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September Chapter Meeting

Westbrook Club House

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

Beaverton, OR 97008

Wednesday, September 5 2007

7:00 – 7:30	Meeting opens <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning and sign-up sheet for Metolius River/Suttle Lake outing• Club involvement with upcoming Fly Tyer Rendezvous on November 3rd• Fish stories
7:30 – 8:30	Joel LaFollette: "Fishing the Skeena River Tributaries"
8:30 – 9:00	Raffle, fly swap. Meeting adjourns

Entertainment

Joel LaFollette is currently the retail manager for Kaufmann's Streamborn in Tigard. He is considered to be one of the more knowledgeable fly anglers in the Pacific Northwest, but his expertise far exceeds our local waters. He has fished in nearly every destination featured by Kaufmann's travel business. One of his favorite places to fish is on the Skeena system in British Columbia. He will be at our meeting this month to share his love of this steelhead paradise. His presentation will feature the Kispiox River (known for its large steelhead) and the Bulkley River (known for steelhead who love skating flies) as well as several other rivers. His show should prove to be very interesting and entertaining, so mark September 5th on your calendar and make a point to attend the meeting.

Metolius/Suttle Lake Outing

The Metolius River and Suttle Lake are a new venue for our outings. The plan is to camp out at the Metolius River on the night of September 22nd (Saturday). We will fish on the 22nd and the 23rd. You will have the option of stream fishing or lake fishing. Brown trout should be becoming active on Suttle Lake, and the Metolius should be willing to give up some rainbow trout, as well as bull trout.

Mark the above dates on your calendar and plan to attend if you can. The club will provide dinner and beverages on Saturday night; you will need to provide for yourself the rest of the time.

A sign-up sheet will be provided at this month's meeting, along with more specifics. If you cannot attend this month's meeting, contact Dave Wesley (503-848-0812, dcwesley@comcast.net) or Chuck Cooney (503-642-2186, cacjcooney@aol.com) if you want to come – they can give you the details and sign you up.

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September President's Message

Fly Tyers Rendezvous - November 3, 2007: Last year our club helped sponsor the 9th annual Fly Tyers Rendezvous in Gresham. We are also involved this year, which is the 10th anniversary of the event. This year the Rendezvous will be held at Mt. Hood Community College for the first time. It is a much larger and nicer facility, which allows us to include some vendors and add more tyers. The clubs sponsoring this event include the Pacific Northwest Flyfishers, the Clark-Skamania Fly Fishers, the Stonefly Maidens, and the Washington County Fly Fishers. All net proceeds will be used for environmental and educational efforts to support our precious Pacific Northwest fishery.

All of the clubs are being asked to provide flies for the event to be used as prizes for the silent auction and raffle, which is one of the major revenues produces for the entire show. I am challenging our club to provide more than anyone else. Start tying now so we can get a head start. The Rendezvous staff will provide you with display boxes suitable for a half or a full dozen flies. If you tie classic patterns or show flies you may want to donate a presentation fly. As an incentive, the Rendezvous committee is planning to give a pontoon boat, via a raffle, to one of the tyers who provide donations. More on this to come.

Fly Swap: We would like to breathe some life into our "fly swap" activity. Several months ago Hal Gordon proposed starting a program that allows us to trade some of our favorite flies amongst ourselves as a way to diversify our fly boxes and learn more about alternative patterns that might help expand our knowledge about flies and help improve our fishing. Up until now not too many of us have taken the opportunity to trade. Let's try to remember to bring some flies to this month's meeting and make this a fun event.

Upcoming Events

September 5thMonthly Meeting

September 19thBoard Meeting

September 22nd – 23rdMetolius Outing

October 3rdMonthly Meeting

October 17thBoard Meeting

October 20thOuting TBD

November 7thMonthly Meeting

**November 17th – 18thDeschutes Steelhead
Outing**

November 21stBoard Meeting

December 5thAnnual Holiday Banquet

Fly of the Month: “Tyrant”



Submitted by Hal Gordon, photo by John McNally

Hook	Heavy Salmon Hook #2-8, Weighted with Lead-Free Wire
Thread	8/0 Pink
Body	Pearl/White Crystal Chenille
Tail/Wing	Cerise Straight-Cut Rabbit Strip
Hackle	Cerise Cross-Cut Rabbit Strip
Head	Brass “Bullet-Head”
Variations	Tie in Purple or Black w/ Pink-Egg Head

History: This Alaska pattern was developed by Randall Kaufmann for all species of salmon, char and trout. I’ve fished a lot of different flies for Coho Salmon over the years and had such good success with this pattern, it’s all I use anymore for “silvers” in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest.

How to Fish: Depending on how this fly is fished, it could imitate a small bait-fish, salmon roe or even salmon-flesh for cannibalistic fish. Cast it across and upstream to get a deep, dead-drift through pools. Continue letting the fly swing downstream, stripping it through slack water. Fish will often hammer this fly at the end of the swing so be patient. I’ve had a lot of success stripping this fly through back-water sloughs where Coho are likely to be resting. The Tyrant has a lot of natural movement, so let it do all the work.

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Tying Instructions: Slip the brass “bullet-head” up the shank, fix the hook in the vise and, beginning just behind the brass head, wrap a layer of thread over the shank to the bend, finishing just above the hook-point. Cut a three-inch strip of straight-cut rabbit strip. About an inch from the end of the strip, divide the fur to expose the “leather”, and wrap the thread around this “leather” to the hook shank. Be careful not to catch any fur at the tie-in point. The back-end of the rabbit-strip becomes the “tail” and the front-end of the strip becomes the “wing” (Matuka style). Next, wrap the chenille body up to the “bullet-head” and tie it off. Bring the tip of the rabbit strip forward, pull it tight and tie it off behind the “bullet-head”. Tie in the cross-cut rabbit strip and wrap it twice behind the “bullet-head” forming a fur-hackle. Finally, take some excess fur and dub the thread to fill in the gap between the “bullet-head” and hackle. Add a drop of cement to secure the thread.



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