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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 last meeting :*

*Sue Gavel won the rod/reel and Nancy Brouhard won the members drawing of \$25.*

## Next Meeting

**Wednesday, August 17, 2011**  
**7:00 p.m.**

## A Message from the President

Fishing can be a complex, time consuming, frustrating sport. It takes planning, concentration and downright doggedness to be a fisherman (person) at times.

Things I have learned over the years are numerous and to some maybe unnecessary, but to a forgetful old goat like me some of the things I do are without a doubt absolutely crucial to the outcome of a fishing trip. I now always carry extra gear with me. Extra rods, extra reels, leader material, extra pair of waders, raingear, water, food, matches, soap, washcloth, etc. All of these things are in addition to my 20 pound vest full of supplies and flies. When I go fishing it looks like I am packing for a month long vacation. Let me relate to you some of the stories that led up to this fanaticism.

One day I drove up to Crane Prairie to do some fishing from my River Rat. I parked alongside the road near Osprey Point and began to dress in my fishing attire for the day. Got out my waders and put them on. Dragged my River Rat out of the pickup and stocked the pockets with my lunch and water. Got my rod and reel rigged for the day and was ready to lock up the canopy and go fishing. Uh-oh, where are your fins you forgetful old goat. Now I have a check-off list that I go over before I leave the house.

Always have a fall-back plan. On the aforementioned trip my day of fishing on Crane Prairie was shot so I drove to Klamath Falls, where my drift boat was, and hooked up to the trailer, drove to the Williamson River and had a great day of fishing there. Back-up plans! Speaking of the Williamson River, one day I was on the Williamson and a storm moved in with a lot of rain. The fish seemed to want to bite and as I was upstream from the launch, I put my boat back on the trailer, drove to Klamath Falls, bought raingear and went back to the Williamson for a great day of fishing. Had probably the best day ever on that river and no crowds because of the weather. I always have a cheap set of raingear in my pickup now just in case. On another occasion, I was visiting family in Reno. I always take fishing gear with me just in case the call to fish Pyramid Lake gets too loud. I had a chance to get out there. Got all rigged up and pulled my wader bag out of the pickup. It contained only a pair of waist high neoprene waders!! The spot that I planned to fish had 3 foot wind waves coming ashore and with the waist highs, I couldn't get out far enough to cast over the ledge and fish the water I wanted. Back-up plan! I drove half way around the lake to the side the wind was coming from and the water was shallow. Was able to get out far enough to catch 4 of those nice Lahountan Cutthroat that day by going to a back-plan.

Extra rods necessary? Absolutely!! Just recently, I was on the Truckee River fishing a floating line that I had rigged before leaving the pickup. After being on the river for a bit and looking at the high fast water, I decided that I needed a sinktip line. I put the floater on the spool. I took the spool off the reel. I put the sinktip spool on the reel and began to thread the rod which would have taken no time at all - because the tip of my two piece rod had fallen off. I was standing in the river up to my keester and the tip was long gone. Took a short walk back to the pickup, rigged up the spare rod and I was back on the river in no time. Always pack extra equipment!!

One day I was on the Klamath River below Keno, it was snowing hard enough that the visibility was down to less than a hundred feet.....oh this is a story for another time.

See you at the meeting, Russ

Dear club newsletter editor,

I know that you folks are often hurting for content for your club's newsletters, so here's one you're welcome to use.

Publish or pass on as you choose, no charge. Have a grand season!

Sincerely, Skip Morris

A DEAR OLD HABIT

I was raised on creek fishing. I used bait, and then spinners and spoons, and then at the advanced age of about twelve or thirteen, flies. So, now that I've hit 60, creeks are for me a very old habit.

I return to creeks every year, but not really out of nostalgia (though there's a touch of that each time)--I do so simply because I've felt again the urge to wade and cast in a beautiful miniature world, shut away for a few hours from the great wide world and even from other fly fishers (other than my fishing partner of the day). Creeks offer a privacy no river--and certainly no lake or saltwater bay--can match. When I'm looking upstream and see only clear, tumbling water split by boulders and lazing through pools, framed by green ferns and green forest, the line of the creek turning out of view only a modest cast away, I remember why I've returned. A hundred feet up and down the creek there may be other anglers, but it doesn't matter--a hundred feet, a hundred miles, they're out of sight and completely out of my mind. This is a sense of isolation I can't find on the Henry's Fork or the Deschutes--magnificent as both are--and sometimes it's comforting.

Creeks are nearly always beautiful. Most of our Pacific Northwest creeks tumble and stall and tumble again through forest while a few glide gently through meadows. Back high in the mountains they may be washed clean along their broad edges by runoff, receding in summer to thread as trickles down the centers of their stony highways. Desert creeks are a whole other matter. I haven't fished many in Washington and Oregon, but a few of those I have fished held some large trout amid the tumbleweeds and powdery dust, the richness of the arid country combined with cold water from springs or mountain headwaters.

But on the whole, our Northwest creeks, like most others I've fished across North America, produce small trout. Six- or seven-inchers are typical, and in many of our creeks a twelve-incher is a trophy. On the west side, most of these are hungry, fit, perfect coastal cutthroat trout with yellowy flanks and scarlet jaw-slashes and black spots everywhere. And to the best of my knowledge, they are always wild fish. They'll smack down a dry fly with conviction and come to a nymph sometimes even better. They are rarely moody. On the east side they may be rainbows or cutthroats, and if they're provided a generous supply of food--which over there they sometimes are--they can afford to pick and choose, making our job as fly fishers more challenging. That brings its own appeal.

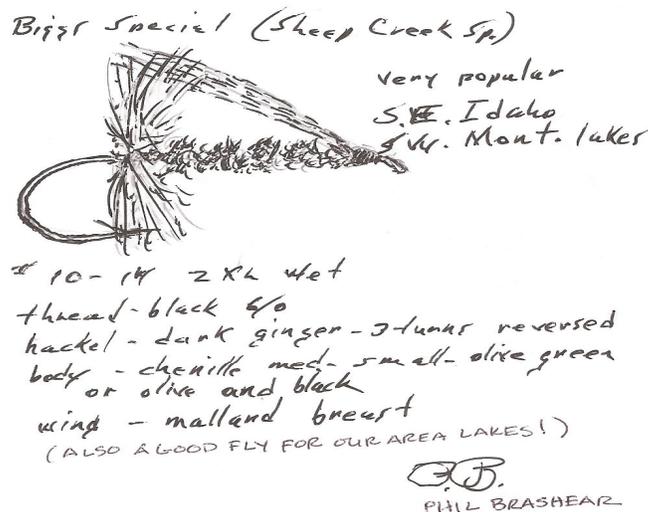
I go to most of these creeks with a short, light rod and a single box of flies, just as I have for the better part of 50 years. To the rich creeks where just the right nymph or emerger-fly may be required, I bring it all--a vest-full of flies and tippets.

If my joints and my heart carry me through another 10 or 15 years of breaking through brush and scaling down into and up out of rugged creek canyons, I'll be grateful, and I'll keep going back.

by Skip Morris

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A FLY THAT PHIL WANTED TO SHARE... THERE'S A REASON SOME FLIES ARE CLASSICS!



2011 OUTING SCHEDULE

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.
Sat	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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**Just a few notes:**

- Call Robert and let him know if you will be at the Rogue potluck so he can order your steak! 541-759-2526
- We will be tying flies and leaders for the Rogue at the August meeting so bring your materials
- Tickets are still for sale for the Guided Fly Fishing Outing at \$5 each

VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT [lufc.us](http://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](mailto: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

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