



The Fly Line

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May Chapter Meeting
Westbrook Club House
14255 S.W. 6th Street (one block east of S.W. Murray)
Beaverton, OR 97008

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

7:00 – 7:30	Meeting comes to order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcement of scholarship winners • Sign-up for Rock Creek Reservoir outing on May 19 & Deschutes River outing on June 2-3 • Sea-run cutthroat regulations • Building a new contact list for members
7:30 – 8:30	Rod-building workshop/fly-tying demos
8:30 – 8:45	Fly swap
8:45 – 9:00	Raffle and adjournment

Rod-Building Workshop

The second session of our rod-building workshop will be held during the meeting in lieu of the normal entertainment. At the end of the first session, everyone had put their reel seat in place and started to determine their guide placement. As a homework assignment everyone was asked to tape their guides in place and be prepared for the next steps in completing their rod:

- Instructions on wrapping their guides. Pieces of graphite sections will be provided for everyone to use for practice.
- Thread will be provided
- Demonstration will be given on applying finish to wraps.
- Packets of wrap finish will also be provided to everyone.

Fly-Tying Workshop

Hal Gordon and Marc Williamson have agreed to conduct a fly-tying tutorial for those who are not assembling a rod. Please bring your vise and the basic fly-tying tools if you would like to tie along with them. You will need some thread, but other materials will be provided.

Scholarship Winners

Since we have some surplus in our treasury, the Board has decided to award two scholarships this year to deserving OSU graduate students:

- Heidi Vogel will receive \$2,000 for her work with coastal searun cutthroat
- Seth White will receive \$1,000 for his work with redband steelhead trout.

They will be invited to attend one of our meetings in the near future and will describe their work and projects in more detail. Please join the Board in congratulating them on their selection.

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May President's Message

Two Outings Before the June Meeting! Chuck Cooney and Dave Wesley will be hosting two outings in the next thirty days. The first will be at Rock Creek Reservoir on May 19th, and the second will be at the Deschutes River on June 2nd and 3rd. Both of these outings have an excellent chance of being productive. Rock Creek Reservoir, which will be our first visit, is planted with some very nice rainbows; the Deschutes should be in the midst of the salmon fly hatch. Please come and sign up at this month's meeting. The logistics of time, place, boat availability, and car-pooling opportunities will be discussed.

Fly Swap: Last month we had our first fly swap, and it proved to be very successful. Bring some of your favorite flies to the meeting with the idea of trading them for flies brought in by other members. Prepare your bartering strategy and be ready to have some fun.

Logo Contest: No one has submitted any new ideas for our club logo. There is plenty of time – we will not make a decision until December. However, we would like to start seeing some of your ideas. Keep in mind that we are planning to give out a nice prize at the December banquet to the lucky winner.

Searun Cutthroat Regulations: Shane Stewart, our conservation chairman, has discovered that ODFW is planning to remove the catch and release restrictions on coastal cutthroat. This is in contradiction to our commitment to preserving native trout. Shane will be working hard in the future, along with other clubs and The Native Fish Society, to convince ODFW that they are going in the wrong direction. The club supports his efforts, and we will do everything we can to help him. More to come on this.

.....Pete

Upcoming Events

May 2ndMonthly Meeting
May 16thBoard Meeting
May 19thRock Creek Reservoir outing
June 2nd & 3rdDeschutes River Outing
June 6thMonthly Meeting
June 20thBoard Meeting
June 30thGold Lake Outing
**July 11thMonthly Meeting

****Note: Our July meeting will be held on the second Wednesday of the month, because the Fourth of July falls on the first Wednesday.**

Fly of the Month: “Midge Pupa”



Hook	2X Nymph #18-24
Thread	8/0 Black
Body	Black Thread Body
Thorax	Peacock Herl on Larger Flies or Black/Peacock Dubbing
Rib	Extra Fine Silver Wire
Tail	White Antron Fibers
Antennae	White Antron Fibers

Submitted by Hal Gordon. Photo by John McNally

History: Most serious winter fly fishermen have developed their own version of a midge pupa, this is one of my favorites. Commonly called a “midge”, the Chironomid is found in most rivers and lakes throughout the United States. Most midge pupa imitations are simple to tie and do not challenge the fly tyer. However, this one will test your patience because of its small size.

How to Fish: Chironomid species live in a broad variety of habitats from deep lake bottoms to well oxygenated riffle water. If you observe fish rising but can not see an insect, it’s probably a midge (which looks like a mosquito, but does not bite). Midge larva lay semi-dormant before pupating and rising to the surface to hatch. This small fly is best fished deep when tied as a dropper behind a well weighted nymph. Fish it in deep holes below riffle water and dead-drift it along the bottom. Let it slowly rise at the end of the swing to imitate a hatching midge. It is almost impossible to see this fly on the water, so when fish are rising to midges tie this fly as a dropper behind a larger “indicator” fly such as an Elk Hair Caddis or large Parachute Adams. Don’t be intimidated by the small size of this fly, fish eat dozens of midges each day and they will be looking for yours.

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Tying Instructions: Fix the hook in the vise and wrap a layer thread over the shank to the bend. At the bend, tie in a dozen Antron fibers (for the tail) and wrap the thread evenly up the hook to the hook eye, completely covering the Antron and leaving enough fibers at the hook-eye for the antennae. Tie in the silver wire and wrap the thread back to the hook bend, covering the wire. Wrap the thread back to the thorax area completing the underbody (four total layers of thread for the body). Wrap the silver wire up the body to create the rib and tie it off. Next, dub the thorax. Finally, lift the Antron antennae up and out of the way and take several wraps of thread to complete the head. Add a drop of cement to secure the thread.

The Next FFF Conclave

Mark your calendar for this year’s Conclave: Livingston, MT 07/31/07 thru 08/04/07. On-line pre-registration will open approximately April 16th or sooner. Keep checking the FFF website for more information. A link can be found on our own local WCFF website.



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