

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.**

Next meeting: TUESDAY February 11, 2003

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

6 PM, dinner and social hour

7 PM, program

Speaker TBA. Our speaker will talk about fishing for winter steelhead on small streams like Eagle Creek and the smaller coastal rivers. Come learn the tricks to nymph fishing for really big fish.

This month's fish-a-long:

Saturday, February 15, 2003

Eagle Creek, Eagle Fern Park, Eagle Creek, Oregon. On stream guidance on how to nymph for winter steelhead will be the order of the day. There will be someone to demonstrate and to provide individual assistance small stream nymphing techniques. There is no guarantee that there will be steelhead in Eagle Creek, but there is a chance. Be aware that Eagle Creek does blow out when it rains too much, so the fish-a-long may be called off at the last minute. Keep an eye on the river levels and the rain gauge.

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. What better way to advertise the club?

Fly Lines

We had the best fish-a-long ever on the Crooked River. I am so glad that so many people came. For those of you who were unable to make it, you missed a beautiful day on a gorgeous river. I don't believe that anyone was skunked. The Crooked River is truly a great winter fishery. I think that everyone had a great time.

Dues are now due. The \$25.00 goes towards paying for speakers and sometimes guides for our fish-a-longs. Please pay your dues as soon as possible. Anyone not paid by March will no longer receive the newsletter. So pay up and keep in touch. Membership forms will be available

at the next meeting. We will be putting together a club roster for distribution to club members only for the purposes of aiding members in finding fishing partners. If you do not want your name included on the list, please let us know on the membership form.

This month's speaker will be talking about techniques for fishing for steelhead on small streams. The closest stream to the Portland area where you can put these techniques to good use is Eagle Creek outside of Estacada. This stream drains into the Clackamas River downstream from Estacada. The US Fish and Wildlife Service have a winter steelhead and coho salmon hatchery on this creek. Almost all of the salmon and steelhead in this creek are hatchery fish. Access to fishing on Eagle Creek tends to be difficult, due to the amount of private property, but it isn't impossible. This is a beautiful stream and worth learning to fish.

This weekend is the Sportsman's Show at the Expo Center. There are lots of seminars and presentations about fly fishing along with many equipment reps that are willing to help your casting. Stop by the Oregon Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers and say hi. Several of our members will be in the booth throughout the show. I'll be there Saturday afternoon.

See you on the water and at the meeting,
Tilda

Tentative Program and Fish-a-long Schedule

Month	Program	Fish-a-long
February	Nymphing for Steelhead	Eagle Creek, February 15
March	Mike Duley, Owyhee River	Owyhee River, March 21-25
April	Scott Richmond, Fly Fishing the Fringes	Carp Fishing, April 12
May	Marty Sheppard, John Day River	Deschutes River, May 17
June	John Smeraglio, Salmon Fly Hatch	High Cascade Lakes, June 14
July	Sturgeon Fishing	Columbia River, July 12
August	No Meeting	John Day River, August 16
September	TBA	Deschutes River, September 13
October	Donna Teeney, Saltwater Fishing	Sea-run Cutthroats, October 18
November	TBA	Chum Salmon, TBA
December	Christmas Party	None scheduled

All speakers and fish-a-longs are subject to change without notice.

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.

Sunday, February 16, 1:00pm to 5:00pm

Fly Fishers Winter Round Table

Fly Tying Program: Proven Winter Steelhead Flies with Mark Bachmann – Local Steelhead Guide, Hair & Marabou Tube Flies, Steelhead Bunnies, Steeltukas, Agitators and more.

Sunday, February 23, 1:00pm to 5:00pm

Slide Program: Fly Fishing in Alaska

Tyrell Johnson owner of Bear Bay Lodge Alaska is a wilderness paradise where rivers are world renowned for their runs of wild Pacific Salmon and thriving resident populations of Rainbow Trout, Arctic Char, Arctic Grayling, Northern Pike, Lake Trout and Dolly Varden. Come see what its all about.

Sunday, March 2, 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Fly Tying Program: Callibaetis May Fly Patterns
Mark Williamson – Local Lake Fisherman

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 specials and classes.

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.

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.

Federation of Fly Fishers Code of Angling Ethics

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The mission of the Federation of Fly Fishers is to lead activities that enhance and support the fly fishing experience for all anglers who fish with the artificial fly. As part of our efforts to educate through fly fishing, we believe that ethical behavior is a key component of the angling experience. While the need to preserve for all anglers the natural beauty and quality of fisheries for future generations is paramount, consideration for fellow anglers cannot be overlooked.

FFF believes it essential that fly anglers in all waters embrace an ethic that embodies consideration for the environment and for others whether they are fishing or not. This Code of Angling Ethics complements the Catch and Release philosophy that is the hallmark of the Federation of Fly Fishers and reflects the importance of ethical behavior for all anglers. Moreover, it provides a framework for improving the angling experience by combining consideration of the fishery with respectful conduct towards fellow anglers. Overall, the policy denotes a journey in ethical behavior for fly anglers and not a destination.

Person-to-person and person-to-resource ethics go hand-in-hand. Fly anglers strive to understand and practice the land ethic of Aldo Leopold, which extends ethical consideration to the land, plants, animals, fish, and water that comprise the entire ecosystem. An important part of this land ethic is that fly anglers support those programs that sustain high species diversity, and do not support policies that could cause the premature extinction of another species. The Native Fish Policy of the Federation of Fly Fishers is based on this ethic of preventing fish species extinction.

The following nine behaviors comprise the Federation of Fly Fishers' Code of Angling Ethics:

Angling ethics begin with understanding and obeying laws and regulations associated with the fishery. Fly anglers understand that their conduct relative to laws and regulations reflects on all anglers. Angling ethics begin with and transcend laws and regulations governing angling and the resources that sustain the sport.

The opportunity to participate in the sport of fly fishing is a privilege and a responsibility. Fly anglers respect private property and always ask permission before entering or fishing private property. They seek to understand and follow the local customs and practices associated with the fishery. They share the waters equally with others whether they are fishing or engaging in other outdoor activities.

Fly fishers minimize their impact on the environment and fishery by adopting practices that do not degrade the quality of the banks, waters, and the overall watersheds upon which fisheries depend. These practices include avoiding the introduction of species not native to an ecosystem, and cleaning and drying fishing gear to prevent the inadvertent transport of invasive exotics that may threaten the integrity of an aquatic ecosystem. In simplest terms, fly anglers always leave the fishery better than when they found it.

Fly anglers endeavor to conserve fisheries by understanding the importance of limiting their catch. "Catch and release" is an important component of sustaining premium fisheries that are being over-harvested. Fly anglers release fish properly and with minimal harm. They promote the use of barbless hooks and angling practices that are more challenging but which help to sustain healthy fish populations.

Fly anglers do not judge the methods of fellow anglers. Fly fishers share their knowledge of skills and techniques. They help others to understand that fly-fishing contributes to sound fisheries conservation practices.

Fly anglers treat fellow anglers as they would expect to be treated. They do not impose themselves on or otherwise interfere with other anglers. They wait a polite time, and then, if necessary, request permission to fish through. They may invite other anglers to fish through their positions. Fly fishers when entering an occupied run or area always move in behind other anglers, not in front of them whether in a boat or wading.

Fly anglers when sharing the water allow fellow anglers ample room so as not to disturb anyone's fishing experience. They always fish in a manner that causes as little disturbance as practical to the water and fish. They take precautions to keep their shadow from falling across the water (walking a high bank).

When fishing from watercraft fly anglers do not crowd other anglers or craft. They do not block entrances to bays or otherwise impede others. Fly anglers do not unnecessarily disturb the water by improperly lowering anchors or slapping the water with paddles or oars.

Fly anglers always compliment other anglers and promote this Code of Angling Ethics to them whether they fish with a fly or not.

The following is a shortened version suitable to be carried by the angler:

- Fly anglers understand and obey laws and regulations associated with the fishery.
- Fly anglers believe fly fishing is a privilege and a responsibility.
- Fly anglers conserve fisheries by limiting their catch.
- Fly anglers do not judge fellow anglers and treat them as they would expect to be treated.
- Fly anglers respect the waters occupied by other anglers so that fish are not disturbed
- When fishing from a watercraft, fly anglers do not crowd other anglers or craft or unnecessarily disturb the water.
- Fly anglers respect other angling methods and promote this Code of Angling Ethics to all anglers.