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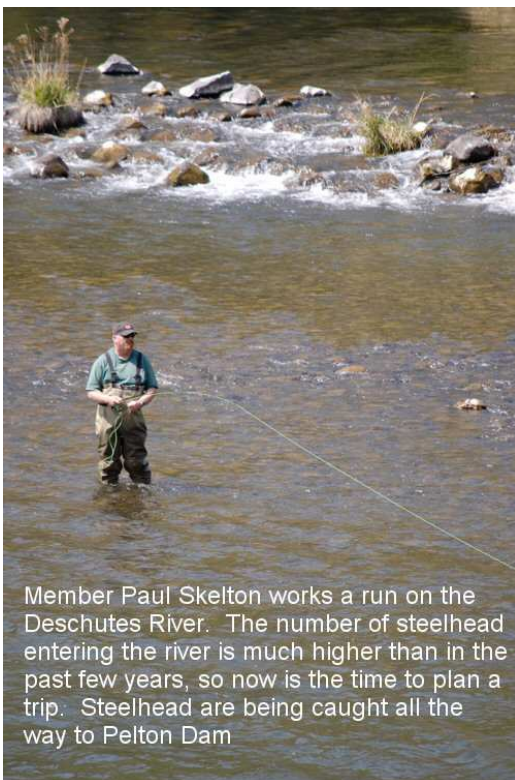
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October Chapter Meeting
Westbrook Club House
14255 S.W. 6th Street (one block east of S.W. Murray)
Beaverton, OR 97005

Wednesday, October 1, 2008

7:00 – 7:30	Meeting opens. Topics of business include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning and sign-up sheet for Crooked River outing on October 11-12 • Hal Gordon's planned group trip to the Owyhee River during the second week of October • Change in searun regulations • Upcoming Flyfishing Rendezvous November 1
7:30 – 8:30	Rick Kruger will make a presentation on the Kanektok River in Alaska
8:30 – 9:00	Raffle and adjournment



Member Paul Skelton works a run on the Deschutes River. The number of steelhead entering the river is much higher than in the past few years, so now is the time to plan a trip. Steelhead are being caught all the way to Pelton Dam

Entertainment: Fishing Tales and Misadventures Of Sixty-Five Days on a Fabled Alaskan River

Rick Kruger will present slides and tell tales accumulated from three 3-week flyfishing/float trips down the Kanektok River in western Alaska. Overlapping runs of 5 species of Pacific salmon and resident rainbow trout, Arctic Grayling and sea-run Dolly Varden provide abundant and exciting fishing throughout the 90-mile float. Normally done by guided groups in 7-10 days, Rick's group takes their time (21-23 days), back-rowing to slow their descent and improve their flies' drift and stopping frequently to fish riffles and runs behind spawning salmon. Silvers (coho) are the targeted salmon species of this August float, but all five species are present and always caught. Layovers of 2-3 days allow for more thorough exploration of side channels and tributaries, where the hunt is on for the big legendary rainbows. The Kanektok is known for its hostile weather, barreling in off the Bering Sea/Bristol Bay and parking over the river. Being out there for extended periods takes careful planning and top-notch preparation and gear, but often leads to breakdowns, screw-ups and other misadventures, which are highlighted in the presentation. This is a trip of a lifetime that Rick and his companions have had the supreme good fortune to experience several times. **Don't miss this one!**

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October President's Message

PNW Fly Tyers Rendezvous: The Pacific Northwest's Fly Tyers Rendezvous is almost upon us. On November 1st the 11th annual presentation of this all-day event (9 am – 4 pm) will be held at Mt. Hood Community College. Over 50 tyers from the Pacific Northwest will be sharing their talents and ideas at tables so you can visit and learn from them. Vendors and fly shops throughout Oregon and Washington have been invited to set up booths with both flyfishers and fly tyers in mind. Silent auctions, raffles, and a live auction will be held at different times throughout the day. All net proceeds will be used for conservation and educational efforts to support our precious Pacific Northwest fishery. The manpower needed to conduct the show comes from several local area clubs, and Washington County Fly Fishers has played a major role. Hal Gordon is especially to be commended for his tireless efforts. If we can contribute the equivalent of 200 volunteer hours our club will be able to share in the proceeds as a way to sponsor our own educational and conservation efforts. **How can you help?** First, you can tie a dozen flies to be used in the raffles and auctions. Second, volunteers are needed to direct parking, as raffle assistants, and for venue setup, cleanup, the beginner tying table, along with many logistical needs throughout the day. **Please tie some flies.** You can bring them to River City Fly Shop or give them to Hal Gordon. We will make certain they are presented in the show's fly boxes.

Fly Tyers Night: We have initiated our first "Tyers Night": Wednesday, September 24, from 7-9 pm at the club's meeting hall. Come whether you want to tie or just observe. You will need to bring your own tools and materials. This could be a very interesting evening, and we plan to have them on an ongoing basis. The next Tyers Night will be on Wednesday, October 22nd; another will follow on November 26th.

Upcoming Events

- September 24thFly Tyers Night
- October 1stMonthly Meeting
- October 11th-12thCrooked River Outing
- October 22ndBoard Meeting
- Westbrook Club House
-Fly Tyers Night
- Westbrook Club House
- November 5thMonthly Meeting
- November 8th-9thDeschutes Outing
- November 19thBoard Meeting
- River City Fly Shop
- November 26thTyers Night
- December 3rdMonthly Meeting: Holiday Banquet

Fly of the Month: "Purple Spey"



Steve Probasco Photo

Hook	Standard steelhead/salmon hook, sizes 1/0 - 6
Thread	6/0 pink or red
Body	Purple chenille
Rib	Silver tinsel or wire

Variations: Using the instructions below you can tie this fly in as many colors and body types as you like. Orange, chartreuse, yellow, black, red, tan, or almost any color will work given different water conditions. The body can be dubbed or you can use simply chenille, wire, or tinsel. Use your imagination to create your own unique fly.

History: Spey flies originated in the late 18th century in Scotland. In the beginning they were simple and straightforward: a body, often somber in tone, with a long flowing hackle at the front. During the Victorian era they became much more complex, with tags, tails, cross-ribbing, married colors, and even wings. John Shewey's Spey Flies and Dee Flies is one of many excellent sources for learning about these very beautiful flies. However, the fish-catching prowess of these graceful patterns resides in the original simple and easily-tied versions. Steve Probasco demonstrates how to tie one of these basic patterns in his book Favorite Northwest Flies. I guarantee that this simple pattern will catch as many fish as its more colorful cousins.

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How to Fish: This fly is designed to be used with a wet fly swing. You can use weighted and unweighted versions depending upon how deep you want to fish.

How to Tie:

1. Tie in a piece of tinsel or wire and a piece of purple chenille (dub the thread if you prefer).
2. Wind chenille or dubbing forward and rib with tinsel or wire.
3. Strip the fibers off one side of the spey feather and secure to the hook by the tip.
4. Wind hackle two or three turns and secure.
5. Whip finish head and cement to complete the Purple Spey.

**For Sale: The Ultimate Pontoon Boat
12 x 20 Maravia Cataract**

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