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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 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).



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Next Meeting

Wednesday, June 17 , 2009
Reedsport High School, 7:00 p.m.

Ramblings

There comes a time when a person must go into the wilderness and face one of mankind's oldest, and most feared, enemies: The Trout.

Sitting at my computer looking out at the fog on a saturday morning trying to decide if I should wet a line somewhere or do the much needed yard work makes me crazy. Fishing, yard, fishing, yard, I am afraid the yard is going to win this time.

I spoke with the president of the Central Oregon Flyfishers and we are trying to come up with an method to trade information on fishing conditions on our respective sides of the state. Their club has been thinking along the same lines trying to get something going with other clubs though out Oregon. The existing fishing report sites don't seem to be very timely, and we would like it to as be up to date as possible. Any creative ideas from the membership would be helpful.

Just a random thought; Have you ever wondered why a dog will always get in the drivers seat when the human driver gets out of the vehicle? Could they be trying to convince other dogs that they were driving or something as simple as just keeping the seat warm. If there is more than one dog , how do they pick the one that gets to drive? Curious stuff.

We have finally cleared up the website dilemma, having voted last meeting to go with a web host in Bend. I think this will work out well and also relieve Vicky Newton of the responsibility. I would also like to thank Vicky for all she has done with the website.

As the cost of mailing the HOOK keeps going up, I would ask all members that are online to let one of the club officers know your e-mail address so the newsletter can be sent electronically, this will help pay for the new web host fee.

New members that would like to have name tag badges can contact Linda Kinch and she will fix you up. They need to have several badges made at the same time so all new members need to sign up, there is no charge for the badges. Bob Cline has club tee shirts for sale and Stan Washington is the man to see about ball caps.

Time to go do yard work, Yuck.

Stay Safe and have a great summer fly fishing this beautiful region, I know I will.

Tight Lines to all. Tommy

Confusing Season

Story by Tom Timothy

Although it was already the first week in June, I had decided on a last shot at lower Empire Lake. Originally Patti and I were to be at Diamond Lake fishing trout this week. But this had not been a year of fishing trips going down as they were drawn up on the chalk board. Not that it was a bad thing. Steelhead fishing had gone well and some spots had more then surpassed expectations. Powers pond had not only produced a lot of holdover trout to go along with its planters. The Bluegill, Crappie and Largemouth Bass fishing had been nothing less then spectacular. And the river and stream Cutthroat fishing had shown the best numbers I had seen in years, even if the size was running on the small side. With still a good three weeks of stream Cutthroat fishing before Smallmouth season maybe I was looking for just a little predicible trout fishing. I should have known better.

Patti and I arrived at the lake before Alex and Don to a steady rain falling. Not exactly what one would expect the first week of June. I relaxed when I spotted trout rising while my Watermaster was filling with air. Within minutes I was on the water and into a steady planter trout bite. By the time Alex and Don arrived at Empire I was getting into a predictable pattern of trout action. I should have been looking for the curve the way this fishing season had been going, but come on, this was Lower Empire Lake, you know it was like comfort food: I knew what to expect. That's when a fish taking my terminator almost tore my shoulder off. My first thought was one of the earlier planted trophy trout had stuck around to give me a show. It didn't take me long to throw out that theory as this monster had way to much short power busts for any trout I had ever tangled with. So I changed to the theory that a huge Largemouth was trying to steal my fly. When I finally got a glance at the fish I was sure it was a big largemouth, but there was no quit in this Bass. You would have thought even a big Largemouth would have given up by now. Not until I lifted the bass from the water did I realize this was not a Largemouth Bass in fact what I was holding was a Smallmouth Bass. I decided I might as well invite him home for dinner as he was my first Smallmouth of the year.

When I arrived home the fish had not shown any sign of shrinkage so I thought it would be worth my effort to measure the fish to see how long it would take to land a bigger Smallmouth on the Umpqua this year. When the fish taped in at nineteen and a half inches I knew the Umpqua had it's work cut out as my largest Smallmouth ever was nineteen and three quarters inches.

So what do I go fishing for next time out fly fishing? I mean the logical choice would be Cutthroat. However, the lake trout fishing has been holding up well. Finally made it out bay fishing and landed some black rock fish, but then again Smallmouth has started, maybe one more shot at Bluegill and Crappie, but then again I really haven't given Largemouth a real good effort. I could always go shad fishing but then I would most likely fall into a Striper or Blue-black bite. It's been a confusing season.



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@gmail.com for publication.

2009 OUTING SCHEDULE

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 reserved. 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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***The lucky winners of the May Meeting:* Congratulations to Jerry Brouhard who won the rod and to Robert O'Bryan who won the membership drawing.**

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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