



# The Fly Line

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## November Chapter Meeting

Westbrook Club House

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Beaverton, OR 97005

*Wednesday, November 7, 2007*

7:00 – 7:30	<p>Meeting opens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning for Deschutes outing, November 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Planning for holiday banquet at December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting</li> <li>• Recap of Red Hills outing/other fishing stories</li> <li>• Start discussing possible destinations for 2008 outings</li> </ul>
7:30 – 8:45	<p>Entertainment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seth White, our \$1,000 scholarship winner for 2007, will discuss his research regarding native steelhead</li> <li>• Marc Williamson: Marc has put together a new program on Canadian lake fly fishing</li> </ul>
8:45 – 9:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raffle – more good items</li> <li>• Fly swap for those who want to trade flies</li> <li>• Adjournment</li> </ul>



Heidi Vogel, our 2007 \$2,000 scholarship winner from Oregon State, gives a presentation on her work with searun cutthroat at the September meeting.

### *Entertainment*

Seth White, Oregon State colleague of Heidi Vogel, was our second scholarship winner of 2007. He will be at this month's meeting to discuss his work with steelhead.

Marc Williamson has also put together a presentation on fishing Canadian lakes. His show will feature "Fletcher Lake," which is a favorite of his. Marc's methods and approach should be a benefit to anyone who wants to explore the waters to our north.

**Don't miss the Fly Tyers Rendezvous this Saturday (11/3) at Mt. Hood Community College**

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*November President's Message*

**Holiday Banquet:** It doesn't seem possible, but the winter holidays are coming up very quickly. Next month is our holiday banquet! This has always proven to be one of our most well-attended meetings, and this year should be no different. Plan to bring your family or significant others. This event is open to everyone who is willing to contribute a side dish.

The club will provide the entrees. David Eisenhauer, who has already proven his prowess as a cook, will provide the turkey and past chef par excellence Shane Stewart will prepare the ham. It will be good.

All you are asked to do is bring your favorite side dish, casserole, salad, or dessert. In the past these dishes from you and your families have proven to make the meal, so just keep using your creativity and bring what you like. Whatever you do, don't forget your appetite – you will need it.

**Fly Tyers Rendezvous: One Last Reminder** This Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and prior to our meeting, the 2007 fly-tying event of the year will be held at Mr. Hood Community College. Some of the best tyers in the Pacific Northwest will be present: Henry Hoffman, Ronn Lucas, Sr., Jackson Leong, Norm Norlander, Preston Singletary, Ed Smith, and Jim Teeny, just to mention a few.

In addition, there will be several vendors and fly shops (including River City) with booths and merchandise for sale. Even more importantly, there will be silent auctions, raffles, and even a live auction throughout the day. This will be an excellent opportunity to pick up some bargains at the same time as you contribute to some of our most important conservation and educational causes.

Plan to attend. You won't regret it.

*Upcoming Events*

**November 3<sup>rd</sup> .....Fly Tyers Rendezvous**  
**November 7<sup>th</sup> .....Monthly Meeting**  
**November 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> .....Deschutes Steelhead Outing**  
**November 21<sup>st</sup> .....Board Meeting**  
**December 5<sup>th</sup> .....Annual Holiday Banquet**  
**December 19<sup>th</sup> .....Board Meeting**  
**January 2<sup>nd</sup> .....First Meeting of 2008**  
**January 16<sup>th</sup> .....Board Meeting**  
**February 6<sup>th</sup> .....Monthly Meeting: Elections**  
**February 20<sup>th</sup> .....Board Meeting**

***Fly of the Month: “Swan Pheasant Tail Nymph”***



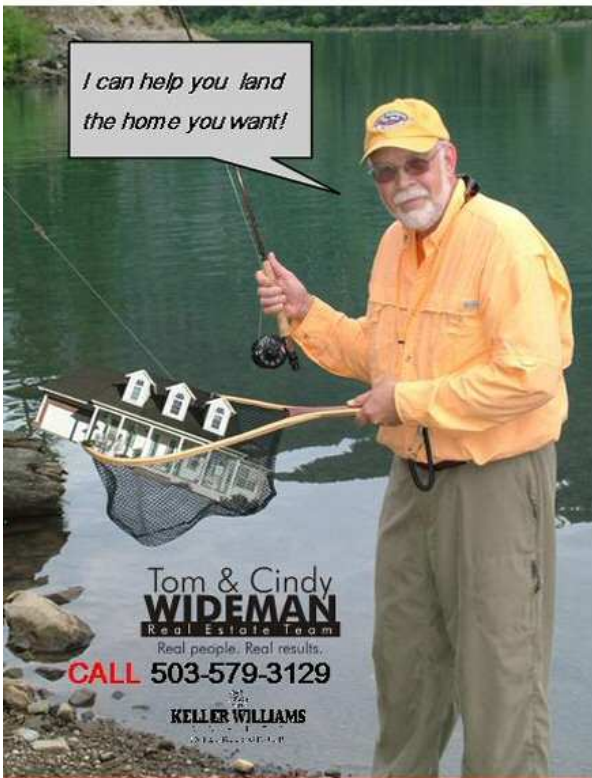
Submitted by Hal Gordon, photo by John McNally

<b>Hook</b>	Standard Nymph #16-18
<b>Thread</b>	8/0 Olive-Brown
<b>Body/Thorax</b>	Pheasant Tail, Peacock Herl
<b>Rib</b>	Fine Brass Wire
<b>Legs, Tail and Wing</b>	Dark Brown Ringneck Pheasant Neck Hackle and White Goose Biot wing
<b>Flash-Back</b>	Clear-Pearl Mylar
<b>Head</b>	Gold or Brass Bead

**History:** This is a twist on the typical Pheasant Tail Nymph and the Prince Nymph. This fly crawled onto my tying bench last spring after a dozen Prince and Pheasant Tails got mixed-up in my fly box over the long dark winter.

**How to Fish:** The Swan is a pretty good imitation of an emerging mayfly nymph, while it is still deep in the water column. The flashback draws attention and imitates the oxygen inflated split thorax of a pre-emergent nymph. The brass bead simulates the blunt head of many mayfly nymphs, and not only adds weight to sink the fly, but draws a second look from trout. Fish this fly everywhere and often! Fish it alone or tie it as a dropper behind a weighted nymph or dry fly.

**Tying Instructions:** Slip the brass-bead up the hook shank to the hook eye. Fix the hook in the vise and layer thread over the shank to the bend. Tie in half-dozen pheasant neck fibers for a tail and add the brass wire. Strip 4-5 fibers off a pheasant tail, trim the ends and tie them in by their tips. Wrap the pheasant tail body and tie off at the thorax. Counter wrap the wire for the rib. Tie in a thin mylar strip on top of the hook, extending past the tail. Next, strip a dozen fibers off a pheasant neck hackle and tie them parallel on top of the hook shank with the tips extending over and past the bead-head. Tie in the peacock herl and wrap it as the thorax. Next, separate the pheasant neck legs evenly on both sides of the thorax (they should be parallel or slightly below the hook shank), stroke them backward towards the hook-point and hold them down in place with your forefinger and thumb. Next, bring the mylar over the top of the thorax and tie it down directly behind the brass-bead. If tied correctly, the legs will stay in place, gently sweeping backward. Trim the mylar, tie in the biot wings and take several generous wraps of thread to complete the head. Add a drop of cement to secure the thread.



We're never too busy to take excellent care of your referrals!

**Elections are coming in February. Now is the time to speak up and volunteer to run as one of the officers or offer your services as a Board member. The more, the merrier. Please let us know if you are interested.**



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