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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).

The lucky winners of the July Meeting: Congratulations to Jerry Stewart who won the rod and to Don Brown who won the membership drawing.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, August 19 ,
2009
Reedsport ELEMENTARY
School, 7:00 p.m.

Ramblings

Enjoy thy stream, O harmless fish;
And when an angler for his dish,
Through gluttony's vile sin,
Attempts, the wretch, to pull thee out,
God give thee strength, O gentle trout,
To pull the rascal in!

~John Wolcot



A great turnout for the Umpqua River outing, lots of fish caught with the largest taken by Dave Lundgren at 19 inches, This was my first time on a river in a pontoon boat and the rapids (riffles) sure looked a lot bigger on top than they did on the down side, great fun though. I am sure my doctor would be proud of my heart rate during the first one. By the third and largest rapids (riffles), I just enjoyed the ride, couldn't do anything else being totally out of control. We had a terrific potluck dinner and kudos to all who furnished the food. Guess who forgot his super special cole slaw dressing?

At the last meeting a discussion started about the possibility of holding fly tying classes at the community college in North Bend. To make this happen, we will need volunteers for a committee to set it up and for the actual tying instruction. This will most likely be a winter project and anybody that would like to be involved, please contact one of the club officers. Bob Lyon has volunteered to contact the college for information concerning the particulars of holding classes there.

Alex Zenzuni has become the new editor of the HOOK, any articles or items of interest should be forwarded to her. Thanks to Sandy for her fine job and Alex for stepping in when needed. We still need volunteers for the Programs Coordinator slot and someone to update the website periodically with the latest outings info and other new developments of interest.

The word is there is tremendous tuna fishing going on now, about 30 miles out. Reports of all the fish you want can be had. Not only are they tasty, but the carcasses make great crab bait.

Stay safe and good fishing.

Until the next meeting, TIGHT LINES

Tommy Carlson

The Quest Continues

By Tom Timothy

I could clearly see the grape wrath fly hanging in the corner of the fishes' mouth. How many times had Chuck told me that I couldn't be horsing big smallmouth around back in the good old days? Guess it still applied years later when using six pound test leader. Even more interesting than the big fish, was watching one of the smallmouth's younger sisters trying to take the fly away. Deciding there was nothing to lose, I dropped the freshly tied grape wrath into the fray. The smaller fish instantly inhaled the fly and the battle resumed. This time I let her take line when she got the urge. After three or four circles around my Watermaster, I was able to get my thumb inside the fish's mouth and hoist her on board. She looked bigger now that the other bass was not sitting beside her. Hope sprang eternal that maybe she would reach the twenty inch mark on my oar. However, when I held her up, I found her to be almost an inch short of the mark. Even though it was only three in the afternoon, and my last float of the season on the Umpqua, I came to the conclusion that it was time to call it a day.

As I began picking my way through the boulders back to the boat ramp, I noticed how much the river had dropped in the month that Patti and I had been on the Umpqua. What a month it had been! Al and Marcia were in the process of setting up their trailer when Patti and I made our entrance. Ken and Susan had arrived a day before us. Ken floated Yellow Creek his first day and assured us the river was going to fish again. Before calling it an evening, it was decided that the drift down to the Tyee store would be tomorrow's float. We found plenty of fish in the river. They seemed to be holding in faster than normal water. The slow water held only a few fish, if any.

Don, Alex, Jerry and Nancy pulled in Thursday night. John drove in just in time to join us on a float down to the R.V. Park on Friday morning. The fishing started slow, but turned hot after lunch.

Saturday for the Tube-A-Rama, the club floated from the R.V. Park down to Kellogg Bridge. Dave, Sandy, Jeff, KristinA, Gary, Bruce and President Tom joined the festivities. And guess what! The smallmouth showed up! As far as I could tell, every one was catching fish on Saturday. They even took a popper on top all day for Gary. Dave managed the largest fish of the outing at nineteen inches. When I was around President Tom in a tail out, he seemed to be getting steady action. Then the Pot Luck, what can I say? You had to be there! I'm glad Jeff was willing to help me finish the desserts...somebody had to do it! It brought back those old hot dog eating smallmouth days. Welcome back to the club Jeff!

By Tuesday we were down to the last four club members on the Umpqua. Tuesday, only Ken and I floated the river. Patti took the day off. I think she wanted us to have a boys' day out fishing. Well, did we fool her? There just wasn't any time left for fishing with all the catching going on. If the fish hadn't been so big and so aggressive, maybe we could have slipped in a little fishing time. If you haven't had the chance to see Ken sight fish for smallmouth, you are missing a show! The rest of that week seemed to go too fast. Friday night Ken said they were going to pull out on Saturday. He said he would prefer to leave the Umpqua too soon, rather than stay too late.

Guess what Ken? You left too soon! This final week has fished like a house on fire. A contributing factor may just have been that the temperature was well over 100 degrees three days in a row. Patti even made one of those drifts down from bikini beach with me in that 100 plus weather. It was the best fishing on that stretch yet! There were fish all the way down the float. When we put our rafts in the truck, the temperature read 116 degrees. I think maybe the pickup was having heat stroke and the temperature was really more like 106! But, you all know smallmouth, the hotter the better.

My last day fishing was kind of strange. It started with a herd of elk standing in the middle of the road as I headed for the drift. The temperature had fallen back into the high 80's for a nice change. And, the algae bloom began to float up from the river bottom limiting all the sight fishing to fast water. But, as in any fishing situation, it opened an opportunist's door. I cast my fly in the algae line, let it swing until it almost hit an algae mass, then let it drop down. The bass couldn't resist. And then, I broke him off in a rookie mistake. Oh well, maybe it's for the best... The Quest Continues!

2009 OUTING SCHEDULE

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.
December ?	To be decided	Annual Holiday Dinner

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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 that 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 Alex at lufchook@gmail.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

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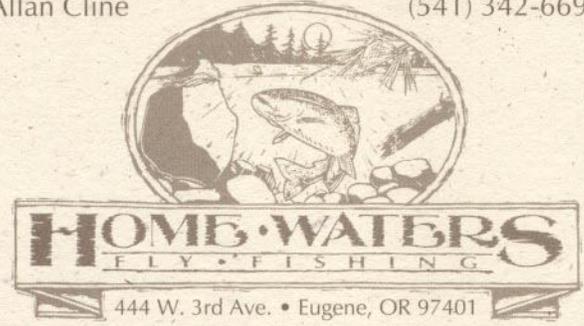
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