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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

July 16, 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! Special presentation by Phil Brashear.

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

This month I would like to make a pitch in support of the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF), our parent organization. The motto of the FFF is Conserving, Restoring, Educating Through Fly Fishing. These should be guiding words for our club also. We can support these goals in a number of ways. One is by each of us being members. The annual cost for an individual is \$35.00 or \$45.00 for a family. Another is by supporting our club's efforts in Conserving, Restoring and Educating.

Several of our members participate in teaching fly fishing and working with youth; also we have our annual Fly Fishing Expo every February, which introduces new people to fly fishing. Another way we can help is through donations. The FFF sent the club a donation request that was reviewed by the officers for supporting conservation efforts like restoring the Gila Trout to Northern Arizona. The club officers voted to recommend a donation of \$100.00 to this cause. We will vote on this at the July members meeting. Come to the meeting, voice your opinion and join the FFF if you are not yet a member. You can sign up at www.fedflyfishers.org.



Gila Trout

Cliff Newton



Fly Fishing Tips and Information for Oregon Smallmouth Bass

By Stanley Stanton: *Oregon Fly Fishing Guide for Trout, Steelhead, Salmon and Smallmouth Bass*

Smallmouth Bass are a very aggressive, predator type game fish. They seek cover and hiding places that will provide a good food supply while protecting them from osprey and bald eagles. They prefer the deep edges of drop offs, underwater rock formations, and slower current feeding lanes that will carry the food to them. Smallmouth Bass are very opportunist feeders; their varied diet includes: crawfish, leeches, small baitfish, aquatic insects and terrestrials at various times of the season.

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Day	Date	Location	Upcoming Outing schedule
Sat/Sun	19-20 July	Tube-A-Rama	The biggest event of the year. Camping will be at the Umpqua River RV Park. Six sites have been reserved so call 541-459-2665 and make your reservations. 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.
Sat	9 Aug	Charleston	We'll be fishing for Rock Fish at Charleston. Plan to meet at 7:00 am Charleston Harbor. Make your own arrangements for a boat and fishing partner
Sat/Sun	13-14 Sept	Rogue River	We'll be fishing for Half Pounders. The LUFC club will provide lunch Saturday at 1:00 pm at Singing Springs Inn.
<p>For more details call Robert O'Bryan 541-759-2526</p> <p>Our complete outing schedule can be seen on the web at www.lufc.us</p>			

Fly Fishing Tips and Information for Oregon Smallmouth Bass

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Smallmouth fly fishing tips: When fishing the shorelines and water down to 4 feet, a #5 or #6 FW floating fly line with weighted streamer type flies is a good choice. Leech patterns and small baitfish patterns in sizes 4, 6, and 8 are good choices if properly fished. All styles of black, brown, and olive weighted wooly buggers, small Matukas, and crawfish patterns will produce fish. If you are fishing waters 5 to 8 feet, a WF wet tip or a slow sinking fly line will produce good results.

My favorite way to fish a popper is to cast out to a likely looking spot, let the popper hit the water, make it pop one time and just let it sit for 15 to 20 seconds. If you don't get a strike move it just a little and let it sit for another 10 to 15 seconds. Then, if you don't get a hit, make a couple more short strips then cast to another spot. Keep casting to new holding waters. Don't cast back to a spot you just fished. Always try to cover the water looking for new fishy spots.

The type of action that you give your fly is what will cause the bass to strike. For best results after a cast of 30 to 40 feet, allow the fly to sink a foot or so then, point the rod tip right to the spot where the fly line goes into the water, make a quick 12 inch strip, pause and allow the fly to stop and sink a couple of inches, then another quick strip. This stop and start of the fly produces a wounded baitfish action, which will cause most game fish to strike. Continue this method of retrieve for about 5 feet then strip in and make another cast. You may need to vary the strip length, speed and stop time until you find a stop start action that the bass prefer for the fishing conditions that exist for that particular day. For example, time of day, weather conditions, cold water and the types of feed in the river that day can effect how Smallmouth Bass will strike the fly.

Good luck fly fishing, please protect our environment and practice catch and release.

These are just a couple of Smallmouth Bass fishing tips and techniques you can use when fly fishing the Umpqua River. For more information about fly fishing in Oregon please visit: <http://www.oregon-fly-fishing-with-stan.com>



Membership News

At the June meeting the first raffle ticket was drawn by Jim Eichman 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.



Membership Draw Winner

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

Fly of the Month: Green Butt Skunk

- HOOK:** 7999, sizes 2-6
- THREAD:** Black
- TAIL:** Red hackle fibers
- WING:** White calftail
- BUTT:** Green chenille
- RIB:** Fine oval silver tinsel
- BODY:** Black chenille
- HACKLE:** Black



Uses

The Green Butt Skunk is the most popular summer steelhead fly in the Northwest. It catches fish everywhere.

Variations

Some tyers use larger hooks and dyed ostrich herl instead of chenille. The ostrich herl has more life in the current. Some tyers use different butt colors. The most common variation is the **Red Butt Skunk**, which uses red chenille for the butt. Of course, another common variation is no butt at all, in which case the fly is a plain old **Skunk**.

How to Fish Traditional wet-fly swing. If the water temperature is below 52 degrees, consider using a sink-tip line with a 4-6 foot leader.

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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 _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE HOOK BY ..EMAIL or Regular mail (please check one box)

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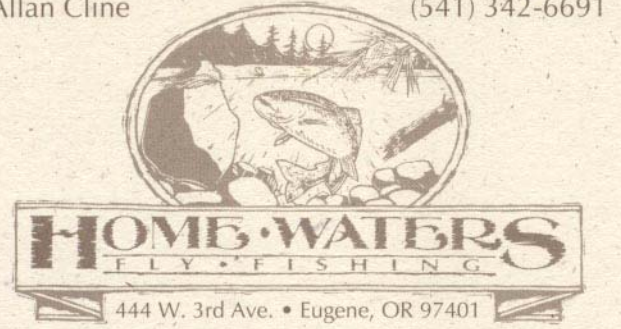
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