

Fish Tales & Fly Lines

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE STONEFLY MAIDENS WOMEN'S FLY FISHING CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Wow, we had a great time in January! The tube fly tying night was a wonderful time. Due to the threatening snow that night, attendance was light at the meeting but those of us who made it got to learn about and tie our own marabou tube flies. Jessica is a great teacher. If you missed the meeting (or if you want a repeat) she will be doing a 'Saturday's in the Loft' presentation at Northwest Fly Fishing Outfitters on March 24th as well.

Speaking of Saturdays, by the time you read this we will have presented 'Flyfishing Opportunities for Women' on February 3rd at the same venue. Other events this month will include our big joint meeting on Valentine's Day with the Tualatin Valley chapter of Trout Unlimited, where we will feature well-known small fly expert Ed Engle, from Colorado. I'm really looking forward to meeting and greeting some other fly fishing enthusiasts and learning more about TU. I hope to see a lot of you on the 14th at the Lucky Labrador Public House in Multnomah Village. The Stonefly website has details linked to the calendar listing. You can also visit

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THIS MONTH WITH THE STONEFLY MAIDENS

Meeting info here: <http://www.stoneflymaidens.org/PDFs/Feb07Meeting.htm>

FEBRUARY STONEFLY MEETING

The February meeting will NOT be at the Iron Horse, we are combining our meeting with the Tualatin Valley chapter of Trout Unlimited to present a special speaker, Ed Engle.

TU meets at the Lucky Lab Public House in Multnomah Village. The meeting is February 14. (Yes, that is Valentine's Day.) The Public House menu is here:

<http://www.luckylab.com/html/menu.html#pubhouse>

They order and pay for their own food individually, and we will have our own bartender.

FISH-A-LONG

NOTE NEW DATE - SAT FEB 24TH

This month we will be fishing the Crooked River outside of Prineville, OR and it can be summed up in three words Trout Trout Trout. Rainbow Trout (& some whitefish) will be plentiful over the seven miles of fishable water with 2000 to 8000 fish per mile. Bank access is good but a wading staff is a must as the river is rocky and the mucky water color makes visibility low. Both dry fly and nymph presentations will be productive. Some must have flies are? Griffiths Gnat, Flashback Pheasant Tail, Sparkle Dun, Scuds in Orange or Olive (size 12-16.) Small Black Stoneflies are also good this month. Tilda Runner will be the fish-nistress this month (Thanks Tilda!) Trip sheet and contact numbers will be emailed prior to meeting. Hope to see you there - JD

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FLY OF THE MONTH

There will be no Fly of the Month raffle this month. But if you still want to test your skills? what's this fly (& I have caught trout with this on the Crooked River.

TYING SMALL FLIES

Ed Engle, this month's speaker is the author of *Tying Small Flies*. Taking trout on light-weight rods with flies as small as size 20 and 30 is a challenge. Learn to imitate midges' trailing shucks and drowned adults, tie tiny parachutes and white-winged Tricos, and create patterns that mimic micro-caddis and micro scuds. Engle covers small fly history, tying tools, and materials. Tips on fishing techniques come from Ed Engle's 30 years of experience fishing small flies on the South Platte River. Included is information on choosing the right hook, thread, wire, and amount of weight for small flies.

Ed Engle began writing a column about small flies for Fly Tyer magazine in 1996. His previous books are *Splitting Cane*, *Fly Fishing the Tailwaters*, and *Seasonal: A Life Outside*. He lives in Colorado, where he guides and instructs fly fishers on the South Platte River.

Ed says, "A lot of water has gone down the river since those early days. I still think the point of fishing is to catch fish, but I'm not as possessed by it now as I was when I started out. I like everything about fly fishing—the water, the places I go to catch fish, the casts, flies, boats and the friends I've made. And more than anything, it has always come down to the fish themselves for me. ...I just like looking at them, watching them swim, seeing what they do and how they act."



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RENEWAL TIME:

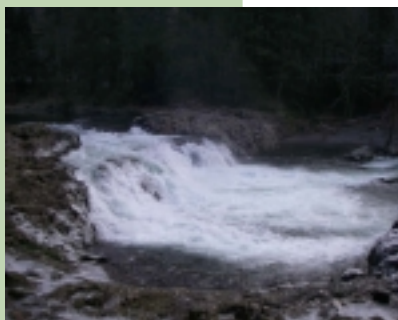
It's time to renew your Membership for SFM. See article on this page for more info. Our Club is a Federation of Fly Fishers chapter. You are encouraged to join or renew your membership in the national organization. Go to:

<http://www.fedflyfishers.org/abWhyJoin.php>

It's also time to pick up a new Oregon Fishing license, bringing in your old tags for their record keeping. For a Washington License go to : <https://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/>, but remember that Washington license goes from April to April.

"Many go fishing all their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after."

-Henry David Thoreau 1817-1862



Lucia Falls on Lewis

FISHTALE

FISHING REPORT: EAST FORK LEWIS RIVER HAPPY COLD STONEFLIES 7 / STEELHEADS - 0

We had a great turnout of members, not so great turnout of fish - but as usual the Stoneflies made the best of it and had a great time. We started the brisk (cold!) day at Lewisville Park, Battle Ground, WA and spread out to cherry pick the best wade-able water for Winter Steelhead. The riverbank in the park is long and provides lots of access. If the water was a little warmer and a little lower this would have been an excellent fishing location. I used the red/orange tube fly tied at the meeting - it was easy get on the line and cast, a little weight put it down quicker and it was easy to see in the water. After a few hours we headed up to beautiful Lucia Falls - it was too cold for the fish to be jumping but we think we saw a few hanging out near the bank. In the afternoon we headed over to Daybreak Park for some slower water and the hope of catching some fish as they started their evening migration ? alas no luck again. I did catch a great hot chocolate on the wayhome. -Fishmistress JD



MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

We now have 22 paid memberships for 2007. (We ended 2006 with 54 memberships) **Our membership roster (including contact info) and newsletter will be emailed to paid members only after the February meeting.** So, please pay your 2007 membership dues now. That's only \$25 for a single and \$40 for a family for the entire calendar year. If you can't attend this month's meeting at the Lucky Lab, please **mail your checks to SFM, PO Box 82412, Portland, OR 97282-0412.**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Our SFM checking account balance as of 1/31/07 is \$2424.98 which includes \$637.52 in CFR funds. Expenses this last month included payment for club FFF dues (\$192), PO Box fee (\$50), and club liability insurance (\$422). Thanks to Lisa and Jennifer for getting insurance quotes.

I will be away for 6 weeks following the February meeting. Please contact Robin or Jennifer for any membership or treasurer related questions. --Barbara Schmeirer

CFR-NORTHERN OREGON

The search for a CFR-Northern Oregon event location has taken a great deal of time and effort over the past few years. The original facility team came up with a list of three locations. Unfortunately, all three locations were unavailable during the event time frame we had set.

We then found a perfect spot to provide a wonderful environment for the retreat and good fishing, but at twice the cost of the usual CFR event. I spent many more hours searching the net and driving around Marion and Clackamas counties. I did locate an alter-

native spot where the facility costs were well with in the usual range and had good, but not optimal, conditions. After discussion with CFR national office, we have agreed to pursue the fundraising required to meet the expenses of the "perfect" spot: Rock Springs Guest Ranch in Bend. Our event will be held October 12-14, 2007.

I am confident that with support from the CFR casting clinic, Oregon Fly Fishers, Westfly and others, we will be able to meet the need this year. I do think that we should continue the search for a possible alternative site for 2008 or change of season (which may bring price down). In any case, the event for the women of 2007 will be wonderful.

I don't think I would have been as confident in making this choice if it had not been for the work Mary Ann Dozer and Lisa Wassgren. They made a tremendous effort to make the CFR Casting Clinic a reality in a very short time frame. The decision to do a casting clinic was made in November, and by January a stellar list of professionals have volunteered to teach classes. The support from the professional fishing experts has been overwhelming. In addition, technical issues like obtaining liability insurance for SFM to conduct such event had to be addressed. With this and other hurdles jumped, I believe we are very close to confirming the date and site of the clinic in April.

The next steps include: 1) informing our probable funders of the CFR-Northern Oregon event time and place, 2) getting National to send out the official press release, 3) get the publicity out to local media for the Casting Clinic; 4) send out pleading letters to current and former SFM members, 5) establish the traveling raffle in time for the sports shows, 6) start beating the bushes for more donations.

Thank you all for your support in the past year and I look forward with excitement to our success this year.--Sabina

BUG CLASS

Kate Andrews recommends this class: Ann Bufkin and I attended the "BUG CLASS" put on by John and Rick. It was great! It is all day, with a great lunch provided. You will be over whelmed by the amount of bug info they provide. John and his wife, Karen own the Deschutes Canyon Fly Shop, Maupin and are very supportive of our club. I recommend it..

FLY FISHING THE DESCHUTES AND OTHER WESTERN RIVERS

Where: Maupin, Oregon

Dates & Time: Saturday, March 24, 2007 from 5pm to 9pm/Sunday, March 25, 2007 from 9am to 4pm

Class includes dinner Saturday night followed by slide show and discussion on the keys to fishing western rivers. Sunday begins with a detailed presentation about western hatches and trout foods (how to recognize them, and how to select the flies that match them). After lunch you will spend the afternoon on the Deschutes River and learn first hand how to select the right flies and how to present them. Rick Hafele & John Smeraglio are two of the most respected and experienced fly-fishing instructors in the West, and this is a great chance to pick their brains!

Cost: \$130/person (includes dinner Saturday and lunch Sunday)

Registration: Contact Deschutes Canyon Fly Shop 1-866-647-4721 or at john@flyfishingdeschutes.com
Class size limited. Pre-registration required by 3/1/2007.

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www.luckylab.com for more information.

The Casting For Recovery team will have a table (at no charge, thanks to the promoters) at the Fly Fishing Show at the Convention Center here in Portland on the 17th and 18th. Come say Hi if you make it to the show. We'll also be signing up participants in the CFR Casting Clinic to be held Saturday April 28th. Lisa and Mary Ann have snagged some big names to teach the workshops, so we are hoping for a sell out on spots. In other CFR news, Sabina Smith, our CFR team captain, has announced that we have a venue for the CFR retreat, it's the Rock Springs Guest Ranch in Bend. Last but not least, due to the conflict with the Fly Fishing Show, the fishalong this month to the Crooked River has been moved to the next Saturday, the 24th. Jennifer will have the details for us at the February meeting. The Crooked is consistently good this time of year and it's a fun trip. Two years ago we had two members catch their first fish on flies on this trip.

Remember to renew your Oregon fishing license if you haven't yet, and hope to see you at the meeting, the show and on the Crooked (or at least one out of three?),

Robin Healy, President

CLASSES AT THE NW FLY TYERS AND FLY FISHING EXPO

We wanted to update you on the upcoming Northwest Fly Tyers and Fly Fishing Expo on March 9th and 10th at the Linn County Fairgrounds in Albany, Oregon. In the past, this Expo has featured over 100 fly tyers and been held in Eugene, Oregon. To meet the growing needs of fly anglers; the Oregon Council of the Federation of Fly Fishes has expanded the intent of the show. In addition to over 150 fly tyers to watch tying, **the show will offer 45 fly fishing classes** and include vendor booths.

We wanted to make sure you heard about the classes offered at the Expo and had the opportunity to sign up for classes you're interested in before the classes fill up. Yes, a few classes are already FULL. Classes will be offered in all aspects of fly fishing from Intro to Fly Fishing to Steelheading Oregon Streams to Fly Casting to Tying Flies. Regardless of your experience, we're sure you'll find a class that matches your interest and skill level. And the price is right ranging from \$5 for a one hour class and \$20 for a two hour class. There also are a number of free demonstrations and presentations during the Expo.

You can get a description, teacher's bio, and price on each class at the following URL:

<http://www.nwflytyersexpo.com/classes.php>

And by the way, Dave will be presenting 1) Introduction to Fly Fishing, and 2) Fishing Small Streams in Oregon, and Mary Ann will be presenting 3) Introduction to Fly Fishing for Women.

FFF is hosting a series of fisheries conservation sessions where we can learn more about the threats to fisheries sustainability and actions that we can take to ensure that there will be a bright fishing future in Oregon for our friends' families, and children. These sessions will be offered at lunchtime on both Friday and Saturday.

The class registration form is available to register online or by mail at <http://www.nwflytyersexpo.com/classes.php>

Lastly, admission into the show is free to Federation of Fly Fishers Members and Youths under 16. If you not a FFF member admission is only \$5.00, but becoming a member is encouraged!

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions. **We look forward to seeing you at the show!**

Dave and Mary Ann Dozer, dozer213@comcast.net

FLY FISHING ENTERTAINMENT HITS THE BIG SCREEN IN PORTLAND

The Angling Exploration Group, a media production company specializing in adventure fly fishing entertainment, would like to invite you to attend a fly fishing entertainment event in Portland, Oregon on February 15th, 2007 at the Mcmenamin's Baghdad Theater & Pub. We feel this event will be of special interest to your club and would like to request that we be added to your upcoming newsletter and any email broadcasts you may send out. Please let me know if you have any questions about the event! Hope to see you there!

<http://www.flyfishingfilmtour.com/>
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"Do not tell fish stories where the people know you; but particularly, don't tell them where they know the fish"
-Mark Twain



Lewis River Icicles

MEETING INFORMATION

We meet the second Wednesday of Each Month
 Iron Horse Restaurant, 6034 SE Milwaukie Ave,
 Portland, Oregon (503) 232-1826
 6:00 pm Social Time
 6:30 pm Business Meeting
 7:00 pm Speaker



STONEFLY MAIDENS WOMEN'S FLY FISHING CLUB

An Oregon Council-Federation of Fly Fishers
 Member Club

*Our Mission is to create opportunities, encourage,
 educate and mentor women's participation in the sport
 of fly fishing.*

*Our goal is to bring women together who share a love of
 fly fishing and the beauty of nature to create friendships
 and lasting memories.*

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CLUB CALENDAR

Meeting date	Meeting	Fishing Date	Fishing	Other
February 14	Ed Engle SPECIAL Joint meeting with Trout Unlimited @ Lucky Labrador Pub	February 24	Crooked River	2/17-18 Fly Fishing Show @ ORCC
March 14	Rob Crandall - Deschutes Trout & Steelhead Strategies	March 17	TBD	3/9-10 Fly Tyers Expo 3/10 Komen Life after BC
April 11	John Judy	April 14	Metolius River	4/28 CFR Casting Clinic @ Blue Lake Park Officers Mtg
May 9	Chris Santella Author of "50 Places to Fly Fish Before You Die"	May 12	TBD	5/5-6 Spey Clave Casting Practice
June 13	TBD	June 17 (sunday)	Clackamas River	6/16 5th Annual Women's Casting Clinic
July 11	Michael T Williams	July 14	Hosmer Lake	Bamboo Rod Fair
August 8	Brian Silvey	August 11	North Fork of the Middle Fork Willamette River	Officers Mtg
September 12		September 13-17	Skagit River Outing for Pink Salmon	
October 10	Scott Richmond-Fis- hing the Deschutes Election of 2008 Officers	October 13	Deschutes	CFR retreat Officers Mtg
Nov 14	Jakob Lund - Fly Fishing in Alaska		No fishing	
Dec 12	Holiday Party & Fly Swap		No fishing	