



The Fly Line

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

Wednesday, January 7, 2009

7:00 – 7:30	Meeting opens. Topics of business include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome to all guests and new members • Upcoming election of officers in February • Planning for 2009 outings • FFF Leadership Conference for January 17th/18th • Fly Tying Night/Plans for the coming year. • Annual Dues – Time to pay up. Pay this month (\$20.00) and save \$4.00
7:30 – 8:30	Entertainment: Joel LaFollette: The Green Butt Skunk and flyfishing for steelhead
8:30 – 9:00	Raffle: more good stuff for 2009. Meeting adjourns.



This year's holiday banquet was the most successful ever. Over 70 people attended and everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. The food was delicious, and the fellowship helped bring in the warmth of the holiday season

Entertainment

Joel LaFollette spoke at our club over a year ago, when his presentation featured the famed rivers of the Skeena system in British Columbia. Since that time he has greatly expanded his presentation and has added a new attraction: a collection of several hundred versions of the Green Butt Skunk tied by tyers from the Pacific Northwest and the world. He will show his collection and reveal how diverse a single, even famous pattern can be. Joel is currently the retail manager at Kaufman's Streamborn Shop in Tigard. He is considered to be one of the more knowledgeable fly anglers in the Pacific Northwest. His show was received very favorably in the past, and we have every reason to believe it will be even better this time around. Mark January 7th on your calendar and plan to attend.

Annual Dues Time: January is your opportunity to save a little money on dues. Sign up now and the amount you pay will be only \$20.00; otherwise the dues are \$24.00. A \$4.00 savings may not seem like much, but in today's economy every penny helps.

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January President's Message

Elections: It is time once again for elections. The current slate of officers are planning to run again, but we are always willing to include new faces. Fresh ideas are always needed, so please do not be bashful. Let us know if you would like to serve on the Board of Directors or in any other capacity. The actual election will be in February, so you have plenty of time to submit your name if you so choose.

2009 Oregon Council FFF Leadership Conference: The Oregon Council of FFF is holding its annual leadership conference on January 17th & 18th at the McKenzie River Conference Center, also known as the United States Basketball Academy. Directions to the center are at www.usbainc.com. The theme of the meeting will be conservation. This will be a time to share ideas about conservation projects, what you are doing, how to get projects done, contacts with local agencies to partner with, and where to get funding. Representatives from ODFW, Oregon Trout, and the Fisheries Department at Oregon State will be present. Dorm accommodations will be provided on Friday and Saturday nights. Meals served will be breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings, lunch on Saturday and Sunday, and dinner on Saturday night. Bring your own bedding, toiletries, etc. Contact me ASAP if you are interested: Pete Priepke at ppriepke@gmail.com or 503-614-8115.

Outings for the 2009 Year: The Board of Directors is still planning for the coming year, so you still have time to submit your ideas. Generally speaking, the outings will be scheduled for the third Saturday of every month, but that is subject to change depending on the needs of the membership and the hosts of these outings. We will probably have our first outing of the year on March 21st, and we will most likely plan to go to a coastal river for steelheading. In the past January and February outings have conflicted with the unpredictable weather conditions of winter. For that reason we will resume our monthly outings in March.

Fly Tying Night: Our fly tying nights will resume at the clubhouse on February 18th and continue on throughout the year on the third Wednesday of every month. The gathering will start at 7 p.m.

Upcoming Events

January 7thMonthly Meeting

January 21stBoard Meeting: 7 p.m. at the Fly Shop

February 4thMonthly Meeting

**February 18thBoard Meeting: 6:30 p.m. at Clubhouse
Fly Tying Night, 7:00 p.m.**

March 4thMonthly Meeting

**March 18thBoard Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Clubhouse
Fly Tying Night, 7:00 p.m.**

Fly of the Month: The Cutthroat Dee Fly. Courtesy of Dave Potts



Hook: CS42 Partridge, Wilson, or other, size 6-8

Thread: Standard orange, or brown 6/0 or smaller

Body: Orange Angora

Rib: Gold or Silver oval

Hackle: Black or Brown wide saddle (one side stripped)

Throat: Guinea hen

Wings: White turkey or goose strips

History: The Dee fly has a long history in Europe as an effective lure for Atlantic Salmon. Originally developed for the Dee River in Scotland in the early 1800's. The wings, which are normally mounted like a pair of scissors and horizontally, are thought to provide movement and aid the fly in planing down in the water column. I started experimenting with this pattern about 20 years ago and was immediately impressed with the fly's effectiveness on sea-run cutts.

My own feeling is it probably represents some kind of crustacean to the fish.

At any rate, the Dee fly is always in my box, and always catches searuns.

How to Fish: Fishing the Dee fly is pretty simple: cross-current, but particularly effective in deep pools sunk and stripped in short pulls. Sometimes Steelies will sneak up and pop your fly!

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How to Tie:

1. Tie in flat silver/gold tinsel for small tag.
2. Tie in tail: Golden Pheasant tippet and teal or guinea fibers
3. Tie in body hackle by butt end at rear of body with one hackle side stripped. (you don't want to overhackle this fly!)
4. Tie in tinsel along body so the hackle can be wound just behind the tinsel for protection.
5. Dub orange angora or similar fur along entire body to head. (tightly)
6. Wind tinsel over body.
7. Wind hackle behind tinsel and tie both off at head area
8. Wind small teal or guinea feather at head. 2 or 3 turns only.
9. Create a smooth head area and mount two opposite strips of white goose or turkey (1/8th inch wide) HORIZONTALLY at the head area. I usually mount the far side and then the near side wing. Perfection at this takes practice. Start with soft loops and don't be afraid to adjust the wings (with your hands!) before the final wraps. Standard varnish for head.



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