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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, May 20 , 2009
Reedsport High School, 7:00 p.m.

Ramblings

My oh My, Here it is May already and the weather is improving, time to get out and make up for the winter. Some of the Cascade lakes are open and fishing is reported to be good. Shad will be in the local rivers soon and if you have not caught Shad on a fly you are in for a real treat. The local lakes are warming up and Largemouth Bass are getting active for the spawn, they can be very aggressive at this time of year and will attack anything.

Now is the time to also think about SAFETY while enjoying our sport. We do not necessarily think of fly fishing as dangerous, and in itself it isn't, it is the "other stuff" that can bite you. On the water in any kind of craft can turn to bad news in a hurry, especially an inflatable. Being caught in the middle of a lake or on the river with a hissing sound and bubbles coming from your only means of support can be a life changing experience, trust me on this one. Weather can also bring about a sudden realization of mortality. I was having a great day on Long Lake in Washington a few years ago, the weather was fine and the fish were hungry. I had the lake to myself, and was feeling pretty smart until a sudden snow/wind storm came up. Surfing in a pontoon boat for a quarter mile down a lake in a white out is not quite what it is advertised to be. So be careful, we don't want any empty chairs at next years Dinner.

For those that couldn't make the April meeting, Nate Stansberry from the Caddis Fly Shop in Eugene gave a presentation about the LUFC web site with a number of options on operating it. The Caddis Fly Shop maintains an excellent fishing site where we can post our web site at no cost to the club. Since this a club function, as much input from as many members as possible would be greatly appreciated before a decision is made.

There was also a presentation by new members Barbara Heath and Rick Patsche who have opened a "guest house" for children and adults on the Umpqua River. The primary goal of this activity is to encourage young people to learn about and enjoy the great outdoors. If you are having grandchildren visit this summer, this might be an interesting adventure for the kids and a welcome break for the grand parents. Sounds like a wonderful opportunity for everybody.

So be safe and enjoy our beautiful Spring time..

Until the next meeting, TIGHT LINES to all.
Tommy Carlson

May's, 2009 Raffle Table, LUFC donations:

Blue plastic Fly Box,
 Dunefest Sweat Shirt
 Okuma Integrity 10/11 Spool
 Mtn Stream 4x leader spools
 Mtn Stream 5x leader spools
 Aquel G1 Floatint
 5" hemo Clamp
 Swiss Knife w/ whistle
 2-Redington 9' Leaders 0x, 15.5 lb
 4 1/2" hair scissor

Club List of Fly Rods as of May

One 9 ft, 2 pcs - 8 wt Scientific Anglers SA- 120082
 Two 9 ft, 2 pcs - 9 wt Redingtons RS3
 One 9 ft, 2 pcs - 10 wt Redingtons RS3
 One 9 ft, 2 pcs - 5 wt St. Croix Reign
 Two 9 ft, 4 pcs - 5 wt Echo Carbon w/ matching Airflo Sixth
 Two 8 ft 6", 4 pcs - 5 wt Echo Carbon w/ matching Airflo Sixth
 Two 8 ft 6", 4 pcs - 4 wt Echo Carbon w/ matching Airflo Sixth
 Sense Line
 Two 7 ft 6", 4 pcs - 3 wt Echo Carbon w/ matching Line

Members also usually donate a variety of fishing items and there can be some great flies on the table, so make sure you're there to take advantage of the raffle table items and remember one rod will also be on the table.

Fly Rods: Saturday, I found myself testing the new club raffle rods. It's not often that I'm able to try out a new rod; you know it cuts down on the temptation of owning another rod by not casting new rods. All rods were cast to 90 feet for the comparison, except the 3 wt, (I stopped at 60 ft. because of the wind gust). The Scientific 8 wt was a surprise; the last one I tried was 20+ years ago and was a real dud. This rod is medium fast and was easy to cast and would be good for the Ocean or Bay. The same held true for the medium fast Redingtons. They were harder to get maintain the real tight loops that would be need for longer cast of 100+, but most of our casting in the Bay or Ocean require weighted flies at shorter distance any way. The St. Croix 5 wt rod felt good and was capable of reaching the 90 feet, but the rod may need a 6 wt for better performance and control. The Carbon Echo 4 and 5 weight rods are very nice casting rods, even in the 5-15 MPH winds that day. These rods are light in weight and I found them easy to maintain a variety of loops from wide to tight while maintain control and distance. That's not to say I got 90 foot cast with a wide loop, but with a tight loop, yes. The Carbon Echo 3 wt was fun to cast once I figured out when to load the rod and how much strength to apply, all in the timing. Three weight rods have always taken me more time to figure out for some reason, but I was able to cast to 60 feet and in a 0 wind maybe more. The 3 wt rod will be a good rod for those mountain or coastal streams; I've used a 3 wt at Hoosmer Lake during the mayfly hatch at mid day and had a lot of fun.

Special thanks to Frank Moore for helping me become a better caster and for helping the club purchase the Carbon Echo rods. Tim Rajeff, Echo Rods Company, was also very good to the club for donating the Airflo lines with each Echo rod the club purchased. With these lines, each Echo rod will have a matching line, what a great idea no more miss matching. The Airflo Sixth Sense lines for the 4 & 5 wt rods are very good lines, I have one for my 7 weight steelhead rod.

Stan

Fly Casting Workshop:

We recently received a note from Dwight Klemin of Bend. On June 6 & 7 there will be a workshop for those that would like to become a FFF casting instructor. Please see Tom Carlson for more information if you are interested.

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	
Saturday & Sunday June 6 & 7 Diamond Lake Resort (800) 733-7593 www.diamondlake.net	Diamond Lake Diamond Lake National Forest Camp Ground (541) 793-3310 No reservations until June 16, 2009 Recreation.Gov	This is the high lake outing. There will be a potluck dinner Saturday evening . This is a good place for family camping & fishing. Diamond Lake RV Park (541) 793-3318 www.diamondlakervpark.com	President Tommy Carlson lufc2tom@live.com 541.997-1770	
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.	Vice President Jerry Brouhard 541.756-5081	
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.	Secretary (temp) Linda Kinch resirodf@charter.net 541.759-2376	
Saturday & Sunday Sept. 12 / 13	Rogue River	Half Pounders! Potluck dinner Saturday at 1:00 pm with club providing & cooking the meat.	Treasurer Bob Cline bobcline_31@hotmail.com 541.271.4689	
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	Programs Phil Brashear 541.267.3116	
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.	Newsletter Sandy Lundgren slundg3656@aol.com 541.297-7061	
			Webmaster Vicky Newton svnewton@gmail.com 208.233-2666	

The lucky winners of the April Meeting: Congratulations to Jim Cheadle who won the rod and to Rick Patshe, thank you. He won the membership drawing and donated the \$25 back to the club.

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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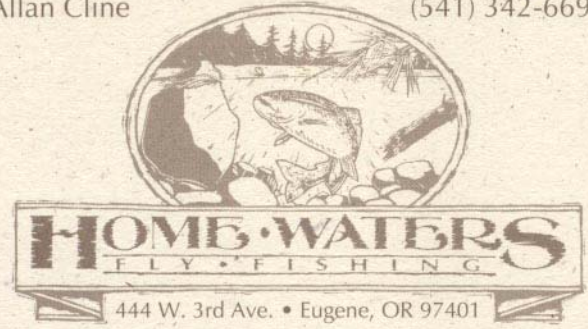
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