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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 97005

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

6:00 – 6:15	<b>Short Agenda:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome to all attendees, guests, and new members</li><li>• Solicit volunteers for Expo and officers for 2010</li></ul>
6:15 – 8:30	<b>Let the eating begin!</b>
8:30 – 9:00	<b>Raffle: one nice surprise prize!</b>

## Holiday Banquet

The time has finally come. The holiday season is here, and we are planning our most popular event of the year. Everyone loves good food and good cheer, maybe even more than fishing! Well, maybe it is not quite as great as a good fishing trip, but it is mighty close. This is a family event, so feel free to bring your friends and family. All we ask is that you bring your favorite side dish or dessert: casseroles, dressing, bread, pies, cakes, fruit salads, etc. Bring whatever is popular in your family. People love to share their favorite recipes. Use your creativity and bring what you like – especially your appetite. We are also looking for a few volunteers to help with dishes and cleaning up the clubhouse after the dinner. If you can volunteer any help, it would be greatly appreciated.

### The club provides the entrees:

- David Eisenhauer is cooking a turkey and providing dressing and potatoes.
- Shane Stewart is baking a ham.
- Chuck Cooney is also baking a 20 lb. turkey.
- Beverages, including soda, water, and beer, will also be available from the club. If you would like to have some wine, please feel free to bring your favorite variety.

We are also planning to have an extra nice surprise raffle prize. In addition, tickets for the pontoon boat we are raffling off can be purchased for \$5.00 apiece. Please plan to attend if you can – I guarantee you will have a great time.

## Merrill Lake Outing

We don't have any photos to share, but our last outing on November 7<sup>th</sup> at Merrill Lake turned out to be wet and rainy but very productive. The nine or ten members who braved the weather were very successful. Everyone caught a good number of fish, including rainbows and cutthroats to 18". It looks like this lake will be a good bet for next year. There is little doubt that we will be returning in 2010.

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**President's Message.....December, 2009**

**Contact List:** George Wilson is nearing completion of an up-to-date contact list for all club members. He is planning to send out a note to all members who have not yet responded to his original note. If you want to be included in the list, please respond to his note. We plan to print the contact list in January. Many thanks to George for his hard work on this list – it should prove invaluable as a resource for setting up a fishing trip or finding fellow members to fish with.

**Elections:** The Board is currently working on a list of candidates for 2010 officers and Board members. If you would like to volunteer or nominate someone, please contact me at (503) 614-8115 or at [ppripke@gmail.com](mailto:ppripke@gmail.com). We are always looking for “new blood,” so please think about contributing to our overall mission to “cultivate the art of fly fishing through a spirit of fellowship.”

**Future Outings:** Our next outing won't be until next March, but we are planning a major excursion in March to find some coastal steelhead. Through the efforts of Paul (“Sparky”) Skelton we are renting the 4H Building in Tillamook on March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. We will have a warm place to eat and sleep, and the cost will only be about \$20.00 a night. From this base of operations we will be able to branch out to any of the coastal rivers we prefer. Keep tuned – more to come.

**Fly Tying Expo:** The Northwest Fly Tying and Fly Fishing Expo will be held on March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in Albany, Oregon. Our club is involved with solicitation of donations for the raffles and auctions that will be held at the event. If you know an individual or a company that would like to make a contribution, please let me know.

We are also looking for volunteers to help at the event. Please let me know if you would like to help.

**Upcoming Events**

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> .....Holiday Banquet begins 6:00 p.m.**

**December 16<sup>th</sup> .....Board Meeting at River City Fly Shop**

**January 6<sup>th</sup> .....Monthly Meeting**

**January 20<sup>th</sup> .....6:30 p.m., Board Meeting  
.....7:00 p.m., Fly Tying Night  
.....both at Clubhouse**

**February 3<sup>rd</sup> .....Monthly Meeting:  
Election of Officers for 2010**

**February 17<sup>th</sup> .....6:30 p.m., Board Meeting  
7:00 p.m., Fly Tying Night  
both at Clubhouse**

## December Fly of the Month: Orange Heron



Tied by **Stu Farnham**  
Compliments of **salmonfly.net**

<b>Category</b>	Steelhead
<b>Hook</b>	Standard steelhead hook
<b>Hackle</b>	Blue-eared pheasant or Blue Heron substitute
<b>Rib</b>	Oval and flat tinsel
<b>Body</b>	Rear half: orange floss Front half: orange seal substitute tied in dubbing loop of body floss
<b>Throat</b>	Teal
<b>Wing:</b>	Four range neck feathers back to back
<b>Head</b>	Red thread

**History:** Syd Glasso, one of the true pioneers of fly fishing for steelhead, developed this fly in the 1960s on his home waters near Forks, Washington. Syd first fly fished for winter steelhead on the Nisqually River during the 1930s. When he moved to Forks he began treating his silk lines with red lead, developing the first sinking lines for steelhead. On one Thanksgiving Day he took his first winter steelhead on a fly. Many more were to follow, with vastly improved sinking lines during the 20 years he lived and taught school in Forks, Washington. His Orange Heron is probably the most famous of his now legendary fly patterns. His flies are among the most beautiful ever tied, and they still work as well as they ever did.

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**How to Fish:** This fly can be dead-drifted on a dry or sink tip line. It is, however, more often fished on a wet fly swing. At times you may also want to twitch it lightly, especially on the hang-down at the end of your swing. Hang on tight. Steelhead often grab aggressively. However, give the fish time to turn before you set the hook.

### How to Tie:

- 1) Attach red thread just above hook barb.
- 2) Tie in orange floss, spey hackle along with flat tinsel and oval braid. Bring red throat forward.
- 3) Wrap orange floss halfway up hook shank. Leave loose end of floss to be used later as a dubbing loop.
- 4) Palmer spey hackle forward to midpoint.
- 5) Overwrap and secure hackle with the flat tinsel and oval braid. Align oval and tinsel for best appearance. Wrap red thread to hook eye.
- 6) Form dubbing loop with the floss, creating an orange dub thorax.
- 7) Tie in teal throat with 8 or 9 flank feathers.
- 8) Tie in four orange hackle feathers back to back as wing.
- 9) Whip finish and form head with red thread.



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