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May Chapter Meeting
Westbrook Club House
14255 S.W. 6th Street (one block east of S.W. Murray)
Beaverton, OR 97005

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

7:00 – 7:30	President Chuck Cooney opens meeting. Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome to new members and guests • Sign-up for May 18 Rock Creek Reservoir outing • Winners of 2011 Oregon State Marty Day scholarships announced
7:30 – 9:00	Our auctioneer Tom Wideman starts our annual auction
9:00	Meeting adjourns

Annual Club Auction

This is our primary fund raiser of the year. Bring your friends and family and support us by giving generously. We will have lots of “good stuff” and fun.



Arnie Peterson with a nice Clackamas steelhead from a recent trip with Rob Crandall



Roger Lehman with a steelhead caught at the April club outing at Lost Lake. Believe it or not, at least 300 fish were caught by 13 of our members. Everyone caught fish, even the first-time fisherpersons. Olive wooly buggers were the secret weapon.



← **Tom McCue was on the same trip with Arnie and also caught a nice bright steelhead.**

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May 2011 President's Message

May 4th will be our Club Auction and this will be a very important meeting for the club. The money that we make from this Auction will fund our Scholarship Program and other club endeavors. If you have an item for the auction we can help you get it there: please call Paul Keefner or me. Support the club. bring a friend, and have a great time at the Auction.

The board has now reviewed the five candidates for this year's Marty Day Scholarship Fund. The winners will be announced after the Auction and will be in the June newsletter.

We will again fish Rock Creek Reservoir May 21 for a Club outing. You should be able to use your entire Stillwater patterns, Midge, Damsel, Mayflies and Caddis. One year there was a large ant hatch, so have some ant patterns in your box.

You may want to think about adding a day to your fishing trip and fish the Deschutes River. This should be the start of the Salmon Fly Hatch.

Sandy River Spey Clave is always fun to attend.



May 13, 14, 15, 2011 At: Oxbow Park on the Sandy River

More fly fishing daysChuck Cooney President

Upcoming Events

May 4thMonthly Meeting: Annual Club Auction
**May 18th6:30 p.m., Board Meeting
7:00 p.m., Fly Tyers' Night**
May 22ndRock Creek Reservoir Outing
June 1stMonthly Meeting
June 5th-6thDeschutes River Outing
**June 15th6:30 p.m., Board Meeting
7:00 p.m., Fly Tyers' Night**

Fly of the Month: the “Burlap”

Courtesy of Salmonfly.net



Burlap Recipe

Category	Steelhead
Hook	Standard upeye salmon/ steelhead hook, size 6
Thread	6/0 or 8/0 brown or tan
Tail	Deer hair
Body	Strand of burlap sack material
Hackle	Grizzly

History: This is one of the oldest flies tied specifically for steelhead. It was developed by the late Californian Arnold Arana in 1945 for his favorite steelhead destination: the Klamath River. However, as Trey Combs points out in his excellent book **Steelhead Fly Fishing and Flies**, nothing is ever entirely new. It was predated by the “barley sack” tied by E.T. Halvorson from San Francisco. This fly is muted in color and relatively drab, and it normally appeals more to the fish than it does to the fisherman, but don’t be fooled by its modest appearance and simplicity. It is a very effective fly, especially in clear water.

How to Fish: This fly is normally fished with a wet fly swing. Slight twitching may be used during the swing in order to entice stubborn steelhead. It can also be dead-drifted with a floating line or sink tip.

How to Tie:

- 1) Tie on thread behind the eye and wrap down the shank to just above the band.
- 2) Tie in a small bundle of deer hair as a tail. It should extend slightly beyond the hook bend.
- 3) Tie in a length of burlap strand. Wind thread to front of hook. Palmer the strand forward to just behind the head. “Pick out” the burlap to give it a bulky appearance.
- 4) Wrap two to three turns with a grizzly hackle to form the face.
- 5) Whip finish and cement head. It couldn’t be simpler.

Variations: Tied on size 8 or 10 hooks this fly has also proven to be a good searun fly for me. If you want a little weight to sink the fly you can wrap the underbody of the fly with lead or add a bead to the head of the fly.

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