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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 4, 2009

7:00 – 7:30	Meeting opens. Topics of business include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome to all guests and new members • Election of 2009 officers. • New logo from Jake Surber • Outings/Fish-alongs for the year • Fly tying night. Plans for the coming year. • Northwest Fly Tyer and Fishing Expo • Ed Sanders on his Fletcher Lake Outing • Contact list
7:30 – 8:30	Entertainment: Russell Bassett: "The Molalla River and Its Fishery."
8:30 – 9:00	Raffle: more good stuff – don't miss out. Meeting adjourns.

Entertainment

Russell Bassett is the River Steward Coordinator for The Native Fish Society. His home river is the Molalla, but he works with 15 NFS river stewards. Rivers included are the Deschutes, John Day, lower Columbia, mid-coast rivers, Nestucca, north Oregon coast rivers, North Umpqua, Sandy, Rogue, and Yachats. The program is four years old and began as a way to ensure fish management agencies, including ODFW, are in harmony with the Native Fish Society's conservation goals for wild fish. Russell's talk will focus on the current status of the steward programs on the Molalla River. Much has been done to improve the fishery, including everything from cleanup and culvert removal to improvement of water quality and the prevention of gravel mining. Russell will share with us all of the Molalla projects that are ongoing, but perhaps of even more interest he will share his knowledge about the improved steelhead, trout, and spring Chinook fishery on this river. The "Mo," as it is affectionately called, may surprise you. It is close by, but often overlooked. Come see what Russell has to say – you won't regret it.

British Columbia Outing

Ed Sanders is planning a week-long outing to British Columbia (Lake Fletcher) again this year. The trip is scheduled for the week of June 2-5. The cabins being rented are rustic, but are safe from the weather. However, you cannot beat the price. Last year the lodging was \$117 per person for the week, and the total cost overall was approximately \$400 for the entire trip. Ed is looking for up to 12 people to join in and would welcome anyone who is interested. Please contact him at 503-640-0195 or at edlsanders@verizon.net. He is hoping to have everyone signed up and have payment for the cabins by March 15th, so please contact him as soon as possible.

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February President's Message

2009 Outings: The Board of Directors met last month and planned a calendar of fishing outings for 2009. This list of events is subject to change, but does give you an idea of what is coming up throughout the coming year. We are still open to other ideas and would welcome anyone willing to host an outing to an alternative location. Please contact me or any of the officers regarding thoughts you may have.

- March 21 (Saturday) Combination outing on Lost Lake (Clatsop County) and/or the Nehalem River. Fish for trout or steelhead, your choice.
- April 18 (Saturday) Vernonia Lake. Trout outing on a well-stocked lake.
- May 16 Rock Creek Reservoir. Trout fishing with possibility of fishing the Deschutes on the return home.
- June 2-5 Fletcher Lake Outing, British Columbia
- June 20-21 Diamond Lake. Lots of nice-sized rainbows.
- July 18 McKenzie/Willamette float trip for trout.
- August 15 Willamette River for smallmouth bass
- September 19 Coldwater Lake in the Mt. St. Helens Monument for trout
- October 4-10 Week-long trip to the Owyhee organized by Hal Gordon. Big brown trout.
- October 9-10 Trout on the Crooked River. Participants on the Owyhee may join in.
- November 21 Cape Mears Lake. Coastal trout; maybe some jetty fishing.

Fly Tying Night: We have reinstated our fly tying night starting February 18th at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to bring your tying equipment and materials to join us. In addition to tying we will share tips on rod construction, line design, and other matters associated with fly fishing.

Upcoming Events

- February 4thMonthly Meeting
February 18thBoard Meeting: 6:30 p.m. at Clubhouse
Fly Tying Night, 7:00 p.m.
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March 18thBoard Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Clubhouse
Fly Tying Night, 7:00 p.m.
March 21stLost Lake/Nehalem Outing; see above.

Fly of the Month: Thin Mint Woolly Bugger By Ralph Brooks



Recipe	
Hook	Streamer, 2-3X long, size 4-10
Bead	Gold, size matched to hook
Weight	Lead or lead-free wire is optional
Thread	0/6 olive, brown or black
Tail	Marabou: black, brown & olive
1st Rib	Pearl Tinsel, medium
Body	Peacock herl
Hackle	Saddle hackle, furnace
2nd Rib	Wire, fine red

History: History? You've got me. For Heaven's sake, it's a woolly bugger. There are literally hundreds of variations and entire books devoted to the one of the best all around flies in our arsenal. And, I doubt that this Thin Mint was invented by a Girl Scout but maybe whoever came up with the pattern was eating the well-known thin mint cookie at the time. I had it sold to me in a Saratoga, Wyoming fly shop under the billing "it was the hottest fly on the river [North Platte] this week." To be brief, it performed well. When not much of anything was producing fish, we were able to get the attention of some dandy browns and rainbows, including several 20"+ fish.



We're never too busy to take excellent care of your referrals!

Mark your calendar for the 34th annual Pacific Northwest Sportsmen's Show, February 4-8 at the Portland Expo Center. Discount tickets are available at River City Fly Shop. See the show website www.otshows.com/PNWSS for a schedule of events.

How to Fish: This pattern can be fished in rivers or lakes using floating or sinking lines. In rivers it can be fished using a standard wet fly swing or stripped. In still waters the fly is stripped. Vary how you strip the fly – try slow to fast or even very fast – try short to long strips – try varying the length of pause between strips (i.e., the longer you pause the more your fly sinks). One of the most important things in this regard is to remember what you are doing so that when you do get a strike you can repeat the action. From my own experience this is a great pattern for rainbow and brown trout. Having just discovered this fly, my experience is a little limited, but in my opinion the fly has all the right colors. According to one Oregon web site, this is a pretty fair pattern for smallmouth bass.

How to Tie:

1. Slide the bead onto the hook's shank.
2. Start the thread about ¾ up the hook's shank. Wind it down to the hook's bend. Tie in three small bundles of marabou for the tail. Place a small bundle of brown bundle on one side of the shank, then olive on the other side of the shank and then a black bundle on top. The tail should be slightly longer than the length of the hook.
3. Tie in a piece of fine wire at the butt and leave it hanging off the back of the fly for later (2nd rib).
4. Tie in a piece of pearl tinsel at the butt and leave it hanging off the back of the fly for later (1st rib).
5. Tie in 4-6 strands (more may be needed on large flies) of peacock herl, wrap the thread forward, then wrap the herl forward to the bead to form a slim body. Secure the herl.
6. Wrap the pearl tinsel forward to the bead using 3-4 wraps and secure.
7. Select a furnace hackle with quills about 1½ X longer than the gap of the hook. Avoid 'webby' hackle as this fly should have a thin profile. Tie in the hackle base just behind the bead. Take two wraps immediately behind the bead then another 3-4 wraps toward the back of the hook, ending at the base of the tail. Now, using the wire (2nd rib) catch the hackle and wrap the wire forward through the hackle to the bead using about 4 wraps. Take a couple extra wire wraps behind the bead and then tie the wire in with the thread.
8. Whip finish. Apply head cement. Start on your next fly.



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