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MEETING INFO:

No meeting this month. See details of Summer Family Camp-Out

This month's fish-a-long:

July 13 and 14, 2002, Cascade Lakes Area

The ballots were sent out and some were returned (not very many) and the decision was made to have this year's Summer Family Camp-Out at Rock Creek Campground at Crane Prairie Reservation. You will have the opportunity to fish any of several lakes in the area and/or the Upper Deschutes River and Fall River. There are really big fish in the lakes and challenging fish in the rivers.

Rock Creek Campground is 49.8 miles southwest of Bend on the Cascade Lakes Highway (Hwy 46). Check the message board to see where our main campsite is. My husband Jeff is going over Thursday and will reserve one site for us for the weekend. I am planning to go over Friday evening after work (I'll be there late). If you are planning to come, let me know when you are going to be there and we can reserve a site close to ours for you. Everyone is responsible for their own food, but Saturday night we can pool resources and have dinner together. We will have a camp stove with us. RV/Trailer/Tent site fees are \$10 a night for the first and second vehicle and \$5 each additional vehicle.

Bring your float tubes, pontoon boats, or other type of boats if you want to fish the lakes. Some of the lakes do not allow big motors and others have speed limits. If fishing a lake isn't your idea of fun, the Upper Deschutes, the Little Deschutes, and the Fall River are very close by. Check out www.hookfish.com, the web site for the Hook Fly Shop in Sunriver, for fishing reports on the local waters.

Hope to see you at the Fish-a-long. Call me if you have any questions, want to carpool, need directions, etc.

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.

Fly Lines

I can't wait for this month's fish-a-long. One of my favorite areas to fish is the Cascade Lakes area of Central Oregon. There is so much variety of fishing opportunities and this beautiful area of Oregon. The only downside is the mosquitoes—don't forget your insect repellent, they will eat you alive. Crane Prairie is famous for its big rainbows that are quite the challenge to catch. Chironomids are becoming the fly of the day there, but types of typical lake flies work also. The Fall River is a pristine fly-fishing only river that I have found very challenging. That might be a place to go to catch an evening hatch. Remember if you are nymphing it, no lead weight other than what is tied in the fly is allowed (check your Oregon Fishing Regs.).

Summertime is a great time for exploring new waters and there are so many waters to explore in Oregon. Then there are the out of state waters. We just got back from Saratoga, Wyoming, fishing the North Platte River and Saratoga Lake. The fishing was a little slow, due to low water conditions and lack of angler knowledge. The Wyoming river access laws definitely made me glad I live in Oregon with its more liberal river access. One of these years, I will learn how to navigate and fish at the same time.

Have a good summer exploring. If you're looking for a fishing partner, give me a call.

Tilda

Fish-a-long Schedule

August 10 & 11	Umpqua River, Big K Ranch, Small-mouth Bass fishing
September 14	TBA
October 12	Deschutes River – October Caddis Hatch
November	None Scheduled
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.

Saturday July 20, 9:00am - 4:00pm, Jon Covich Representing: R.L.Winston Rod Co. makers of fine fly rods at our store. Cast a Winston Rod for a chance to win an Outcast Fat Cat 66 Float Tube. FREE CASTING LESSONS!!! FREE BARBEQUE (noon-on)!!! FREE PRIZES (every hour)!!!

For The Ladies Only! Win A Very Rare Unused IM-6 Joan Wulff Favorite Winston Rod Worth \$595. A special drawing will be held July 20 for women only. Must be present to win.

Deschutes Canyon Fly Shop -- Maupin 541.395.2565 www.flyfishingdeschutes.com

July 13 Rick Hafele Entomology and Fly fishing Class, 9:00am at the shop. \$75 for a ½ day of classroom instruction and ½ day of on-the-water instruction. Contact the shop to pre-register.

August 24 Rick Hafele Entomology and Fly fishing Class, 9:00am at the shop. \$75 for a ½ day of classroom instruction and ½ day of on-the-water instruction. Contact the shop to pre-register.

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.

BOW

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 lizkrait@aol.com for more information and registration.

HOW DO YOU RATE YOURSELF ON ANGLING ETIQUETTE? (FFF ClubWire)

These 10 questions were adopted from an article by Al Kyte, "In Search of Etiquette," (California Fly Fisher, Sept-Oct '94; we acknowledge the generous permission of the California Fly Fisher to reprint it here).

1. While fishing a river you arrive at a favorite pool to find another angler already fishing there. You believe there is enough room for two anglers to fish. Do you ask the other angler's permission before casting into that pool?
2. While passing an upstream-fishing angler on a small stream, do you note his or her rate of movement, stay back from the bank, and walk far enough around to leave that angler an estimated half-hour of undisturbed water before fishing again?
3. When fishing your way down along a creek, you notice an angler approaching you from downstream. Do you stop fishing and move around that angler, thus honoring the tradition of yielding the right-of-way to an upstream-fishing angler?
4. When you are fishing a spot where anglers must wade or float through to reach other water, do you yield your right-of-way to such access?
5. When you approach an angler on a lake or spring creek, do you stop far enough away to leave a little unfished water between your casts and his or her longest casts and drifts?
6. While float tubing you notice a fish rising behind a nearby angler's float tube within his or her casting range. You also notice that the angler seems preoccupied in casting to other rising fish. Do you alert that angler to the fish rising behind the tube and cast to it only if invited to do so?
7. While boat fishing on a river, you find yourself approaching a wading angler. Do you guide the boat's course away from the water being fished, keep as low and quiet as possible, and avoid dropping anchor where it might disturb that person's fishing?
8. When walking along a spring creek, do you walk well back from the banks to avoid spooking fish and even farther back around any visible angler?

9. When you encounter another angler, are you likely to acknowledge that person's presence with a friendly gesture, smile or greeting?

10. When approaching a river pool, you see an angler on shore who isn't fishing. Do you consider that he or she might be resting the water and ask permission to fish there?

If you can answer, "YES" to questions such as these, you've already learned that there is far more to being a competent angler than your ability to catch fish.