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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

Wednesday, January 21st , 2009
Reedsport High School, 7:00 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

The holiday dinner on December 3rd was well attended with 38 members enjoying the company and food.

It was great to see so many members attending. It was reflective of a good year overall at the club. Some thanks for committee chairs for doing great jobs. The club has seen excellent programs thanks to Phil Brashear . The raffle table ran by Jim Eichman was fun with a lot more than just the rod of the night. Outings ran by Robert O'Bryan were often and fun. Cliff Newton pulled it all together with focused well ran meetings. The Hook our news letter that holds the club together and a new and better web site ran by Vicky Newton. I would like to thank Diane O'Bryan for taking minutes for the meetings I missed .

At the dinner we had no nominations for President or Secretary so we voted to hold off the elections until the March meeting. **We are still looking for a President and Secretary. With out these offices filled the club will most likely suspend meetings and the Hook, until further notice, after the March meeting or we can disband the club at that time.** If you are thinking about taking an office please call Jim Eichman at 541-759-2997. If you want to take just part of the year let him know.

The Expo is coming along with Dave Lundgren as chair. The letters for donations and exhibition have been mailed out, fly tiers have been contacted and Phil is working on the programs and the flyers are being printed up. Club members can contribute to the silent auction, raffle or garage sale tables. The big date is February 28.

Steelhead season is here! Good luck to any one who braves the cold to fish.

Patti Timothy



Congratulations to Robert Lyon for winning the Rod

At the December meeting!

Late Fall Rock Fish

It had reached that ridiculous stage where Al and I weren't expecting a strike on every cast, we knew we were going to hook up as soon as the bays current brought our fly back under Al's boat. The way this fishing trip had started who would have ever guessed the fly fishing would have turned out like this in the end.

Al headed for his favorite rock to start off our fishing outing. We had pounded the area for a good half hour with no action when we saw Robert and Jim headed towards us on their way back from the north jetty. Jim told us the fishing was on the slow side out there also as they had only landed three fish in over a hours fishing.

At this point we all decide to broaden our fishing effort. Al and I moved to the inside rock crib while Robert and Jim worked the out side edge of the outer crib. In the next half hour I picked up one single fish. Knowing the tide was about to turn the only logical choice seemed to be to head back to the North Jetty and scratch out a few fish. Al started picking up fish as soon as we started fishing on the jetty. It was one of those days when the black rock fish were going to be picky as they only seemed to want Al's fly. The fly I was using had worked well for me the last several times I had fished the bay but I was convinced that today it was not going to happen. As so often happens when the fish are being picky, it took only a few casts with Al's fly and I was into a fish.

The next hour Al and I continued to scratch out some steady fishing and noticed that Robert had picked up a couple of fish before they headed back in to pull their crab pots. Al and I still needed a fish apiece for our limit when the jetty started to get a little bumpy from the tide change. At this point we decided finishing the day back on the inside, playing a little catch and release might be the better part of valor.



It's Steelhead Season.....

Steelhead are the West Coast version of their eastern cousins, the Atlantic salmon. Both can be elusive, frustrating, but ultimately rewarding in their line-peeling runs and spectacular acrobatics. These rainbow trout grow quickly in the fertile Pacific Ocean, and groups of the chrome-bright fish return each year up the coastal rivers and streams to spawn. Although many western rivers support summer and fall run populations, the majority of West Coast steelhead are targeted by anglers in the winter months. Read more in How to Catch West Coast Steelhead by Dean Schubert in The Orvis Steelhead Resource Center at <http://www.orvis.com/intro.asp?subject=298&bhcp=1>

We headed back to the same old area we had started from earlier in the day. By now the tide was really starting to push. By all accounts the fishing should have been about over for the tide at this point, so we were just going to let the tide drift us up the crib. After three drifts we noted that we each hooked a fish at the same time in the same place every drift. But the current was moving the boat at such a fast rate we were only able to hook a single fish before the fish were out of casting range. To solve the problem we anchored above the fish and cast into the strike zone.

After that it was like taking candy from a baby. It was just a matter of casting the fly out and letting the current push it under the boat and set the hook when a black rock fish took the clouser. As a added bonus these were nice fish, bigger then we like to retain but oh is it fun to feel them pull. Al even hooked one fish that took him into the rocks and had to be broken off as it was not coming out from it's home.

Jim and Robert were still cleaning crabs when we arrived at the cleaning station back at the ramp. For a capper Robert gave me a couple crabs to take home. Later that evening as Patti and I dined on fish and crab I reflected on the fishing trip with Al. Who would have ever thought a fishing trip with such a slow start could have ended up like this. But then again I should have known, I mean I was fishing with Al!

Story by Tom Timothy

Upcoming Outing schedule for 2009

If anyone has any suggestions for the High Lake outing or any others please contact Robert O'Bryan at 541-759-2526

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Size: 4, 6, 8
From Orvis Steelhead Resource Center

Fly Pattern Recipe

Name	Meg-A-Egg
Difficulty	1
Popular sizes	04, 06, 08
Additional Colors	Chartreuse, Orange, Pink, Peach
Hook Type	Short-shank curved nymph
Body	Manufactured sparkle pom-pom threaded onto hook over the point and glued to the shank with Super Glue
Notes	Tiers often try to duplicate the sparkle egg by tying this Egg Fly style with yarn, but this fly is best tied with pre-made pom-poms

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Membership News

If any member of the club writes an article for the newsletter of 500 words or more, they will receive 6 free raffle tickets at the next membership meeting they attend after the article is published. The article can be about anything that would interest Fly Fishers, but needs to be original (not copied from another source). Send your article to Sandy at slundg3656@aol.com for publication.

MEMBERSHIP DUES 2009

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 _____

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

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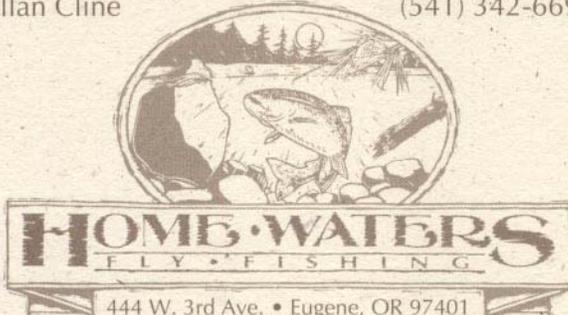
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