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"Cultivating the art of fly fishing through a spirit of fellowship and resource enhancement"

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October Chapter Meeting

Westbrook Club House

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

Beaverton, OR 97008

Wednesday, October 5, 2005, 7:30 p.m.

7:00 – 7:30	Meeting comes to order <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting comes to order.• Planning for the November auction• East Lake outing.• Electronic distribution of the newsletter.
7:30 – 8:00	<u>Entertainment</u> : Bill Baake.
8:00 – 8:30	Question and answer period
8:30 – 9:00	<u>Monthly raffle</u> : more "goodies" for your fishing collection. One dollar per ticket, or six tickets for five dollars. Adjournment of meeting.

Entertainment

Bill Baake is currently the Executive Director of the Native Fish Society. He has been a well-known fly angler and advocate for wild trout and steelhead for 30 years or more in the Pacific Northwest. He is planning to provide us with some information regarding the health of our wild fish species and suggest what we may be able to do to retain them. Bill is probably the premiere spokesman for our fish in Oregon, and we owe him a debt of gratitude. Hopefully you will be able to attend and show your support for his efforts.

The Fly Line is about You!

Have you recently tied a fly that "knocked their socks off"? Had a really good (or really bad!) outing? Learned something new about efforts to save (or denigrate) our resources? Please help us make *The Fly Line* a better newsletter by sharing your experience with Dave Pabley at (503) 209-7242 or davepabley@yahoo.com.



Don Nelson instructs a Boy Scout on the finer points of fly tying.

We recently participated in a training program for older Boy Scouts in their "Venture Ride" program, which featured everything from archery to boating and included a section on fly tying and casting.

Don Nelson, John McNally, Marty Day, and Doug Bain represented our club at the day-long event.

(Photo: John McNally)

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October President's Message

Fishing Forecast

The steelhead and searun cutthroat fishing has not met expectations so far in this dry and warm autumn. Do not, however, give up. There are some fish around, so it is always worth your while to pull your rod out of its tube and give it some exercise. Even yours truly managed to find a suicidal steelhead on the Deschutes last week.

As soon as the weather cools and enough rain falls to raise the river levels a bit, there is no doubt that fishing will improve. The salmon and steelhead will surge into the cooler waters of their natal streams and the cutthroat will also follow. The time to go will be as soon as these conditions occur. I hope each one of you can manage to take advantage of it.

Newsletter Changes

Dave Pabley, who has done a great job of publishing our newsletter, has requested some changes in format and distribution that will help the club save money and get the newsletter to you even faster.

➤ Colored ink is the largest expense in the production of the newsletter. For the next six months we will print it in black and white only and determine whether or not it meets membership approval for the future beyond that. A color version will be available on our website (www.wcflyfishers-ore.com) if you should need one.

➤ We can also reduce the labor time and postage cost of the publication by sending the newsletter via e-mail. We fully realize that many of you do not want to depend on the Internet or do not even use it. Consequently, this will be done on a voluntary basis. **If you are active online and would like to receive your copy of *The Fly Line* by e-mail please notify Dave Pabley at davepabley@yahoo.com.** In addition, we will hand out a sign-up sheet at the next few monthly meetings.

Keep in mind that the more we can economize the better we can spend our money on worthwhile causes for our resource.

Club Auction in November

Paul Skelton, along with help from Don Nelson, is now collecting items for our November auction. Any donations you may have can be brought to The River City Fly Shop or to this month's meeting. If you have anything to donate or know of any businesses or companies that might help us, please contact Paul Skelton (503-351-6182) or me (503-614-8115). We hope to make this a gala event, so plan on inviting your friends, fishing buddies, and family. This is a charitable event, as we use the money we raise for our scholarship program and our educational efforts for the Boy Scouts and other youth groups, so expect the bidding to be brisk and generous.

Nevertheless, there are usually some very nice items up for auction that will not only provide you with a good deal but also make a nice contribution to the club. As the cliché goes, it's a "win-win" situation for everyone. Please plan on coming. This is usually one of the most "fun" meetings we have all year.

.....Keep your fly in the water.....Pete

Fly of the Month: “Kilchis Killer”



Photograph from salmonfly.net

Hook	Standard up-eye steelhead/salmon hook. Colored hooks in gold, chartreuse, or red also work well.
Thread	Chartreuse 6/0
Tail	Chartreuse crystal flash
Body	Rear half is chartreuse floss, front half is chartreuse crystal chenille
Wing	Chartreuse crystal flash
Collar	Chartreuse hackle or schlappen

History: October is the month that chum salmon enter the Kilchis and Miami Rivers on the coast. Even the Wilson gets a few fish in its lower sections. If you should decide to try and catch some of these very powerful fish, this month’s pattern will do the trick. It was developed by John Shewey and has been successfully used by him for the past 15 years or more. It should be noted that he also ties this pattern in hot pink, which at times can be just as successful as the chartreuse version. **Note:** If you would like to learn more about chum fishing I would suggest you refer to John Shewey’s now-classic book Fly Fishing: Trout and Beyond. It contains an excellent section on chum fishing as well as great chapters on Redtail Surfperch, summer Steelhead, Striped Bass, Shad, saltwater bottom fish, Smallmouth Bass, Searun Cutthroat, Bull Trout, and Dolly Varden.

Tying Instructions:

Wrap shank with chartreuse thread from just behind the eye of the hook down to a point directly above the barb. Tie in a bundle of 10-15 chartreuse crystal flash fibers as a tail. They should extend slightly beyond the bend of the hook, as in the photograph above. Tie in a short length of chartreuse floss at the tail and move thread to the middle of the shank. Wrap the floss forward to the middle of the shank and tie off with thread. You might also consider reinforcing the floss with a counterwrap of fine wire or clear ribbing material. Floss does tear easily, and chum salmon have a sharp set of teeth! Tie in a length of chartreuse crystal chenille or possibly some of the new “Willies Sparkle Chenille.” Move thread forward, leaving enough room for the wing, collar, and head. Wrap crystal chenille forward and tie off with thread. Tie in wing on top of the shank, using 10-15 crystal flash fibers. The wing should extend to just above the bend in the hook. Tie in a webby hackle or schlappen feather by the butt section and make 2-3 wraps to form the collar. The collar should be approximately half the hook shank in length. Form a compact neat head of thread, whip finish, and apply head cement. You are ready to find some fish!

How To Fish: This fly can be fished on a floating or sink tip line, either dead-drifted, as you would a nymph, or you can swing it in a traditional fashion. Chums are aggressive and will attack a fly that swims in front of them.

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Upcoming Events

October 5th	Monthly Meeting
October 19th	Board Meeting
October 22nd-23rd	East Lake Outing
November 2nd	Monthly Meeting
November 16th	Board Meeting
TBD	November outing
December 7th	Monthly Meeting
December 21st	Board Meeting
TBD	December outing


Monthly meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at the Westbrook Club House. Board Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at River City Fly Shop.



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