



The Fly Line

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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 7, 2009

7:00 – 7:30	Meeting opens. Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome to new members and guests • Planning for October 9th/10th outing on the Crooked River • Donation by Paul Belfanti of pontoon boat to club • Creating a club contact list • Contributions to ODFW and Eagle Scout project • Club participation in Oregon Council's fly tying expo in Albany next March
7:30 – 8:30	Entertainment: Fishing American Creek in Alaska
8:30 – 9:00	Raffle: more good stuff. Adjournment

Entertainment

During June of this year Hal Gordon, Greg Kohn, Ben Hedberg with his dad Ralph, and Pete Priepke with his brother Ed took a self-guided 40-mile trip down American Creek in the wilderness area of the Katmai National Park in Alaska. Hal Gordon has put together a presentation detailing the events of this seven-day excursion.

The trip proved to be a bit more difficult than expected, but the scenery was spectacular. The fishing was also fantastic. The rainbow trout and char in this small river have no equal in size and beauty. I think you will find this show to be very interesting and entertaining.

Donation to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Last month the Board approved the purchase of a Trimble/Spectra Precision Rotary Laser. The purchase cost was approximately \$2,300.00. This stream profile surveying equipment has been donated to the North Coast District of ODFW. They will, in turn, share it with other districts. This equipment is essential for collecting accurate site elevations for developing habitat restoration projects. It will greatly improve ODFW's ability to conduct site analysis in terms of productivity and accuracy. It can be used by a single person and should greatly reduce the need for ODFW to hire outside contractors for this work. It is our hope that this equipment will help biologists to better understand stream dynamics and lead to enhancement strategies that will improve our wild fisheries.

The club is always looking for productive ways of using our treasury to help improve the quality of our native fisheries. If you have any favorite projects or conservation efforts, let us know.

October Fly of the Month: Ferguson's Green & Silver



Courtesy of Salmonfly.net

Category	Searun Cutthroat
Hook	Dai-Riki #950 straight eye saltwater hook, size 6 or 8
Thread	6/0 black or red
Body	Silver diamond braid
Thorax	Fluorescent chartreuse chenille
Wing	Arctic fox over pearl Krystal Flash

Variations: A different color of chenille can be used. Red has also proven to be successful, along with black and yellow. This is also an excellent pattern for salmon as well as cutthroat – just tie it in larger hook sizes.

History: Bruce Ferguson, co-author with Les Johnson and Pat Trotter of Fly Fishing for Pacific Salmon, features this fly as one of the better searun patterns, especially in estuaries and saltwater. He developed this pattern some time in the 70's based on a California shad fly and Joe Brooks' famous "blond series." This fly proved so successful that Ferguson has said that if he had to confine himself to one fly only, this would be it, provided he could have it in a full range of sizes.

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How to Fish: Cast it into likely looking water and strip it back with erratic jerks. It is, of course, a subsurface fly. If you want to fish more deeply, place a bead in front of it. You can also swing it through a riffle or current as you would a steelhead fly.

How to Tie:

1. Attach thread to hook and wrap back on the shank to just above the hook point.
2. Tie in a length of silver diamond braid.
3. Wrap diamond braid forward about two-thirds of the way to the hook eye.
4. Tie in chenille and wrap it in a small ball.
5. Tie a hook length of Krystal Flash over the top of the ball as an underwing.
6. Tie arctic fox over the Krystal Flash as an underwing.
7. Whip finish and cement head.
8. Go fishing.

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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