

# The Hook



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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. (except when they're not)
- 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 December Meeting :*

*John Soper won the rod and  
Pat Lyon won the member's  
drawing!*

## Next Meeting

**Wednesday, March 17, 2010**  
**Reedsport Elementary**  
**School , 7:00 p.m.**

## *EXPO.....DONE!*

Another successful Expo has been completed! This one was extra special with the induction of Frank Moore into the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame. Japan has its "national treasures" and Oregon has, among others, Frank Moore. The club certainly thanks all the people who tirelessly helped to make the expo happen and all the demonstrators and presenters who donated their time and businesses that donated merchandise for raffles!

And that completes another year for the club. Tommy did a great job of leading us through last year and now steps into the V.P.'s shoes. This month, Jerry takes over as our fearless leader. Thanks to the rest of the officers who will continue to shoulder the same responsibilities for another year!

Steelhead season is winding down but, at least one of our indefatigable members is still trying to squeeze out every last fishing opportunity possible!... And the trout planting truck has already dropped the first round of fish in the local lakes. The taking of those fish was a well attended event that started the minute the truck pulled away from the shore. Cell phones had already notified fathers, wives, mothers, sons, daughters, cousins, grandpas, and grandmas. For the next few days the fish were abundant and the banks were crowded. Then, less than a week later, one floating fly fisherman and four cormorants couldn't find a single fish. Interesting times we live in or maybe it was just the weather. The good news is , another planting truck will come around soon.

## ONE MORE FISH

By Tom Timothy

The complete absence of fishermen was very apparent as I drove to the Park for one last shot at a steelhead before retiring my eight weight rod for the season. How had it gotten this late in the run already? If Don hadn't said, "How about just one more trout apiece before heading home?", the day before at Powers Pond, I might have been able to let steelhead season drift away. Or if I hadn't just made at least a dozen casts without landing a trout, to end a day where it seemed you couldn't help but hook up, I might have been able to let it go.

The Park looked like a ghost town, as I stopped my truck overlooking the fishing hole. It looked like I was to be the last fisherman standing this season. The pool was running low and clear. The only remaining sign of the mayhem that took place over the last two months was an assortment of floats, jigs, and spinners hanging from the alders on the far bank. Even though fifteen minutes of staring at the water hadn't shown me any sign of a fish, I waded in to give it a try. A fisherman's mind is endlessly hopeful!

About half an hour passed without a single strike. At that point, I was working more on my roll casting and mending skills than on fishing. I had all but given up on hooking a fish. If it had been earlier in the season, or there had been a little more current, I might have missed the indicator's hesitation after what I thought was a good mend. I had set the hook more from the irritation of getting my mend wrong than in an effort to hook a fish. However, I was happily rewarded with the unmistakable feel of a steelhead trying to wrestle away.

The first run upstream lacked the normal power of a bright, fresh-from-the ocean steelhead. As it turned and headed back downstream into the pool, its dark color became apparent. I pointed my rod at the fish and tightened down on the backing with my left hand. I felt the six pound test snap. The fish was free. To my horror, the indicator that had been with me the whole season was also free and on its way down river. I made a beeline down the bank and caught up with my indicator before it floated over the lip of the pool into fast water.

At first, I wondered if the effort required to save the indicator was really worth all the trouble. All I was going to do with it when I got home was hide it in some dark corner of the basement with the rest of my winter fishing gear. But then again, I know myself... sometime in late December the pull of the dark side will get too strong and I'll be searching all those dark deep corners of my fishing gear for an indicator. Come on now...It did get me just one more fish!

**2010 OUTING SCHEDULE**

Coming soon!		We are waiting for the stocking schedule to be announced so as to plan events around abundant numbers of fish!
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VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT [lufc.us](http://lufc.us) for all the news that's fit to print and more!

Remember to **bring your empty printer ink cartridges** to the meetings to be used for Staples Rewards Credit toward the printing of the HOOK! So far, we have earned \$23.50 in credits to offset the charges of mailing and printing The Hook! Keep those ink cartridges coming in!

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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 the editor at [lufchook@gmail.com](mailto:lufchook@gmail.com) for publication.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES 2010**

*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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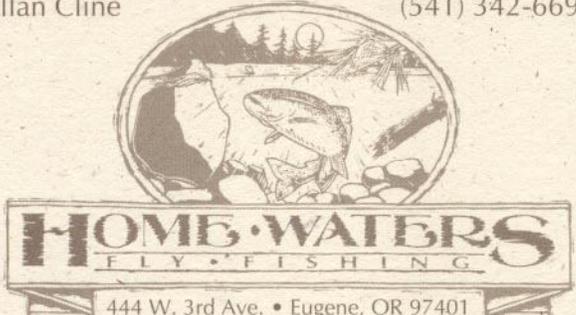
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