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January Chapter Meeting

Westbrook Club House

1425 S.W. 6th Street (one block east of S.W. Murray)

Beaverton, OR 97005

Wednesday, January 6, 2010

7:00 – 7:30	Meeting opens. Business agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers for 2010. Upcoming elections • Planning for 2010 outings. First outing March 6-7, coastal steelhead outing on Wilson and adjacent rivers. • Ed Sanders: Planning for a group trip to Montana in June • George Wilson's project for club contact list • Grady Gordon's Eagle Scout project
7:30 – 8:30	Entertainment: Hal Gordon will give a Power Point presentation on his group outing to the Owyhee last fall.
8:30 – 9:00	Raffle: New prizes for the new year. Conclusion of meeting.

Entertainment

Last October approximately 12-13 of our members met at Lake Owyhee State Park to pursue the large brown trout in the Owyhee River just below the dam. This is the third year that this event has taken place, and it proved to be the most successful ever. Everyone caught some quality fish from the 18-23" range. The weather was good except for one very rainy day. Each day was punctuated with conversation and food around a group campfire. Many stories and lies were told. For the first time a couple of our members even fished the reservoir from pontoon boats for smallmouth bass. The fishing proved to be good here too. One didn't have to wander far from the campground.

Hal Gordon has put together a presentation chronicling the entire outing, which ended with a club outing on the Crooked River. Come see yourself or your friends having a great time on the best outing of 2009.

Ed Sanders: Montana Outing

Member Ed Sanders is organizing a group outing for the week of June 13, 2010 in Phillipsburg, Montana. There is access to a blue-ribbon trout stream, a number of smaller streams, a lake and a reservoir all within 15 miles of town. This is where Ed grew up, and he would love to show it off to his fellow club members. He would like to complete his plans for lodging and camping, so please let him know if you are interested in joining him. Contact him at edlsanders@verizon.net.

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President's Message.....January, 2010

Elections: In February we will elect a new set of officers and board members for 2010. This new year, to coin a phrase, will be a “year of change.” I am stepping down from the presidency, and we have a new candidate for president. I will continue to work on the newsletter with my wife Kathi, and Jerry Heppell will stay on as a board member. Paul Skelton is stepping down from the Awards Chair, and we have a new candidate. Outlined below is the list of candidates as it now stands:

- President: Chuck Cooney**
- Past President: Pete Priepke**
- Vice President: George Wilson**
- Treasurer: Cary Maycumber**
- Newsletter Editor: Kathi Priepke**
- Outing Chairman: David Wesley**
- Awards Chairman: Paul Keefner**
- Conservation Chairman: Shane Stewart**
- Education Chairman: John McNally**
- Entertainment Chairman: Hal Gordon**
- Website Chairman: Rich Taylor**
- Membership Chairman: Tom Wideman**
- Board of Directors at Large: Don Nelson, John Stalcup, Jerry Heppell, Ralph Brooks, Bill Wolford**

If you are interested in any of these positions, the January meeting is your last chance to step into the ring. If you cannot attend the meeting please contact me at ppriepke@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

- January 6thMonthly Meeting, 7 p.m.**
- January 20thBoard Meeting, 6:30 p.m.**
Fly Tying Night, 7:00 p.m.
Both at Clubhouse
- February 3rdMonthly Meeting, 7 p.m.**
Annual Election of Officers
- February 17thBoard Meeting, 6:30 p.m.**
Fly Tying Night, 7:00 p.m.
Both at Clubhouse
- March 3rdMonthly Meeting**
- March 6th-7thWilson River Outing**
- March 12th-13thFly Tying Expo, Albany Fairgrounds**
- March 17thBoard Meeting, 6:30 p.m.**
Fly Tying Night, 7:00 p.m.
Both at Clubhouse

January Fly of the Month: Fall Favorite



.....Courtesy of salmonfly.net

Category	Steelhead
Hook	Standard steelhead/salmon hook, sizes 10 – 1/0
Body	Flat silver tinsel
Collar	Red saddle hackle, long and soft
Wing	Hot orange buck tail or polar bear hair
Head	Red or orange thread

Variations: There are many variations of the Fall Favorite. Some are tied with oval tinsel or diamond braid. Some are tied with bead or optic eyes to add weight. If you want to really operate out of the box, try alternative color schemes. Tied in smaller sizes (6-10) this has also proven to be an excellent searun cutthroat pattern, used widely in our river systems and in Puget Sound.

History: The Fall Favorite would have to be counted as one of the ten best flies for steelhead. It has become a standard from the Eel River in California to the Skeena system in British Columbia. Lloyd Silvius of Eureka, California introduced the pattern in 1946. He intended it for the Eel River's fall run steelhead. It has also proven to be an excellent winter run pattern if tied in larger hook sizes. The tie is simple, straightforward, and well within the ability of even a beginning fly tyer.

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How to Fish: Just about any technique can be employed in fishing this fly. It can be dead-drifted with a dry or sink tip line. Most often it is used with a wet fly swing. Slight twitching during the swing can be used to entice stubborn steelhead. For cutthroat, cast the fly around structure and strip it erratically back to you. Usually cutthroat prefer a fast-moving fly. It triggers their ambush instincts.

How to Tie:

- 1) Tie in a 3" section of mylar onto the hook shank just above the barb. Double wrap if you want a thicker body. Diamond wrap works well for a more shaped body.
- 2) After winding the tinsel to just behind the eye, secure it with your thread.
- 3) Tie in one red hackle. Wind two or three turns to form hackle.
- 4) Secure hackle and tie in a wing of orange buck tail or polar bear hair. If you want even more movements in your fly you could use marabou or Arctic fox.
- 5) Whip finish and apply at least 2 coats of head cement for a nice glossy head.
- 6) Tie several more. Put them in your box and go fishing.



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