



# The Fly Line

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## February Chapter Meeting

Westbrook Club House

14255 S.W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street (one block east of S.W. Murray)

Beaverton, OR 97005

### Wednesday, February 3, 2010

7:00 – 7:30	Meeting opens. Business agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Election of officers</li> <li>▪ 2010 outings: Sign-up sheet for first outing of the year on the Clackamas River Feb 27<sup>th</sup></li> <li>▪ George Wilson discusses the contact list</li> <li>▪ Club insurance</li> </ul>
7:30 – 8:30	<b>Entertainment: Joel LaFollette on tying steelhead flies</b>
8:30 – 9:00	Raffle: more good stuff to win. <b>Drawing for pontoon boat.</b> Meeting concludes

### Entertainment

Joel LaFollette, currently a manager for “Kaufmann’s Streamborn” Shop, is returning to our club to provide a new demonstration on tying steelhead flies as well as showing some new photo footage of his fly fishing adventures in British Columbia. His motto is “steelhead are too noble a fish to be caught with an ugly fly.”

Joel has also put together a memorial fly plate in honor of the “Green Butt Skunk” creator Dan Callagan. It is filled with 101 versions of this fly from tyers throughout the Northwest and the world. It will be on display on February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at the Oregon State Capitol – Galleria West. It will also be on display at the Fly Tying Expo on March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. You can get a preview of it on line at [royaltreatmentflyfishing.com](http://royaltreatmentflyfishing.com). You shouldn’t miss seeing this wonderful tribute to one of our most renowned flyfishers.



Chuck Cooney was welcomed into the new year by this bright steelhead

### Club Election Candidates

**President: Chuck Cooney**

**Past President: Pete Priepeke**

**Vice President: George Wilson**

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**Website Chairman: Rich Taylor**

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**President's Message.....February, 2010**

**Club Outings for 2010:** The club is proposing the following formal outings for the year 2010. Keep this for reference if you would like to participate:

- **February 27<sup>th</sup>:** Clackamas steelhead outing
- **March 20-21:** Wilson River coast steelhead outing
- **April 17<sup>th</sup>** Vernonia Pond trout outing
- **May 22<sup>nd</sup>** Rock Creek Reservoir trout trip
- **June 5<sup>th</sup>** Deschutes River for the salmon fly hatch
- **Week of June 13<sup>th</sup>** for Montana trip. Contact Ed Sanders ([edlsanders@verizon.net](mailto:edlsanders@verizon.net))
- **July 10<sup>th</sup>** McKenzie River trout trip
- **August 7<sup>th</sup>** Club BBQ with casting clinic at a local park
- **September 18<sup>th</sup>** Coldwater Lake trout outing
- **October 4-8** Week-long Owyhee trip
- **October 8-9:** Crooked River weekend trip
- **November 13<sup>th</sup>** Deschutes River steelhead trip
- **December 1<sup>st</sup> :** Holiday Banquet. "Fishing for Turkey"

In addition to the primary outings above we are considering less formal or secondary trips to the following locations: Sandy River, Lost Lake (coast), Laurence Lake, John Day River, Goose Lake, Lost Lake (Mt. Hood), Davis-Crane-Eastlake, Umpqua River, Columbia River, Willamette River, Nehalem River, Merrill Lake, Fall River, Metolius River. Let us know if you would like to help organize any "fish-alongs" at any of these destinations.

**Upcoming Events**

- February 3<sup>rd</sup> .....Monthly Meeting, 7:00 p.m.**
- February 10-14 .....Sportsman's Show, Portland**
- February 17<sup>th</sup> .....Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Fly Tying Night, 7:00 p.m.**  
**both at Clubhouse**
- February 27<sup>th</sup> .....Clackamas River Outing**
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> .....Monthly Meeting**
- March 6-7 .....Wilson River Outing**
- March 12-13.....FFF Fly Tying Expo**  
**Albany Fairgrounds**
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- April 21<sup>st</sup> .....Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.**  
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## *Fly of the Month: Herm Worm Pheasant Tail – Courtesy of Marc Williamson*



**Photo by John McNally**

### **A Little History:**

On a fishing trip to Fall River with Jeff Morgan (author of Angler's Guide to the Oregon Cascades & Small-Stream Fly Fishing) we were attempting to get our fly down in to the fish in the cuts in the river. Jeff handed me a Herm Worm. We both did very well getting down to the bigger fish hanging out.

**Hook:** Daiichi 1120

**Tail:** Three strands of natural pheasant tail

**Ribbing:** Small copper wire-counter wound

**Abdomen/Thorax:** Natural pheasant tail fibers

**Head:** Dinsmore No. 6 short

### **Variations:**

- ✓ You could change the color of the pheasant tail in the body and tail
- ✓ Change the Dinsmore shot to a tungsten bead
- ✓ Add a collar/thorax of dubbing or peacock herl

### **How to Fish:**

I often fish Fall River in the winter and the bigger fish get down into cuts of the river and you must get down to them or you go home empty.

I have had success using this fly both by itself and as a means of getting down. On the Owyhee River this past October I found this pattern to be very successful. I used a corkie as my indicator, and fished this pattern below. I had to experiment with depth a bit, but finally ended up around two feet below. I cast downstream right along the bank and moss rugs. I let it drift as long as I was not dragging the indicator.

### **How to tie the Herm Pheasant Tail:**

- Before placing the hook into the vice crimp the shot to the hook in the head position, taking care not to crimp too hard. Ideally you want the short to maintain its color and shape.
- Tie in three natural pheasant fibers at the bend of the hook
- Tie in the copper wire
- Tie in the natural pheasant fibers
- Wrap the fibers up to the shot
- Counter wrap the copper wire up to the shot
- Tie it off and complete with a few wraps of thread to cover the end of the wire.

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### **Reminder: Don't Forget:**

- **Sportsman's Show at Portland Expo Center, Feb. 10-14. River City will be there.**
- **2010 NW Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo at Albany Fair Grounds, March 12-13. River City will be there too.**



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