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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 97005**

*Wednesday, July 1, 2009*

7:00 – 7:15	Meeting begins. Club matters to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greetings to new members and guests</li> <li>• McKenzie/Willamette outing</li> <li>• Planning for annual August BBQ</li> <li>• Fly Tying Night (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month)</li> </ul>
7:30 – 8:30	Movie night! David Eisenhauer presents "The House of Hardy".
8:30 – 9:00	Raffle. More good stuff. Meeting adjourns.

### **Entertainment**

David Eisenhauer is bringing a copy of a new film that chronicles the history of the Alwick firm of the Hardy Brothers. It provides a fascinating insight into a company that became from its earliest beginnings in 1872 the most illustrious manufacturer of fishing tackle in the world. If you have an interest in collectable reels and fishing tackle you will definitely find this film informative and entertaining. David has several nice Hardy reels that he will bring so you will have a chance to touch and feel them.

### **Annual BBQ: August 5<sup>th</sup>**

Every August for the past several years the club has hosted a BBQ for all its members and families. Food is always a winner, and this event has proven to be one of the most popular club activities during the year.

Now is the time to start planning. The club will provide the main courses. Shane Stewart will prepare and grill the 25 lbs. of halibut and 25 lbs. of sockeye that we are purchasing. The Prieckes will grill ribs for those who prefer. Water and sodas will also be provided. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite side dish, salad, or dessert. You may also want to bring your own favorite wine or beer. And remember, everyone is invited. Bring your family and friends.

### **McKenzie/Willamette Outing**

On July 18<sup>th</sup> we are planning to have an outing on the lower McKenzie and the upper Willamette. This will be a float trip, so you will need to have a pontoon or drift boat. If you don't have one, contact us and see if we can find you a loaner pontoon or a seat in a drift boat. Our fishing hosts are Chuck Cooney, Dave Wesley, and George Wilson; if you have any questions you can contact one of them (see list of officers on page 2). A sign-up sheet and more details will be provided at this month's meeting.

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## *July President's Message*

John McMillan, our most recent scholarship winner, sent a very nice thank-you note to me and the club. I would like to share it with you:

I want to thank you Pete, and your group at the Washington County Flyfishers, for the financial support towards completing my master's degree at Oregon State University. It has been rewarding to complete my degree, and I hope I can continue to conduct research that will have a positive impact on the conservation and management of salmonids and their habitat in the PNW. I also hope that I can continue to write about flyfishing and present my science and fishing findings to interested groups. Your support has been instrumental in my graduate school journey, and as I mentioned to you at the meeting, the money was used to pay my tuition this past term. In other words, I would not have been able to complete school without the support. So I send a huge thank you!!!

I am now going to shorten the thesis a bit and submit this to a journal (Environmental Biology of Fishes) for publication. Once that process is complete I will forward the manuscript on to your group. I will also be analyzing our otoliths to determine if the mothers were steelhead or resident trout, and then see how the mother parentage affected growth and maturity. That should take a year or so, and I will forward those results on to you once they are complete.

Again, thanks to you and your wonderful group. I am fielding a couple of job offers at the moment. Three are with NOAA and one potential opportunity with the Siletz Tribe. I think I will take one of the NOAA jobs, one of which is based in Port Angeles, the other in Bremerton, and the other in John Day. The latter job would be a continuation of my work, with me traveling to and from John Day and Corvallis. I am really interested in staying in Oregon, and particularly in the Umpqua/Rogue area. I will keep you posted as my plans progress.

If you and your group are interested in another presentation in the future, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to keeping in touch. I have attached my thesis and wanted to give you my new e-mail address moving forward:

[jmcmillan71@gmail.com](mailto:jmcmillan71@gmail.com).

Sincerely,  
John McMillan

## *Upcoming Events*

July 1<sup>st</sup> .....Monthly Meeting

July 15<sup>th</sup> .....Clubhouse: 6:30 Board Meeting,  
7:00 Fly Tying Roundup

July 18<sup>th</sup> .....McKenzie/Willamette Outing

August 5<sup>th</sup> .....Monthly Meeting; Annual BBQ

August 15<sup>th</sup> .....Willamette Smallmouth Outing

August 19<sup>th</sup> .....Clubhouse: 6:30 Board Meeting,  
7:00 Fly Tying Roundup

September 2<sup>nd</sup> .....Monthly Meeting

September 16<sup>th</sup> .....Clubhouse: 6:30 Board Meeting,  
7:00 Fly Tying Roundup

September 19<sup>th</sup> .....Coldwater Lake Outing

October 1<sup>st</sup> .....Monthly Meeting

## *Fly of the Month: The Simple Foam Beetle*



<i>Materials</i>	
<b>Hook</b>	Dai-Riki 270, size 10
<b>Thread</b>	6/0 black or clear mono
<b>Underbody</b>	Sparkle chenille, black or color of choice
<b>Legs</b>	Mini-centipede legs, color of choice
<b>Body</b>	Soft white foam cut to shape. Black can also be used

Tied and photographed by Richard A Lewis

**Background:** The beetle is one of the most prevalent insects on earth, but it is often overlooked by many fly fishermen. In fact, 25% of all extant species of animals are beetles. In his book An Angler's Guide to the Oregon Cascades, Jeff Morgan states "I fish beetles and ants almost exclusively after June in our Oregon creeks. I carry a large number of them with me at all times." The simple foam beetle was designed by Richard A. Lewis, who claims it is deadly on wary trout in the summer. The fly was developed to be easy to tie and easy to cast. It takes but a few minutes to tie, and can be easily colored and sized to match the beetles in the areas you fish.

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**How to Fish:** Lewis gives the following advice for his fly: Use a long, light tippet. Cast beetle to undercut banks, under overhanging branches or to cruising fish. Allow the beetle to sit still or dead-drift this fly on the surface. The shape of this fly, the glint of the sparkle chenille and the subtle natural action of the rubber legs will attract the fish if you are patient. Sometimes a fish will roll on this bug and not take it on the first pass. Don't move a muscle! Remain composed and leave the fly sit there! Oftentimes, I have seen the same fish return, re-inspect it closely from a few different angles before finally pouncing on it madly!

### **How to Tie:**

1. Create a thread base down to hook bend and back to eye.
2. Wind chenille into place to the bend. Tie off. Leave a good amount of chenille hanging down.
3. Return thread to the eye. Wind chenille forward over itself and secure.
4. Tie in legs. Tie them in front of the chenille and create four legs that angle to the rear.
5. Bind foam down 1/5 of the way from the hook eye. (Color underside if needed with a marker.)
6. Trap a small amount of foam just behind the eye and whip finish.
7. Superglue the foam body to the body all the way to the bend. Shape the foam with your fingers as the glue dries.
8. Add color and eyes with a marker. Protect eyes with "Hard as Nails."



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