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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 March Meeting :

*Jerry Brouhard won the rod
and Patti Timothy won the
member's drawing!*

Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 21, 2010
Reedsport Elementary
School , 7:00 p.m.

President's Corner..... Casting for Memories

How many of you can remember your first fish you caught. Can you think back to that time and place? Did your parents take you there as a child? Did you go by yourself as a teenager? Or were you a late bloomer?

I remember my older sister caught her first fish at Liberty Park in Salt Lake City. That evening we watched the fish's translucent air bladder floating balloon-like in a bowl of water. Older siblings often have the fun of doing something first. Later living in San Francisco there weren't many fishing opportunities. Not coming from a fishing or camping family I always felt deprived until we moved to Oregon. My first chance came in Eugene. My friend Kirk and I were picking beans one summer, when at lunch time, we walked down to a nearby creek and saw some small trout swimming there. The next day we were armed with monofilament, hooks, worms and jackknife. Taking an extended lunch hour, we snuck down to the creek, cut a long branch, and tied the line to the end of the pole. It was exciting to finally catch a trout. Somewhere, I still have a picture of that diminutive first catch. I didn't realize then that if I held it out further away from me towards the camera, it could have been at least twelve inches maybe fourteen. I remember my first solid glass spinning rod with a Mitchell 300 reel. The reel was \$14.88 at Payless and I still have it. My wife accuses me of being a collector and never throwing anything away. I guess I resemble that remark. My second rod was a Reeder -McGill hollow glass one that lasted twenty years until I broke the tip in the car door. It felt like the loss of a good friend.

I can remember my first salmon, sturgeon, sun fish, striped bass, tuna and Marlin and many other species... So many collective memories of trips taken.

It's hard to remember back to a time when I only had one pair of shoes and would walk up and down in the Willamette River in those crepe soled, leather Sahara boots, then walk three squashy miles home. They didn't dry out 'til the next day. Now, when I wear my breathable waders with insulation, I think back on how it used to be. The good old days weren't as comfortable. Fly tying appealed to me, probably because I could collect more stuff, like feathers and skins. I once caught a mouse in a small mouse trap and skinned it for dubbing.

I remember my young son proudly coming home with twelve or thirteen fish and explaining to him about the limits. He got carried away at having done so well on his own.

Now days, it's great to just to be able to float around in a tube or inflatable boat and enjoy the scenery. Sometimes, I am catching fish on a fly rod and sometimes, I'm just catching memories with a dream catcher.

I sometimes cast a fly line while going to sleep. I'm sure its flight is far better than reality as I imagine those tight loops and perfect mends. It takes a lot more nowadays to get me excited, but it was exciting at last meeting when someone drew the first ticket and my number came up. It was exciting selecting a seven weight Glen Wicks fly rod. This rod was made by an excellent craftsman whose company no longer exists. I am anxious to catch my first fish on my new rod. Jerry Brouhard

2010 OUTING SCHEDULE

Sun	APRIL 18	Powers Pond	150 big ones planted. Meet at 9:00am Pot Luck
Sat	MAY 8	Saunders Lake	Pot Luck at 1:00 pm. Meet at 9:00 am to catch the big ones.
Sat	MAY 22	Rock Fish & Crabbing	Pot Luck Crab Feed will be at Charleston harbor. Meet at dock at 8:00 am. Start cooking crabs at 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 the crabs to enter our traps.
Sat/Sun	JUNE 19 & 20	Little Lava	Make your own reservation for camping site at Little Lava Lake. Pot Luck Saturday night at 6:00 pm.
Sat/Sun	JULY 10 & 11	Tube-A-Rama	The biggest event of the year. Camping will be at the Umpqua River RV Park. Six sites numbers 11, 12, 13, 18, 19 & 20 have been reserved from July 5 to July 11 so call 541-459-2665 and make your reservations. Will meet at the RV park at 9:00 am for each day's float trip. There will be a pot luck dinner Saturday night at 6:00 pm at the pavilion. Email: normsrv@gmail.com
Mon	AUGUST 16	Rock Fish	We'll be fishing for Rock Fish at Charleston. Plan to meet at 8:00 am Charleston Harbor. Make your own arrangements for a boat and fishing partner
Sat/Sun	SEPT 11 & 12	Rogue River	We'll be fishing for Half Pounders . Potluck dinner Saturday at 1:00 pm with club providing and cooking the meat. Agness RV Park 541-247-2813 or 866-729-9043. Make you own reservation.
Sun	OCTOBER 10	Upper Empire Lake	This is the 2000 2lb. "Trophy Trout" Lets go get 'em. Plan to bring your lunch and have a great day.

An Event of Interest:

4th Annual Fly Casting Clinic -- Please Inform Your Membership

As a board member of Stonefly Maidens Fly Fishing Club, I am reaching out to other clubs to promote our upcoming 4th Annual Co-Ed Fly Casting 's Clinic. We would very much appreciate your assistance in letting your membership know about it through your newsletter or by forwarding this email. Many of your members may like to take advantage of this casting clinic. Proceeds from the casting clinic benefit Casting for Recovery and Reel Recovery.

The clinic will be held Saturday, April 24, 2010 at Blue Lake Park in Fairview, Oregon. There are workshops for all skill levels and lunch is included with any registration.

Thanks for your assistance!

Lisa Wassgren

Treasurer, Stonefly Maidens Fly Fishing Club

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The program for our April 21 meeting will be a presentation by Gary on the Eagle Cap Wilderness Area!

VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT lufc.us for all the news that's fit to print and more!

Remember to bring your empty printer ink cartridges to the meetings for Staples Rewards Credit toward the printing of the HOOK!

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 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

NAME(S) _____ H-PHONE _____ W-PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE HOOK BY: EMAIL Email address: _____

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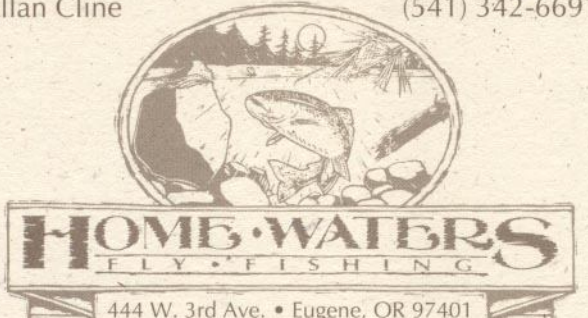
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