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## July Chapter Meeting

Westbrook Club House

14255 S.W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street (one block east of S.W. Murray)

Beaverton, OR 97008

Wednesday, July 11, 2007

**NOTE: This is the second Wednesday of the month. The first Wednesday falls on the Fourth of July**

7:00 – 7:30	Meeting comes to order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sign-up for Middle Fork Willamette outing, July 25<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Planning for the August BBQ</li> <li>• Boy Scout events – Venturing Ride. August 8-11.</li> </ul>
7:30 – 8:30	Entertainment: Richard Twarog, author and photographer, will give a multimedia presentation regarding the San Juan River
8:30 – 8:45	Fly Swap
8:45 – 9:00	Raffle – more good stuff! Adjournment

### Entertainment

Richard Twarog has written a wonderful book on the San Juan River in Colorado and New Mexico. Some consider it to be the finest trout stream in America. It is a tailwater fishery that has as many as 20,000 fish per mile. It contains rainbows, cutthroat and browns that average 18", and fish over 30" are not all that rare. It is fished heavily, but the fishing is magnificent according to Richard. Richard's presentation is based on his book, which covers his personal experience on the river as well as information from many, many years of interviews with guides, biologists, and scientists. Richard has been a photographer and cinematographer most of his life. His presentation has been considered by many to be the finest fisheries show available anywhere. In addition to Richard's San Juan book he has a beautiful collection of postcard photographs of classic Atlantic Salmon flies bound in book form. Richard Twarog is an interesting and talented man. Don't miss this one!



Member Chris Roe recently got into some very nice bass at Davis Lake

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## President's Message

**August BBQ:** Next month we will be hosting our annual BBQ rather than having our regular meeting. The club will provide the halibut and sockeye (we already have 50 lbs. thanks to Don Nelson, who got us a good deal during his trip to Yakutat). The club will also provide ribs and beverages. The members are asked to bring their favorite side dish to complement the entrées: potato salad, mixed salad, beans, desserts, or anything else you may have in mind. In addition to filling our bellies with great food we will have some fun with casting games and contests for those who want to participate. We will have some rods for your use, but feel free to bring your favorite rod. It's not about competition as much as it is about having fun and joking around with your friends. Mark August 1<sup>st</sup> on your calendar and starting planning what dish you want to bring.

**Middle Fork of the Willamette:** On July 25<sup>th</sup> we are planning an outing on the Middle Fork of the Willamette in the flyfishing-only section. The details have not been worked out yet, but we will have plans in place by the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you have any questions or concerns or are unable to sign up at the meeting please call or e-mail Dave Wesley (503-848-0812, [dcwesley@comcast.net](mailto:dcwesley@comcast.net)).

**We Need Volunteers:** During the week of August 18<sup>th</sup> we will be providing tying and casting classes to the Boy Scouts at Camp Cooper. They are conducting the annual Ranger Quest, a week-long event featuring mountain biking, orienteering, wilderness survival, fly fishing and tying, and many other activities. Please consider donating your time to teach casting or tying. Just as an incentive, consider the fact that the lake at the camp is rumored to be very good fishing.

**Show and Tell:** Last month's meeting proved to be a great success. It provided a great forum for learning more about our fellow members. I think we will have a couple of meetings each year like this. Start thinking about some of your best trips and pictures, put them on a CD and share them with all of us.

**Fly Swap:** Don't forget our fly swap. Bring in some flies and trade them with your fellow club members.

.....Pete

## Upcoming Events

**July 11<sup>th</sup> .....Monthly Meeting. NOTE: This is the second Wednesday of the month; the first Wednesday falls on the Fourth of July**

**July 18<sup>th</sup> .....Board Meeting**

**July 25<sup>th</sup> .....Outing: Middle Fork of the Willamette**

**August 1<sup>st</sup> .....Monthly Meeting: Annual Barbeque.**

**Bring your appetite!**

**August 15<sup>th</sup> .....Board Meeting**

## Fly of the Month: "Marabou Damsel Fly"



Materials	
Hook	Dai Riki 270 or Tiemco 200R
Thread	Olive
Tail	Short olive marabou
Rib	Fine copper wire
Abdomen	Olive marabou
Wing	Short olive marabou
Variations	Olive and yellow olive are most common. Tan or brown can also be used

**History:** There are a great many damsel nymph patterns, some of which are more realistic, but this soft fly with its fluid motion in the water has proven to be a standard producer in all of our lakes. It was originated over 20 years ago by Randall Kaufman and has remained a popular choice by most stillwater fishermen.

**Uses:** Imitates a damselfly nymph, which is abundant in most lakes and even in slackwater portions of rivers through the months of June and July. During this period they migrate to above-water objects such as standing timber, rocks, reeds, and the shore. Adults emerge out of the water. After July most mature damselfly nymphs have hatched, so trout are no longer expecting to see them.

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**How to Fish:** Use a slow retrieve with an intermediate line. Damsel flies are not fast swimmers, so a leisurely retrieve is best. Use a slow and steady retrieve, or slowly strip in a foot of line, then pause a second or two and strip again. The fly should be somewhere between the weed tops and the top few inches of water. Position yourself near an above-water object or plant that may be attracting the nymphs. Keep in mind that damselfly migrations are in the top few inches of water just below the surface.

**Tying Instructions:** Tie in the tip of 3 or 4 marabou hackles as a tail. Affix the fine copper wire at the tail. Wrap the marabou around the hook forward, leaving just enough room to whip finish the head. Wind the copper wire forward to head. Form the wing from fine tips or use the butt end of the marabou used for the abdomen. Keep the wing small and short. Whip finish and apply head cement. You are ready to fish!

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