

# The Hook



Lower Umpqua Fly casters

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## Meeting times

- General Club meetings held at the Meeting Hall at **Osprey Point RV Resort in Lakeside** (1505 N Lake Rd.) at 7:00 p.m. the **2nd Wednesday** of each month.
- 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).

## Next Meeting

**Wednesday, October 8, 2014**

## A Message from the President:

Our second annual September guest evening speaker was a very big success with Brian O'Keefe giving a great speech on fishing all the lakes, streams and rivers in Oregon. Brian pretty well covered the entire state with great photos and an interesting discussion on each location. After the meeting we gave Brian a choice of going Rock fishing with me or salmon fishing with Russ. He chose salmon and while they were trolling up and down the Coos without success we were limiting out on Black Rock with our fly rods by 9:30 am. The evening was also a success in that we signed up one new member at the meeting.

The trophy rainbows are still in their homes just waiting for the trucks to bring them to our local lakes the weeks of the outing. Lakes like Empire, Saunders, Bradley and others are all close which will make it easy to get a group together and try to teach those older rainbows what fly fishing is all about. Even though I tie my own wooly buggers I did purchase 10 assortments of wooly buggers of different colors and sizes because they are a favorite of rainbows and maybe one of my new flies will get the biggest rainbow of the day or at least one more than Bruce. Let's all go get our float boats and go get them. The outing is schedule for Oct 11 at Middle Empire Lake; however, several of us who fish this last outing have other commitments on Oct 11 so we would like to **reschedule to Oct 12 at 9:00am**. If you can't change your schedule good luck on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

The 2015 Expo will be coming up in about five months but it's not too early to start thinking about flies for the fish. So anybody who ties flies and has some extra bring them to the meetings so we can start adding them to the styrofoam fish.

## Fly of the Month

After taking a break for a couple of months on the Fly of the Month, I decided it was time to bring up another fly. This month I am featuring a fly that was given to me by an angler last year to catch salmon. I'm not sure if this fly has an official name but I will call it Pink Shrimp fly, cause that's what its meant to look like.

I have very sporadically tried to catch a salmon on a fly rod over the past couple of seasons. Unfortunately I just don't get out salmon fish a lot (or any other fishing) any more with a little girl at home. So when I do get out its just to easy to pull out the bait and troll like everyone else. Occasionally I will get bored with trolling and I'll bring out the fly rod, which usually happens on days when no one is catching fish.

So this year, I've already caught a few salmon (couple Chinook and one coho) and I decided to bring out the fly rod today. I work in Charleston and am fortunate enough to have a spot within walking distance to fish during my lunch breaks. There have been several anglers catching Chinook and coho from this spot over the past few weeks. So today I found an open spot and casted the Pink Shrimp fly out as far as I could cast on my full sinking line. I let the fly sink for 5 to 10 seconds and then started to strip the fly in as fast as I could. Wouldn't you know it, on my second cast I hooked and landed a jack coho. It might not have been the biggest fish on a fly rod but it was my first salmon on a fly. I later got one more strike but the fish was gone just as fast as it hit. Not bad for fishing over the lunch hour. I know I'll be back



Hook: size 2 saltwater hook

Thread: Pink size 3/0

Tail: Pink hackle and krystal flash

Body: sparkle pink chenille

Eyes: 20 pound mono, burnt at the ends

Overbody: pink hackle

### Tying Instructions

1. Start wrapping the thread at the bend of the hook. Wrap the thread approximately 1/3 of the way up the hook and tie in the hackle and krystal flash for the tail.
2. Trim the tip of the hackle to create a V in the hackle. Hackle and krystal flash should extend back about 1 hook length. Tie in the burnt tip mono eyes (these are optional).
3. Tie in the chenille and make a few wraps then tie in a pink hackle by the tip. Continue wrapping the chenille towards the eye of the hook. Tie off the chenille and clip off the excess.
4. Grap the hackle and wrap forward towards the eye of the hook. Tie off and clip off the excess just like the chenille. Make several wraps of thread to build up the head of the fly. Whip finish and cement the head.

### Fishing reports

- For those of you that like to fish for stocked trout, the fall trophy trout are coming soon. Bradley Lake, Powers Pond, Saunders Lake, and Middle Empire Lake will all be stocked. Because of very low water levels, Lower Empire Lake will not be stocked this fall instead half of those fish will be stocked in Butterfield Lake and the other half will go into Middle Empire Lake. Woolly buggers in brown, olive, or black are good flies to use for these stocked trout.
- Coho fishing has been red hot in the coastal bays like Coos Bay and Siuslaw. The wild coho fishery on the Umpqua will close on October 1 (you can still keep fin clipped coho) but the remaining coastal basins are still open. Coho will take a fast stripped fly especially flies with colors like pink or chartreuse.
- Rockfishing inside Coos Bay has been good. They are not the really big rockfish but it's a great chance to catch bottom fish without going out in to the ocean. Clouser patterns work really well for catching rockfish.
- A few Chinook salmon have already been caught on the Elk and Sixes rivers in late September. These fisheries are just getting started and will only get better (and unfortunately more crowded) in the next couple of months. Clouser patterns in green or chartreuse work well for Chinook.

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Each year we have over 500 flies on the fish so let's keep the tradition going. We should also start thinking about programs so if you have any ideas let us know.

One last item is the outings for 2015. Jerry Brouhard will be working on the schedule so if any of you have a favorite fishing place you would like to have on the schedule just call Jerry at 541-756-5081.

See you all on the water,

Robert O'Bryan

**2014 OUTING SCHEDULE**

The last Outing of the year is at **Middle Empire Lake on Sunday, October 12**. Two thousand fall “trophy” trout will be stocked that week in Middle Empire Lake. Meet in the parking lot at 9:0 AM. Plan on bringing your own lunch and have a great day.

This Outing has been rescheduled from October 11 to **Sunday, October 12**.

There are only one more scheduled outings for 2014. It never too early to start thinking about where you would like to fish next year. If you have any ideas of an Outing for 2015 let Jerry Brouhard know.

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