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May Chapter Meeting

Westbrook Club House

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

Beaverton, OR 97008

Wednesday, May 3, 2006

7:00 – 7:30	Meeting is called to order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide background on our 2006 scholarship winner • Planning for Deschutes River outing, May 19-20 • Update on Fly Tying Rendezvous planned for November.
7:30 – 8:30	Entertainment: Doug Stewart shares his memories and wisdom of over 40 years of fishing in Oregon.
8:30 – 9:00	Monthly raffle. More stuff you cannot live without!

Entertainment

Doug Stewart, creator of the famous Max Canyon Steelhead fly, and now author of a new book, "Tying and Fishing Outstanding Flies", has spent over 40 years fly fishing the rivers and lakes of North America. His easygoing manner and wealth of knowledge have made him one of our better teachers in the art of fly fishing. His speaking style is straightforward, informative, and laced with humorous stories. You will enjoy his presentation.



← Pat McWaters and Cary Maycumber on the McKenzie River outing last week. About 16 of our members floated the river, which was a little high due to runoff and cold (46 degrees). The trout were not too cooperative, but virtually everyone caught a trout or two, and it was a gorgeous spring day. It is always good to be on the river.

Scholarship Winner

Congratulations! Matt Weeber, Master's candidate in Fisheries at OSU, has been selected as our 2006 Marty Day Scholarship winner. He will be at our June monthly meeting to discuss his research project and accept his \$2000.00 scholarship award. See the President's Message in this issue for more background information on Matt.

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May President's Message

Scholarship Winner: As announced on the first page of this month's issue of the Flyline, Matt Weeber has been selected as our 2006 Marty Day Scholarship winner. Matt is from Redmond, WA and has a BA degree from Willamette University in Biology. He is currently a Master's candidate in Fisheries at OSU and his research project, which we support with our \$2,000 scholarship, involves determining the impact of non-native fishes on native fish spawning activity. Specifically, he is studying the impact of Kokanee Salmon spawning over the redds of Bull Trout in Trapper Creek, draining into Odell Lake, and on the Metolius River. Information gathered in his investigation will help fisheries biologists and fishermen better understand the ecology and early life history of Bull Trout. Matt is also an avid fly fisherman and said in his proposal for the scholarship: "I have a strong desire to give back to a sport from which I draw so much enjoyment." Join me in congratulating Matt. He deserves the award, and all of us are looking forward to meeting him at our June meeting.

Deschutes River Outing: Last month I listed the May Deschutes outing as taking place over Memorial Day Weekend. The board decided that we should avoid the Memorial Day crowds that will surely be on the Deschutes for the holiday. **The new dates for the outing are Friday, May 19th and Saturday, May 20th.** It will be an overnight stay, probably at Mecca Flats as we have done in the past. The club will provide some refreshments and hamburgers for dinner. You should bring your own snacks and lunch materials. If you plan on floating the river we will provide shuttle service for those who need it. The official outing will be on Friday/Saturday, but if you want to attend for only one day that will be fine too. Some members may also want to stay until Sunday, especially if the Salmon Fly hatch materializes and the fish are willing. Hopefully we are not too early for the hatch, but we will give it a good try. One of these years we are going to hit it just right! See you there.

Hal Gordon's Fall Adventure: Don't forget that Hal Gordon is organizing a week-long outing for this fall. He has put together several scenarios for this trip and is welcoming any members who want to participate. You can contact Hal at gordonhw@yahoo.com if you have any questions or comments regarding this trip.

Upcoming Events

May 3rdMonthly Meeting. Speaker Doug Stewart

May 17thBoard Meeting

May 19th-20thDeschutes River Outing

June 7thMonthly Meeting

Scholarship Winner Matt Weeber

June 21stBoard Meeting

June 24th - 25thEast Lake Outing

“Fly of the Month: “Hot Wired Prince”




Hook	#12-20, standard or curved nymph
Thread	0/8 black
Tail	Turkey biot
Abdomen	Ultra Wire, 2 or 3 strands
Thorax	Peacock herl
Underwing	Hungarian Partridge, natural
Wings	Turkey biot
Beadhead	Optional

History:

Here is yet another nymph based off John Barr’s popular fly, the Copper John. The Hot Wired Prince is something of a cross between the Copper John and a Prince Nymph. The pattern appears to have emerged in Wyoming, or maybe Colorado around the North Platte River. Now it is becoming all the rage in the area. There is no reason to believe that it can’t be just as effective in Oregon waters. And on the off chance that you get to travel to more eastern waters it is something that would be easy to add to your arsenal.

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Tying Instructions:

Tying this fly as a beadhead or not is optional (glass, brass, etc. is tier’s choice). The tail is tied in using two pair of turkey biots. Next, secure 2 or 3 pieces of Ultra Wire at the butt of the fly. Use a wire size appropriate for the hook size. Two wire colors should be used so that the contrast appears as segmentation or ribbing. Wrap the three wires forward keeping the colors side by side (do not twist the strands together). If a heavier body is desired, an underwrap of thread, wire, lead, or other material can be built up before wrapping the contrasting wires forward. Tie off the wires about 1/4 the length of the shank behind the eye or bead. At this juncture tie in two strands of peacock herl and wrap these forward and tie off. As an underwing, tie in a small clump of Hungarian Partridge (other options are chukar and grouse). The quills should extend back about 3/4 the length of the shank. To finish the fly tie in a pair of turkey biots with the flat side to the top of the fly and slightly flared (as would be in a standard Prince). Tie off and cement. Finished! The fly can be tied in a wide range of colors with the idea being to have contrast in the abdomen.

How to Fish:

The fly appears to be best suited for rivers and streams. The normal tactic is to Drift the fly under an indicator with floating line and a long leader or “high stick” the fly on a sink tip line. Let the fly tumble along the bottom but be sure to pay attention for hits as the fly begins to rise toward the surface at the end of the drift.

Contributed by Ralph Brooks

Keep in mind that June 3-11 has been designated as “National Fly Fishing Week.” FFF members are encouraged to reach out to youngsters and neophyte fly fishermen and offer to take them on a trip and introduce them to our sport.



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