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November Chapter Meeting

Westbrook Club House

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

Beaverton, OR 97008

Wednesday, November 1, 2006

7:00 – 7:20	Introduction/Start of Meeting/Business Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> December Holiday Banquet Pacific Northwest Fly Tyers Rendezvous Custom rod seminar Nominations for 2007 officers Planning for 2007 outings
7:20 – 7:30	Proposal to use meetings in April and May for a rod building clinic
7:30 – 8:30	Entertainment: Greg McCarty: Fishing North Central Colorado
8:30 – 9:00	Raffle – more good stuff. Adjournment

Entertainment

Fellow member Greg McCarty has had the wonderful opportunity to fish and guide in north central Colorado during this past summer and fall. He worked out of the "Home Ranch" and had exclusive rights to several miles of the Elk River, a tributary of the Yampa River just below the Wyoming border. He has put together a Power Point presentation of his adventures and has asked to share his experiences with our club. The Elk is a small wadeable river that abounds with Rainbow and Brown trout, but it is not the only location to fish in this part of the world. There are many neighboring high lakes and streams that have public access, making this area an excellent choice for a fishing vacation. Greg will share all of the information he has gathered regarding this picturesque and mountainous area, in hopes that you might be able to visit it during your fishing travels. This promises to be a very entertaining and informative presentation – don't miss it.

Pacific Northwest Fly Tyers Rendezvous

When: November 4, 2006, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Where: Otto Graham State Park (east on I84 to Lewis and Clark Park (exit 18), turn left up Sandy River to the bridge. Cross the bridge and follow the signs to the parking lot.

- Learn from the best tyers in the Northwest
- Auction and raffle during tying session
- Fly tying workshop for beginners and experienced tyers
- Free raffle tickets with admission purchases
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November President's Message

Rod Building Seminar: Many of you have expressed a desire to build your own fly rod, and I have been entertaining the idea of offering a seminar on rod building in lieu of our normal entertainment in April and May of the coming year. My thought is that it would work something like this:

In January and February those interested would make a decision on what size and type of rod they would like to build. Don Nelson has offered to sell kits from Temple Fork Outfitters, which would be a very economical way to go, or you could pick your own blanks and components from Angler's Workshop and buy them through River City. Their range of choices covers virtually everything available on the market.

Once you have purchased your rod of choice, the months of April and May would be dedicated to instructing you on how to assemble and complete your rod. Several of our members already make customized rods, and they would assist me in helping you complete your project. By May you should have a rod that you can take on the river and use.

My thought is that even those of you who do not directly get involved with the construction of a rod would find the subject both entertaining and educational. We could also couple this instruction with some fly tying demonstrations for those of you who would be more interested in that type of activity.

Please give some thought to this idea and let me know if you think this would be a good use of our time at our meetings. I will discuss this in more detail at this month's gathering. Bring your input and let me know.

Hal's Great Adventure: Hal Gordon recently completed his week-long fish-along with nearly a dozen of our members. They fished for several days on the Donner and Blitzen and finished the final days on the Rogue. The fishing on the Donner and Blitzen was very good; almost everyone caught fish, with the average being above 15". John Stalcup caught the largest fish, a Rainbow that was at least 20" in length. The steelhead fishing for half-pounders on the Rogue did not prove as successful, but Mary Myhre did catch a nice 15 pound silver! Congratulations to her.

Hal plans to make this an annual event, so you may want to consider setting aside time during the first week in October next year. It is a great way to learn about some of our better fly fishing waters in the state of Oregon.

Elections: We are always looking for new people to serve on our Board or as officers of the club. Elections are held in February, so now is the time to let me know if you want to volunteer your services. All positions are open. Our philosophy is that the more people who want to serve in some capacity, the better. Please let me know if you are interested, and we will get you on the docket. It can be a lot of fun, and you will be serving a good cause.

Keep your fly on the water.....Pete

Fly of the Month: “Metallic Caddis”



Submitted by Hal Gordon. Photo by John McNally

Hook	Scud #12-18
Thread	8/0 Olive-Brown
Body	Colored Copper Wire
Thorax	Peacock Herl
Wing	Natural CDC
Variations	Green, black, brown, red or copper wire to match various Caddis species. Bead-head is optional.

History: This is one of the better lake caddis pupa/emergers around and it’s easy to tie. It was developed by Randall Kaufmann in the mid 1990s. The wire body helps it sink rapidly, the peacock provides contrast and the CDC wing makes up for the rigid body by creating a lot of movement.

How to Fish: This is one of the few small flies that casts and fishes well on a very long leader. It works best in crystal-clear high mountain lakes where fish are weary of anglers. It’s an excellent fly during sunny mid-summer doldrums when fish are relatively deep and feeding above weed beds. Cast and strip it slowly or troll it as you’re searching for schools of fish. Takes are aggressive on light lines and long straight leaders so hold on to your rod. This fly may be mistaken for a midge pupa or scud depending on how it is retrieved and the color of wire. Fish this fly near the bottom and don’t worry if you lose a few, they are easy to tie.

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Tying Instructions: Fix the hook in the vise and layer thread over the shank to slightly beyond the bend. This fly should have a pronounced curved appearance. Attach several inches of wire from the hook-bend to the middle of the thorax, on the underside of the hook. If the wire is tied on the side of the hook, the fly will ride off-center and will look less than natural. Tightly wrap the wire to the thorax area and securely tie it off. Tie the CDC wing on top of the last two wraps of wire. Attach the peacock herl at the base of the wing and wrap it toward the head and secure with several wraps of thread and add a drop of cement to the thread.

Upcoming Events

- November 1stMonthly Meeting
- November 4thPNW Fly Tyers Rendezvous
- November 15thBoard Meeting
- December 6thHoliday Banquet/Monthly Meeting
- December 20thBoard Meeting
- January 3rdMonthly Meeting: Selection of Nominating Committee for February elections
- January 17thBoard Meeting
- January 27thOuting TBA



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Monday: “Gone Fishing”

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