

Stonefly Maidens
Ladies Fly Fishing
Club Newsletter
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AN OREGON COUNCIL-FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS MEMBER CLUB

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MEETING INFO:

Next meeting: TUESDAY December 11, 2001

Jarboe's Grill 101 N Elm St Canby, Or 503.266.3805

6 PM, dinner and social hour

7 PM, presentation

This month's meeting is Show and Tell time. Bring your pictures, videos, and fishing stories to share with everyone. We will have a TV and VCR available. We will also be taking nominations/volunteers for officers – President, Vice President, Membership Coordinator, Treasurer. Elections will be in January. Don't forget about the raffle. See "Wind knots" for more information.

No fish-a-long this month.

We will also have the hats and T-shirts ready for sale at the meeting with our new Stonefly logo on them. Hats will be \$15.00 and the heavy weight tees will be \$18.00.

Wind knots, ramblings from the back eddy...

This month's presentation is our version of show and tell. Bring your photos and VCR tapes to the meeting and tell us about all the fish you caught, places you've been and things you've seen this year.

Please remember, we always look forward to your input for presentations, classes and fishing trips, what you would like to have your club provide. We are starting to work on next year's schedule of events and would love to hear what you have in mind; do you have a favorite fishing spot that you would like to have a club outing to or a speaker that you think would be great?

Please let us know if you would be willing to host a fishing trip, teach a class or even write an article for this newsletter, your input is always welcome.

A special note---I will be stepping down as President of your club in January, I have enjoyed the last 2 years being involved in getting this club off the ground and would love to have nominees for President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Membership Coordinator. If someone might have a spare hour per month to do the newsletter, that would be fantastic also. If you have enjoyed the club and all it has to offer, then why not step forward and make the club all the better, become an officer.

Remember that this is the month we will be drawing for the Simms Guide Ladies Waders, donated by The Fly Fishing Shop at Welches, attend the meeting and get your name in the raffle one last time. Special note--- you must be present to win these fantastic waders!!!

Please take special note of the list of events at The Fly Fishing Shop at Welches, there are several really informative classes and presentations that you don't want to miss.

Later on down the river, Laura

Fish-a-long Schedule

December 15th None Scheduled

From the Editor

There wasn't a newsletter last month for a variety of reasons, the most important one being that I had my mind on other things—getting ready to go to Mexico. Sorry about that. As a result, it seems everyone forgot about the meeting.

Remember that the Stonefly Maidens **always** meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, even if someone forgets to send out a newsletter. If there is not going to be a meeting, a special notice will be sent out. If you have a question about whether there is going to be a meeting on the day of the meeting, **call** the President or the Vice President. Don't email us, because we don't get home to pick up our emails before the meeting.

We love having all of you come to the meetings to hear and learn from the speakers and to tell your fishing stories. Remember, the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Tight lines, Tilda

Goings on: Fly Shops and Events

The Fly Fishing Shop at Welches 503.622.4607 www.flyfishusa.com

Call or visit the web site for more info.

Sunday, December 9, 2001 - 1 to 5 P.M.

Join Paul Franklin for his exciting slide presentation about flats fishing at Turneffe Flats Lodge, Belize, Central America. Includes information on catching Bonefish, Tarpon and Permit. Also Saltwater Fly Tying Round Table. Refreshments will be served. 1:00 - 5:00 P.M. FREE!

Sunday, December 16 - 1:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Annual Christmas Party

David Earl Roberts is a Rogue River guide and unique fly tier. He will be your group leader at the fly tying bench. His presentation will show you how to tie his favorite spring creek dry flies as well as "eastern style streamers".

Dick Sagura is a fly fishing tackle manufacturers representative. His new line of fly tying furniture will wow you. These fine fly tying accessories are made from polished walnut and brass. There is a wide selection of organizational and storage components that will keep all of your tying tools and materials more accessible.

There will be lots of Christmas Presents. Everyone gets one. There will be lots of food and festivities. This party will put you fully into the spirit of Christmas. The Party and Food are Free !!!

Saturday, January 5, 2002

Free! Annual Winter Steelhead Fly Fishing Clinic

Learn from expert guides and instructors the art of catching winter steelhead with your fly rod.

Part 1 - This is the first of a five part series that will prepare you for catching winter steelhead consistently on local rivers.

Featured will be class room instruction by:

Mark Bachmann, Brian Silvey, Patty Barnes, Ron Lauzon, John Jones and Mark Merriwether.

Subjects covered will be: general theory, fly presentation, fly casting, rigging for winter conditions, knot tying, fly selection and fly tying. We will also show you how to stay warm and comfortable while you are fishing in the winter.

Refreshments will be served all day! The Party and Food are Free !!!

Part 2 - Steelhead Fly Tying with Steve Gobin, **Sunday, January 6, 2002**

No limit on audience size - Cost = FREE!

Go to www.flyfishusa.com for more information about this and other events this winter at The Fly Fishing Shop.

Deschutes Canyon Fly Shop -- Maupin 541.395.2565

Give them a call or stop by the shop when you are in Maupin.

River City Fly Shop – 11429 SW Scholls Ferry Rd, Beaverton 503.579.5176

Fly tying every Tuesday evening starting at 6:30pm. \$50 for 4 sessions; you can join at any time.

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman and Beyond BOW Workshop Schedule 2002

January 26 – Fly Tying, Pendleton

February 16 – Rabbit Hunt, EE Wilson Wildlife Area, Monmouth
February 23-24 – La Pine State Park Winter Workshop
April 27 – Capture the Coast – Clamming at Coos Bay, Tugman State Park
May 4-5 – Overnight Kayak Adventure, Cove Palisades State Park, Culver
May 4-5 – Tam-A-Lau Trek, Cove Palisades State Park, Culver
May 18-19 – A Fly Rod & A Trout, Wizard Falls Hatchery, Camp Sherman
June 8-9 – La Pine State Park Basic Workshop Weekend
June 14-16 – 3-day BOW weekend, Camp Magruder, Rockaway Beach
July 13 – A Fly Rod & A Trout, Oak Springs Hatchery, Maupin
July 19-21 – Eagle Cap Horsepack Trip, LaGrande
August 4-5 – Overnight Kayak Adventure, Scappoose Bay, Warren
September 14-15 – Pheasant Hunt, Denman Wildlife Area, Medford

Contact Nancy Smogor, BOW Program Coordinator, 503-827-5264 x 5358, email nancy.e.smogor@sate.or.us, or Liz Kraiter, Registrar, 503-590-4240, email lizkraiter@aol.com for more information and registration.

My First Fish

Where should I go fishing this weekend? Should I go to the Crooked River and catch lots of rainbows and white fish? Maybe I should go to the Sandy and try for the ever elusive winter steelhead. Or head across the mountains to the Deschutes River for big reddsides. Hey, I know—warm weather, really big fish—Mexico! So many choices, so little time.

Learning to fly fish has enabled me go to some really spectacular places in Oregon and other parts of the world. Fly fishing has also allowed me to meet some great people that I would not have had the pleasure of spending time with. It has also allows me to spend some great time with my very best friend, my husband Jeff.

I still vividly remember the first fish I ever caught. I was on the Crooked River learning how to fly fish. First we had casting instruction amid the largest caddis fly hatch I have ever seen anywhere. The fish were striking at the yarn we had on. Finally, our instructor allowed us to put hooks on so we could attempt to actually catch fish. First I had to learn how to nymph fish, so I tied on a bead green rock worm, a fly that Jeff tied. The instructor said to drift the fly as close to the bank as possible with as little drag as possible. Then just flip the fly back up and start again. I did it just like he said and suddenly there was a 13 inch rainbow on the end of my line—a lunker for the Crooked River.

I caught a few more that day, but none of them compared to the very first one. I must have had a grin all the way across my face that day. From the first fish on, I was hooked on fly fishing.

Since that time, I have gone lake fishing, big river fishing, steelhead fishing, fishing in a different state, and fishing in a different country. All because of a 13 inch fish.