



# The Fly Line

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*"Cultivating the art of fly fishing through a spirit of fellowship and resource enhancement"*

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## *December Chapter Meeting*

Westbrook Club House

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Beaverton, OR 97005

*Wednesday, December 3, 2008*

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<b>6:00 – 6:15 p.m.</b>	Meeting opens with limited business matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome to all guests and members</li> <li>• Solicit volunteers for February elections</li> <li>• Thanks to everyone for their support during the year.</li> </ul>
<b>6:15 – 8:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Banquet begins. Bring your appetite. There will be plenty to eat for all</b>
<b>8:30 – 9:00 p.m.</b>	Conversation, cleanup, and adjournment. <b>Note:</b> No raffle will be held this month, but will resume in January.

### *Annual Holiday Banquet: Festivities Begin at 6 p.m.*

Every year our December meeting is dedicated to celebrating the season and thanking all our members for their support throughout the year. This will be the 9<sup>th</sup> time we have sponsored this event, and it has always been a friendly and joyful time. Everyone is invited, so plan to bring your spouse, significant other, friends and family. The club will provide the entrees and beverages. David Eisenhauer and Kathleen Priepeke are preparing two turkeys, along with stuffing and gravy. Shane Stewart is planning to be the ham chef for those who prefer pork over bird. You are asked to bring your favorite side dish, casserole, salad or dessert. Even if you do not cook, bring bread or something from the deli. It is always a pleasure to taste favorite recipes from different family traditions, so bring what you and your family enjoy most, but whatever you do, bring your appetite and some fishing stories. Lively conversations are always a welcome addition to the meal.



Several members at the Deschutes outing

### *Outings/Fish-Alongs*

Our outing chairmen would like to improve on our outings as well as diversify and provide new venues for people to explore and improve their knowledge of our fishing area. In addition we are discussing setting up a “big brother” partner program to help people either new to fishing or new to the Pacific Northwest. Please send your ideas and suggestions to the following Board Members responsible for outings:

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We want to have a schedule ready sometime in January.

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*December President's Message*

**Giving Thanks:** I would like to dedicate this month's presidential message to all of our members. All of you, almost without exception, have supported our mission to build "a spirit of fellowship and resource enhancement." You have made my job much easier. You all deserve the credit for making our club a social and financial success. Several members deserve special mention, as their efforts have gone beyond the call of duty:

- **Hal Gordon**, for his tireless work with the Flyfishing Arts and Conservation Society to make the "Fly Tyer Rendezvous" a success once again this year. He is also to be congratulated for spearheading a week-long trip to the Owyhee for members.
- **Tom Wideman**, for cheerfully handling the duties of Membership Chairman along with proving he is a terrific auctioneer at our annual club auction as well as at the Rendezvous.
- **Ed Saunders**, for orchestrating the week-long outing at Fletcher Lake. He not only saved everyone a lot of money, but also showed everyone a good time.
- **John McNally**, for almost single-handedly maintaining our relationship with the Boy Scouts for the past few years. John has hosted the Venturing Youth and Venturing Ride. The Boy Scouts sent us a nice thank-you note and are planning to have us back once again. Obviously John has done a great job!
- **Shane Stewart**, for his tireless work on cutthroat fishing regulations and other issues shared by our club and the Native Fish Society.
- **Jerry Heppell**, for his help continuing our scholarship fund for OSU. We gave away \$3,000.00 again this year.
- **Don Nelson**, for his relentless support of our club. His generosity is one of the main reasons our club remains successful.
- **Rich Taylor**, who quietly and consistently maintains our website. Without him the website might have faded away.
- **Dave Wesley, Chuck Cooney, and George Wilson**, for hosting our outings. There is more work to this than you might think!
- **Paul Skelton**, our Awards Chairman, for making our annual auction a great success.

I am running out of space, and I apologize to those of you I may have left out. I'm thankful to everyone and look forward to next year. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.....Pete

*Upcoming Events*

- December 3<sup>rd</sup> .....6:00 p.m. Monthly Meeting:  
 Holiday Banquet. Note early  
 start time.**
- January 7<sup>th</sup> .....Monthly Meeting**
- January 21<sup>st</sup> .....Board Meeting**
- February 4<sup>th</sup> .....Monthly Meeting**

## *Fly of the Month: The Mahoney*



**Courtesy of Dec Hogan**

<b>Hook</b>	Spey hook, size 1/0 - 2
<b>Thread</b>	6/0 black or red
<b>Body</b>	Rear third red floss, red hot seal sub on forward portion
<b>Rib</b>	Flat pearl mylar, followed by oval silver tinsel
<b>Hackle</b>	Black schlappen, one side stripped
<b>Collar</b>	Hot red schlappen followed by red guinea hen

**History:** This fly was originally tied by Dec Hogan for fishing his favorite waters on the Skagit and Sauk Rivers in Washington. Hogan believes that red is a trigger color for steelhead, but is not traditionally used as a dominant color in steelhead patterns. It is used on tails or as an accent in hackle but not otherwise. He found that hard to believe because “red flies have accounted for numerous steelhead” hooked by him and his friends. Consequently, he developed this spey pattern as one of his “go-to” flies. He especially likes it as a “follow-up” pattern when fishing behind someone else.

**How to Fish:** Fish with a wet tip or floating line. Cast across stream or slightly upstream. Mend once or twice, slowing fly down, then let it swing through the run. As it swings below you, let it “hang down” 2-3 seconds, twitch it once or twice, retrieve and repeat.

### **How to Tie:**

- Start thread slightly ahead of hook point. Tie in medium oval tinsel under hook shank. Tie in mylar tinsel so its far edge lies touching tinsel but not overlapping it.
- Tie in black schlappen hackle by butt. Schlappen should be stripped on one side. Wind thread 1/3 way up hook and stop.
- Secure a length of red floss to underside of hook shank. Wrap floss back to schlappen butt, then forward to point where floss was originally tied in. Be careful not to overlap turns of floss.
- Tie in a length of red floss to be used as a dubbing loop. Lashing down all excess floss and ribbing materials, bring thread onto and slightly beyond hook return. Split floss, add dubbing material, and spin to form dubbing rope.
- Wind dubbing on. Wrap pearl mylar 5-6 turns, start behind schlappen to form tag. Follow with silver oval tinsel and then the black hackle. Trim all excess materials.
- Wrap undercollar of hot red schlappen followed by two turns of red guinea.
- Select two pair of red neck hackles. Match them and flatten butt ends so they tie in more easily. Set wings. They should have a low profile.
- Wrap head. Keep as small as possible. Apply head cement. Go fish.

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