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February Chapter Meeting
Westbrook Club House
14255 SW 6th St (one block east of SW Murray)
Beaverton, OR 97005

Wednesday, February 1, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

Our clubhouse has been fully remodeled. Plan on checking it out this month...it is better than ever!

7:00 – 7:30	President Chuck Cooney opens the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome to new members and guests. • Outings for 2012. See President’s Message. • Donation from the Flyfishers’ Rendezvous expected to be \$500. We are looking for someone to chair the event. • Club auction in May. Start thinking about what you can donate. • Sportsman’s Show and FFF Expo.
7:30 – 8:30	Entertainment: Member Margaret Walker will share her experiences during her fishing trip to Patagonia last year.
8:30 – 9:00	Raffle. Ron Reinebach has put together some great prizes. Tickets will be sold throughout the meeting. Join the fun. Meeting adjourns.

Entertainment: Margaret Walker talks about Patagonia

Last year Margaret took a trip of a lifetime that made all of us envious. She spent a week fly fishing for trout in Patagonia. She had a tremendous time, and wants to share her adventures with you. Please plan to attend this month’s meeting – you will be glad you did.

NW Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo

As 2012 begins it is time to get geared up for the NW Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo on March 9-10 at the Linn County Expo Center. This is considered to be the best fly fishing show on the entire West Coast. It is a “don’t miss” destination for any serious fly fisherman or tyer. You will have the opportunity to view 50+ exhibits, 200 fly tyers, attend 90 classes, casting demos, and much more. The event is held at the Linn County Expo Center, 3700 Knox Butte Road, Albany, OR. For more information visit the event’s website, www.nwexpo.com.

NEW RAFFLE WRINKLE: Strapped for cash? Don’t worry---there is a new way to join in the raffle. Bring a dozen of your flies to the meeting and donate them to the club. In return you will receive thirteen “free” raffle tickets

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February President's Message

The Board has put together a tentative list of outings for 2012. I would like your input regarding any suggestions or changes (cacjcooney@aol.com)

February 8-12	Join other members at the Sportsman's Show. River City will have an exhibit with some great bargains.
March 17 th	Vernonia Ponds
April 21 st	Lost Lake at the coast.
May	Rock Creek Reservoir. Exact date TBD
June	Overnight trip to catch the salmon fly Hatch. Exact date TBD
July	Lost Lake on Mt. Hood. Exact date TBD
August	Umpqua River. Exact date TBD
September	Laurance Lake and/or Deschutes River. Dates TBD
October	Owyhee River, week-long trip. Dates TBD
	Crooked River. Dates TBD
November	Deschutes River outing. Dates TBD

.....Chuck Cooney

Upcoming Events

February 1st ... 7:00 p.m., Monthly Meeting
February 8-12.....Sportsman's Show
February 15th6:30 – 7:00 p.m., Board Meeting
7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Fly Tyers' Rodeo
March 7th7:00 p.m., Monthly Meeting
March 17thVernonia Pond Outing
March 21st6:30 – 7:00 p.m., Board Meeting
7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Fly Tyers' Rodeo
April 4thMonthly Meeting

Get The January Membership Discount: You have until the end of the month to mail \$20 to Tom Wideman, Membership Chairman (or drop it by River City Fly Shop). Starting in February annual dues will be \$24. Send to WCFM Membership c/o Tom Wideman, 13757 SW 130th Place, Tigard, OR 97223

Fly of the Month: Twilight Caddis

Contributed by Ralph Brooks

This fly represents a caddis pupa, an emerger. I have to admit I have only fished a couple times this fall on the Deschutes River. But...I absolutely love the style of this fly for mimicking emerging and drowned caddis, whether on a lake or river. And best of all it is an easy fly to tie. The fly is a slight modification of what Davy Wooton called the S.L.F. Caddis (Synthetic Living Fibre) in a more than 10-year old issue of Fly Tyer magazine that I unburied in a corner of my fly tying room recently. This style of fly can be deadly on the water, especially late in the day. It belongs in your fly box!



How to Tie:

- 1) Begin by wrapping the shank with a single layer of thread, ending toward the rear of the shank.
- 2) Using a coarse material, dub the fly forward to just forward of mid shank.
- 3) Cut a strip of strip of medallion sheeting to about 1/8" x 1." Trim one end to be "U" or "V" shaped. Extend the trimmed end about 1/2 the hook gap beyond the rear of the hook, then holding it folded over the shank, tie in the wing just forward of mid shank on the hook.
- 4) Tie the butt of a hackle in at the point where the wing was tied in. The hackle barbs should be about the length of the hook gap or slightly longer. Wrap the hackle 1-2 times and secure.
- 5) Take 4 or 6 long barbs from a wood duck or teal feather for antennae. Tie the group of barbs in just behind the eye with the tips pointing forward. The barbs should extend *forward* a distance slightly longer than the distance between the eye and tip of the tail. Pull half the barbs to one side, then back along the side of the fly and secure in this position with 2-3 thread wraps. Now repeat the process with the remainder of the barbs on the opposite side of the fly.
- 6) Dub a large head (usually darker than the body color) between the hackle and hook eye. The dub can be used to help push the legs towards the rear of the fly.
- 7) Whip finish or half hitch and cement.



Variations: Caddis come in all sorts of colors from white to tan, to olive, to gray, to black. And practically any imaginable shade in between. So go crazy and tie it in about any color you like. My preference is for tans, olives, and black.

How to Fish: This is a great emerger pattern normally fished at or near the surface by itself or as a dropper to a large dry fly. On the river, fish with a floating line casting across or slightly down and use a wet fly swing in moving water. Let it hang downstream, then, slowly strip it back, varying the length and speed of the strip. Try drifting it across back eddies and in scum lines. Don't be afraid to try it run deep behind a heavy primary fly. The fly works equally well on lakes where it is can be cast to rising fish or trolled or stripped just below the surface using a floating or clear intermediate line, respectively. If you are moving the fly much, it's usually a good solid smack when the fish are taking. Lastly, the Twilight Caddis has no known affect on vampires in the Northwest!

Category	Trout
<i>Hook</i>	Size 12-18, 2X long nymph
<i>Thread</i>	Brown, 8/0
<i>Body</i>	<i>Coarse dubbing (e.g., Scintilla or rabbit); tan, brown, black or olive</i>
<i>Wing</i>	<i>Medallion sheeting; clear, tan or olive</i>
<i>Legs</i>	<i>Neck or saddle hackle or hen back; tan or black</i>
<i>Head</i>	<i>Rabbit, dark brown or black (darker color than body)</i>
<i>Antennae</i>	Well barred wood duck or teal flank

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