



The Fly Line

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March Chapter Meeting
Westbrook Club House
14255 S.W. 6th Street (one block east of S.W. Murray)
Beaverton, OR 97008

Wednesday, March 1, 2006, 7:00 p.m.

7:00 – 7:30	Meeting is called to order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap of Wilson River outing • Planning for March outing on the Nehalem River • Jerry Heppell will talk about a possible trip for members to the new Oregon Hatchery Research Center in the Alsea basin
7:30 – 8:30	Entertainment: "Arnie" Gidlow on fishing the Missouri and the rivers near Craig, Montana
8:30 – 9:00	Monthly raffle: we will have some "good stuff." Meeting adjourns.

Entertainment

Missouri Riverside Outfitters & Lodge is set in the Big Belt Mountains in west-central Montana on one of the best tailwater fisheries in the world, the upper Missouri. Leonard "Arnie" Gidlow is the resident host, outfitter, and guide at this full service and beautiful lodge. Arnie graduated from Montana State University with a B.S. in Fisheries, and has been a professional guide in Montana, Idaho, and Yellowstone Park since 1977. His depth of knowledge for the area is virtually unrivalled. He is planning to share his experience with us as well as set up a group to possibly go to his lodge and fish the Missouri River area.

An Invitation from Hal Gordon



"Nymphing for Elk"

Join us for WCFE week-long fishing trip October 2-7, 2006. Now is your chance to become a "trout bum" on some of Oregon's best fly water. Those attending will travel together, camp (or stay in a nearby motel) at two or three locations and fish. Each location may include river and lake fishing. We'll meet for pot-luck meals and swap stories (and flies) each evening. A grocery store and hot shower will be available between fishing locations. These informal, affordable, "no host" trips are a great way to learn new water. Last year we fished two days on the Owyhee River and one day each on the Donner and Blitzen and Crooked Rivers. Two years ago we fished Hosmer Lake for two days and spent one day each on the Fall, Crooked, and Deschutes Rivers. Please contact Hal Gordon (gordonhw@yahoo.com) to get your name on the list so we can begin planning our next adventure.

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March President's Message

In October of last year the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, in conjunction with Oregon State University, opened the "Oregon Hatchery Research Center" on Fall Creek in the Alsea River basin halfway between Corvallis and Newport. This is a state-of-the-art research facility that is unmatched anywhere else in the nation. Its mission is to better understand the impact of hatchery-raised fish on native fish populations and develop approaches to best manage the conflict between the two. The ultimate goal is to make certain that our native Chinook, Coho, Steelhead, and Cutthroat are provided an environment that will help them thrive.

The facility includes two raceways to produce fish under conventional hatchery conditions in order to compare its results with wild fish and fish produced under alternative hatchery methods. The most impressive feature, however, is a set of four replicate "streams" featuring substrate, cover, shade, and controlled flow as a platform for studying fish behavior under natural conditions.

Jerry Heppell has been discussing a possible field trip for our members with OSU for some time this year. He will discuss more about this at this month's meeting.

Nehalem Outing: Our plan is to meet at Roy Creek Campground at 6:30 a.m. on March 25th. We will provide shuttles if you want to bring a boat. You may need to bring a lunch, as there is no nearby place to eat. Maps and details will be provided at this month's meeting. Come and sign up. You will enjoy it!

.....Pete

Upcoming Events

- March 1stMonthly Meeting
- March 15thBoard Meeting, River City Fly Shop
- March 25thNehalem Steelhead Outing
- April 5thMonthly Meeting
- April 19thBoard Meeting, River City Fly Shop
- April 22ndMcKenzie River Outing
- May 3rdMonthly Meeting
- May 17thBoard Meeting, River City Fly Shop
- May 27th & 28thDeschutes Outing

Classified Ads:

Simms Fly Vest: Probably the best vest I've ever seen – at any price. Supplex nylon with more pockets than anyone needs. Zingers, padded shoulders, knit collar. Barely used. Too bad I (ahem) "outgrew" it. Paid \$150. Asking half of that, and worth more. Yours for \$75.

10' 7wt 3 piece Rainshadow Custom Fly Rod. Best components available. Throws an 8wt line beautifully (speaking of which, for a full price offer I'll throw in a new WF8F line)! Cordura hard case. Alaska special. Loved and well cared for, like new. \$150 takes it all! See both items at next meeting or call **503/579-3129 Tom Wideman**

FLY OF THE MONTH: CABALLERO



Contributed by Chuck Cooney

Note from the Editor:
Chuck recently caught a nice steelhead on the North Fork of the Nehalem with this fly. He is a happy camper!


This month 's pattern is the caballero, which some know as the green-butt Pink. Invented by Michael Gorman, past owner of the Scarlet Ibis Fly Shop, The Caballero was designed to attract winter steelhead on the Coastal rivers. The Caballero became an immediate "hit" with local Fly Fishermen. It has since proved itself on Chinook, Coho, Chum, and sea-run cutthroat. The pattern is meant to be dead-drifted or swung on sink-tip or sinking shooting head. Try swinging this fly in a size 2 or 4 through the tail-out of our Winter Steelhead Rivers and see if it doesn't occupy a spot in your tackle box too.

Hook: Tiemco 7999, Dai-Riki 899 or equivalent, 1/0-4 (even smaller in low, clear water).
Thread: Red or Orange, 6/0 Uni-thread
Tail: Cerise Hackle Fibers
Butt: Chartreuse Chenille
Body: Florescent Pink Chenille
Collar: Cerise Hackle
Under-Wing: Pearlescent Krystal Flash
Wing: White Fox Tail

1. Tie in several fibers of cerise hackle for tail.
2. Tie in one and half turns of Chartreuse Chenille.
3. Tie in a piece of Pink Chenille just in front of the butt section and wrap to front of body and tie off.
4. Take one and a half turns of cerise hackle for the collar.
5. Tie in 4-6 fibers of Krystal flash for the underling.
6. Tie in a small amount of white fox - comb out the short under - fur first.
7. Tie off a small neat head and whip – finish.

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