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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 7, 2007

7:00 – 7:30	Meeting comes to order. The following business matters will be discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign-up sheet for March 31st Nehalem River steelhead outing. • Scholarship program • Rod building seminar
7:30 – 9:00	Annual Auction: lots of good stuff!
9:00	Meeting adjourns

Club Auction

In lieu of a speaker this month we will be conducting our annual auction during the monthly meeting. Paul Skelton and Don Nelson have already collected a large array of items for this event: rods, reels, camping equipment, flies, artwork, food, and much more. Over the past six years the auction has been proven to be one of our most fun meetings. It is an opportunity for everyone to show support of our organization as well as have an opportunity to pick up some great bargains in equipment and/or services.

Everyone is invited. Please bring your friends and family to join in the fun. This is the primary fundraiser for our club. It has helped the club develop our scholarship program, promote our educational youth programs, allow donations to ODFW and many other projects dedicated to conservation and protection of the environment. Tim Wideman is our auctioneer, and he always puts on a great show. So please bring your generosity, sense of humor, and your wallet! You will have a good time. Even if you are a little short of money, please come – we treat “60 days same as cash.”

If you have any last-minute donations please contact Paul Skelton (503-351-6182) or Don Nelson (503-579-5176) prior to the meeting. Any item in good condition or gift certificates for services are always welcome. You can give them directly to Don or Paul or drop them off at the shop.

March Outing

Unfortunately our scheduled trip on the Wilson River had to be cancelled due to poor river conditions. It is our hope to have better luck at this month’s outing on March 31st on the Nehalem River. A sign-up sheet and more details will be provided at this month’s meeting. Please make sure you sign up. We need to be able to contact everyone in case the weather or river conditions cause a change in plans. Please contact Dave Wesley (503-848-0812) or dcwesley@comcast.net if you cannot sign up at the meeting.

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March President's Message

Auction: One more thought on this month's auction. A lot of us have books and magazines concerning fly fishing that we no longer use. Consider donating them to the club. Someone will have a use for them and will be willing to bid on them at the auction. If not, we may be able to add them to our library.

Fly Swap – starting in April. The board has decided to start a new activity at our monthly meeting. We are going to institute a “fly swap,” which will take place during the last half hour of the meeting. **Starting in April** each member will be asked to bring a dozen or more flies to the meeting with the idea of trading them for flies brought in by other members. If you like to barter you will have great fun swapping some of your favorite flies for someone else's, and it will provide you with an excellent opportunity to expand and diversify your collection. So start thinking about what you might bring and what bartering strategy you might employ. This could get interesting!

Logo Contest: The board has also decided to update our club logo. At some point we will be purchasing some new hats and/or fleece jackets, and we would like to spruce them up with a new eye-catching logo. We are asking for your input. Throughout the 2007 year we will be accepting designs from any of you who have any good ideas about how our club can be identified. The board will pick a winner from all the submissions at the November board meeting and announce its choice at the December holiday banquet. We are not sure what it is going to be yet, but we will have a nice prize for the person who comes up with the most creative design. Stay tuned – more to come.

Rod Building Seminar: Our workshop begins next month at the April meeting. Your order for components must be in by February 28th; place it at River City by then, or you will be on your own to buy your own components if you are planning to build a rod. If you do not want to build a rod, we have made arrangements for Hal Gordon and Marc Williamson to provide fly tying demonstrations.

See you at the auction.....Pete

Upcoming Events

March 7thMonthly Meeting: annual auction
March 21stBoard Meeting
March 31stNehalem River Outing
April 4thMonthly Meeting: Rod Building Workshop
April 18thBoard Meeting
April 28thMcKenzie River Float Trip
May 2ndMonthly Meeting: Rod Building Workshop
May 16thBoard Meeting
May 19thRock Creek Reservoir Outing

Fly of the Month: “Blue-Wing-Olive Emerger”



Hook	Light Wire Scud #16-18
Thread	8/0 Olive-Brown
Body	Black and Peacock Krystal Flash and Olive-Brown Super Fine Dubbing
Hackle	Black Starling Neck Hackle or very small Hen Hackle
Tail	Dark Brown Antron Fibers
Variations	Use Tan or Brown Body for Callibaetis and March Brown Mayflies

Submitted by Hal Gordon. Photo by John McNally

History: This mayfly pattern uses a starling hackle similar to patterns used over a hundred years ago by fishermen in the old country. In fact, the English brought the starling to this country along with the brown trout! New materials have made the fly a bit flasher, but it’s still a plain old soft-hackle. For the fly fisher who wants a quick, easy pattern, this is your fly.

How to Fish: The Blue-Wing-Olive (Beatis) is the most abundant of the free-swimming mayfly nymphs found in western rivers. It actively hatches in the fall, winter and spring. If it’s cloudy or threatening rain, Blue-Wing-Olives will probably be on the water. A light tippet is required to allow this fly some movement and animation. Trout look for emergers 1-2 feet from the surface or struggling in the surface film; that’s where you want to fish this fly. The preferred technique is to cast upstream, achieve a dead-drift for as long as possible, swing the fly slowly down and across the current and gently strip it upstream several times before casting again. Make a few casts, take a few steps upstream and repeat the process. This versatile fly can also be tied on as a dropper off both un-weighted nymphs and dry flies.

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Tying Instructions: Fix the hook in the vise and layer thread over the shank to the bend. Tie in the Antron tail and one strand each of black and peacock Krystal Flash. Twist the two strands of Krystal Flash together and wrap along the hook shank and tie off at the thorax. Dub a small “ball” of dubbing for the thorax, large enough to keep the soft hackle from collapsing when it is fished. Next, select the smallest hackle you can handle from the neck of a starling. (If you have any problems finding starling, take your son’s BB-gun to the nearest dairy or beef feedlot and you’ll have a lifetime’s supply for yourself and friends within an hour). Tie in the hackle by its tip and take as many wraps as you can (usually 3-4 wraps). Finally, take several generous wraps of thread to complete the head. Add a drop of cement to secure the thread.

Northwest Fly Tyer and Fishing Expo

The Northwest Fly Tyer and Fishing Expo has been expanded to two days (March 9-10) and will be held at the **Linn County Expo Center in Albany, Oregon**. Over 150 tyers will demonstrate their skills. There will also be a casting pond, along with vendor booths and many programs and workshops from spey casting to entomology seminars.



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