

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

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MEETING INFO:

**IMPORTANT—The meeting place has changed to Who Song and Larry's.
See the address below.**

This month's meeting is our Annual Christmas Party. The theme of the meeting is Fish Stories and Christmas Ships. Bring 5 of your favorite flies, wrapped as a package, for a fly exchange. Also bring your fishing pictures and favorite fish stories (true or not). The Christmas Ship will be on the Willamette River, so we should have a good view of them as they go by the restaurant. Bring your friends who are interested in fly fishing. We are actively looking for new members.

Next meeting: TUESDAY December 10, 2002

Who Song and Larry's, 4850 SW Macadam Ave, Portland, OR 97201, (503) 223-8845.

6 PM, dinner and social hour

7 PM, program

If we have enough people at the meeting, we will raffle off an Orvis Battenkill Large Arbor reel.

This month's fish-a-long:

No fish-a-long scheduled this month. Contact another member and invite her to go fishing with you.

We have hats, denim shirts and T-shirts with our Stonefly logo on them for sale at the meeting. Hats are \$15.00; denim shirts are \$25.00; T-shirts are \$18.00. Treat yourself to an early Christmas present. What better way to advertise the club?

Fly Lines

For those who didn't attend last meeting, we missed you. We had a great presentation about High Cascade Lakes by Dave Greaves. Keep your eyes out for one of our spring fish-a-longs with Dave and Cascade Guides and Outfitters. We also had a good discussion about the future of the club.

It was the consensus of the group to keep the club going. Now it is up to you, the members, to help recruit new members. We will again participate in the Oregon Council FFF booth at the Spring Sportsman's Show. We will be planning weekend events that will be open to the public in an effort to try to attract more women to the club. If you have an idea for membership recruitment, please let us know. Remember, also, that the officers can't do it all. We greatly appreciate all the help we can get in all club activities. We'd love to have more of you help plan and host fish-a-longs and suggest speakers.

Let's really work hard this year to increase our membership and our visibility in fly fishing. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the Christmas Party and hopefully meeting a lot of new people.

See you on the water and at the meeting,
Tilda

Fish-a-long Schedule

December None Scheduled

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 on sales and upcoming events. Be sure to stop by and thank them for donating the waders and boots that we raffled off at the last two meetings.

December 8, 2002, Sunday, 1:00pm - 5:00pm
Learn all about [Tying Tube Flies](#) for Winter Steelhead.

The program starts with a short slide presentation featuring productive methods for fishing tube flies for steelhead. All of the latest tubes, tube fly tying vises and materials used in the production of the local favorites will be available for sale. The program and instruction are free. So are the coffee and snacks. Bring snacks to share if you want to. Bring your own tools, and materials.
Group Leader: Mark Bachmann

December 14, 2002, Saturday, 10:00am to 4:00pm
Annual Winter Steelhead Fly Fishing Clinic

This clinic has something for all steelheaders whether beginner or veteran. Slide programs, lectures and on-the-water demonstrations will teach you how to locate steelhead water and how to approach it, select the right flies for each situation & how to present the fly you have chosen. Demonstrations will show you how to tie these same flies. Watch an expert guide as he fishes and discloses the secrets and proven methods that put fish on the beach. Free casting lessons will be available in the back lot. Get a lot of hands on help so that you too can be productive. Save yourself years of experimenting on your own. Slide programs and on the water demonstrations by Mark Bachmann, & Jim Teeny. Fly tying demonstration by Brian Silvey. Fly casting lessons by John Jones & Mark Meriwether. Bring your own waders & rain gear for outdoor events. Munchies & coffee will be served. There is no charge for this program.

December 15, 2002, Sunday, 1:00pm - 5:00pm
Annual Christmas Party Free Barbeque! Prizes!

Special Guest: Jim Teeny This is what Jim Teen says about his nymph, "This is my original pattern that started my fishing career. I originated this pattern in May of 1962 to catch trout. I had no idea that this fly would hold so many world records and catch so many different fish. There's hardly a fish that couldn't be caught on a Teeny Nymph.

Jim will bring one of his entertaining slide presentations.

Deschutes Canyon Fly Shop – Maupin 541.395.2565

Call or visit the web site for more info. Give the shop a call to find out about their fall sales. We want to thank John Smeraglio for his generous donation of an Orvis Battenkill large arbor reel. We will be raffling it at the December meeting.

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.

**Central Oregon Outdoors – 1935 S. Hwy 97, Redmond 866.223.4617
www.centraloregonoutdoors.com**

Call or visit their web site for more information on local fishing conditions.

BOW

Stay tuned for workshop information. New registration materials will be available soon.

BOW weekend 2003 will be June 13 - 15 at Camp Magruder in Rockaway Beach.

Beyond BOW Family Rabbit Hunt, January 2003

Winter Workshop February 28 - March 2, 2003 at Suttle Lake United Methodist Camp

La Pine State Park Workshop June 7 - 8, 2003

If you would like to put your name on the mailing list to receive registration materials, please contact Nancy Smogor, Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Program Coordinator, at (503) 872-5264 x 5358 or check out their website at www.dfw.state.or.us/outdoor_skills/bow.html.

It's Looking A Lot Like Fly fishing

The Christmas season has arrived in full force. What do you get for your favorite fly fisher? Better yet, what do you ask for to help your own fishing? Fly fishers are notorious gadget collectors. Now is a great time to visit your favorite fly shop and see all the things that you can possibly want.

There are books that tell you how to do things like [Bluewater Fly Fishing](#) by Trey Combs. [The Fly Tier's Benchside Reference](#) by Ted Leeson and Jim Schollmeyer tell you everything you ever wanted to know about tying flies. You can learn about mayflies in Malcolm Knopp's and Robert Cormier's book [Mayflies](#). You can be entertained by such authors as John Gierach or Scott Richmond.

Maybe you want a new rod. There are so many choices; I can't even begin to tell you where to begin. Reels are just as hard. Of course, you have to go and try as many as possible before you can make any sort of decision—just think, hours in the back lot testing the new Sage 5-weight or the new Winston 3-weight, dreaming.

Tools are great stocking stuffers. My favorite tool that I got last year was an Abel Perfect Tool. It has nippers, a knot tying tool, a knot-untying tool, and even a hook sharpener. You can also get most of those things individually and have them dangling from two or three zingers. Ideally you need at least two of everything, maybe even three: one for trout river fishing; one for lake fishing; and one for steelhead fishing.

So you want to start tying your own flies. You need to have a vise to start with. You can get a rotary vise in any of several different styles or a stationary vise with jaws that clamp or screw closed. Then, of course, you need the tools to tie the flies with: scissors (2 or 3 pairs), hair stacker, dubbing tool, bobbins, bodkin, and on and on. After that you can choose all the materials you could ever dream of (and some you can't) to make flies with. Now where are you going to put all those flies you tie?

Then there are the clothes: waders, boots, vests, shirts, pants, underwader wear. Hey, you have to look great! Don't forget something to put all your gear in.

Last, but not least—how about a guided trip? Many fly fishing shops have gift certificates. What better way to spend the day after Christmas? Have fun shopping.