miles west of Mt. Home, Idaho, on a slushy I-84, Marty hit an icy patch and flipped his truck over the median and onto the opposing lanes before coming to a stop. Ralph, who was the passenger, was dazed and not seriously hurt. Ralph crawled through a broken window after releasing his seat belt while calling to Marty. There was no response. Marty died instantly in the crash. He is survived by two brothers, two daughters, and a grandchild who all live on the east coast. He was taken back to Maryland for his funeral services. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

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*December President's Message*

Someone recently asked me how old Marty Day was when he passed away. He was 71. The person then said that "he at least had a pretty full life." This was said with the best of intentions and was heartfelt. It is true in many ways because Marty did lead a full life in the business world and with his family through retirement. However, I would like to say that Marty was no normal 71-year-old. He put most of us in our 50s and 60s to shame. He had a good 20 years of fishing left in him, and showed a zest for life that was unique, refreshing, and inspiring.

Marty was always doing something. He continually worked in his wood shop building something. He planned to become a certified caster, and loved teaching. He was preparing to build a bamboo rod. He was the world's best neighbor, and was always fixing electrical, plumbing, and other handyman problems for those who lived around him. They loved him dearly. He was always doing things for the club. He was planning to make fishing trips to Alaska, New Zealand, and the Rocky Mountains, along with skiing trips to Colorado. He read profusely, and loved cooking as well as photography. There were no wasted moments in his life. We can all learn from that. Life is about doing.

Marty always had a smile for everyone. Everyone who met him knew he was genuinely glad to see them. We are going to miss that smile. God bless you, Marty.

.....Pete

*Upcoming Events*

**December 7<sup>th</sup> .....Monthly Meeting**

**Holiday Banquet**

**December 10<sup>th</sup> .....Sandy River Steelhead Outing**

**We will meet at 7:00 a.m. at the boat launch at Oxbow Park. Shuttles will be provided for those who want to float the river. Keep in mind that a \$4.00 fee is required to get into the park. Bring your own lunch if needed.**

**December 21<sup>st</sup> .....Board Meeting**

**January 4<sup>th</sup> .....Monthly Meeting**

**Selection of nominees for officers and board positions.**

**January 18<sup>th</sup> .....Board Meeting**

**January 28<sup>th</sup> .....Outing – to be determined**

**February 1<sup>st</sup> .....Monthly Meeting**

**Election of Officers**

**February 15<sup>th</sup> .....Board Meeting**

**February 25<sup>th</sup> .....Outing – to be determined**

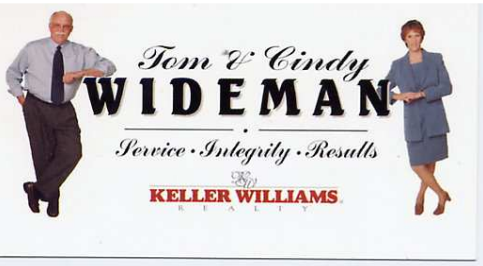
## *Fly of the Month: “Yellowstone Caddis”*



<b>Hook</b>	#14-24, curved nymph or 2x long nymph with straight eye
<b>Thread</b>	0/8 black
<b>Tail</b>	Fine quills from black neck hackle (dry fly quality)
<b>Ribbing</b>	Fine copper wire
<b>Abdomen</b>	Black mallard drake flank feathers (natural)
<b>Wing Case</b>	Iridescent green breast feathers of Golden Pheasant
<b>Thorax</b>	Peacock herl
<b>Legs</b>	Black neck hackle

**History:** I do not think the overall pattern is anything special...it is just basic construction for a lot of nymphs. However, I am especially partial to the materials that I concocted for the waters of the Yellowstone Park Region maybe 15 years ago. I was told by a fellow that fished Yellowstone a lot to be sure I had small black and lightweight nymphs for the midday hatch. I did not see anything in the shops I liked so I came up with this. The fly worked well there on a week long trip in late October and it seems to work quite well here in the Northwest.

**Tying Instructions:** Begin by tying in the tail making it about the length of the hook gap. Secure the copper wire ribbing at the tail. Now tie in the tips of the black mallard flank and wrap these forward about 1/2 of the shank and tie off. Wrap the ribbing forward over the abdomen and tie off. Using the iridescent green breast feathers of Golden Pheasant quills, tie a few in dull side (grey) up and long end to the back of the fly. This will be pulled over later for a wind case. Now tie in a small dry fly hackle at the back of the wing case. The hackle should be about the same length or slightly longer than the hook gap. At the same spot tie in a single strand of peacock herl and wrap this forward and secure. Now palmer the hackle forward over the peacock (2-3 wraps is plenty) for the “legs” and secure. To finish the fly pull the green pheasant quills forward over the peacock and hackle to make an iridescent green wing case and tie off. One of the secrets to tying this fly is to minimize the number of wraps to secure materials and be sure you don’t crowd the eye of the hook.




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The mallard drake does not have a lot of natural black flank feathers but I use these because they have a certain amount of iridescence. Blue wing feathers from the mallard drake or green from a green-winged teal can substitute for the golden pheasant.

**How to Fish:** More often than not I use this fly in rivers and streams. It makes a great imitation for a variety of mayfly nymphs and emergers, as well as midges or midge clusters. It can be fished 1) down and dead drifted as a dropper to a heavier fly, 2) on top with a dead drift, or 3) across and down drift, swing, and hold in the surface film. In lakes I tend to fish the fly as a still dry or slow moving fly in the surface. I am especially fond of the fly in small sizes (20-24) during the winter putting the fly down through riffles or watching for the mayfly/midge hatches on slow water or in eddies on cloudy, even snowy, days. This small fly will catch big fish! *Contributed by Ralph Brooks*