

# 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 last Meeting :*

*Robert O'Bryan won the rod and Robert O'Bryan won the member's drawing!*

## Next Meeting

Wednesday, June 16, 2010  
Reedsport Elementary  
School , 7:00 p.m.

## The President's Corner...

I happen to know that the President has gone fishing. How do I know this? He's with my husband hunting Chinook on the Rogue River! They just emailed a picture of their first catch of the day. And what could be more important than fishing to a person who likes fishing?

So... this seemed like a good time to encourage everyone to come to the next outing on June 19 and 20 at Little Lava Lakes. Some refer to it as one of the crown jewels of the Cascade Lakes. It is a small forest lake about one half mile south of (Big) Lava Lake and the source of the Deschutes River. With 130 acres and a maximum depth of 20 feet, it supports planted rainbow trout, some brook trout, and self-sustaining populations of whitefish and tui chub. The elevation is about 4750 feet and could get a bit chilly!

The campground is small and does not take reservations except for the group area. There are 12 sites at Little Lava Lake and 42 sites at Lava Lake... first come, first served. There is also drinking water, but no electricity or flush toilet. Campsites cost \$12 at Little Lava and \$14 at (Big) Lava Lake should there be so many of us that we overflow.

Some flies to use might be the tied-down caddis in orange and green, black gnats, mosquito imitations, damsel imitations, ant imitations, and dragonfly larva imitations. In (Big) Lava Lake which has a depth of 30 feet, the fish will be deeper in the early cool temperatures of spring. Successful flies might be wooly buggers, seal buggers, leech patterns, and larger nymphs. When temperatures warm, Lava Lake experiences significant callibaetis hatches. This isn't personal knowledge...just what THEY say. If you're new to the area, there will, no doubt, be a friendly and experienced fly fisherman around to help you get started!

Here's hoping to see you all there!

The Editor

**Program for the June meeting:** Tom Timothy will be talking about Smallmouth Bass fishing in preparation for our tube-a-rama on the Umpqua next month!

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## THE FLY FISHERMAN'S WIDOW.....A LOVE STORY

Okay, we all fished as kids, I suppose...at least once, someone probably tried to get us to hold a pole. And in our lifetimes, we probably used worms, or crawdads, or crickets...some bait or power bait. And then, I left it behind and moved on to other things, only revisiting it for food on backpacking trips or to bond with the current boyfriend. And then, I met my husband and before we married, we went on a holiday to the June Lakes Loop in California. We fished the streams from lake to lake for nine days...and, we ate trout for dinner for nine days. I was so sick of trout! (Thank goodness for catch and release eventually becoming the adhered to practice for us.) But...I think we bonded!

A few months later, we were married and fished a bit less as real estate improvement became more of a priority. There was fishing around Lake Tahoe in the Truckee River and Rock Creek Lake which didn't used to be a paved parking lot for RV's. There was the trout we caught in Lake Berryessa that were still alive when we got them home so, we let them swim around in the kitchen sink before we couldn't figure out what else to do but eat them anyway. And, we did. There really was a dirth of fishing around Napa Valley. One day in our ninth year there, we were up at Conn Dam. My husband caught his first trout in all the years that we had lived there. The trout promptly wrapped itself around a submerged shrub. Damn! That trout picked the wrong man to tangle with. After waiting nine years for that moment, there was no way that fish was getting away! My husband stripped down to his skivvies, dove in, and freed the line while I reeled the fish in away from the bush...and so, we had another trout dinner.

Then, we moved to Lassen County where worm fishing was just too easy and killed too many fish. My guy needed a challenge. So, he taught himself to fly fish. He had one little relapse due to frustration, but the fly skills took on the next attempt. It was all good in Susanville where fishing slowed in the heat of summer and was difficult in the snowy winter. Spring and Fall were for fishing and I had him the rest of the time! Then, he retired and started to work at fishing while I was still at my job. We had the weekends together and that was nice.

And then....I retired. We moved to Oregon...and , oh my... They fish here year round. They go early. They stay late. They fish for steelhead, salmon, bass, bay fish, crabs, and clams. When I started this story, we were at the beginning of trout planting season...now that the lakes are winding down, the streams are open and the Chinook are coming in as well. Now that I'm retired, I fly fish too. But, like another fisherman's wife said, I don't get up early or go stand out in the freezing cold. So, if it's not warm and bug free, I'll be at home, or back at the cabin, or reading a book, or going for a walk, or chattin' with a girlfriend, or gardening, or doing an art project ...there's a lot to try to fit into a life! And when I do go fishing, I'm only good for 2 or 3 hours at a time. I figure I'm pacing myself. I support my sweet fly fisherman when I can, and the rest of the time I'm a well rounded, diversified, fly fisherman's widow.

Sat/Sun	JUNE 19 & 20	Little Lava	Make your own reservation for camping site at Little Lava Lake. <b>Pot Luck Saturday night at 6:00 pm.</b>	<b>CLUB OFFICERS</b>	
				<b>President</b>	Jerry Brouhard 541-756-5081
			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 <b>pot luck</b> dinner Saturday night at 6:00 pm at the pavilion. Email: <a href="mailto:normsrv@gmail.com">normsrv@gmail.com</a>	<b>Vice President</b>	Tommy Carlson <a href="mailto:lufc2tom@live.com">lufc2tom@live.com</a> 541-997-1770
Sat/Sun	JULY 10 & 11	Tube-A-Rama		<b>Secretary</b>	Linda Kinch <a href="mailto:res1rodff@charter.net">res1rodff@charter.net</a> 541-759-2376
			We'll be fishing for <b>Rock Fish</b> at Charleston. Plan to meet at 8:00 am Charleston Harbor. Make your own arrangements for a boat and fishing partner	<b>Treasurer</b>	Bob Cline <a href="mailto:bobcline_31@hotmail.com">bobcline_31@hotmail.com</a> 541-271-4689
Mon	AUGUST 16	Rock Fish		<b>Outing Director</b>	Robert O'Bryan <a href="mailto:r.obryan@charter.net">r.obryan@charter.net</a> 541-759-2526
Sat/Sun	SEPT 11 & 12	Rogue River	We'll be fishing for <b>Half Pounders. Potluck dinner</b> 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.	<b>Newsletter</b>	Alex Zenzuni <a href="mailto:lufchook@gmail.com">lufchook@gmail.com</a> 541-269-9575
Sun	OCTOBER 10	Upper Empire Lake	This is the 2000 <b>2lb. "Trophy Trout"</b> Lets go get 'em. Plan to bring your lunch and have a great day.	<b>Web master</b>	Terri Grimm <a href="mailto:tgrimm@sonatainc.com">tgrimm@sonatainc.com</a>

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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**

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_ H-PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ W-PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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

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