



The Fly Line

Washington County Fly Fishers

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February Chapter Meeting

Westbrook Club House

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

Beaverton, OR 97005

Wednesday, February 6, 2008

7:00 – 7:30	Meeting opens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome to all guests and new members • Recap of planned outings for 2008 • Ed Sanders' plan for group trip to British Columbia lakes • FFF exhibit at dental convention April 3, 4, 5. • February 13th fly tying session with Stonefly Maidens • Election of officers and Board of Directors
7:30 – 8:30	Entertainment: Pete Priepke will give a presentation on fishing for silvers in Alaska
8:30 – 9:00	Raffle. Fly swap for those who want to trade fly patterns. Adjournment.

Entertainment

Last fall I had the privilege of traveling to the remote Golsovia River just south of Nome in northern Alaska to fish for silvers. The scenery and fishing were fantastic. My presentation is not as polished as Hal Gordon's last month on the Owyhee, but I think you will find it interesting, and perhaps even whet your appetite to make a trip to Alaska yourself.

Share Your Ideas on Fishing Regs

Now is your chance to share any ideas you have regarding Oregon's fishing regulations. Should we have more catch-and-release regulations? Should there be more fly-fishing-only water? Should there be more bait restrictions and/or barbless hook regulations? Let the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission know – they will be implementing many new rules by next September.

Suggestions have to be submitted in a format found in packets available at any office of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, department headquarters in Salem or online at www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/fishing/index.asp. Packets contain background on the development of angling regulations, instructions on submitting comments and proposals, and a current list of proposals from the department and Oregon State Police. The proposals will be studied by the department and categorized for the commission's review.

It has been suggested that the catch-and-release regulations currently in effect on our northern coastal streams be removed. As a club we are against this change, and would like to see catch-and-release a matter of policy on "all coastal streams." Let the Department of Fish and Wildlife know – they will listen.

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President's Message

Outings for the Year: The Board met in January and expanded the number of outings for 2008 based on your input at last month's meeting. David Wesley, Chuck Cooney, and George Wilson have agreed to share the responsibility for these outings, and they have agreed on the best dates:

February 23rdSandy River (steelhead)
March 15thWilson River/coastal streams (steelhead)
March 29thVernonia Ponds (trout)
April 12thNehalem River (steelhead)
April 26th/27thDavis Lake (bass, trout)
May 10thMcKenzie River (trout)
May 31stLost Lake (trout)
June 7th/8thDeschutes River (trout)
June 28th/29thCrane Prairie Reservoir (trout)
July 26th/27thGold Lake (trout)
AugustNo outings
September 13thTimothy Lake (trout)
October 11th/12thCrooked River (trout)
November 8thMerrill Lake (trout)

Some of these trips may be subject to change and others may be added, but at this point this is how the year will shape up.

In addition to the official club outings, three of our members are planning longer trips during the year that members are welcome to join:

- Ed Sanders is planning a trip to Fletcher Lake in British Columbia (June 22-28, 2008).
- David Eisenhauer is planning a trip for the fall to the Kamloops area.
- Hal Gordon is organizing another trip to the Owyhee River during the first week of October.

Upcoming Events

(In addition to the above outings)

February 6thMonthly Meeting/Elections
February 6-10Sportsmen's Show
February 13thTying for Stonefly Maidens
February 20thBoard Meeting
March 5thMonthly Meeting
March 19thBoard Meeting
April 3rdMonthly Meeting
April 3/4/5Dental Convention
April 16thBoard Meeting

Fly of the Month: The Fletcher Lake



**Fly submitted by Marc Williamson.
Photograph by John McNally.**

Hook	Daiichi 1260, sizes 8-12
Thread	8/0 olive
Tail	Dyed green "Ring Neck" pheasant tail fibers
Body/abdomen	Two strands of peacock herl and red crystal flash
Body/thorax	Same as abdomen
Hackle	Dyed green "Ring Neck" pheasant tail fibers

History: I saw this fly in Central Oregon up on one of the lakes and the person using it was hammering fish. At that point I went over to see what he was using to catch all the fish while I was seldom hooking one.

How to fish: This pattern imitates a lot of things that fish eat --emergers, damsels etc. It moves very well in the water. Cast to the bank in relatively shallow water. Remember that if the water is too deep there will be not weed growth and no weed growth means no fish. Vary your retrieve from a hand twist to a quicker strip. I fish this pattern on a clear intermediate line with a 7-9 foot leader. It can be longer depending on water clarity. My success with this patterns has been in casting it to the shore over weed growth and adjusting my strip from medium to somewhat fast.

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Tying Instructions: Attach the olive thread and wrap back to the bend in the hook. Attach some dyed green pheasant fibers (body length). Wrap forward and back again to create a thread base. Back at the bend of the hook tie in two peacock herls and a single strand to red crystal flash. Create a dubbing loop shorter than the materials. Place your dubbing hook up through the loop and grab the materials, pulling them back through the loop; catch the thread and begin to spin the dubbing loop. This will create a strong body that will not come apart with the first fish hooked. Wrap the body about 3/4 of the way up the hook. Tie off the abdomen. At that point tie in more Olive Green fibers (they must be long enough to lay over the thorax and then tied back over the body). Wrap some peacock fibers in a dubbing loop again to create the thorax. Pull the Pheasant fibers forward over the thorax. At this point, wrap the pheasant down and pull back over the body. Following wrapping the abdomen forward, tie off the body. Tie in long pheasant tail fibers with the tips forward. Wrap more of the peacock with a dubbing loop forward. Pull the pheasant tail fibers forward over the thorax, tie off and pull the fibers back over the thorax to create the wing. Wrap thread over fibers to hold them back and whip finish.



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