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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 97005**

*Wednesday, June 4, 2008*

7:00 – 7:30	Meeting opens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brief discussion regarding annual club BBQ in August</li> <li>• Sign-up for Deschutes outing on June 7-8 and Crane Prairie outing on June 29-30</li> <li>• Progress report on coastal cutt regulations from Shane Stewart</li> </ul>
7:30 – 8:30	Entertainment: Member Bill Wolford will demonstrate how to weave fly bodies
8:30 – 9:00	Raffle: more good stuff. Adjournment

## ***Entertainment: Bill Wolford on Tying Czech Nymphs***

One of the latest crazes in fly tying is Czech nymphs. The technique of tying these flies was popularized by the Czech fly fishermen who have won several world fly fishing contests in the past few years. Their methods and patterns have revolutionized nymph fishing in many parts of the country.



Bill has taught himself to tie Czech nymphs, which involves weaving bodies rather than wrapping them on a hook. Bill will demonstrate the techniques at this month's meeting, and he will briefly discuss how you fish these new patterns.

You may want to bring your vise, scissors, and some thread as Bill demonstrates the weaving process. The other materials will be provided by the club and he will provide packets that will allow you to tie these new patterns. The weaving technique is applicable in many different patterns. It's a technique that will definitely add to your skills as a tyer. Don't miss this!

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**← Chuck Cooney in action on the Deschutes River. Chuck, Dave Wesley and George Wilson have done a great job of hosting our "fish-alongs." Please join me in congratulating them on a wonderful job. Special thanks to Chuck for his prowess as a chef.**

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**June President's Message**

**Outings:** Davis Lake is still not accessible and too cold for fishing. The outing chairmen in the club have called everyone who signed up. The venue has been changed to Laurance Lake above Hood River on Mt. Hood. It will be a one-day outing on May 31<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested in attending please call Dave Wesley (503-848-0812) or Chuck Cooney (503-642-2186). If that doesn't work, e-mail George Wilson at george\_wilson@comcast.net. Time is short, so please contact one of these hosts soon if you are interested. You will need a float tube or pontoon boat. The lake usually fishes well, and there is a good chance you will have a great trip.

We also have two other trips planned for June. On June 7-8 we will try once again to catch the salmon fly hatch on the Deschutes. The specific location will be determined at this month's meeting. The actual location will be determined by the progress of the salmon fly hatch as it proceeds up the river. Dinner will be supplied by the club on Saturday night. Sign-up sheets and more information will be provided at this month's meeting. On June 28-29 we are planning a trip to Crane Prairie Lake, which has improved over the past few years. Once again, sign-up sheets and more details will be available at this month's meeting.

**Coastal Cutthroat:** Shane Stewart, our conservation chairman, has been working hard to retain the catch-and-release regulations on our north coast rivers. He has put together a petition, which many of you have signed at River City or at last month's meeting. If you have not signed this petition, please do so. It is still available at the shop, and Shane will have more of them at this month's meeting. Our goal is not only to retain catch-and-release on the north coast, but to add it to the south coast rivers as well. Your support is greatly appreciated, and we are hopeful that the Fish and Game Commission will hear your voices.

**Upcoming Events**

May 31<sup>st</sup> .....Davis Lake outing changed to  
Laurance Lake  
June 4<sup>th</sup> .....Monthly Meeting  
June 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> .....Deschutes River outing  
June 18<sup>th</sup> .....Board Meeting  
June 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> .....Crane Prairie outing  
July 2<sup>nd</sup> .....Monthly Meeting  
July 16<sup>th</sup> .....Board Meeting  
July 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> .....Gold Lake outing  
August 6<sup>th</sup> .....Monthly Meeting; Annual BBQ  
August 20<sup>th</sup> .....Board Meeting

**Fly of the Month: “Swan Pheasant Tail Nymph”**



Submitted by Hal Gordon, photo by John McNally

<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, Tail and Wing</b>	Dark Brown Ringneck Pheasant Neck Hackle and White Goose Biot wing
<b>Flash-Back</b>	Clear-Pearl Mylar
<b>Head</b>	Gold or Brass Bead

**History:** This is a twist on the typical Pheasant Tail Nymph and the Prince Nymph. This fly crawled onto my tying bench last spring after a dozen Prince and Pheasant Tails got mixed-up in my fly box over the long dark winter.

**How to Fish:** The Swan is a pretty good imitation of an emerging mayfly nymph, while it is still deep in the water column. The flashback draws attention and imitates the oxygen inflated split thorax of a pre-emergent nymph. The brass bead simulates the blunt head of many mayfly nymphs, and not only adds weight to sink the fly, but draws 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 brass-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 tie them in by their tips. Wrap the pheasant tail body and tie off at the thorax. Counter wrap the wire for the rib. Tie 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 tie it down directly behind the brass-bead. If tied correctly, the legs will stay in place, gently sweeping backward. Trim the mylar, tie in the biot wings and take several generous wraps of thread to complete the head. Add a drop of cement to secure the thread.

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**Note:** this fly is a reprint from last year, but it has proven to be such a good pattern that we have decided to reissue it. It should be an excellent trailing fly behind a damsel pattern for those going to Fletcher Lake in June.



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