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Meeting times

- General Club meetings held at Reedsport High School at 7:00 p.m. the 3rd Wednesday of each month
- Executive Board meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Osprey Resort in Lakeside if there are items to discuss. Check with a Board Member before showing up.

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Next Meeting

**June 18, 2008, 7: 00 p.m.
Reedsport High School.**

**PROGRAM: Members' Fly-Tying night.
Flies for Smallmouth Bass (preparing for
the Tube-A-Rama in July). Bring your own
Equipment, tie and teach, watch and learn,
or all of the above!**

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

I want to start this message with an update on our Club President Herb Roche. Herb has been in the hospital dealing with some health issues for the last few weeks. Hopefully, by the time you read this he should be back at home. We all wish Herb the best as he recovers and hope to see him back at meetings real soon.

Jim Eichman and Robert O'Bryan have put together a great list of outings for the club this year and I would like to encourage all members to participate as much as possible. It has certainly helped me learn to fish in this area and the fellowship is an extra bonus. I know to a large extent fly fishing is a solitary sport, but we all gain from occasional interaction with other people who share our passion. The June meeting is a chance for us to get ready for the Tube-A-Rama in July down the Umpqua. Bring your fly tying gear and your best Smallmouth Bass Fly Recipes or come learn to tie some from the others. Looking forward to seeing you at Club activities!

Cliff Newton



Fly of the Month: Clouser Minnow

This fly, along with crawdads and girdle bugs, will come in useful at the Tube-A-Rama in July.

Recipe

Hook: Mustad 3406B, or equivalent, #1-#2/0

Thread: 6/0 chartreuse

Eyes: Small lead barbells painted white or red with black pupils

Belly: White bucktail

Wing: Pearl Krystal Flash over which is chartreuse bucktail

Nose: 6/0 chartreuse thread.

Tying Instructions

Tie in the dumbbell eyes on top of the hook. Superglue the dumbbell eyes. Tie in a sparse bunch of white bucktail on top. Turn the hook upside down and tie in some pearl fibers. On top of that, tie in a sparse bunch of chartreuse bucktail. Whip finish and cut the thread. Paint or stick on the eyes and varnish the head. If needed, push the barb down with pliers.



Day	Date	Location	Upcoming Outing schedule
Sat/Sun	June 21/22	High Lake	The high lake outing will be at Toketee Reservoir. Toketee is located 40 miles east of Glide on North Umpqua River Rd or Hwy 138. There will be a Pot Luck Dinner Saturday evening. There are two Forest Service campgrounds.
Sat	June 28	Crab Feed	Crab Feed will be at Charleston harbor. Meet at dock at 8:00 am. Start cooking crabs at about 1:00 pm and eat at 2:00 pm. Make your own arrangements for a boat and fishing partner. Will rock fish while waiting for the crabs to enter our traps.
Sat/Sun	July 19/20	Tube-A-Rama	The biggest event of the year. Camping will be at the Umpqua River RV Park. Will meet at the RV park at 9:00 am for each day's float trip. There will be a pot luck dinner Saturday night at 6:00 pm.
<p>For more details call Robert O'Bryan 541-759-2526</p> <p>Our complete outing schedule can be seen at www.lufc.us</p>			



Neglected Waters

by Tom Timothy



Maybe it was the fact that gasoline was approaching four dollars a gallon that my interest in the waters near home seemed like a good alternative to those distant waters. But whatever the reason I found myself on water within ten miles of my home for the fourth time in two weeks. All of which were on different bodies of water. The home water fishing had started on a local pond for Bluegill then had proceeded to a creek for Cutthroat trout and then on to a river for the same.. Today found me on yet another river in pursuit of the native cutthroat. As for the fish catching I would have to say it seemed to be right up there with most of those distant waters. Of course in retrospect I should not have been surprised as I had built my house where it is because of the fishing.

As with the other three bodies of waters from earlier there was not to be any big surprises in my drift down the river. In fact one big bonus was there not being a single log jam across the river. This river was not one of those places where you just cast your fly around and waited for a trout to jump on your fly, quite the contrary. Over ninety percent of the water had no fish in it. The secret was putting your fly in that small percent that the fish would be holding in. On this day I was to find tree roots hanging in the water and ripples leading into deep water to be the fish magnets. As long as I stuck to that theory all the water seemed to hold fish, however the moment I decided it didn't matter the fishing slowed down considerably. As in years past this river had the smallest average sized fish of the three pieces of water I had fished so far this year. Of course some of that may fall in the category of self prophesy as I was using fly's that usually attract the smaller cutthroat. If I had been more confident in larger trout you would have found a Mickey Finn on the end of my tip-pet, but today I had stuck with either a peeking caddis or a olive sword tail all day.

I had told Patti to expect me home around five and four o'clock found me well short of the take out so I decided to do the honorable thing and row on down the river. I knew it had been a good day for numbers of fish as it took me over a half hour to row down to the truck. The biggest fish of the day was only a foot long with several ten inch fish although the biggest numbers were fish in the five to eight inch range.

I'm happy to report my local waters may have been neglected but not forgotten. I think I'll be spending a lot more time around home, however Jim just gave me a call and think I'll broaden my fish search tomorrow and check out those distant waters of Coos Bay in search of the elusive rock cod.

Membership News

Please welcome our new members Richard & Elsie Kline of Coquille and John & Pamela Soper of North Bend. We look forward to seeing them at meetings and outings.

At the May meeting the first raffle ticket was drawn by Jim Cheedle who picked a rod. Congratulations Jim!

Patti is going to place an order for members' name badges in the near future. If you don't have one or have lost it, please contact Patti at 3timothy@gte.net or by phone at (541) 572-2619.

The following memberships have expired. Please renew your dues straight away if you wish to continue receiving The Hook (this will be your last issue until you renew):

Skip & Margo Borstad, Kurt & Sara Bridener, Layton & Kathy Clark, Horace & Judy Crawford, John & Kim Flannagan, Les & Roberta Graham, Ron & Lea Honkenson, Leon Little, Ken & Susan Joubert, Charles Reagan & Linda Gilliland, Jane Hjhazi, Dean & Debbie Webb .



Membership Draw Winner

The winner of the \$25 cash prize at last month's Membership Meeting was **Chuck Traver**.

To qualify for the draw, all you have to do is be a paid-up member of LUFC, be present at the meeting and wait for the draw. Maybe next time you'll be the lucky winner.

Lower Umpqua Fly Casters Donates \$100

In keeping with its goals, Lower Umpqua Fly Casters donated \$100 to Reel Recovery, which is a national non-profit organization that conducts fly-fishing retreats for men recovering from life-threatening cancer. They are intending to hold a retreat in Oregon soon. See www.reelrecovery.org for more information.



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2008 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Annual Dues are \$20.00 within 50 Miles of Reedsport; \$10.00 if more than 50 miles

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFO & RETURN ASAP—We need to update our roster so please send info with your dues

NAME(S) _____ H-PHONE _____ W-PHONE _____
 ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____
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I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE HOOK BY ..EMAIL or Regular mail (please check one box)

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