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March Chapter Meeting

Westbrook Club House

14255 S.W. 6th Street (one block east of S.W. Murray)

Beaverton, OR 97005

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

7:00 – 7:30	Meeting opens. Club business to be discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome to all guests and new members • More on the possible new club logo • Reel Recovery Fly Casting Clinic • Planning for the Lost Lake/Nehalem outing on March 21st • Contribution to Native Fish Society • Auction in May • Scholarships for OSU students • Fly Tying Night, March 18th. Bring your ideas
7:30 – 8:30	Entertainment: Hal Gordon's presentation on the 2008 trip to the Owyhee River
8:30 – 9:00	Raffle. We have some great prizes. Meeting adjourns

Entertainment

Several of you have been asking about seeing the photos from the week-long Owyhee trip that Hal Gordon put together during October, 2009. This was the second trip in as many years to the Owyhee and has proven to be one of the most enjoyable outings that club members participate in. The Owyhee is well known for its large brown trout and almost never disappoints. Small dry flies or small nymphs are the weapons of choice. Twenty-inch fish on size 20 flies – it does not get any better than that! Hal has put together the program, but may not be able to attend. Pete Priepeke, along with Ron Reinebach and Matt Avila, who were on the trip, will if necessary give the presentation. However, we are hoping Hal will be able to attend. In either case, I'm sure you will enjoy the show.

Auction in May

Every year we hold an auction to help fund our education and conservation efforts. It has enabled us to sponsor \$10,000 in scholarships for OSU students over the years, along with supporting ODFW projects for boat launch improvement and stream enhancement. It is our major fundraiser and is essential to our ability to continue our efforts to support our fishery. This year we plan to give out \$3,000 in scholarships along with a \$1,000 donation to the Native Fish Society for Molalla River conservation efforts.

Now is the time to think about what you might be able to donate. The Board has decided to hold this year's auction at the May 6th meeting. It will be coming up sooner than you think. What can you donate? We always welcome rods, reels, art work, flies, camping gear, books and magazines -- essentially anything associated with our sport. But don't be afraid to think outside the square. Restaurant coupons and other service-oriented discounts are always welcome.

Tom Wideman will be our auctioneer. I guarantee he will make it fun. Bring your friends and family – everyone is welcome.

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March President's Message

March 13th & 14th: Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo: This is not only the biggest event sponsored by the Oregon Council, it is the biggest and best fly fishing show in Oregon. It will be held at the Linn County Expo Center in Albany, Oregon. The cost is \$5.00 for entry, but free for FFF members. Over 150 tyers will be demonstrating their talents. 50 exhibitors (guides, manufacturers, and fly shops) will be manning booths to sell and show their goods and services. Two fly casting pools will feature casting tournaments, Raffles and silent auctions will be held daily. Casting and tying classes are available for a small fee. **This is the one event you should not miss.**

Oregon Dental Association Convention: Last year many of you contributed your time to provide tying demonstrations and casting instruction, along with providing information about FFF and our club. Ron Reinebach is co-chairing this with Tilda Runner (President of the Oregon Council) and is looking for volunteers to man the FFF booth at the convention, which will be held at the Oregon Convention Center on April 2-4, 2009. Please e-mail Ron at ron.reinebach@comcast.net I am sure he would welcome any help you might be able to provide.

Native Fish Society Donation: Many of you enjoyed the presentation of Russell Bassett from the Native Fish Society last month. The work that he and the Native Fish Society are doing to conserve and enhance the Molalla River is truly outstanding. As a result, the Board has decided to donate \$1,000 from our club to help support their efforts. As you fish this nearby river, take some pride in the fact that you help to preserve it as pristinely as possible.

Lost Lake/Nehalem River Outing: On March 21st we will meet at Lost Lake in the coast range. From there we will branch out and fish either the lake or drop down the hill and fish for steelhead in the Nehalem. Lost Lake is a small coastal lake, but is planted with rainbows, steelhead, and brood stock. This is a fishery that should allow everyone to catch fish. More details will be given at this month's meeting.

Upcoming Events

- March 4Monthly Meeting**
- March 13-14Fly Fishing Expo in Albany**
- March 18Board Meeting/Fly Tying Night
at clubhouse**
- March 21Lost Lake/Nehalem River outing**
- April 1Monthly Meeting**
- April 18Vernonia Lake Outing**
- April 22Board Meeting/Fly Tying Night
at clubhouse**

March Fly of the Month: The Golden Girl



Category	Steelhead/salmon
Hook	Up-eye steelhead/salmon, size 4-2/0
Thread	6/0 black or red
Tail	Orange hackle fibers
Body	Flat gold tinsel
Wing	Two Golden Pheasant tippets and a few orange bucktail or polar bear substitute hairs
Collar/Hackle	Orange saddle hackle
Head	Glossy black or red thread

←Photo Courtesy of Steve Burke

History: Roderick Haig Brown developed this pattern for his beloved Campbell River in British Columbia during the 1940s. Most experts agree that this is a stripped-down version of the classic Durham Ranger. Haig Brown loved to fish, but he did not like tying flies. As a consequence, many of his patterns were simplified versions of more complex Victorian patterns. And, in his opinion, his simplified versions worked better than “overdressed” classic patterns.

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Variations: In Haig Brown’s day Golden Pheasant tippets were the only colorful feathers available. Today Amherst Pheasant tippets and Golden Pheasant tippets come in a full spectrum of colors. Blue, chartreuse, yellow, black, and purple can be used, along with many other choices, to tie this pattern in any color you choose. They seem to work just as well as Haig Brown’s original orange version.

How to Fish: Haig Brown tied this fly for winter fishing and used a deep wet fly swing to present it. It has, however, proven to be a reliable summer pattern and can be presented on a wet fly swing near or on the surface. It can also be presented broadside using the “greased line” method.

How to Tie:

1. Attach thread to hook and wind back to a point directly over the barb. Tie in a length of gold tinsel.
2. Tie in orange tail hackle.
3. Wind gold tinsel forward to about 3/16 inch below the eye. (You may strengthen the tinsel with “Sally Hansen Hard as Nails” or head cement if you like.)
4. Tie in a few (4-6) bucktail or polar bear hairs as a wing. Envelop the hairs with the Golden Pheasant tippets and tie down in a swept back position.
5. Palmer 3-4 turns of orange hackle in front of wing.
6. Whip finish. Apply head cement. Go fish.



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