



The Fly Line

Washington County Fly Fishers

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"Cultivating the art of fly fishing through a spirit of fellowship and resource enhancement"

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June Chapter Meeting

Westbrook Club House

14255 S.W. 6th Street (one block east of S.W. Murray)

Beaverton, OR 97008

Wednesday, June 7, 2006

7:00 – 7:30	Meeting is called to order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for East Lake outing • Update on Fly Tying Rendezvous planned for November • Annual August BBQ • Deschutes River outing debacle
7:30 – 8:30	Entertainment: Matt Weeber, winner of the 2006 Marty Day Scholarship, gives a presentation on his Bull Trout research project.
8:30 – 9:00	Monthly raffle: a chance to win some must-have items!

Entertainment

Matt Weeber is a Master's candidate in fisheries at Oregon State University and is the 2006 winner of our club's Marty Day Scholarship award. Matt is an avid fly fisherman and is primarily interested in preserving Oregon's native trout species. He has conducted extensive Bull Trout redd surveys throughout the state, and is currently involved in a study assessing the impact of redd superimposition by Kokanee on native Bull Trout. Matt will be at this month's meeting to receive his award and brief us on the progress of his research. Please plan to attend and give him a warm reception. It's your chance to witness what you and your club are doing to help our precious fishery.



Chris Roe tuning up for the August BBQ and casting contest.

This is just a reminder that August is the month of our annual club BBQ. All you have to bring is your favorite side dish and your appetite. In addition to the food, you will have a chance to compete in our informal casting contest.

Fly Donations

Like to tie flies? Want to show off some of your favorite patterns? Now is your chance. The organizers of the November Fly Tying Rendezvous, in which the WCFF is participating, have challenged the local clubs to donate hand-tied flies from their membership. Each participating tyer is being asked to tie a dozen flies, which will be used as door prizes at the Rendezvous. Let's show our brother and sister clubs that we have "the right stuff." If we start now, we could easily provide more flies than anyone else. If you have any questions, or have flies to contribute, please contact Pete Pripke or Hal Gordon.

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June President's Message

Donated Fishing Equipment: I do not know if you have noticed or not, but our mission statement as a club is on the masthead of this newsletter: "cultivating the art of fly fishing through a spirit of fellowship and resource enhancement." In order to live up to these twin goals of education and enhancement, the Board recently approved the purchase of 30 fishing rod outfits, including rod, reel, and line, as a donation to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. These will be used as loaner equipment at the annual kids' fishing event (12 and under only) being held this year at the Bonneville Hatchery on Mitchell Creek. This one-day event, which is being called a "passport to fishing," will take place on Saturday, June 10th, coinciding with the state's Free Fishing Weekend. The purpose is to help youngsters learn some of the basics of fishing. Every kid will be given a chance to catch and keep two trout. All of the fishing is with bait, but we are not concerned. We know that if we can just hook a kid on fishing, then he or she will sooner or later enter into the realm of fly fishing.

I would like to give special thanks to Paul Skelton and Don Nelson for helping make this happen. They were able to purchase the rods through Allsports, a fishing equipment distributor, and deliver them to Fish and Wildlife for the event. Your club dollars are being put to good use.

Fly Tying Rendezvous: Hal Gordon and I have been attending planning meetings for this year's "Fly Tying Rendezvous," which will take place in November. In the past this event was sponsored solely by the Troutdale Northwest Flyfishers, but the event has grown greatly over the past six years and they have asked other clubs, including ours, to help them. The clubs involved now include the Clark-Skamanian Fly Club, the Mt. Hood Fly Club, the Northwest Fly Fishers, the Clackamas Flyfishers, and our club (Washington County Fly Fishers). We will be responsible for selecting and inviting the guest tyers for the show. If you know someone who has good tying and teaching skills that you would like to recommend, please let us know.

Where's The Beef? (Deschutes Outing)

As you know, the club planned to provide the hamburgers at the Deschutes outing. The buns, catsup, mustard, mayonnaise, relish, lettuce, onions, tomatoes, and all the accessories were carefully packed in a cooler and taken to the river. There was only one slight problem: the person responsible, who shall remain unnamed, forgot to pack the hamburger patties! Everybody retreated to the local restaurant in Maupin. To add insult to injury, torrential rains overnight put a damper on what will not be remembered as one of our better fish-alongs.

Keep your fly on the water.....Pete

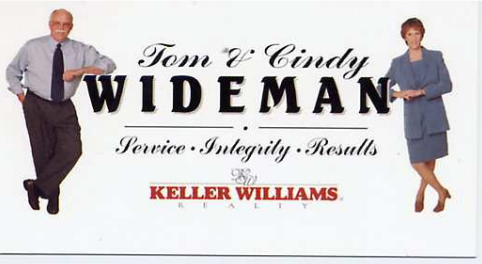
Fly of the Month: "X-Caddis"



Hook	Standard dry fly 14-18
Thread	8/0 tan
Tail/Shuck	Amber Z-Lon or Antron
Body	Olive Antron dubbing
Wing	Natural deer hair
Variations	Dark green, black, brown, cream, gray, and tan as matches for different Caddis species


History: John Juracek and Craig Mathews first introduced this fly in their highly praised book Fishing Yellowstone Hatches. Lacking a palmer hackle over the body, this version of an elk hair Caddis floats lower and has become a proven producer throughout the entire west. It is designed to float flush to the water surface and give an accurate profile of an emerging adult. The Z-lon tail mimics a trailing pupal shuck and acts as a trigger for trout seeking insects at their most vulnerable stage.

How to Fish: Dress the fly with floatant and use standard dry fly presentations. Concentrate on bankwater near foliage along with slow moderate runs, current seams and back eddies.



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Tying Instructions: Fix the hook in the vise and layer thread over the shank to the bend. Attach 12-15 Z-lon fibers as a shuck or tail. The length should be about one-half the length of the shank. Return thread to rear of hook. Apply dubbing loosely to the thread and wrap it forward to form a slightly tapered body over the rear two-thirds of the shank. Position the thread at the front of the body. Clip, clean and stack a small bundle of deer hair. Position it atop the shank so that the tips extend rearward to the end of the hook bend. Secure the hair with tight thread wraps. Lift the hair butts and whip finish around the shank behind the hook eye. Gather the hair butts, elevate them slightly, and clip at an angle to form the head.

Sizes and colors can be varied. On smaller hooks a CDC puff can be substituted for the deer-hair wing for easier tying and better flotation.

<i>Upcoming Events</i>	
June 7 th	Monthly Meeting
June 17 th -18 th	East Lake Outing
June 21 st	Board Meeting
July 5 th	Monthly Meeting
July 19 th	Board Meeting
July 22 nd	Laurance Lake Outing
August 2 nd	Monthly Meeting – Annual Barbeque
August 19 th	Board Meeting

Keep in mind that June 3-11 has been designated as "National Fly Fishing Week." FFF members are encouraged to reach out to youngsters and neophyte fly fishermen and offer to take them on a trip and introduce them to our sport.



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