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November Chapter Meeting

Westbrook Club House

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

Beaverton, OR 97008

Wednesday, November 2, 2005, 7:00 p.m.

7:00 – 7:30

Meeting comes to order

- Planning for our annual holiday banquet
- More on the electronic newsletter. If you are active on line and would like to receive your newsletter by e-mail please notify Dave Pabley at davepabley@yahoo.com
- Annual Club Auction...Bring your pocketbooks for some "great stuff."



Marty Day, "Chef par Excellence"

This photo is from our BBQ in August, but it shows the kind of service and gourmet dining that will be available at our Holiday Banquet, to be held at our monthly meeting on December 7, 2005. Plan on bringing the whole family and your friends.

Auction Time Again

This month's November 2nd meeting marks our fourth annual auction. Time Wideman will be our auctioneer and, as always, make certain that everyone has a fun time. Fellow fishermen, spouses, children, and friends are welcome to bid and take advantage of this "jump-start" to holiday gift buying. Great items include:

- 8 wt. Crosscurrent GLX Loomis rod
- 2 pairs of corker boots
- Vests
- Many flies for trout and steelhead
- Movie passes
- Wine
- Threadholder handcrafted by Marty Day
- Framed classic Atlantic Salmon fly by Hal Gordon
- Free tying class with Hal Gordon
- Float tube
- Redington spey rod
- 4 wt classic S-Glass fly rod
- Hats, videos, and much, much more.

This is a charitable event, and the money raised is used for our scholarship program and our educational programs for the Boy Scouts and other youth groups. Come have some fun, and expect the bidding to be competitive and generous.

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November President's Message

Holiday Banquet

For the past five years the club has hosted an annual holiday banquet. This year's feast is coming up soon, at next month's meeting:

December 7th, 7-9 p.m. As always, everyone is invited. Please bring your family friends, or significant others.

Complimentary turkey and ham will be provided by the club for the entrée. The rest of the meal is potluck and depends on you. Bring your favorite side dish, salad, or dessert. This normally turns out to be the best part of the meal, so bring your appetite and join in the festivities. This is the best way I know of to start up the Christmas and New Year holiday season.

Fly Tyers Rendevous

For the past several years the "Northwest Flyfishers" have hosted a fly tying show featuring well-known tyers from the Pacific Northwest. Admission is free, and it has proven to be a great event for novice and experienced tyers. Even "non-tyers" have found it to be both informative and entertaining. **This year's show is being held on November 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Glenn Otto Park in Troutdale.** Directions: east on I-84 to Lewis and Clark Park (Exit 18). Turn left up the Sandy River to the first bridge, cross the bridge and follow signs to the parking lot.

Well-known tyers that will be giving demonstrates include:

- Jim Schollmeyer
- Henry Hoffman
- Mark Bachmann
- Paul Hansen
- Hal Gordon
- Mike Duley
- Scott Richmond
- Harry Gross
- Don Nelson
- Marc Williamson
- Larry Nicholas
- Rob Russell

There will also be a fly-tying workshop where you can learn to tie tube flies, spey flies, dry flies, and nymphs. You can bring your own vise or use one provided. It is **entirely free, and materials are provided.**

Silent auctions and raffles will be conducted all day, and there will be a "live auction" starting at 2:45 p.m. There will be many great items up for bid, including over 50 dozen flies. Hot and cold drinks, sub sandwiches, and other snacks will be provided at very fair prices. All auction and raffle proceeds are used for the protection of trout and steelhead habitat. You will be supporting a great cause.

I might also add that our club may become involved in co-sponsoring this event in the future. Details still need to be worked out with the "Northwest Flyfishers."

All the more reason to check it out!.....Pete

Fly of the Month: Silver Hilton

Recipe



Photo from Salmonfly.net

Hook	Standard salmon/steelhead hook, sizes 2-8
Thread	Black, 6/0 or 8/0
Tail	Mallard flank fibers
Body	Medium black chenille
Rib	Flat or oval tinsel
Wing	Grizzly hackle tips
Hackle	Soft grizzly hackle

History: Great books are measured by how long they survive over time. Eventually they are considered classics. Great fishing flies are evaluated in the same way. If a pattern survives several generations, it has proven its effectiveness and becomes not only a standard but a classic. The “Silver Hilton” is such a fly. “Tried and true” is the phrase that comes to mind. It is a very good clear water pattern that is not overly colorful and gaudy like so many steelhead patterns. It was developed in northern California on the Klamath and Trinity Rivers shortly after World War II and was popularized by such pioneers of steelhead fly fishing as Claude Krieder, Peter Schwab, Roy Donnelly and Walton Powell. The actual originator has long been forgotten, but it still remains very popular throughout the Pacific Northwest. Although it bears some resemblance to the Skunk, the delicate hackle-tip wings of the Silver Hilton “breathe” in a tantalizing fashion when caught in the river currents.

Variations: Dave McNeese married this pattern with the Green Butted Skunk and ties it with a flash of fluorescent green chenille or yarn as a tag at the end of the fly. Another version uses peacock sword as a tail and is known as the “Irish Hilton.” Andre Puyans ties a version using peacock herl for the body rather than black chenille. Yet another version, inspired by Al Knudson, uses mallard flank tied “spider” fashion rather than grizzly hackle as a collar.

Tying Instructions: Tie in 10-12 mallard flank barbs as a tail. Tie in a length of mylar tinsel above the barb of the hook at the tail. Attach a length of chenille. Wrap the thread forward. Wrap chenille forward about 2/3 of the way up the shank. Overwrap tinsel, creating 4-5 bands. Tie down a pair of grizzly hackle tips on top of the fly, making certain the tips are flared and curving away from one another. Using a soft grizzly hackle, wind a sparse collar of no more than 3-4 wraps. Whip finish and cement the head.

How to Fish: Normally this fly is fished with a conventional wet fly swing, but it can also be dead-drifted just below the surface “greased line” style, presenting the fly broadside to a waiting fish.

Upcoming Events

November 2ndMonthly Meeting, Annual Auction

November 16thBoard Meeting

December 7thMonthly Meeting, Holiday Banquet

December 10thSandy River Steelhead outing

December 21stBoard Meeting

January 4thMonthly Meeting, Selection Election
Nominees

January 18thBoard Meeting

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