



# The Fly Line

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## June Chapter Meeting

Westbrook Club House

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

Beaverton, OR 97008

*Wednesday, June 6, 2007*

7:00 – 7:30	Meeting comes to order <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sign-up for the Gold Lake outing</li><li>• Scholarship update</li><li>• “Casting for the Cure”</li></ul>
7:30 – 8:30	Entertainment: “Show and Tell” sharing of fishing trips and photos
8:30 – 8:45	Fly swap
8:45 – 9:00	Raffle and adjournment

## Entertainment



Tim Becker recently caught this 30 lb. striped bass on the Sacramento delta. Congratulations Tim!

We are going to try something new at this month’s meeting. Rather than having a guest speaker, we are going to try and tap into the wealth of experience that our own members bring to each meeting. We are asking everyone to bring some of their favorite photos of fish and trips to share with the club. If you can, **format your photos onto a CD so we can make use of our new “In Focus” projector**, which will make it very easy to show your memories to the entire group. We have a diverse membership, and the wide variety of their experiences should provide everyone an opportunity to learn about new fisheries as well as be entertained. Photos like the one on the left can spur a lot of interest, so bring yours in. Don’t miss this meeting. It promises to be very interesting.

Also, don’t forget about our “fly swap.” Bring some of your favorite flies to the meeting with the idea of trading them for flies of other members. This provides you an opportunity to diversity your collection and gives you a chance to learn about patterns that work for others.

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## June President's Message

**Deschutes Outing:** The publication deadline for this month's newsletter is just prior to our June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> outing on the Deschutes River. Hopefully many of you will be there chasing reddsides with salmon flies rather than reading this. We changed our camping area from Mecca Flats to Trout Creek this year. Using Trout Creek as our central meeting point makes it easier to set up the logistics for shuttles, and the camping sites are also much better. On Saturday night we will be preparing dinner at the campsite. The salmon hatch is in full force, so hopefully all of us will have some fish stories to tell at this month's meeting.

**Rock Creek Reservoir:** Earlier this month approximately 13 of us met at Rock Creek Reservoir on the northwest side of Mt. Hood. It was a little windy and a little crowded, but the fishing was great. Literally everyone caught fish, and many of the attendees caught well over 20 fish apiece. The rainbows were all fat and feisty, averaging 12-16". This is the first time we have had an outing on this lake, and it proved to be well worth it.

**Casting for the Cure:** The board of directors approved a one-thousand-dollar contribution to the "Casting for the Cure" program supported by FFF. The money will help finance fishing vacations at the Big K Ranch on the Umpqua River for women who are recovering from breast cancer. This is a great cause. It not only provides help to those in need, but it also introduces women to the pleasures of our sport.

**Gold Lake:** Our next outing will be on June 30<sup>th</sup> at Gold Lake, so start making plans to attend. The lake is full of rainbow and brook trout. Sign-up sheets will be passed around at this month's meeting.

## Upcoming Events

June 6<sup>th</sup> .....Monthly Meeting

June 20<sup>th</sup> .....Board Meeting

June 30<sup>th</sup> .....Gold Lake Outing

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\*\*

\*\*This will be our annual barbeque. Bring your appetite

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

## *Fly of the Month: “Bead-Head Flash-Back Pheasant Tail Nymph”*



<b>Hook</b>	Standard Nymph #16-18
<b>Thread</b>	8/0 Olive-Brown
<b>Body/Thorax</b>	Pheasant Tail, Peacock Herl
<b>Rib</b>	Fine Brass Wire
<b>Legs &amp; Tail</b>	Dark Brown Ringneck Pheasant Neck Hackle
<b>Flash-Back</b>	Clear-Pearl Mylar
<b>Head</b>	Peacock Glass Bead

Submitted by Hal Gordon. Photo by John McNally

**History:** This is not your typical pheasant tail nymph, with thin, fragile tail and legs. My pattern uses Ringneck Pheasant neck hackles which are durable and have an opalescence shine. You will no longer have difficulty getting leg-length correct with this fly. I use this pattern over ninety percent of the time when I fish nymphs.

**How to Fish:** The pheasant tail is a dead-ringer for most mayfly nymphs. The flashback draws attention and imitates the oxygen inflated split thorax of a pre-emergent nymph. The glass bead simulates the blunt head of many mayfly nymphs, and not only adds weight to sink the fly, but is semi-transparent drawing a second look from trout. Fish this fly everywhere and often! Fish it alone or tie it as a dropper behind a weighted nymph or dry fly.

**Tying Instructions:** Slip the grass-bead up the hook shank to the hook eye. Fix the hook in the vise and layer thread over the shank to the bend. Tie in half-dozen pheasant neck fibers for a tail and add the brass wire. Strip 4-5 fibers off a pheasant tail, trim the ends and tye them in by their tips. Wrap the pheasant tail body and tie off at the thorax. Counter wrap the wire for the rib. Tye in a thin mylar strip on top of the hook, extending past the tail. Next, strip a dozen fibers off a pheasant neck hackle and tie them parallel on top of the hook shank with the tips extending over and past the bead-head. Tie in the peacock herl and wrap it as the thorax. Next, separate the pheasant neck legs evenly on both sides of the thorax (they should be parallel or slightly below the hook shank), stroke them backward towards the hook-point and hold them down in place with your forefinger and thumb. Next, bring the mylar over the top of the thorax and tye it down directly behind the glass-bead. If tyed correctly, the legs will stay in place, gently sweeping backward. Trim the mylar and take several generous wraps of thread to complete the head. Add a drop of cement to secure the thread.

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