



# The Fly Line

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**March Chapter Meeting**  
**Westbrook Club House**  
**14255 S.W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street (one block east of S.W. Murray)**  
**Beaverton, OR 97005**

*Wednesday, March 3, 2010*

7:00 – 7:30	Meeting opens. Business agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning and sign-up sheet for Wilson River Outing on March 20-21</li> <li>• Scholarships for Oregon State. Progress by Pete Priepeke</li> <li>• Club auction scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup>. Contributions welcome</li> </ul>
7:30 – 8:30	<b>Entertainment:</b> Shivonne Nesbit from Oregon State University will discuss <b>Redband Trout on the Crooked River.</b>
8:30 – 9:00	Raffle – tickets sold throughout the meeting. Meeting concludes.

### **Northwest Fly Tyer Expo**

*Many of our members will be tying at this event. It is by far the best in the Pacific Northwest.*

The 2010 Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo is set for March 12-13, 2010 at the Linn County Fairground and Expo Center in Albany, Oregon. The Expo brings together the social network of fly fishermen throughout the Northwest, Northern California, and Idaho. Over 2,000 people attended last year's Expo. The NW Expo has been heralded as the "largest fly tying event west of the Mississippi," and the class offering (over 80 classes) is the largest on the west coast. Class choices include: fly tying techniques, fly casting (single and two-handed), and fly fishing techniques. The NW Fly Tyer Expo is sponsored by the nonprofit organization Oregon Council of Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF). All proceeds are dedicated to education and conservation efforts within the state.

There will be 80 classes on tying & casting, free demonstrations of same with nearly 200 tyers demonstrating in shifts all day, both days (March 12-13, 2010), plus 59 different vendors of products peculiarly of interest to fly fishers, "where & how to" programs, raffles, and silent and oral auctions of quality merchandise. FFF members get free admission; non-members pay only \$5.00. If you attend and are not yet an FFF member, you can join and then get in free, basically a \$5.00 discount for your membership. Also, there is no charge for parking at the Linn County Fairgrounds facilities. Good food is available within the Exposition area. Tying classes are conveniently just down the hall from the main hall, and casting classes are in an adjacent building.

On Saturday evening after the close of the show there will be an opportunity to meet and mingle with fly tyers and instructors at a no-host bar, followed by the annual banquet and oral auction to conclude the festivities. It is not necessary to buy a dinner ticket to attend the auction. Learn more about the Expo and sign up for classes or purchase banquet tickets at [www.nwflytyerexpo.com](http://www.nwflytyerexpo.com).

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## March President's Message

First of all, I want to thank Pete Priepeke, Jerry Heppell, and Paul Skelton for all the hard work that they have done as officers of the Club. It's reassuring to know that we will be able to call on them for future projects as well. At the same time we need to welcome our new Directors and Executive - Paul Keefner ( Award and Auction Chair), George Wilson ( Vice President ) and for those who haven't yet met me, yours truly, Chuck Cooney (as incoming President). I am looking forward to working for the Club and, when ever possible, fly fishing with as many as I can. Please, come and fish the Club outings – we stage them for you, the members!

**March Meeting Entertainment:** Shivonne Nesbit from Oregon State University will be our Speaker for the evening. She has been studying Redband trout on the Crooked River. This is one of the many rivers we that we like to fish and it will be nice to know more about the fishery. Hal Gordon helped by catching a tagged fish the last time that the club fished the Crooked. Thanks Hal, maybe you will catch a tagged fish next time as well!

**March 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>: Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo:** This 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.

**Coastal River Outing:** Mark your Calendar for March 20 & 21 to fish at the Coast (Wilson and/or Trask) for Steelhead. March is a great time to fly fish on the coastal rivers. Join us at the March meeting to sign up and get more information.

**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. We plan to give out \$3,000 in scholarships again this year in addition to other 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 as the May 6<sup>th</sup> 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 box'. 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. ....Chuck

### Upcoming Events

March 3<sup>rd</sup> .....Monthly Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

March 17<sup>th</sup> .....Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Fly Tying Night, 7:00 p.m.

March 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> .....Wilson River Outing

April 7<sup>th</sup> .....Monthly Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

April 17<sup>th</sup> .....Vernonia Pond Outing

April 21<sup>st</sup> .....Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Fly Tying Night, 7:00 p.m.

**\*\*Note: Ed Sanders is organizing a Montana Trip the week of June 13<sup>th</sup>. Those interested please contact him on or before March 15<sup>th</sup> at edsanders@verizon.net.**

## Fly of the Month: Marty's Magic Fly

Contributed by Ralph Brooks



Category	Steelhead - Trout
<b>Hook</b>	2X Long Nymph, size 10-12
<b>Weight</b>	Gold bead
<b>Thread</b>	Cahill 8/0
<b>Tail</b>	White goose biots
<b>Abdomen</b>	Ultra Wire, Medium Gold
<b>Thorax</b>	Gold Quick Descent Dubbing
<b>Wing Case</b>	Cream Super Floss & Gold Mylar
<b>Hackle</b>	Partridge

**History:** This was a favorite fly of the late Marty Day, past WFFF VP, for steelhead on the Deschutes River. I'm uncertain of the fly's origin but it isn't much different than a copper john when it comes to construction. Marty always called it the magic fly when we fished and the name just stuck with me for lack of anything better. I've had a good deal of success with the fly for trout and steelhead in Oregon, so there are usually a few stashed away in my fly box.

**How to Fish:** Fish the magic fly under a strike indicator in a dead drift. For trout fishing I usually make this my primary fly and run a dropper below it. When fishing for steelhead the fly is typically used as a dropper. Be willing to experiment with how deep you place the fly under the indicator. Sometimes it is best to let the fly roll along the bottom but it can be equally effective floating a foot or two off the bottom.

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### How to Tie:

- 1) Slide a bead on the hook.
- 2) Tie in and flare two goose biots for the tail. The tail should be about longer than the width of the hook gap.
- 3) Tie in gold wire at the end of the hook shank and wrap forward 2/3s of the shank.
- 4) To form the wing case, first tie the base of a 1" strip of gold mylar about 1/3 the hook shank length from the eye and on top with the remainder trailing behind the hook. Now tie in three 1" pieces of Super Floss at the same point and in the same manner.
- 5) The thorax is formed by coarsely dubbing Quick Descent in 1/3 of the hook shank nearest the eye. The thorax should be 2-3 times the diameter of the wire abdomen.
- 6) Tie in tip first a partridge hackle. Be sure to leave enough space between the hackle and hook eye to tie off the wing case. Wrap the hackle 2-3 times and secure.
- 7) On top of the fly spread the hackle equally to both sides of the fly. Pull the Super Floss forward over the hackle and secure. Now pull the gold mylar forward, centering in the wing case and secure. Whip finish or half hitch and cement the thread wrap.



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