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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 August Meeting: Congratulations to Stan Washington who won the rod and to Don Brown who won the membership drawing (again!).

Next Meeting

**Wednesday, September 16 ,
2009
Reedsport High School ,
7:00 p.m.**

Ramblings



There will be days when the fishing is better than one's most optimistic forecast, others when it is far worse. Either is a gain over just staying home. ~Roderick Haig-Brown

Now, picture this. Resting in your camp chair after a few hours on the water, maybe even taking a power nap, bothering no one, when out of the blue, comes a sharp pain to your left elbow. After waking up, you see that your arm is about the size and color of a ripe beefsteak tomato. The first clue of what happened is the flying formation around your camp of 2 million yellow jackets looking just like dive bombers in a world war II movie. Your first thought is to run away screaming like a little girl, but then that might really attract the flying beasties. Then you notice a hoard of chipmunks standing on their tiny hind feet swatting the attackers, protecting a tin of smoked oysters. Who would have thought 3 chipmunks and 2 dozen or so yellow jackets could fit into a flat tin of oysters at the same time. Quite a sight.

The last meeting was pretty interesting. We couldn't find anybody to take over the Programs Coordinator position, but several members stepped up and are going to present programs of their own making. Way to go!

There was also a discussion about a group called "Healing Waters", which assists disabled veterans in learning to flycast and tie flies. A local Veterans organization contacted one of our members to see if the LUFC would care to be involved and we are gathering more information. Stay tuned.

The September meeting should be at the high school, but in the event the work is not finished, we will again meet at the elementary school.

School starts soon, and the campgrounds will be empty. Now is the best time to get out and enjoy the outdoors without the crowds. Stay safe and TIGHT LINES.

Tommy Carlson

THIS MONTH'S NEWS

At the meeting on September 16 there will be a member's work party. We will be taking inventory of the fly tying materials stored at the high school. Hopefully, this will lead us a little closer to teaching a fly tying class at the college for the winter session. This has been a proposed activity for the club members in keeping with our mission of furthering the activity of fly fishing. Many members are willing to contribute their time to one or more classes, however, we are still looking for that special person to be our fearless leader. **WE NEED A VOLUNTEER**, to be the lead instructor. This means you would be the contact person with the college and be present at all of the classes. You would coordinate with the fly tying members to determine the curriculum. You would decide the number of meetings, the time, and how long the sessions will be. Please contact the President if you would like to volunteer for this effort!

We are pleased to mention 2 new members: John Crocker and Tim Palma! Welcome to the club!

You may have noticed that you have received the Hook a few days early this month since we all hope to be "gone fishing"! Our outing is on September 12 & 13 on the Rogue River. We will be staying at the Agness RV Park which is east of Gold Beach. The phone number is 541-247-2813 for reservations and directions. There will be a pot luck lunch for the members and their guest. LUFC will provide the meat, so bring fruit, veggies, and desert... When we're not eating, we'll be fishing for half-pounders which are unique to the Rogue, Klamath, and Eel Rivers. They are "boomerang" steelhead, homebody fish that don't wander far from their natal rivers. They smolt when they are about seven inches long and head for ocean usually between March and May. Instead of waiting 2 to 3 years before they return, the half-pounders come back to the Rogue the next fall, even though they are not sexually mature. Some stay in the river another year, feeding like trout, before heading out again. Others return to the ocean in the spring. The next fall, they are back as mature steelhead. The typical half-pounder is 12-16" long and often weighs more than half a pound. They are aggressive and readily take a fly, so let's go fishing!

August Doldrums

By Tom Timothy

Don's fly rod was doubled over to the point where its tip was in the water. With the way this fish was pulling, I thought Don had hooked up with a Lingcod. To both of our surprise, it turned out just to be a large Black Rockfish. Normally, we would have considered the fish too big to keep. However, the fishing had not been going as well for us as it had for Jim and Bruce, so... the fish soon found itself in the cooler with a hand full of its fellow rockfish.

As we headed back to the dock a little later, Don and I got to talking about fishing in this part of Oregon and we came to the conclusion that August was the slowest month of the year for fly fishing in these parts. This might not be completely fair to the month of August as we both took a large part of the month to get summer projects done around our respective homes instead of hunting the fish.

Besides, if I was really being honest with the month of August, I would have to admit that July smallmouth fishing actually did stretch over into the first couple of days of August. And... I did slip up to Lake Marie one day with Don for some trout fishing. But that doesn't really count as I only landed a couple of trout. In fact, today was actually my second trip bay fishing in August. I had gone with Al earlier in the month, but that was really just a meat run. And...I popper fished a few times for bluegill. And... there were a couple of days Dahlberg Diver fishing for Large-mouth Bass. But you can't really count the bluegill or the Largemouth as that was just for practice in my fly casting pond in the back field.

Sure glad August is just about over so I can shake off these August doldrums and get down to the Rogue and get in some real fly fishing.

2009 OUTING SCHEDULE

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| 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

Any member of the club who writes an article for the newsletter of 500 words or more, will receive 6 free raffle tickets at the next 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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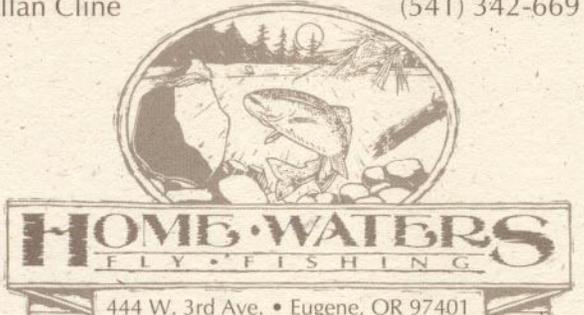
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