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

Wednesday, July 2, 2008

7:00 – 7:30	Meeting opens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for Gold Lake outing on July 26th-27th • Progress report from Conservation Chairman Shane Stewart on status of cutthroat regulations • Discussion about establishing a fly-tying night each month in addition to monthly meeting • Planning for August BBQ
7:30 – 8:30	Entertainment: David Eisenhauer and Ralph Brooks on fishing in British Columbia for lake rainbows
8:30 – 9:00	Raffle – come win some more good stuff! Meeting adjourns

Entertainment

David Eisenhauer has been fishing in south central British Columbia with his brother for several years in search of large Kamloops trout. In fact, he recently returned from a trip this spring with his brother and member Stan Smith. This month David will share some of his remarkable photos from all of his trips, including the most recent one. If you have not had the chance to see these photos, don't miss them – you will be amazed. These are some of the largest rainbows you will ever see. Dave will also share his favorite techniques and patterns to catch these fish.



In addition, member Ed Saunders hosted a trip to Fletcher Lake in northern British Columbia with ten other members during the week of June 23rd. The results of their trip are not in yet, but they are expected to catch large numbers of fish in the 15-20" range. The fish at this lake are mostly part of the "Blackwater River" strain of rainbows, famous for their aggressive behavior. Ralph Brooks has promised to bring some photographs to show us whether or not that is true.

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← If you think there are not some nice searuns left on the coast, look again. Help save these fish. Retain "catch & release" regulations

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July President's Message

Annual August BBQ: It is time once again for one of the best events we sponsor each year. Next month we will be hosting our annual BBQ rather than having our regular meeting. The club will provide the main dishes. Through the help of Don Nelson we have already acquired 50 pounds of fresh frozen sockeye and halibut from Yakutat, Alaska. Shane Stewart will be the grillmaster for the fish. His BBQ method will prove, as it has in the past, that there is simply no better fish to be had anywhere. Don't miss the chance to fill your stomach. In addition to the fish the Priepeke family will grill up some country-style pork ribs, just in case fish is not your favorite thing. Beverages will also be provided for the club but you may, if you wish, bring your favorite wine or beer. As a member you are asked to bring your favorite side dish or dessert to compliment the entrees: potato salad, mixed salads, beans, casseroles, breads, pies, cakes, etc. Use your imagination – bring your favorite family creation.

Don't forget that this gathering is not just for members. Bring your families, friends, and fishing buddies. Everyone is welcome. As an end to the evening we are planning some casting games and contests. Bring your rod and line or use one of the outfits we will have on hand. This is not about competition but about having fun and joking around with your friends. In any event, prizes may be available.

NOTE: This meeting will begin early, at 6:00 p.m. rather than 7:00 p.m.

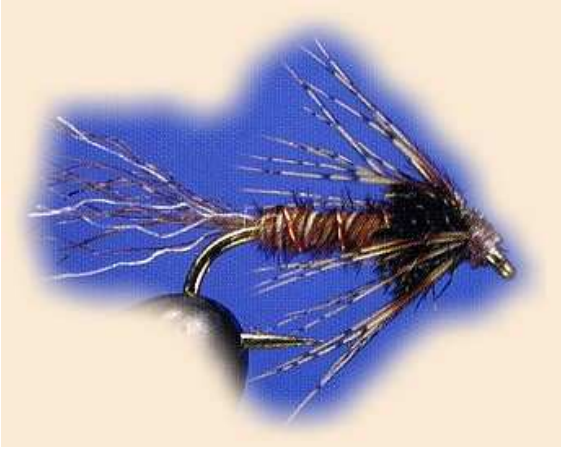
Gold Lake Outing: The club is planning on overnight outing to Gold Lake on July 26th-27th. Our hosts Dave Wesley, Chuck Cooney, and George Wilson are putting the details together for this group outing (see list of officers at left for contact information). You will need a boat or float tube, along with some camping gear and some food. Dinner, however, will be served by the club on Saturday evening. More details and a sign-up sheet will be at this month's meeting.

Fly-Tying Night: Several members have asked if we could have a monthly fly-tying night in order to share techniques and patterns with those who love to tie. How should we set this up? Is it something as a club you would like to do? Where should we meet? We hope to answer these questions and more at this month's meeting.
 Tight lines.....Pete

Upcoming Events

- June 2ndMonthly Meeting
- July 16thBoard Meeting
- July 26th-27thGold Lake Outing
- August 6thMonthly Meeting: BBQ
- August 20thBoard Meeting
- September 3rdMonthly Meeting
- September 13thTimothy Lake Outing
- September 17thBoard Meeting

Fly of the Month: “Pheasant Tail Flymph”
Fly by Allen McGee



Hook	Standard dry fly, #16-20
Thread	8/0 olive or black
Tail	Brown & white Antron
Body	Four pheasant tail fibers
Ribbing	Ultra-fine copper wire
Thorax	Two-three peacock horls
Hackle	Barbs from brown partridge feather

History: This fly was featured in “Tying and Fishing Soft Hackled Nymphs” by Allen McGee, published by Frank Amato Publications. It was inspired by the classic 1971 work by Vernon S. Hidy and James Leisenring, “The Art of Tying the Wet Fly & Fishing the Flymph”. This pattern has not only proven to be consistent, but also demonstrates how you can use feathers otherwise too large on partridge skins to tie small sizes like 18’s and 20’s. Small soft hackles are hard to find, so this should help you utilize more of your feathers.

How to Fish: Swing in a traditional wet fly manner. In a lake you can troll it in tandem with a wooly bugger or cast and retrieve it. You can also dead-drift it in streams, ending with a “Leisenring lift.”

Tying Instructions: Start thread beyond hook eye. Take a partridge feather and cut the stem out, leaving an “open v” at the tip. Measure “open tips” so that they are the same length as the hook. Align measured tips on top of hook and tie tips down forward, as on a reverse spider. Make a soft loop and wrap around them, and then a second wrap to bind them down. Spread them evenly around the hook. Wrap the thread to the hook eye, leaving just enough room for thread. Trim partridge butts. Wrap thread back to hook bend. Attach tail (shuck) fibers, wire rib and pheasant tail barbs. Palmer pheasant tail forward to thorax. Counterwrap copper wire. Tie in thorax of peacock horl. Manipulate the thread in front of hackle barbs. Push “forward hackle” back with half hitch tool or your fingers. Hold in place and make a few turns of thread sweeping them back wet-fly style. Whip finish and apply head cement.

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