



The Fly Line

Washington County Fly Fishers

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January Chapter Meeting

Westbrook Club House

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

Beaverton, OR 97008

Wednesday, January 3, 2007

7:00 – 7:30	Meeting called to order. Business matters to be covered include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current nominations for officers and Board • Planning for March club auction • Outings being considered for 2007 ??possible Montana outing?? • Rod-building seminar for April/May • Seek volunteers for FFF booth at Sportsman's Show
7:30 – 8:30	"Hal Gordon's Great Adventure"
8:30 – 9:00	Monthly raffle: prizes you need. Adjournment



The holiday banquet last month was a great success, and over 60 people attended. We had more than enough food for everyone, including one of the best desserts I've had in some time.

Entertainment: Fishing South Central and Southwest Oregon

Last October Hal Gordon hosted a week-long trip with nearly a dozen of our members. They fished for several days on the Donner and Blitzen and finished up looking for "half-pounders" on the Rogue River. The fishing on the Donner and Blitzen was good, and almost everyone caught fish. The Rogue was not quite as good, but everyone had a good time. Hal has put together a program with photos chronicling the trip and will share it with us this month. Hal is also planning another outing for next fall, and is even talking about possibly going to Montana. Come and see what it is all about.

Time for 2007 Dues

January is dues month for the new year. Normally dues are \$2.00/month or \$24.00/year, but if you pay before the end of January you will be able to take advantage of our "early bird" discount rate of \$20.00. You can give your check or cash to Tom Wideman at this month's meeting, bring it in to River City, or mail it to WCFF, 19720 N.W. Metolius Drive, Portland, OR 97229.

Note: Student fee is \$14.00/year. The family rate is \$35.00/year.

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January President's Message

Siskeyville Boat Slide Back in Operation: Washington County Fly Fishers, along with Northwest Steelheaders and ODFW, got together on December 9th to rebuild the Siskeyville boat slide on the Wilson River. The record flood on the Wilson last month tore apart the slide, but it now has been repaired and is safe for boaters to use. *Special thanks to our members Paul Skelton, Ben Hedberg, and Al Halvorson for donating most of their day and a lot of hard work to bring this boat launch back into operational condition.*

Elections: February is the month we actually vote. January is your last chance to throw your hat into the ring. Currently the list of nominees includes the "usual suspects" (see officers list) and three new volunteers for the board: Chuck Cooney, Fred Rodley, and John Stalcup. Let me know if you or anyone else is interested.

Auction: Remember that our club auction is scheduled for March, 2007. We are looking for outdoor gear in good condition, but any item or gift certificate for services is welcome. Now is the time to solicit items from businesses and consider what you can donate. Contact Paul Skelton regarding any items you may have for this fund raiser.

Two Shows Coming Up: The O'Loughlin Group is having its sportsman's show once again this year at the Expo Center. The dates are February 7-11, 2007. As usual, representatives from the boating, fishing, hunting, and travel industry will have exhibits that will appeal to almost any outdoorsman. Discount tickets are available at River City Fly Shop.

The Northwest Fly Tyer and Fishing Expo will **not** be held in Eugene this year. It has been expanded to two days (March 9-10) and will be held at the Linn County Expo Center in Albany, Oregon. Over 150 tyers will demonstrate their skills. There will also be a casting pond, along with vendor booths and many programs and workshops from spey casting to entomology seminars.

Happy New Year.....Pete

Upcoming Events

January 3rdMonthly Meeting
Entertainment: Hal Gordon's Adventure
January 17thBoard Meeting
February 7thMonthly Meeting: 2007 elections
February 21stBoard Meeting
February 24thSandy Steelhead Outing
March 7thMonthly Meeting: Annual Auction
March 21stBoard Meeting
March 31stOuting: TBA

Fly of the Month: "Purple Haze"



Hook	Standard Dry Fly #14-18
Thread	8/0 Purple
Body	Purple Super Fine Dubbing
Hackle	Light Blue Dunn
Wing	White Polypropylene Yarn
Tail	Light Blue Dunn Microfibtets
Variations	This fly can be tied to represent any mayfly by changing the hook size and color of the materials.

Submitted by Hal Gordon. Photo by John McNally

History: I was introduced to this pattern by a well-known boat salesman (from Tigard, Oregon) who had tremendous luck with this pattern on several big Montana rivers. Why purple? If you have ever checked the bumper of your vehicle after smashing through a cloud of mayflies along the river on your way home, you'll know why. The mass of fly-bodies reflect a purple hue. If you're still a skeptic, tie this fly in typical drab mayfly colors. Either way, you'll catch fish.

How to Fish: Save your traditional thorax-hackled dry flies for mayfly duns that ride high on the water; this fly represents spinners and newly hatched mayflies. Because it rides low, avoid rough water and concentrate on calm slicks and runs. This is a perfect back-eddy or lake dry fly. A dead-drift with a long, light leader is required, but many fish are caught on short casts.

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Tying Instructions: Fix the hook in the vise and layer thread over the front third of the hook. Tie in four Microfibtets on top of the hook shank with three wraps of thread. Hold the tail upward at a 45-degree angle (over the hook bend) and carefully wrap the thread back to the hook bend. To achieve the proper effect, pull the Microfibtets tightly so they lay side-by-side on top of the hook shank as you wrap the thread. At the hook-bend, take one wrap of thread backward (toward the hook eye), one wrap forward (toward the hook bend) under all the tails and finish with another wrap backward (toward the hook eye). If done properly, when the thread is tightened the tails will split. Next, take one wrap under the two near Microfibtets and over the top of the far Microfibtets (splitting the tail into two equal sections) and one wrap backward (to anchor the split tails). Repeat the last step to further secure the split tails. Next, tie in the wing-post and hackle and dub the body and thorax. Wrap the parachute hackle around the wing post and tie it off on the wing post. Take several generous wraps of thread to complete the head. Add a drop of cement to secure the thread.



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