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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 4, 2009

7:00 – 7:30	Meeting begins. Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcome to new members and guests ▪ Planning for Merrill Lake outing ▪ More on the club contact list ▪ Fly Tying Expo in March ▪ Holiday banquet planning ▪ Ideas for future outings
7:30 – 8:30	Entertainment: Guest Speaker Troy Laws from ODFW
8:30 – 9:00	Raffle: more good stuff. Adjournment



Paul Skelton presents laser survey equipment to Troy Laws at ODFW

Holiday Banquet

The winter holidays are approaching quickly. December marks our 9th annual holiday banquet, proven over time to be one of our most popular events. Everyone loves food, and everyone is invited, so plan to bring your spouse, significant other, and family. Shane Stewart, David Eisenhauer, and the Priepkes will act as chefs and servers. Turkey and ham will be provided by the club. 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 – especially your appetite!

Guest Speaker

Troy Laws, assistant fish and wildlife biologist from the North Coast Watershed District, will talk about the various projects he is involved with and show us how the "Precision Rotary Laser" will assist him in habitat restoration for our wild fisheries. This equipment will greatly improve our ability to better design projects and assess the impact of development by other entities.

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President's Message.....November, 2009

Congratulations! Kudos to Matt Avila, Hal Gordon, Chuck Cooney, Bill Wolford, and Don Nelson. These tyers from our club submitted a set of flies to the Oregon State Fair this past fall. Lo and behold, they won the **best of show** and **best of class**. These flies were submitted on behalf of Washington County Flyfishers and the Oregon Council. This was a new contest category called the "Council Club Category" in which fine tyers from the same club submit one fly each for every entry. Congratulations to everyone involved!

Change to November Fly Fishing Outing: The Board has decided to change the outing for November. The Cape Mears Lake outing has been cancelled. We will have an outing at Merrill Lake in Washington instead. Reports have been coming in that the fishing has been very good there, so we are going to take advantage of it. The lake is fly fishing only and has some very nice triploid rainbows and brown trout. You will need a boat or float tube. There is a nice boat ramp at the site. We will meet at Merrill Lake on **Saturday, November 7th** at 8:00 a.m. Bring your favorite rod and flies and plan to come. More details will be provided at this month's meeting. If you have questions contact our "Outings Committee": Chuck Cooney, Dave Wesley, or George Wilson.

Fly Tying Expo: The Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo will be held on March 12th -13th, 2010 in Albany, Oregon. Our club is involved with solicitation of donations for the raffles and auctions that will be held at the event. If you know an individual (including yourself) or a company that would be willing to contribute please contact me at ppriepke@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

- November 4thMonthly Meeting**
- November 7thMerrill Lake Outing**
- November 18th6:30 p.m., Board Meeting
7:00 p.m., Fly Tying Night
Both at Club House**
- December 2ndMonthly Meeting: Holiday
Banquet**
- December 16th7:00 p.m. Board Meeting
at River City Fly Shop**
- January 6thMonthly Meeting**
- January 20th6:30 p.m., Board Meeting
7:00 p.m., Fly Tying Night
Both at Clubhouse**

November Fly of the Month: Knudson's Spider



Category	Searun cutthroat, steelhead
Hook	Dai-Riki #270, size 6 or 8
Thread	6/0 black
Tail	Mallard or wood duck flank
Body	Black chenille
Rib	Flat silver tinsel, optional
Collar	Mallard, wood duck flank, long

Variations: A black body was used for the original version, but yellow and chartreuse work very well. You can also use different colors of Mallard flank to make the fly darker or brighter, depending upon what effect you want.

.....**Courtesy of salmonfly.net**

History: Al Knudson, who pioneered fly fishing for steelhead and cutthroat on the Stillaguamish River in Washington, first tied this fly in the 1930s. Originally it was called a “wet spider.” Al popularized this pattern for searuns and it eventually became known by his name. It is a very simple pattern, but it is extremely effective not only on cutthroat but also steelhead and coho. It is the precursor to the now very popular reverse spider pattern tied first by Mike Kinney, also for the Stillaguamish River.



How to Fish: Cast it around structure and bring it back with erratic jerks if you are fishing for cutthroat. Strip in quickly if you are fishing for coho. For steelhead, swing it through a run with a traditional wet fly swing.

How to Tie:

- 1) Attach thread to hook and wrap back on the shank to just above the hook point.
- 2) Tie in 6-8 mallard flank hackle barbs as a tail.
- 3) Tie in a length of flat tinsel.
- 4) Tie in a length of chenille and wrap forward.
- 5) Spiral wrap tinsel as segments forward.
- 6) Palmer flank feather with 2-3 turns just behind the hook eye. Tie back in wet fly style.
- 7) Whip finish and attach head cement.

Do you have a favorite fly? We would love to feature it as a fly of the month. Send a photo and article in the format above to ppriepke@gmail.com

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