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November Chapter Meeting

Westbrook Club House

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

Beaverton, OR 97005

Wednesday, November 5, 2008

7:00 – 7:30	Meeting opens. Topics of business include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 8th Deschutes River outing • December holiday banquet • Initiate planning for 2009 outings
7:30 – 8:30	Marc Williamson and Pete Priepeke will provide a presentation on fishing Grindstone Lakes
8:30 – 9:00	Raffle and adjournment

Entertainment

Last spring members Marc Williamson and Pete Priepeke received an invitation to spend three days at the Grindstone Lake Ranch in eastern central Oregon. This working cattle ranch is nearly a million acres and stretches from the Ochoco Mountains to Burns and has five lakes (reservoirs) at its northern end. It is 30 miles from the nearest paved road and truly remote. The ranch manages the five lakes as a trophy fishery for 10-12 guests at a time. They have built a nice western-style lodge providing lodging and food for all its visiting guests. The lakes are stocked with Kamloops and triploid trout that grow quickly in the nutrient-rich waters. Marc and Pete will talk about their trip there and share some photos of fish and the ranch. They did not catch any of the 15-pound-plus fish that do exist there, but they did catch some very nice ones.



Phil Oliver catches a nice brown on the Owyhee

Holiday Banquet

The winter holidays are approaching quickly. December marks our 8th annual holiday banquet, proven over time to be one of the most anticipated events of the year. Everyone is invited, so plan to bring your spouse, significant other, and family. The club will provide the entrees. Shane Stewart, David Eisenhauer, and the Priepekes will be chefs and servers, and turkey and ham will be featured. You are asked to bring your favorite side dish, casserole, salad or dessert. These family dishes are usually the highlight of the buffet-style potluck dinner. Everyone enjoys tasting the favorites of other families. Use your creativity and bring what you like. Don't forget your appetite – it is guaranteed you will need it!

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November President's Message

Fly Tyers Rendezvous – One Last Reminder: This Saturday, Nov. 1st, the 2008 fly tying event of the year will be held at Mt. Hood Community College. Some of the very best tyers from the Pacific Northwest will be present to share their expertise with you. Vendors and fly shops throughout Oregon and Washington will be setting up booths to demonstrate and sell their wares. Silent auctions, raffles, and an oral auction will be held at different times during the day. Our own member Tom Wideman will be the master of ceremonies and auctioneer. Many of you have volunteered to help out at the event. Thanks ahead for your willingness to help. I hope all the rest of our members will have a chance to come and enjoy the festivities. **Time: Saturday, November 1st, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

Deschutes Outing: We are planning to meet on Saturday, November 8th at the Imperial River Company in Maupin. Winter rates are \$89.00 a night for double occupancy. Your cost will be \$45.00 per night. For simplicity's sake you are responsible for making your own reservations. The hotel's phone number is 1-800-395-3903, and their website is www.deschutesriver.com. Some of you are planning to stay two nights, which means you will need reservations for November 7th and 8th. Whether you plan to stay one or two nights, we will meet at the Imperial on Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. The hotel has a nice restaurant and bar. If you want an even cheaper but warm place to stay you can contact The Oasis Resort (two night \$40.00 or one night \$20.00). Their phone number is 541-395-2611, and their website is www.deschutesriversoasis.com. If you prefer, you can also camp at one of the campsites along the river. In any case, we will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Imperial to break bread and share stories. More details to come at this month's meeting.

Upcoming Events

- November 5thMonthly Meeting
- November 8th and 9thDeschutes Outing
- November 26th7 p.m., Tyers Night
 6:30 p.m., Board Meeting
(Note: both events to be held at the Westbrook Club House. The Board Meeting date has been changed to coincide with Tyers Night)
- December 3rd6:00 p.m. Monthly Meeting:
 Holiday Banquet. Note early start time.
- January 7thMonthly Meeting
- January 21stBoard Meeting
- February 4thMonthly Meeting

Fly of the Month: Tom Thumb



Recipe

The materials needed for this fly could not be more simple:

Hook	Light wire standard dry fly hook: 1X long, sizes 8-14
Thread	Black 6/0 waxed nylon thread
Tail	Deer or elk hair
Hump & Wing	Deer or elk hair

Courtesy of Skip Morris

History: Winter is coming up quickly. Now is the time to tie flies for the upcoming spring trout season. The Tom Thumb is by far the most popular dry fly pattern in all of western Canada. Several of our members are planning another group trip to a British Columbia lake in May or June next year. If you plan to join them or take a trip on your own, you will need to have a dozen or so of this fly in your arsenal.

The Tom Thumb's history is vague. It probably came into common use around Jasper, a town in the Province of Alberta, during the 1950s. A fishing guide named Collie Peacock who ran a fishing tackle store remembered seeing a dentist from California using the fly, but he could not recall where he got it. For lack of a better name, he just called it a "Tom Thumb." It is ironic that this fly from California became a Canadian favorite but has never reached any prominence in the United States. More information and instructions on this fly can be found in [Morris On Tying Flies](#) by Skip Morris.

How to Fish: This pattern is normally fished in still water. It is designed to be skimmed and twitched across the surface simulating a traveling sedge (caddis), a struggling terrestrial, or even a hatching mayfly dun. Even though it works well in lakes, it is also an effective pattern for streams. Cutthroat as well as rainbows love them.

How to Tie:

1. Start the thread about $\frac{3}{4}$ up the hook's shank. Wind it down to the hook's bend. Tie in a small bundle of deer or elk hair as a tail. Bind the butt sections along the hook shank to build up the body. The tail itself should be about the length of the hook.
2. Prepare a second bunch of hair. Bind the butts of the hair halfway up the shank. Cover all the hair along the shank of the hook.
3. Draw up all the hair from the second bunch. Pull it down and forward over the top of the shank. Bind it just behind the eye, forming a fan wing with the tips of the hair.
4. Tie off the wing just behind the eye. You want the threads to tip the wing in an upward but slightly "leaning forward" stance.
5. Whip finish. Apply head cement. Start on your next fly.

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