



# The Fly Line

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**January Chapter Meeting**  
**Westbrook Club House**  
**14255 S.W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street (one block east of S.W. Murray)**  
**Beaverton, OR 97005**

*Wednesday, January 2, 2008*

7:00 – 7:30	Meeting opens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome to all guests and new members</li> <li>• Recap of candidates for February elections</li> <li>• Planning for 2008 outings – see story below</li> <li>• Seek volunteers for booth at Sportsmen’s Show (February 6-10) and dental convention (April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Fly Tying with the “Stonefly Maidens”</li> <li>• Annual dues. It is time to pay up. Pay this month (\$20) and save \$4.</li> </ul>
7:30 – 8:30	Entertainment. Hal Gordon: The Owyhee trip
8:30 – 9:00	Raffle. Fly swap for those who want to trade fly patterns. Adjournment

## *Entertainment*

Last October Hal Gordon hosted a week-long outing on the Owyhee River for over a dozen of our members. It proved to be a great success, and almost everyone caught fish. Everybody has been asking to see photographs and hear more about the trip. Hal has put together a Power Point presentation so everyone can share in the good times. If you want to see some of the nicest brown trout in the State of Oregon this is your best chance. Don’t miss this meeting – you will find out that world-class fishing is not only to be found in remote areas of the world; it is at your back door!

## *Outings for 2008*

The Board of Directors recently decided on a tentative schedule for our club outings. We would like your input on possible alternative destinations. Give some thought to places you would like to go, and bring your ideas to the meeting. Dave Wesley ([dcweslet@comcast.net](mailto:dcweslet@comcast.net)) and Chuck Cooney ([cacjcooney@aol.com](mailto:cacjcooney@aol.com)) did a great job last year and plan to continue to improve our outings in 2008. There is some thought being given to having two outings a month and adding more lake destinations. As of now, the schedule is as follows:

<b>February:</b>	<b>Sandy River</b>	<b>August:</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>March :</b>	<b>Wilson River/ Coastal Streams</b>	<b>September:</b>	<b>Crane Prairie</b>
<b>April:</b>	<b>Davis Lake</b>	<b>October:</b>	<b>Crooked River</b>
<b>May:</b>	<b>McKenzie River</b>	<b>November:</b>	<b>Deschutes River</b>
<b>June:</b>	<b>Deschutes River</b>	<b>December:</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>July:</b>	<b>Gold Lake</b>		

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## January President's Message

**Upcoming Events:** The club has committed to providing volunteers at several events over the next few months. I am looking for members who are willing to participate for the following:

- Sportsmen's Show, February 6-10.
- Stonefly Maidens meeting, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Provide tyers for an evening of tying.
- Oregon Dental Convention, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>. The professional association for dentists features an activity every year that is germane to Oregon. This year they want to feature fly fishing. We have agreed to represent FFF, and will need some volunteers to demonstrate fly tying, casting, and other skills associated with our sport.

Please let me know if you want to volunteer some of your time.

**Elections:** Our annual election of officers will take place at the February meeting. We are always looking for new people willing to help improve the club and expand our activities. If you would like to serve on the Board or volunteer your services as an officer, please let me know ([ppriepke@excite.com](mailto:ppriepke@excite.com) or 503-614-8115).

**Coastal Conservation Association:** This influential lobbying group from the East and Gulf Coast has recently set up shop in the Pacific Northwest. They took on the powerful commercial inshore fishing and shrimping industry and successfully striped striped bass fishing in the East and Red fishing in Florida and the Gulf Coast. The power of the CCA as a group (think NRA) far outweighs our local groups. They have the potential to transform our steelhead and salmon fishery. There is a direct correlation between commercial fishing harvest and the decline of fish returning to our home waters. Gill nets in our rivers, the harvesting of Oregon salmonoids by high seas fishing fleets, Alaskan, British Columbian, and Washington commercial fishermen all greatly determine the sustainability of the species and what we as sport fishermen will see in the future. If you want better salmon and steelhead fishing here in the Pacific Northwest, consider going to [www.joincca.org](http://www.joincca.org) and becoming a member. If you don't want to use the Internet you can call them at their toll-free number, 1-800-201-3474.

.....Pete

## Upcoming Events

January 2<sup>nd</sup> .....Monthly Meeting  
January 16<sup>th</sup> .....Board Meeting  
February 6<sup>th</sup> .....Monthly Meeting: Elections  
February 20<sup>th</sup> .....Board Meeting  
February 23<sup>rd</sup> .....Sandy River Outing  
March 5<sup>th</sup> .....Monthly Meeting  
March 19<sup>th</sup> .....Board Meeting

## Fly of the Month: "Purple Egg Sucking Leech"



Submitted by Hal Gordon, photo by John McNally.

<b>Hook</b>	Heavy Salmon Hook #2-8
<b>Thread</b>	8/0 Pink
<b>Body</b>	Purple Chenille
<b>Tail</b>	Purple Marabou
<b>Rib</b>	Silver Wire
<b>Hackle</b>	Purple "Webby" Hackle
<b>Head</b>	Brass "Bar-Bell" and Pink Chenille

**History:** This pattern is from Alaska where it is widely used for all species of salmon, char and trout. Traveling fishermen brought this pattern back home with them and have had equal success in the lower-forty-eight states. This is one of my favorite winter Steelhead patterns and is very easy to tie. It's a cross between a "wooly bugger" and "salmon egg".

**How to Fish:** Some say this fly imitates and leech eating a salmon egg, I just know this fly works. Fish it as you would any other streamer: cast across-stream to mid-stream and swing it downstream. Try to swing it as slowly, and evenly, as possible. In slower water, or at the end of the swing, give it a few short, fast, strips to interest reluctant fish. This fly really undulates in the water, so not much action is required on the part of the fisherman. The weight of the bar-bell helps the fly sink and also ensures that the hook-point rides up, preventing most snags. Don't be afraid to fish this fly deep, with a sink-tip line.

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**Tying Instructions:** Fix the hook in the vise and, beginning just behind the hook-eye, wrap a layer of thread over the shank to the bend and back to the hook-eye. Tie in the brass "bar-bell" on top of the hook shank, using a dozen "figure-eight" wraps. Next, take another dozen wraps under the bar-bell (between the bar-bell and the hook shank) to tighten the "figure-eight" wraps. Wrap the thread back to the hook-bend. Just above the hook-point (in the following order), tie in the marabou tail, wire ribbing, tip of the hackle and chenille. Next, wrap the chenille body up the hook shank, stopping just behind the "bar-bell". Next spiral-wrap the hackle, taking about five wraps, up the shank. Counter-wrap the wire ribbing over the hackle, avoid pinning any hackle fibers down. Finally, "figure-eight" wrap the pink chenille around the "bar-bell" to form an egg-shaped head. Tie off the chenille behind the hook-eye. Add a drop of cement to secure the thread.



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