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September Chapter Meeting

Westbrook Club House

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

Beaverton, OR 97005

Wednesday, September 2, 2009

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| 7:00 – 7:30 | Meeting begins <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome to guests and new members• Planning for the September Coldwater Lake outing• Planning for the week-long Owyhee and Crooked River outings• Need for a club raffle chairman: looking for volunteers• BBQ for next year. Should we hold it off-site at a park?• Creating a club contact list |
| 7:30 – 8:30 | Entertainment: Slide show on fishing the John Day. Chuck Cooney, presenter |
| 8:30 – 9:00 | Raffle and adjournment |

Entertainment

Hal Gordon has put together two slide show presentations featuring trips involving our club members. The first is "June on the John Day" starring Chuck Cooney, Tom Wideman, Dave Wesley, and Hal Gordon. Chuck, "The Pride of Condon," will narrate this trip at this month's meeting. The John Day is one of the best small-mouth fishing destinations in the Northwest, and the results of this trip certainly prove it. If you attend this month's meeting you will be shown how you can put together a similar trip at a very affordable price.



August BBQ: the food was enjoyed by all. 55 attended.

In October we will show Hal's second presentation which features "The American Creek" in Katmai National Park, Alaska. The leading characters in this little drama are Hal Gordon, Greg Kohn, Ben Hebgen with his dad, and Pete Priepke with his brother. This trip is more difficult and not as affordable as the John Day adventure, but it does reveal one of the best rainbow fisheries in the world.

Two big outings coming up: Coldwater Lake on September 19th and the week-long Owyhee outing October 5th-9th. Make plans to attend now!

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September President's Message

ODFW "Wish List": Paul Skelton has worked with The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife over the past few years on various projects involving boat launch construction, restoration projects, and fishery enhancement. He has received a 2009-2010 wish list from ODFW and has asked the Board if the club could contribute to one of these projects. I am curious if any of our members have a special interest in any of these projects and would like to see us get involved. Please let me know your thoughts.

- Contribute funds to the Cloverdale Boat Ramp lease.
- Purchase trees for habitat restoration in coordination with the coastal watershed councils.
- Purchase stream profile surveying equipment for habitat restoration work.
- Cedar Creek boat launch construction.
- Culvert project for fish passage on Bear Creek and Elk Creek in the upper Nehalem watershed.
- Hydro generator for fish monitoring equipment.
- Folding mountain bike for accessing surveys.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you support any of these projects. Contact me at 503-614-8115 or at ppriepeke@gmail.com.

Annual BBQ: Our BBQ was another great success. At least 55 people attended. The Board has proposed that we hold next year's BBQ at an outside site such as Glenn Otto or Oxbow Park. It could be held on a Saturday with a longer time frame for casting instruction, games, raffle, etc. Please let me know how you feel about this expansion of our popular annual event.

Upcoming Events

- September 2ndMonthly Meeting**
September 16th6:30 p.m., Board Meeting, Club House
7 p.m., Fly Tying Night, Club House
- September 19thColdwater Lake Outing**
October 7thMonthly Meeting
October 5th-9thOwyhee River Outing
October 9th -10thCrooker River Outing
October 21st6:30 p.m., Board Meeting, Club House
7 p.m., Fly Tying Night, Club House
- November 4thMonthly Meeting**
November 18th6:30 p.m., Board Meeting, Club House
7 p.m., Fly Tying Night, Club House
- November 21stCape Mears Lake Outing**

Fly of the Month: The Streetwalker



Courtesy of salmonfly.net

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| Category | Steelhead |
| Hook | Size 2-8 standard up-eye salmon/steelhead hook |
| Tail | Purple hackle fibers and purple hair |
| Ribbing | Silver tinsel or wire |
| Body | Purple chenille or purple dubbing |
| Throat | Purple saddle hackle |
| Wing | Pearl Flashabou |
| Head | Black |

History: The Streetwalker has been a standard pattern on the Deschutes River since it was introduced by steelhead guide Gordon Nash in the 1980s. Nash originally tied this fly on a bright nickel-plated hook. It is more commonly tied on a standard black up-eye hook, but since many bright and colored hooks are available today it might be a very good idea to experiment with hook color. The pattern has stood the test of time and is still very popular.

Variations: The fly can be weighted with lead wire if you want to get down a little deeper. The fly is almost always tied in purple, but the basic tying model is well suited to other colors: orange, black, chartreuse, or whatever you prefer.

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How to Fish: The Streetwalker is a streamer pattern and is best fished on a wet fly swing. Swim the fly slowly through the current as you would with any other standard streamer style fly. If you want to get the fly down in the water column you can use a sink tip with your fly line.

How to Tie:

1. Tie in 6-7 purple hackle fibers just above the hook point as a tail. The tail should extend slightly behind the rear of the hook.
2. Tie in a length of purple chenille and a piece of silver tinsel or wire.
3. Bring the thread to the front of the hook, stopping about 3/16" below the eye of the hook.
4. Wrap the purple chenille forward and tie off at the thread point.
5. Wrap the tinsel or wire forward with 5 or 6 turns, creating a rib.
6. Using 3-4 wraps, tie in the purple hackle.
7. Tie in a small bunch of purple hair over the hackle, making a wing no longer than the hook.
8. Top wing with pearl tinsel.
9. Whip finish and cement head.
10. Go fishing.



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