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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.



Next Meeting

Aug 20, 2008, 7: 00 p.m.
Reedsport High School

PROGRAM: Al George will be talking about fishing the Rogue River, in preparation for our Outing in September.

Advance notice: Our September members' meeting will take place at Tugman Park. More details to follow in the next newsletter.

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

Over the last several months I have been reminded of the variety of opportunities the sport of fly fishing provides, especially in our area. In club outings we have fished for stocked trout in several lakes, Wild Cutthroat Trout and Smallmouth Bass in local rivers, and Rockfish in Coos Bay. If we are willing or able to travel our opportunities expand. Whether fishing for Sockeye Salmon and Dolly Varden in Alaska, for Redfish and Speckled Trout in the Gulf of Mexico or Bluegills and Largemouth Bass in lakes in Missouri (all of which I've enjoyed), the best thing is that most of the fishing we do is in wonderful places and in harmony with nature. We are involved in a glorious sport and our country is filled with amazing and diverse places to enjoy it. Let's pass this on to our kids, grandkids, neighbors and friends.

Cliff Newton



Grape Wrath

From My Fly Box - by Tom Timothy

My fly box will never be confused with some other fly casters box. Your not going to find a lot of those text book flies under its lid. Not that I haven't tried many of those big name flies. But for some reason the flies that work the best for me tend to be flies that I have learned to tie from the guys I fly fish with. As any one that has fished with me realizes, when I have a fly that's working I stick with that fly. So it was no small matter when I benched my Chuck and Duck and went to a fly Ken came up with on the Umpqua this year for Smallmouth.

By the second day on the Umpqua this year it became obvious to me that the new fly Ken had came up with was working. The fly was one that he had used on the Snake for Smallmouth the year before. However there was a couple of major problems with the fly that was working for Ken. The biggest being he only had three more of that fly and second Ken was out of the material he had tied them with. When Ken offered me one of the flies I almost felt guilty taking it however the guilt soon past as I was in to fish as soon as I tied it on my leader.

As we were planning on staying on the Umpqua for a month it was im-

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Day	Date	Location	Upcoming Outing schedule
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 at Agness. (http://www.singingspringsresort.com/)
Sun	26-Oct	Lower Empire Lake	Scheduled to plant 2000 of the 2 lb.+ "Trophy Trout" Let's go get 'em. Plan to bring your lunch and have a great day.
Tues	4-Nov	Rock Fish at Charleston	The tides are so great on this day we just had to plan a trip going after the Rock Fish again. Meet at 8:00 am at Charleston Harbor boat ramp. Make your own arrangements for a boat and fishing partner.
Sat	8-Nov	Power Pond	This is the last outing of the year. They are scheduled to plant 1500 2 lb.+ "Trophy Trout". Meeting at 9:00 am and have a Pot Luck Lunch at 12:00 noon.
<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>			



Grape Wrath *(Continued from Page 1)*

perative to figure out how to tie the new fly with what we had available in our fly tying supplies. After sorting through all my material and tying several flies that just didn't seem right I finally came up with one that I thought was close to the fly that Ken had given me earlier in the day. As there was not much left of the fly Ken had given me that morning I headed over to Ken's trailer to see what he thought. After looking at the fly Ken looked a little puzzled and asked me if it was the fly he had given me earlier. I took that for a good sign and told him I had got the color by twisting two different colors of chenille together. Ken had also put together a couple of flies similar to the original fly. We could only cross our fingers and wait for the next day's fishing to begin.

To our delight both flies worked the next morning. Well, to tell the truth a lot better then just worked. Fact is it was more like catching then fishing. And as if that wasn't enough they were big fish. During the next two weeks we were to try a lot of other flies, but in the end would return to the grape colored fly Ken had first started catching fish on. There's no doubt Ken's fly has earned a permanent place in my fly box. For years to come there will be a smile on my face when I see that fly in my fly box. As with so many other flies in my box it will take me back to a time and a friend together, this fly's time July of 2008 with Ken on the Um-pqua.

Somehow it didn't seem right having a fly with so many fish under its belt without a name, so I took the liberty of calling it the Grape Wrath. The Grape Wrath is a welcome addition to the other non traditional flies that line my fly box. It will add so many more golden memories for those cold rainy winter days to come.



Vintage bug fly tying kit (**not Tom's Fly Box!**)

Membership News

At the June meeting the first raffle ticket was drawn by Pat Lyon. Congratulations Pat!

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 pattijo55@earthlink.net or by phone at (541) 572-2619.

Please note: **Patti's email address is now correct!**



Membership Draw Winner

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

Rogue River Outing:

Half-pounders

Half-pounders are unique to the Rogue, Klamath, and Eel rivers. They are 'boomerang' steelhead, homebody fish that don't wander far from their natal rivers. Like most steelhead, half-pounders smolt when they are about seven inches long and head for the ocean, usually between March and May. But instead of waiting two or three years before they return, the half-pounders come back to the Rogue the next fall, even though they are not sexually mature. Some may stay in the river another year, feeding like trout, before heading out again. Others return to the ocean in spring. And the next fall they're back as mature steelhead. . .The typical half-pounder is 12 to 16 inches long (and often weighs more than half a pound.) When they first return in the fall, they are aggressive and readily take a fly. After a few weeks in the river, they feed like trout again and can provide good fishing when pursued with winter fly-fishing techniques.

Fly of the Month: Sept'Ober Soft Hackle

This fly has 20 turns of .030 lead with a bead. It's tied on a number 6 or 8 hook. It's a sneaky "medium" nymph. Not full size, not small size, but medium size. And darn heavy. This fly appeals to trout and steelhead alike, and yes that includes the large adult steelhead.



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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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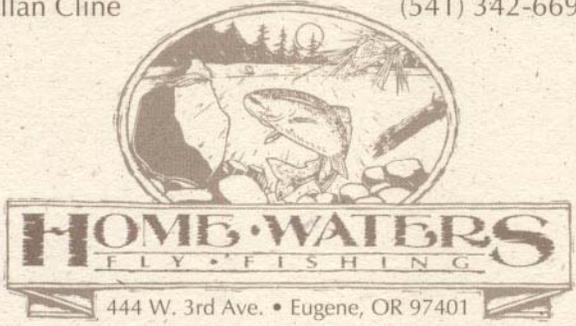
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