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October Chapter Meeting

Westbrook Club House

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

Beaverton, OR 97008

Wednesday, October 3, 2007

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| 7:00 – 7:30 | <p>Meeting opens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning and sign-up for Red Hills club outing, scheduled for October 20th • More on upcoming Fly Tyers Rendezvous on November 3rd at Mt Hood Community College • Recap of Metolius outing/fish stories |
| 7:30 – 8:15 | Pete Pripke: "Fishing for Alaskan Silvers" |
| 8:15 – 9:00 | <p>Social time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raffle. As usual, we will try to have some "good stuff." • Fly swap. We need to breathe life back into this program. Bring some favorite flies to swap with your friends. • More time to socialize and trade lies and fishing stories. • Adjournment |



Typical Golsovia River silver salmon, fresh from the sea. Most of the fish were caught either in tidewater or within a mile of tidewater.

Entertainment

As your president, I normally try not to dominate the meetings and provide speakers with experiences and views different from my own. However, I recently had the privilege of taking a trip to northern Alaska. The target species was Coho salmon on the remote Golsovia River just south of Nome. It proved to be one of the better fishing adventures of my life. The scenery was terrific, and the fishing was even better. My presentation will be less formal than Joel LaFollette's was last month, but I hope you will enjoy it just the same.

See you at the meeting.....Pete

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October President's Message

Red Hills Outing: Don Nelson has arranged to reserve October 20th at Red Hills Lake exclusively for our members. Normally the cost to fish this private lake near Dundee is \$60.00 per person; we will be able to have our members attend for \$30.00 each. This is a great deal, near to home and an excellent chance to catch some nice rainbows.

Red Hills Lake is only five acres in size, but it contains a surprising number of Kamloops trout, which are for the most part self-sustaining. The fish range in size from 12" to several pounds! October should be a good time to fish for them, as the lake's water will have cooled down and the fish will be on the prowl.

The club is planning to provide lunch at the lake for all who attend. There are some excellent picnic facilities at the site, and we will be barbecuing hot dogs and hamburgers and furnishing beverages. More details to come at this month's meeting.

Fly Tyers Rendezvous, November 3, 2007: As mentioned last month, the tenth annual Fly Tyers Rendezvous is coming up quickly. It will be held at Mt. Hood Community College on November 3rd, and promises to be bigger and better than ever. Please plan to attend and support the environmental and educational causes that the event helps subsidize. You will have a great time.

Also, last month I handed out fly boxes to those of you who wanted to tie and donate flies. If you have any of them ready, please bring them to this month's meeting. I will be sure they get to the right person. I will also have some more boxes if someone else wants to tie for the event. And don't forget that the Rendezvous committee is planning to give away a nice pontoon boat, via a raffle, to one of the tyers who provide donations. Not only will you be contributing to a good cause, but possibly you may get a reward for your generosity.

Upcoming Events

October 3rdMonthly Meeting
October 17thBoard Meeting
October 20thRed Hills Lake Outing
November 7thMonthly Meeting
November 17th-18thDeschutes Steelhead Outing
November 21stBoard Meeting
December 5thAnnual Holiday Banquet
December 19thBoard Meeting
January 2ndFirst Meeting of 2008
January 16thBoard Meeting

Fly of the Month: “Chernobyl Ant”



Submitted by Hal Gordon. Photo by John McNally

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| Hook | Dry fly 3X long #8-12 |
| Thread | 8/0 Black |
| Body | Black Superfine Dubbing, Medium Rubber Legs |
| Over-Body | Black and Brown Foam |
| Indicator | Yellow Foam |
| Variations | Black foam for ant, beetle and cricket, tan or yellow for grasshopper, and green for beetles and katydid. |

History: It was created by Emmett Heath, a fishing guide who fishes Flaming Gorge Reservoir and Green River, Utah. This fly obtained notoriety for winning the first “One Fly Contest” in Jackson Hole, Wyoming in 1995.

How to Fish: This fly takes a lot of abuse, it will not sink. Cast and strip it where fish are hiding in weed beds and along brushy/grass-lined lakes and stream banks. I like to cast this fly toward shore, while drifting downstream from a boat, and stripping back in short jerks. Hold on and use a heavy tippet because trout and bass will attack this fly with a vengeance.

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Tying Instructions: Fix the hook in the vise and layer thread over the entire shank to the bend. Thinly dub “dry fly” dubbing along the entire hook shank (the dubbing will prevent the foam from twisting along the shank). Cut ¼-inch wide strips of foam, at least three inches long. Tie in two layers of foam strips just above the hook point, take five wraps of thread, each wrap successively pulled tighter. Next, tie on the yellow foam indicator at the same point, with three wraps of thread. Lay a length of rubber leg parallel along the hook shank, and tie it in at the same tie-in point, the rubber will automatically fold and form a V-shape (repeat for the other rubber leg on the opposite side of the hook). Wrap the thread forward along the hook shank to the front tie-in point, leaving room to tie off the thread behind the hook-eye. Repeat tying in the two strips of foam, indicator and rubber legs. Lift the excess foam out of the way and tie off the head behind the hook-eye. Trim the front and rear of the strips of foam to a rough point. Trim the indicator foam to small “bumps”. Apply cement to the head and all four points where the rubber legs were tied to it.



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