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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**

7:00 – 7:30	President Chuck Cooney opens the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome to new members and guests</li> <li>• Planning for June 11<sup>th</sup> Deschutes outing</li> <li>• Update on the Marty Day Scholarship winners</li> <li>• Report on Rock Creek Reservoir outing on May 21<sup>st</sup></li> <li>• Orvis Flyfishing 101 project</li> <li>• Auction report</li> </ul>
7:30 – 8:30	<b>Entertainment: David Eisenhower on “Stillwater Fishing for Large Rainbows in British Columbia”</b>
8:30 – 9:00	Raffle: Tom Wideman has put together another grouping of very desirable prizes. Tickets will be sold throughout the meeting. Meeting adjourns

### ***Entertainment: Speaker David Eisenhower***

You may or may not know that long-time member David Eisenhower is an expert lake fisherman. He has spent many years honing his skills in the Kamloops region of British Columbia. Most stillwater fishermen measure their trout in inches, but David measures his in pounds! This month he will share his secrets and techniques with his fellow club members. His knowledge is as great as any of the so-called Stillwater experts. Don't miss this one or you will be sorry.

### **Scenes from the Rock Creek Reservoir Outing**



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**June President's Message**

**AUCTION:** We had our best fundraiser so far for the club this year. Paul Keefner did an excellent job as chairman of the auction. Total funds taken in were \$4620. Thanks again, Paul, for a job well done.

**MARTY DAY SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:** WCFF wants to be part of the fisheries program for Oregon and the best way for us to do that is education. We've supported that for a number of years through the Marty Day Scholarship Fund for graduate students in the OSU Fisheries Program. This year through the generosity of members we were able to increase our three scholarships from \$1000 to \$1200. John Speece, Andrew Claiborne, and Bill Brignon have received their funding and all have responded with thank you letters and a promise to join us at our August picnic.

**OUTINGS:** Gary Neilson reported that outings this year have been very successful with most members reporting large numbers of fish hooked and released.

**JUNE MEETING PROGRAM:** David Eisenhauer will be our guest speaker for this month. He has been fly fishing in Canada for many years. B.C. lakes are "home waters" for him. The topic will be "Stillwater Fly Fishing for Trophy Rainbows."

**Upcoming Events**

**June 1 .....Monthly Meeting**  
**June 11 .....Deschutes River Outing**  
**June 15 .....6:30 p.m., Board Meeting**  
**7:00 p.m., Fly Tyers' Night**  
**July 6 .....Monthly Meeting**  
**July 16 .....McKenzie River Outing**  
**July 20 .....6:30 p.m., Board Meeting**  
**7:00 p.m., Fly Tyers' Night**  
**August 3 .....Annual Club Barbeque**  
**August 17 .....6:30 p.m., Board Meeting**  
**7:00 p.m., Fly Tyers' Night**  
**August 20-21 .....East Lake Outing**  
**September 7 .....Monthly Meeting**  
**September 10 .....Merrill Lake Outing**

**Orvis Flyfishing 101 Project**

In May the club participated for the first time at the Orvis-sponsored Flyfishing 101 classes being conducted by Adam McNamara at the new Orvis Fly Shop at Bridgeport Village. This has proven to be a great way to meet people and sign up new members. We will be helping with these classes most of the summer. If you would like to help, contact our Education Chairman John McNally (see sidebar of officers).

***Fly of the Month: Twisted Butt Damsel (dry)***  
*Contributed by Ralph Brooks*



<b>Category</b>	<b>Trout</b>
<b><i>Hook</i></b>	Standard dry fly, size 12-14 (barbless or not)
<b><i>Thread</i></b>	Black or blue, 8/0
<b><i>Abdomen</i></b>	Antron or poly yarn, blue; tease apart and use 20-30 strands about 5" long
<b><i>Thorax</i></b>	Foam sheet, blue
<b><i>Wing</i></b>	Antron, white or cream

**History:** There are a myriad of adult damsel patterns out there. This is one I threw together one winter evening based on everything I've seen. Basically, I wanted to keep it simple.

***How to Tie:***

- 1) Making the abdomen. Poly yarn, macramé rope and similar products must be teased apart. Use about 20-30 5 inch strands and twist them together tightly (put one end in your vice, then twist with your fingers or attach a hackle pliers to the other end to twist). Once the strands are twisted tightly and you are holding one end, hold a needle or bodkin to the middle of the strand, then fold the strand in half keeping pressure on the bodkin. Now slip the bodkin off the strand and the strand twists upon itself to make the abdomen. Use a match or lighter to melt the base of the twisted strand and keep it from unraveling.
- 2) Tie the base of the abdomen to the hook about 2/3 the hook shank behind the eye.
- 3) Cover the forward portion of the shank with thread, half way between the eye and the abdomen tie in a clump of antron using a back and forth "X" pattern with the thread. Stop your thread at the base of the abdomen in the rear of the fly.
- 4) Using 1/16 inch or thinner foam sheet, cut a few long narrow strips (less than 1/8 inch). Tie in a strip at the base of the abdomen, leaving about an inch piece sticking out to the rear. Bring the thread forward to the eye. Now wrap the foam forward, around the wings, and up to the eye. Secure the foam and clip off the excess.
- 5) Pull the foam strip left at the rear forward to the eye like a wing case, secure and whip finish the fly.
- 6) Pull the antron wings upward and clip off so the wings are of equal length and proportional to the body length.

**Variations:** I tie these in olive, red, blue and brown. The naturals come in all these flavors. Usually I tie these 1-2 inches long. A favorite: dirty gold twisted butt, olive body, red foam wing case, black wings...don't ask me why, but it works.

**How to Fish:** This fly is fished mostly in lakes with a floating line, long leader, and the fly greased up. However, I understand adult damselfly is a fly of choice on Montana's Missouri River on August evenings. On lakes I just throw it out and let it sit with little or no motion...maybe just an irregular twitch. And it is OK if it 'drowns.' Fishing it in shallow water is fine but don't be afraid to put it out there in deep water as well for a cruiser. I love to throw one of these out in the middle of the afternoon when nothing seems to be going on.....Holy Batman! Did you see how hard that thing got slammed!!

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