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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 is posted on
our Web Site: www.lufc.us



Next Meeting

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



LUFC EXPO 2009
The 2009 Expo was a great success with close to 300 attendees. Good job and thank you to all who contributed!



NOTICE: A change in By-Laws will be voted on at the regular April 15th meeting of the Lower Umpqua Fly Casters.

Article 3 - Meetings

Section 2 - Board Meetings:

Regular scheduled Board meetings will be held for the purpose of planning the program and activities of the club and for conducting routine club business. The time and place of these meetings shall remain constant so general members may attend if they wish.

If approved will be changed to:

Article 3 - Meetings

Section 2 - Board Meetings:

Board meetings will be held on demand. They can be requested by any club member at a regular meeting to be held on a date printed in the next published newsletter (The Hook).

BASIC FLY FISHING CLASS

The class starts Tues. Mar. 31 and runs every Tues. and Thurs until April 23. Each class is 45 minutes of lecture and discussion and 45 minutes of casting instruction outside on the dock on Empire Lake. The classes are divided into the following topics: rod and reel, lines, knots, reading the water, salmon habit and lifestyle, equipment, fly tying, safety and courtesy and our annual day on the water final with members of the entire club with a pot luck. Stan Washington is lead casting instructor and several club members are always present to help the new students. The classes will be held in Stensland Hall (the building with the book store) upstairs in Rm 203. The class has filled every year for the last 4 years so register early. You may register online at SOCC.EDU or by calling Brenda at 888-7328. All club members are welcome to join any or all classes.

An Elk Skunking

Story by Tom Timothy

It had been two years since I'd been down to the Elk river after Chinook. Frankly the fishing pressure had gotten too heavy for me to get excited about even when there were large numbers of Chinook around. However it was now getting late in the season and Dave told me not only had he found a big school of fish but even better the fishing pressure had gone way down.

Saturdays' first light found me with Dave heading for the Elk. Upon arriving it was disappointing to see three fisherman already fishing the pool where Dave had found the fish holding. Not wanting to crowd in we got back in the truck and headed on up river in search of a new school of Chinook. Dave had keys for a couple of private holes and of course there was also the Jingle Bells hole at Iron Head. Iron Head and the first private spot told the same tell of no fish. We were aced out at the next hole as a drift boat anchored at the top of the hole as we arrived. They quickly picked up a jack and had a couple other bites. At least there was hope as we continued our fish search.

After a couple more looks at spots without fish Dave suggested we head back down river and see if the first hole was open yet. Our luck, or at least Dave's, was about to change for the better. The pool seemed to be void of fisherman so we waded up to the pool. Upon reaching the hole we discovered a single fisherman on the far bank at the top of the hole. So we began fishing in the lower portion of the run.

It didn't take long for Dave to hook up with his first fish. Of course as so often happens on the Elk in low water conditions the hookup was foul. Dave broke off his fly to release the fish as soon as he saw the fish jump.

With the large numbers of Chinook in the hole it was hard for Dave to keep from fowl hooking fish. However several fish later Dave felt that nice head shake of a fair hook Chinook. After a short battle Dave brought the fish to hand. It was a nice little 12 pound hen that Dave placed in his gunny sack.

At this point I still had not had a single bite and even more concerning not even a bump of my fly bouncing over one of the many fish in the pool. Dave suggested that I use one of his spare spools with a sinking tip as it was obvious my fly was not getting down to the fish. Being my stubborn self I did not take Dave up on his offer until he hooked several more fish.

My luck soon changed after putting on the sinking line and I found myself hooking fish along with Dave. The Chinook were a mix of both dark and brighter colored fish. During the next couple of hours Dave and I managed two doubles in the steady line of hook up's. But in the end only that one fish of Dave's was to go home with us. It seemed like every time one of us had a bright fish on something would go wrong. The funniest moment was likely when one of the doubles' tangled together. We could tell one of the fish was bright and the other dark. Knowing we couldn't land both of the fish we broke the dark fish off. However as it turned out we had miscalculated which fish was attached to which fly rod.

After one last long ditched battle with a Chinook only to find out he was hooked foul I decided my knuckles had taken enough of a beating for the day. It seemed a little easy to convince Dave to call it a day until we reached his truck and both of us were reaching for the bottle of aspirin.

With the beating we had taken from those Chinook we decided we'd need a couple of Langlois hot dogs to go along with the aspirin for a full recovery for our sore backs. By the time we arrived back at Bandon I was already eagerly anticipating my next Elk river Skunking!

Diamond Lake Outing Information:

Diamond Lake RV Park (541) 793-3318
www.diamondlakervpark.com

Diamond Lake Resort (800) 733-7593
www.diamondlake.net

Diamond Lake National Forest Camp Ground
(541) 793-3310
No reservations until June 16, 2009
Recreation.Gov



Dave Lundgren on the Elk, 2005

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.

2009 OUTING SCHEDULE			CLUB OFFICERS	
Sunday, March 29	Lower Empire Lake	First outing of the year. Meet at 9:00 am in the parking lot. Bring your own Lunch.	President	Herbert Roche
Saturday, April 18	Power's Pond	150 big ones planted. Meet at 9:00 am pot-luck lunch.	hjroche@verizon.net	541.662-0723
Sunday, May 10	Saunders Lake	SOCC Fly Fishing Class potluck Lunch @ 1:00 pm. Come and help students practice what they learned in class.	Vice President	Cliff Newton
			ccnewton@gmail.com	541-888-5165
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.	Secretary	Patti Timothy
			pattijo55@earthlink.net	541.572-2619
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.	Treasurer	Bob Cline
			bobcline_31@hotmail.com	541.271.4689
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.	Programs	Phil Brashear
				541.267.3116
			Newsletter	Sandy Lundgren
			slundg3656@aol.com	541-297-7061
			Webmaster	Vicky Newton
			svnewton@gmail.com	541-888-5165
Saturday & Sunday	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.		

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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