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February Chapter Meeting

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Westbrook Club House

14255 S.W. 6th Street (one block east of S.W. Murray)

Beaverton, OR 97008

Wednesday, February 1, 2006, 7:00 p.m.

7:00 – 7:30	Meeting is called to order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Marty Day Scholarship for an Oregon State fisheries student • Election of officers for the coming year • Planning for the Wilson River outing
7:30 – 8:30	Entertainment: Chris O'Donnell on fly fishing the Deschutes
8:30 – 9:00	Monthly raffle: more goodies. Meeting adjourns

Entertainment

Chris O'Donnell, who is one of the "A Team" of guides for Ouzel Outfitters, will give a presentation on fly fishing for trout and steelhead fishing on the Deschutes River. Ouzel Outfitters provides single and multi-day float trips on the lower Deschutes, the Rogue, the John Day, and the McKenzie, all of which Chris will talk about, but he will concentrate primarily on his first love, the Deschutes River. This is our state's premium blue ribbon trout fishery, and I am sure Chris's expertise will help all of us to understand it even better.

Wilson River Outing

Our next outing will target winter steelhead on the Wilson River. It is scheduled for February 18th, and will be taking a slightly different approach than at previous outings. The plan is to meet at Alice's Restaurant at 7 a.m. to eat some breakfast and drink some coffee before going fishing.

Please plan to attend this month's meeting and sign up for the trip. We need to know who is planning to join us so we can organize shuttles for the boaters and decide how the bank anglers can spread out on the river. We will also set up some car pools so that everyone can save on gas money. The timing for this trip may turn out perfectly. Hopefully the river will have settled down from the rains and the run should be at its peak. Let's hope so.



Marc Williamson relaxing at one of our Crooked River outings

These group fish-alongs are always fun, and we are looking for more destinations for the coming year. Please let us know if you have some favorite spots you would like to share with your fellow members, and we will try to get them on the schedule. We generally try to have 9-10 trips a year, and are always open to new ideas.

Fly of the Month: "TLC Caddis"



Hook	#12-16, 2x long wet fly
Thread	0/8 black
Weight	Optional; either or both gold bead and wraps of no-lead wire under body
Tail	Peacock herl
Ribbing	Mylar tinsel, gold or silver
Wing Case	Yarn, white or cream
Body	Ostrich herl, black

History:

The TLC Caddis is named for *Trapper Lakes* in the Flat Top Wilderness of northwest Colorado where I first discovered and used the fly at least 15 years ago. Trappers Lake is an awesome lake. A mile long and 250 feet deep this natural lake sits at 9,600 feet just below timberline and surrounded by 1,000 foot vertical walls. I stay at a lodge with rustic cabins....wood stove heat, no water, community bath, lights are on a generator that is turned off from 8pm to 6am. I had gone to the bathhouse in the evening where a fellow from California had set up tying flies for lack of light in his cabin. He and his buddies had run out of this fly because they had been dragging in more fish than they cared to count. We had not been catching much, so I paid attention and he gave me a few. It has become a welcome addition to my fly box.

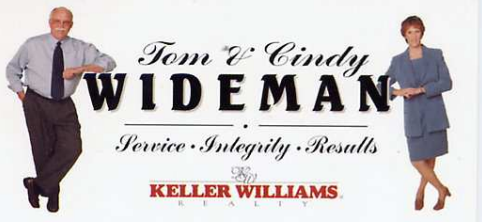
Tying Instructions:

Begin by weighting the hook with a gold bead, no-lead wire, or both. Tie in 3-4 peacock herl tips. Secure ribbing at the tail. Take a one-inch piece of yarn and secure it midway on the shank so that the long end extends forward, then wrap thread forward so that the yarn is secured just behind the bead or hook eye. Tie in 2-3 pieces of ostrich herl by their tips at the tail. Wrap the herl forward putting two or three wraps in front of the yarn and tie off the fly with a half-hitch or whip finish. Now pull the yarn upward and cut it off just above the ostrich herl. The spot of yarn is suggestive of an air bubble that develops as the wings prepare to emerge. Finished! The fly can be tied in a wide range of colors but I generally just use black.

How to Fish:

The fly seems best suited to lakes and has worked well in a number of Northwest lakes. The normal tactic is to drift the fly with floating line and a long leader giving the fly small strips. Vary the speed to see what the fish want. The fly can also be used below the surface with intermediate or sinking lines, again stripping the fly at various speeds.


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