



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 97005

Wednesday, March 2, 2011

7:00 – 7:30	Meeting begins. Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome to new members and guests • Vernonia Pond outing, March 19th: sign-up sheets • Discussion regarding bad e-mail addresses for newsletter • Casting for the Cure donation • Paul Skelton on building a St. Croix rod for the club • Time for sharing fishing stories
7:30 – 8:30	Entertainment: Rob Crandall on spring fishing opportunities
8:30 – 9:00	Raffle: your choice of a rod and many other good things. Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the meeting. Meeting adjourns

Entertainment

Rob Crandall's presentation scheduled for last month was postponed, but he will be on stage this month. As we reported last month, Rob Crandall is one of the most well-known guides in the Pacific Northwest and the current editor of the Fly Fishing and Tying Journal. He will give a presentation on spring fishing in our area, focusing on the best locations and techniques for pursuing steelhead, trout, and shad. Rob has written that "the passion for fishing runs deep in the heart of the angler...the best day of fishing is not always yesterday or tomorrow, but right now!" Rob wants to share his enthusiasm with you. You won't regret hearing what he has to say.

Bad E-Mail Addresses!

We currently have 34 e-mail addresses that are being returned to us as not valid. If you know of anyone who is not receiving their newsletter, or if you are reading the newsletter at our website and not receiving it directly, please send a corrected e-mail address to Kathi Priepeke at oregonfishwife@yahoo.com. This problem has grown worse since Verizon converted to Frontier. **Please help us by updating our records**, Spam filtering is also making the problem worse. You can assure that the newsletter will reach your in-box if you build Kathi's e-mail address into your personal address book.

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Alaska Trip

Member Greg Kohn is organizing another trip to western Alaska. He writes:

“The trip will start in Anchorage, AK on the 18th of June. We overnight in Anchorage, then take a charter flight to Iliamna, AK the next day. From Iliamna we are picked up by Chad Hewitt of Rainbow River Lodge in his float plane. We fly to the lodge for lunch and transfer the camping gear into the float plane that will take us to our first camp spot. We will camp at the outlet of Nonvianuk Lake on the Nonvianuk River for four nights. This lake is located in the Katmai Wilderness Area. Fishing will be wading near camp as well as hiking downstream for two miles. Target species are Rainbow and Lake Trout. Chad will pick us up after four nights and fly us to the outlet of Hammersly Lake, which is the beginning of American Creek. We will spend another four nights camped at the outlet fishing American Creek for Rainbow Trout and Arctic Char.

The cost is \$3,000.00 plus air fare to Anchorage. I can help with flight arrangements via the same travel agent I have used in the past. The cost includes: motel in Anchorage, charter flight to/from Iliamna, float plane shuttles, use of camping gear for the week, fishing license, food while camping, and bear spray rental for the week. The only thing not covered is food and entertainment while in Anchorage and air fare to Anchorage. I can also arrange for a stay at the Rainbow River Lodge if one desires (www.rainbowriverlodge.com). I have room for two more anglers, as I am only taking three other anglers plus myself and have one angler booked already. “

Contact Greg with any questions at gregkohn87@yahoo.com, or by telephone at (817) 576-4943 or 360-624-4757.

Upcoming Events

March 2ndMonthly Meeting
March 11-12thNW Fly Tying Expo in Albany, OR
March 16th6:30 p.m., Board Meeting
7:00 p.m., Fly Tyers' Night
March 19thVernonia Pond Outing
April 6thMonthly Meeting
April 16thLost Lake Outing (coast)
April 20th6:30 p.m., Board Meeting
7:00 p.m., Fly Tyers' Night
May 4thMonthly Meeting: Annual Club Auction

Fly of the Month: Possie Bugger

Contributed by Ralph Brooks



Category	Trout/Steelhead
Hook	1X or 2X Long Standard Wet, Size 8-16
Bead	Gold
Thread	Black 8/0
Tail	Australian Possum – natural; pearl flashabou
Body	Australian possum- natural; ribbing pearl flashabou overwrapped with fine copper wire
Collar	Hungarian Partridge
Head	Squirrel or Rabbit Dubbing - black

History: This is considered by some in our state to be the #1 fly in Oregon -- ‘an Oregon Hall of Fame fly.’ The well-known pattern probably originated somewhere around the McKenzie River region in Oregon but today is widely fished in the western United States. Some accounts claim it is ‘magic’ on certain smaller waters of the Alaskan Kenai Peninsula.

How to Tie:

- 1) Slide an appropriate size gold bead on the hook.
- 2) Tie in the tail of possum making it no longer than the hook shank. Tie in two strands of pearl flashabou on either side of the tail and cut these about the same length as the possum.
- 3) Tie in pearl flashabou and copper wire just in front of the tail to be used later as ribbing.
- 4) Dub the body with possum. Make the body fairly thick but leave a gap between the front of the body and bead.
- 5) Wrap the flashabou ribbing forward and tie off. Then wrap the wire ribbing forward, overwrapping the flashabou, and tie off.
- 6) Tie the tip of a Hungarian partridge neck feather at the front of the body. Now make two wraps of the partridge tight to the body and tie off. There should still be a small gap between the partridge and bead.
- 7) Dub the gap behind the bead in black.
- 8) Tie off and cement.

Variations: This pattern can be tied in other colors (e.g., olive, brown, black, gray, or pale yellow) but the natural tan/brown is the most popular. The fly can be weighted with lead-free wire as well.

How to Fish: Usually fished in moving water, especially riffles tightline or under an indicator. Fish it as you would any large nymph and get ready for that strike! This pattern gets used for trout, steelhead, carp and other targets.

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