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February Chapter Meeting

Westbrook Club House

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

Beaverton, OR 97008

Wednesday, February 7, 2007

7:00 – 7:30	Meeting called to order. Business matters to be covered include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2007 election of officers and board members • Sign-up sheet for February 24th outing to the Wilson River • Upcoming club auction in March • Progress on scholarship program
7:30 – 8:30	Entertainment: Matt McCrary "Fishing the North Fork of the Santiam River."
8:30 – 9:00	Raffle: "more good stuff." Adjournment

About Our Speaker

This month's entertainment will feature Matt McCrary, owner of "Action Anglers". His presentation will be on the North Fork Santiam River for both steelhead and trout. This is a close-by river that is under-utilized. Now is the time to learn about it. Matt's autobiographical sketch:

Growing up as a young lad I always knew that one day I would become a fishing guide. My first job as a fishing guide was on the Deschutes River in Maupin, Oregon. I knew from the first client that stepped foot into my drift boat, that this was what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. I was born and raised in Portland, Oregon, with the Sandy and Clackamas rivers in my back yard. Let me tell you, I took full advantage of it. I remember quitting a job because I couldn't get the day off to go steelhead fishing on the Sandy. Whoever said steelhead fishing wasn't addictive? ..For the past five years I have spent a lot of time teaching spey casting and watching flies swing across some of the most beautiful water in the world. In that time I have watched steelhead do some of the most amazing things, things that most anglers will never see because they're not on the high banks watching. The last few years I have been teaching spey casting with shooting head lines. These are the greatest lines to every come out. Every client that has cast these lines feels the same after a day on the river. These lines are great to cast in tight quarters with minimal effort.....Matt McCrary

March Auction

Remember that our club auction is scheduled for the March meeting. We are now accepting donations for this annual event. We are looking for outdoor gear in good condition, but any item or gift certificate for services is welcome. Please look over your own inventory of fishing and camping items and consider donating any that may be surplus or going unused. If you have any friends or business relationships that may be willing to help with our auction, don't be bashful – ask if they would be willing to help. Contact Paul Skelton (503-351-6182) or Don Nelson (503-579-5176) if you have any questions. Items can be given to them directly, or they can be dropped off at the River City Fly Shop.

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February President's Message

February 24th Wilson River Outing: The plan is to meet at Alice's Restaurant at 7 a.m. to share coffee and breakfast before separating out to fish. You will be free to fish the Wilson or any other nearby coastal river, but we will reconvene at 3 p.m. at the new Tillamook Forestry Center to share some hot soup and stories. Chuck Cooney will prepare the hot soup, and promises that it will be great. A sign-up sheet and more details will be provided at this month's meeting. **Please make sure you sign up. We need to be able to contact everyone in case the weather or river conditions cause a change in plans.** Please contact Dave Wesley (503-848-0812 or dcwesley@comcast.net) if you cannot sign up at the meeting.

The Rest of the Year: Listed below are the planned outings for the remainder of 2007:

- **March 31.....Nehalem River (South Fork) for steelhead**
- **April 28thMcKenzie River float trip for trout**
- **May 19thRock Creek Reservoir for trout**
- **June 2-3.....Deschutes overnight trip during salmonfly hatch**
- **June 30thGold Lake for trout**
- **July 21-22.....Overnight trip to Middle Fork Willamette for trout**
- **September 22-23..Overnight trip to Metolius and nearby lakes**
- **October 20thTrask River for searuns and coho**
- **November 17-18...Overnight steelhead trip on the Deschutes**

Other Events For Your Calendar:

February 7-11.....Sportsman's Show at Expo Center

February 17-18.....National Flyfishing Show, Convention Center

March 9-10.....Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Show, Linn County Fairgrounds

May 5-6.....Spey Clave, Oxbow Park

Rod Building Seminar: Don't forget that our April and May meetings will be dedicated to our rod building workshop. Many of you have already placed your orders for blanks and components through River City Fly Shop. If you haven't done so yet, please get your order in before the end of February. That will give us enough time to assemble everything you will need for the classes.

If you do not want to build a rod, we have made arrangements to provide fly-tying demonstrations at the same time as the workshop. Hal Gordon and Marc Williamson will host that part of the meetings.

Tight lines.....Pete

Fly of the Month: “March Brown Emerger”



Hook	Standard Nymph #14-16
Thread	8/0 Tan
Body	Tan Beaver Dubbing, Brown Rib
Thorax	Tan Beaver Under-Fur Dubbing
Throat	Brown Partridge
Wing	Tan Beaver, Antron Yarn Shell-Back
Variations	Combinations of Gray, Olive, Brown or Cream to Match Mayfly Species.

Submitted by Hal Gordon. Photo by John McNally

History: This classic emerger pattern has been around for years. This fly is designed to float in the top few inches of water and imitate an emerging mayfly. The beaver fur wing mimics an unfolding wing, the partridge tail a nymph shuck and the Antron shell-back an air bubble, together producing some lively action.

How to Fish: Fish this fly like a dry fly, but let it sink into the surface film. Consider applying floatant to the tippet, except within a foot of the fly. Concentrate on flat water along slow runs where fish are rising. Fish may appear to be taking adults, but they really are taking emergers. Don't forget foam seams and back eddies where crippled emergers concentrate. Fish also take this fly deep, try it as a dropper off a heavily weighted nymph before and after the hatch.

Tying Instructions: Fix the hook in the vise and layer thread over the shank to the bend. Tie in the partridge tail and several inches of dark brown thread for the rib. Dub two-thirds of the body with beaver under-fur and wrap the rib to give the appearance of segmentation. Tie in a small tuft of beaver under-fur for the wing, it should reach back to the base of the tail. Attach several inches of tan Antron yarn at the base of the beaver-tuft wing and dub the thorax to hide the thread wraps. Pull the Antron yarn over the top of the thorax and tie the yarn off. Add a throat of brown partridge to both sides of the hook, keeping the fibers pointing to the hook point. Dub a small head with beaver under-fur to hide the remaining thread wraps. Secure the head with several wraps of thread and add a drop of cement to the thread.

Upcoming Events

- February 7thMonthly Meeting: 2007 elections
- February 21stBoard Meeting
- February 24thWilson River Steelhead Outing
- March 7thMonthly Meeting:
Annual Auction
- March 21stBoard Meeting
- March 31stNehalem River Outing



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