

The Hook



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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.

The outing schedule will be posted
on our Web Site: www.lufc.us



Next Meeting

Wednesday, February 18, 2009
Reedsport High School, 7:00 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE 2009 EXPO COORDINATOR

The LUFC 2009 Expo is right on track. The Expo team has done a great job!

Programs: Phil Brashear has done an excellent job of organizing some great programs, as follows:

10:00 am	Lloyd Thurman	Coastal Lakes
11:00 am	Dave Lundgren	Bone & Tarpon Fishing in Belize
1:00 pm	Rom Rummich, ODFW	Reintroduction of Chum Salmon
2:00 pm	Donald Peabody	Pelagio Fly-fishing for Albacore Tuna

Fly Tyers : Phil Brashear has commitments from various fly tyers.

Exhibitors & Donations: Robert O'Bryan is working hard to organize the exhibitors and get as many donations as possible.

Advertising: Sandy Lundgren has completed the advertising to various newspapers, community calendars and broadcasters. They were received by the advertisers on February 6th, 2009.

Flyers: Stan Washington created the Expo flyers again this year and you will find them posted in various locations in our communities.

Concessions: The Concession's will be run by the Reedsport High School junior class to fund their graduation party. Breakfast, Lunch and snacks will be for sale.

Frank Moore will be here again this year to demonstrate his expert fly casting.

Thank you to all those who are making the 2009 Expo a success. Please remember to post flyers and to invite your family and friends and anyone interested in fly fishing. Beginners are especially welcome to enjoy the Expo and join the LUFC club.

I look forward to seeing you at the 2009 Lower Umpqua Fly Fishing Expo on February 28, 2009. It should be a great one.

Dave Lundgren

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES MUST BE PAID BY MARCH 31, 2009



Tom Carlson, one of our newest members, won the membership drawing in January.

Congratulations to Tom and to the January winner of the rod.

CHOPAKA LAKE

Tommy Carlson

Chopaka Lake in northern Washington State, just a couple of miles from the Canadian border is a one of a kind fishery. The lake is about 3500 feet in altitude and covers 150 acres, it is nestled in a bowl surrounded by mountains that rise another 1000 feet. The water is usually clear and cold even in the middle of summer. The southeast portion is fairly shallow with 35 feet the deepest. The northern end is mostly deep, with holes that are over 100 feet. The shoreline on the shallow end is covered with reeds and the North end has trees and rocks down to the water's edge.

There are approximately 40 campsites, tent or RV, about 15 of them have tables and fire rings and the rest are more primitive ranging from mostly level to downright cliff hangers. There is good drinking water with a hand pump and 6 pit toilets that are cleaned and serviced regularly. There are 3 RV sites with covered tables and fire rings. There are also two campsites for disabled use with a casting pier. The Washington State DNR maintains the campground.

The gravel road into the lake is very steep for the first mile or so and then it is a typical forest service road for the next 5 miles. When driving in for the first time, you might be asking yourself "what am I doing here", but as soon as you turn the last sharp bend and come in sight of the lake, that question is answered. The first sight of the blue water, mountains on all sides, deer and cattle roaming on the meadows will lighten the heart. It is one of the finest views I have ever experienced, and I will still travel the so called

Road even knowing the fishing might be slow, just for the scenery and solitude. There are no city lights to wash out the stars, and I have enjoyed the Northern Lights in the fall.

At times the lake can be covered with float tubes and boats, no motors allowed, and the next week the lake will be empty of fishermen. In the springtime it is usually crowded when the fish are feeding on chironomids which can cloud the water. It can be real combat fishing. I have been there later in the year with only one or two other campers, when the grasshoppers are flying and the fishing is red-hot. A Hopper pattern, Stimulator or even a Muddler fished on top will really get the blood pumping with these aggressive fish.

During the season, there are usually two mayfly hatches a day, the first about 2 pm and the next just before dark. The fishing is frantic during these hatches, with 18 to 23 inch football shaped rainbows tearing through the water like submarines. A size 12 or 14 standard Adams will last three or four fish until you have to tie on a new one as fast as you can before the hatch is over. It feels like these fish hit your fly going 50 MPH and don't stop until they get to the next county.

Another method is trolling a Woolly Bugger or Leach on the bottom where the big fish rest during the day waiting for the next hatch. I have seen a lot of folks fishing after dark, but I am usually content to watch the night sky with an "adult beverage" or two while reviewing the days fishing or sitting around a small campfire with friends or strangers just met.

I have always thought, that if I knew the end of the world was coming, Chopaka Lake is where I wanted to be to watch it happen.



Northern Shore, Chopaka Lake, WA



Hillside, Chopaka Lake, WA

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 slundq3656@aol.com for publication.

2009 OUTING SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 29	Lower Empire Lake	First outing of the year. Meet at 9:00 am in the parking lot. Bring your own Lunch.
Saturday, April 18	Power's Pond	150 big ones planted. Meet at 9:00 am potluck lunch.
Sunday, May 10	Saunders Lake	SOCC Fly Fishing Class potluck Lunch @ 1:00 pm. Come and help students practice what they learned in class.
Saturday & Sunday June 6 & 7	Diamond Lake	This is the high lake outing. There will be a potluck Dinner Saturday evening. This is a good place for family camping & fishing.
Saturday, June 20	Charleston Harbor, Crab Feed	Meet at dock at 8:00 am. Start cooking crabs 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 crabs to enter our traps.
Saturday & Sunday July 11 & 12	Umpqua River, Tube-A-Rama	The biggest event of the year. Camping will be at the Umpqua River RV Park. Six site numbers 5 to 10 are reserve ed. Call 541-459-2665 to make reservations or email normsrv@gmail.com. Meet at RV park at 9:00 am for each day's float trip. Potluck dinner Saturday night at 6:00 pm at the pavilion.
Saturday & Sunday Sept. 12 / 13	Rogue River	Half Pounders! Potluck dinner Saturday at 1:00 pm with club providing & cooking the meat.
Sunday, October 11	Upper Empire Lake	This is the 2000 2lb. + "Trophy Trout" let's go get them! Plan to bring your lunch and have a great day
Saturday, Nov. 7	Charleston Harbor, Rock Fish	The tides are so great on this day we just had to plan a trip going after Rock Fish again. Meet at 7:00 am at harbor. Make your own arrangements for a boat and fishing partner.

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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 _____

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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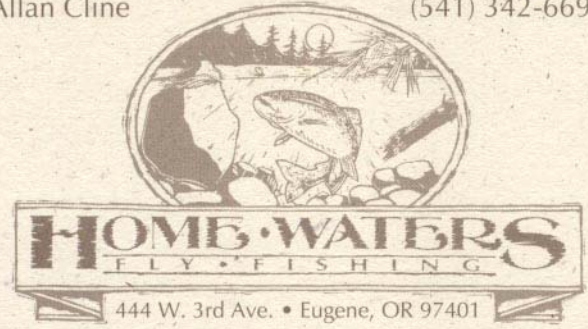
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