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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 :

*Al George won the rod and
Robert O'bryan won the members drawing of \$25.*

Next Meeting

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

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT!

Hello to all. I am looking forward to this coming year as your club President with some joy, some trepidation, some feelings of excitement and some feelings of being railroaded. Let me restate that. There is an absolutely no questions asked feeling of assurance that I was railroaded into office. I had volunteered for the office of Treasurer and thought that would insulate me from any such thing as office of President. Then, I volunteered to be on the selection committee to select names from our membership to be elected to office. I felt that I would be able to steer things away from me by being on this committee. However, I had to work and was unable to attend the meeting of the selection committee. I received a phone call from Robert O'bryan who asked me if my name could be added to the LIST of names for President and in a moment of total lunacy I said yes. Like a shark smelling blood, our good friend Robert saw and seized the moment. He failed to mention to me that my name would be the only one on the LIST. Wow!! What a railroad job! Another feather in your cap Robert. I have only known Robert for a few years but am certain that he has more of those feathers in his hat than I have in my fly-tying room. Enough whining.

I am excited to see what this year will bring us as a club. It looks like Robert already has several outings planned and I am certain that more will pop up as we go along. I would like to do the Williamson again this year. I think all who went last year had a good time and are looking forward to another trip. Would like to see a few more of you come along. You don't always catch a lot of fish on the Williamson but when you hook into and land a fish that reminds you of our local steel-head in looks and size, only one fish can make the trip worthwhile. Also in the Williamson area is the Wood River. Only about a ten minute drive from where we stayed last year. Sometimes the Wood is fantastic! September is a good time for top water action with Hopper patterns. I once had a client catch an 11 lb. rainbow on a Hopper! Now I guess you know that when a fish that size takes a dry fly the excitement level is quite high. As I remember, it also makes for a good tip at the end of the day! I don't know how much room I am afforded for these wanderings about so will try to save something for next month.

Fish smart, fish safe and keep the water on the outside of your waders.

Russ

Just a Reminder:

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

From Robert Bradford regarding the east Idaho fly tying expo

I am ready to go fishing. I've been tying all winter, my boxes are full of new ideas to test, I've worn out a couple maps looking at new spots to explore, and I've run out of people who haven't heard last year's stories. I'm ready! But, the temperature in Idaho Falls this morning is 10 degrees, the rivers are mostly frozen, and I'm not good enough at casting to get my fly to land in that little hole in the ice every time. I guess it's a good time to let you all know about the upcoming Fly Tying and Fly Fishing Expo in Idaho Falls. General Admission is free.

The 18th East Idaho Fly Tying Expo will be held on April 15th, and April 16th, with the banquet starting at 6:00 on Saturday the 16th. Banquet tickets are \$30.00 with a variety of ticket packets available with raffle tickets, etc. included. The Expo has many free activities.

Nationally recognized tiers from all over the country will be tickled to show you their favorite patterns and techniques. They are there by invitation only. Some of them are: Gary Barnes, Gretchen Beatty, Charlie Hune, Randy Randolph, Dave Roberts, Tim Tollett, Joni Tomich, Bob Trowbridge, Dorothy Zinky; including Buszek award winners: Bob Jacklin, Chris Helm, Scott Sanchez, and Bruce Staples.

We have workshops for everyone. Some examples are: Tying Cripples and Emergers - Scott Sanchez, Tying Flies with the Nor-Vise - Harley Reno, and Techniques for New Zealand - Tim Tollett. We have numerous casting workshops, one with Jack Dennis another with Bob Jacklin, and others by nationally recognized guides. There are also workshops on nymphs, knots, and several for novices.

The expo also offers workshops for women, by women. Examples are Women's Introduction to Fly Tying and Women's Fly Fishing Clinic. Both will impart talents and skills far beyond the imaginings of mere husbands and boyfriends.

The Expo offers something for everyone from beginner to expert. Workshop prices vary from \$35 to \$60. In the past seven years the Expo has raised over \$150,000.00 for conservation and fishing related education and projects. To find out more about the expo and these workshops drop a note to Jimmy's All Seasons Angler at 275 A Street, Idaho Falls, ID 83401, call (208) 524 - 7160, or email me at gulp78@bridgemail.com.

Look at the time. I'd better get to work. You can find more information on our web site www.srcexpo.com.

A LETTER FROM FRANK & JEANNE

Dear Fellow Members,

Over the years we have often wondered how many members in our organization really appreciated the expertise and dedication of the group of tyers from northern Washington that come down to the Expo every year.

Dave Williams, Michael Williams, Glen Wilson, Steve Brocco, John Olschewsky and Harry Lemire are truly WORLD CLASS. They take time out of their busy schedules, in addition to the cost involved for them, to make the annual pilgrimage to the little town of Reedsport for our annual Fly Tying Expo.

One huge incentive is the superb hospitality of Sheri and Stan Washington, but their participation deserves a big thank you to everyone of them from everyone in our group, so let them know how much we do appreciate them and their participation, not only formally from the club but from each one of us as individuals.

Also, we (Jeanne and I) want to let each one of you know how much we appreciate being part of the Expo and am proud of being members of OUR organization.

Good Fishing,

Frank and Jeanne Moore

2011 OUTING SCHEDULE			
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 Rock 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. Agnes 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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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 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 _____

TO RECEIVE THE HOOK, email address please: _____

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