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Meeting times

- General Club meetings held at the **Reedsport Elementary 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 January meeting :

Chuck Travers won the rod and Monty Stewart won the members drawing of \$25.

Next Meeting

**Wednesday, February 16,
2011
7:00 p.m.**

President's Prattles

We have been gone for five weeks but will return home for the next meeting. Thanks for everyone's help this past year. We are looking forward to another good year of fishing under the new administration.

Hope to see you all at the expo and out on the lakes, rivers, streams, and ocean. Keep up a positive attitude, the river is half full!

Tight lines,

Jerry



Just a Reminder:

Keep the 11th of June open to help Gary with the ODFW fly fishing class at Laverne Park!

CALLING ALL FLY TYERS!

The expo is fast approaching and we need flies for the silent auction and expo fish! Your efforts will be greatly appreciated. Please bring lots and lots of flies to the next meeting!

Changing Seasons

By Tom Timothy

It is starting to seem like a repeating story. Every year after making early trout excursions up the north coast in February, I find myself deciding to skip the lakes above Reedsport the next year. This decision is always made after a nice heavy shower which brings the steelhead back on the bite or a report that the lakes closer to home have just been stocked.

I might have been able to stick to my game plan this year if yesterday's fishing hadn't turned my thinking around on a dime. It started out with the fact we haven't had any rain that counted in over two weeks and, as a result, the steelhead fishing has started to slow down. I only got one bite this morning! I only got to feel a couple of jerks! If I had gotten more, I might not be considering changing my game plan! Just a few more tugs, another bite or two... that alone might have been enough to push this changing season thing away. Or perhaps, if the freezing morning weather hadn't turned into a seventy degree late spring afternoon, I wouldn't be starting to dream of trout, and bluegill, and bass! The recent warm day caused one of the biggest midge hatches on my pond that I've seen in years. I was surprised to hear the spat of a bluegill taking a midge on the surface. Soon, there was so much action that I couldn't help myself. My two weight was still leaning against the book shelf with a dry fly on the end of it's tippet from last fall. I can't say the fishing was fast, but I did get three bluegill to come to the top and take my fly. I even managed to hook the third fish. The tight circles of the bluegill cut felt like Spring on my two weight!

By the time I put that bluegill back in the pond, my mind was centering on the fact that planting on the north coast lakes will start next week. If bluegill are willing to come up to the surface to take a fly, it really isn't that much of a leap to think that the trout might take a nymph under the surface.

In a last ditch effort to avoid putting North Coast trout fishing back on my schedule, I decided to make an attempt at catching a late afternoon native steelhead. For a moment, I thought things were about to change. Thoughts of north coast trout were fading, when I saw a large flash and felt the take. However, it wasn't long before I realized that I was into a large sea run cutthroat instead of a steelhead. Imagine my disappointment! Next cast, if I had been paying a little more attention to what was happening instead of letting my mind drift back to trout fishing on the north coast lakes, I might have noticed the steelhead attempting to chase down my fly. That was not to be the case. The rest of the run brought only two more cutthroat to hand. As luck would have it, they were about the size the State will be planting in the lakes next week.

You know, I think I'll put the Reedsport lakes back on my schedule if I can find someone else foolish enough to face the cold windy weather with me. I'm just sure this is going to be the year those trout go on a feeding spree during the second week of February. After all, bluegill are already taking flies on the surface!

2011 OUTING SCHEDULE			
Sat	Mar 5	Saunders Lake	First outing of the year. Meet at 9 AM in the parking lot. Potluck lunch!
Sun	Mar 27	Lower Empire Lake	3000 trout! Meet at 9 AM
Sat	Apr 23	Powers Pond	100 big ones! Pot Luck lunch!
Sat	May 8	Middle Empire Lake	Meet at 9 AM in the parking lot. Bring your own lunch.
Sat/ Sun	June 25/26	Crane Prairie Lake	High lake adventure! Camping is available at he RV Park (541-383-3939) for full hook up; wilderness camping can be had at Roc Creek Campground. Potluck dinner Sat night 6 PM at Rock Creek Campground.
Sat/ Sun	July 9/10	Tube-a-rama at the Umpqua River	Biggest event of the year...camping at the Umpqua RV Park. Sites 11-20 have been held for July 5-11. Call 541-459-2665 or email normsrv@gmail.com to make your reservations. We'll meet in the park at 9 AM each day prior to the float. Potluck dinner Sat at 6 PM!
Sat	Aug 6	Charleston	Meet 8 AM at the boat launch. Make your own arrangements for a boat and fishing partner. We'll be setting crab traps & fishing for rock fish. Start cooking crabs at noon & Pot luck.
Sat/ Sun	Sept 10/11	Rogue River	We'll be fishing for half pounders. Potluck dinner Sat at 1 PM with club providing and cooking the steaks. Agness RV Park 541-247-2813 or 866-729-9043. Make your own reservation.
Sun	Oct 1	Saunders Lake	This is the 1500 2lb. Trophy Trout plant. Let's 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 2011

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 _____

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