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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 2 Meetings :

Bud Wright and John Albrow won rods and Stan Washington and Diane O'bryan won the member's drawings!

Next Meeting

Wednesday, August 18, 2010
EEL LAKE (Tugman Park) ,
5:00 p.m.

The President's Corner...

The limited summer fishing was concentrated in late June and July. Those of you that went fishing at Lava Lake enjoyed a beautiful paddling experience, and an inspiring view of three snow capped peaks. A few of you even managed to catch fish. The cold weather has affected not only the coast, but apparently, the mountain lakes as well. The pot-luck more than made up for the limited number of fish we caught. There always manages to be more than enough food for everyone with a good distribution of choices. We avoided a post dinner weigh in and ate giant marshmallows with chocolate and crackers. Later in the week, some of us went to nearby Hosmer Lake where, under the expert tutelage of Al George who has thirty years plus of Hosmer Lake fishing, we were shown how to fish the middle part of the lake by the campground and at the far end over the dark spots. The fish must prefer these dark spots because they can't be seen by osprey as easily. Most of us had better luck at Hosmer than at Little Lava Lake and we enjoyed the red and yellow winged blackbirds. While at Lava Lake, I attended the third Thursday meeting of the Sun River Fly casters. They had a program put on by a former fish and wild life biologist and nationally known author of books and videos Rich Hafele. It was a good program. He talked about insects and patterns to use when fishing western lakes. I later talked to him about his presentations. He charges \$400 plus expenses...I ended up getting a video and book. I still think there is a great value in purchasing the book or video as one can view or read them several times over. While there, I sat next to Bill Seitz, a veteran Oregon fisherman, former Alaskan guide and active member of the Central Oregon Flycasters, who is involved in the ecology of rivers and their clean up. I questioned him on where to fish in north-eastern Oregon and, specifically, Wallowa Lake. While traveling, one should consider going online to check out the flyfishing clubs and their meeting and trip schedules. You can often join in as a guest. A few of us continued on to north-eastern Oregon and camped in the Wallowas. We fished where the river flows into the lake as instructed by Bill. Although there were many tree blow downs clogging the river and temperatures hadn't yet reached normal, we all managed to catch several moderately large trout daily. I remember paddling out one sunny day past swarms of grounded monarch butterflies and a pair of eagles nesting in a tall cotton wood and catching many fish. A unique part of the experience was that while fishing on shore, I saw a small four inch fish struggling in a pile of wood chips and leaves. The fish tried several times to rise up above the flotsam. Thinking I would rescue him from all the debris, I laid my rod down and slowly crept to the rescue. When I got close, I was surprised to see the fish rise up above the debris and saw that it was sideways in the mouth of a snake. I let the snake claim his prize and went back to fishing. That night I barbequed and enjoyed a couple of those pink meated trout. Robert O'Bryan has already scheduled another trip to Wallowa Lake for next year. You might want to put this on your to do list. It's a beautiful setting. (continued next page)

President's Corner (cont.)

In July, the annual Tube-a-Rama was a great success! About ten trailers occupied the campground where we managed to take several down river trips, get sunburned, catch a lot of small mouth bass, and overstuff ourselves at the potluck. Be sure to sign up for next year!

Recently, on the advice of a friend from Rotary, we tried Elbow Lake. It's about seven miles north of the Reedsport Bridge on the left hand side. Careful, it's easy to drive past it. Lazy ones that we were, we didn't get on the water until 10:30AM. The fish were deep and on the bottom but, we did manage to catch a few trout and a small bass using a class 6 sinking line and purple woolly bugger. We are blessed with a number of beautiful lakes. That's my fishing report for this month! See you at the meeting! Jerry

News of Note:

— The Coos County Art Museum is asking us to provide a few volunteers (possibly 2-4 people) to tie flies at the opening of the FISH AND FISHING ART exhibit on December 10th from 5PM to 7PM. We could also provide an exhibit of flies for a locked cabinet. Flies that would be good for this demonstration would be large and colorful...maybe salmon flies? Think about volunteering at the next meeting! Additionally, this is a juried art exhibit and any artist over 18 years of age can enter up to 3 works of art. For more information you can contact the museum or go to coosart.org for rules and entry forms. The deadline for submissions of art work is October 9.

— There has been discussion of adding an outing the first or second week of October on the Williamson River. For reservations in the area, there is Collier State Park and the Water Wheel RV Park. Think about setting aside some time for this trip! Russ Wright is very familiar with this area. More discussion to follow. Keep in touch by attending the next meeting!

— In October it will again be time to nominate officers... so, put on your thinking caps and get out your volunteer hats!

— There will be no September meeting or Hook because we will be on the Rogue River Outing. The potluck will be on Saturday September 11. The club will provide steaks. Robert will need you to RSVP. You can call him at 541-759-2526 or tell him at the August meeting.

— And...speaking of the August meeting,... Please note that we will be at **Eel Lake at Tugman Park at 5PM on Wednesday the 18th!!** We will be privileged to have Frank Moore teaching casting. Frank will start the evening and the club will provide hamburgers and hot dogs for dinner after the instruction. Please bring a pot luck item to go with...Al and Robert will bring the BBQ's. We will have the business meeting after dinner. See you there!

— Also...see next page for outing scheduled Monday 8/16...weather permitting.

OUTING SCHEDULE			
Mon	AUG 16	Charleston boat ramp	8AM Rock fishing, weather permitting.
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 your own reservation.
Sun	OCT 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.

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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 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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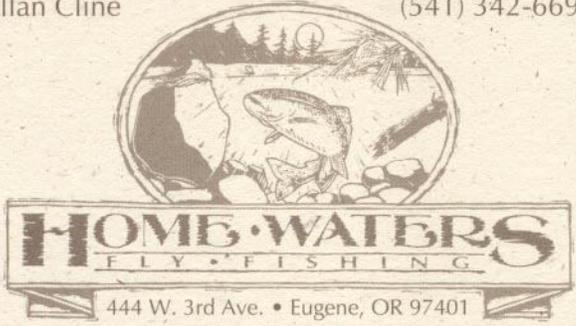
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