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May Chapter Meeting
Westbrook Club House
14255 S.W. 6th Street (one block east of S.W. Murray)
Beaverton, OR 97005
Wednesday, May 7, 2008

7:00 – 7:30	Meeting opens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on scholarship winners • Shane Stewart on ODFW regulation change proposals. Special emphasis on searun cutthroat • Planning for our next outings: May 10th on the McKenzie River and May 31 – June 1 at Davis Lake
7:30	Auction begins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silent raffle • Oral auction
9:00	Auction ends. Adjournment

Annual Club Auction

The time has come! This month's meeting will feature our annual auction. Tom Wideman will be our auctioneer, as in the past, and this year we will also feature a silent "white elephant" raffle. We have already received some great donations: reels, rods, art work, food, camping gear, flies, a guided trip with Adam McNamara, and much more. But we can always use additional items.



The Deschutes River outing proved to be a great success. 13 members attended and everyone caught fish. The weather was perfect, and Hal Gordon managed to catch a beautiful 20" Redside, pictured above.

Think "outside the square" – restaurant coupons and other service-oriented discounts are always good. Don't be shy – ask your friends and neighbors to contribute, and keep in mind that they are more than welcome to attend the actual auction. Your entire family, of course, is also encouraged to come and see what the auction is all about. This is the most important fundraiser of the year and is vital to our charitable efforts: to date we have given \$10,000 in fish and wildlife scholarships, \$1,000 to Casting for Recovery, provided fly fishing lessons to youth groups, and participated in work projects with ODFW, to name just a few. The auction is always lots of fun, so please plan on coming. You will have lots of good stuff to choose from. And don't forget your wallet and generosity!

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May President's Message

Scholarship Winners: We have two new scholarship winners for 2008. **Matthew Anderson**, a graduate assistant and Master's candidate at Oregon State University, will receive \$2,000 from Washington County Flyfishers to continue his study regarding the migratory patterns of Redband trout in the Donner and Blitzen River. His study examines the effects of man-made barriers and irrigation projects as well as the impact of stream temperature, migration distances and flow on the spawning capacity of the trout. **Justin Mills** will be the recipient of our \$1,000 scholarship. Justin is also a Master's candidate at Oregon State University. His research focus has been on steelhead in the John Day River. He is trying to determine what environmental factors trigger the response in Rainbow trout to migrate to the open ocean. Some residualize and some journey to the sea. What factors other than genetics determine this behavior? Please join me in congratulating these two young men and thanking them for their work in trying to understand and improve our fishery.

Outings: March proved to be a tough month. We had to cancel the Nehalem River outing due to river conditions. The Davis Lake outing has been changed to May 31/June 1 due to the fact that the lake is currently under 6-8 feet of snow. The decision to go to the Deschutes River turned out to be a good one (see front page photo). The next "fish-along" will be on the McKenzie River on Saturday, May 10th. You will need a pontoon or drift boat for this one. Sign-up sheets for this outing as well as for the "second attempt" to fish Davis Lake at the end of May will be available at the meeting.

Fly Fishing Classes: Rick Hafele and John Smeraglio are offering classes on fishing the Deschutes River and on fishing desert lakes. Rick and John are two of the most respected fly fishing instructors in the state. This is a great chance to pick their brains for an affordable price.

Deschutes River...June 7-8...\$150 per person and includes dinner, breakfast, and lunch in addition to the class.

Lakes Class at Five Lakes Ranch...Sept 20-21...\$250 per person and includes dinner, lunch, and breakfast along with lodging at the ranch.

Contact Deschutes Canyon Fly Shop (1-866-647-4721) if you have questions.

Upcoming Events

May 7thMonthly Meeting: Annual Auction

May 10thMcKenzie River Outing

May 21stBoard Meeting

May 31st – June 1stDavis Lake Outing

June 4thMonthly Meeting

June 7th-8thDeschutes Outing

June 18thBoard Meeting

June 28th-29thCrane Prairie Outing

Fly of the Month: "Renegade"



Submitted by Hal Gordon. Photo by John McNally

Hook	Standard Dry Fly #12-18
Thread	8/0 Olive-Brown
Body/Thorax	Peacock Herl
Rib	Fine Brass Wire
Hackle	Rear: Dark Brown Front: White
Head	8/0 Olive-Brown Thread
Variations	Double Renegade

History: This is a relatively old pattern from the intermountain western United States. This is the only dry fly I tied and used as a kid, and it has fooled hundreds of small trout from Utah, Idaho and Wyoming.

How to Fish: The Renegade imitates just about anything you want including mayfly, caddis, midge and small stoneflies. I like to begin fishing it as a dry fly, with a drag-free drift. It can also be swung as a wet hackle to imitate an emerging caddis or mayfly. Move it on or through the water like an emerging nymph, cripple or adult and you will catch fish. This fly can be fished dawn-to-dusk because of its contrasting colors and highly visible outline.

Tying Instructions: Fix the hook in the vise and layer thread over the shank to the bend. Tie in the brown rear hackle and wrap it around the hook shank 4-5 times. Tie in the wire rib and peacock herl and wrap the herl forward to about 1/4-inch behind the hook eye. Counter-wrap the body with the brass wire. Next, tie in and wrap the white hackle. Finally, take several generous wraps of thread to complete the head. Add a drop of cement to secure the thread. An excellent lake version of this fly is the Double Renegade. Use a 3X long streamer hook in sizes #8 to 14. This pattern has three separate hackles, the rear and front hackles are brown and the middle hackle is white. The pattern is: Red yarn tail, rear hackle brown, rear-half of the body peacock herl, middle hackle white, front-half of the body peacock herl and front hackle brown.

Save Our Searun Cutthroat

The Oregon Department of Fish and Game is proposing to allow a harvest limit of two fish on our north coast rivers. Shane Stewart, our Conservation Chairman, has put together a petition protesting this change from the current catch-and-release regulations. Please make it a point to sign the petition at River City Fly Shop or at the meeting.

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