

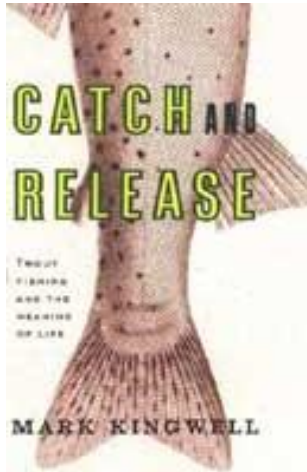


Stonefly Maidens Women's Fly Fishing Club

Catch and Release: Trout Fishing and the Meaning of Life

Rosemarie Stein

A Book Review
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A busy day runs into a busy week and in the middle of it all someone throws a new fly fishing book on your desk. "Arggg, I don't have time to read another fly fishing book!"

Never fear...Mark Kingwell's opening statement might immediately free you to resume your harried life. "This is NOT a book about fly fishing." And it isn't. The book store might shelve it with other "can't miss" titles about fly tying, how to read the water, trout vs. small mouth bass, etc...but this book is no more about fly fishing than "Star Wars is about space exploration. Sure, Kingwell gives fishing its due as a puritanical and addictive sport. But the book studies

fishing through the lens of a philosopher (he's a professor of philosophy at a Canadian university) and relates it to some of life's bigger mysteries:

"Why does man long to be alone, yet seeks out the company of others?" (it's best to fish alone, but to whom then would we brag about our latest catch?); "What are the best methods of procrastination?" (tasks that can be put off until tomorrow probably don't need doing at all); "Why do I seek to make fools of my brothers?" (Kingwell and his brother married sisters...big mistake), and "Why does boat beer not count as 'drinking' before noon?" Common are the themes of brotherhood and maleness. Kingwell spends a chapter convincing the reader that it

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Meeting Information

- June 8, 2005
6:00 pm Social Hour
7:00 pm Business Meeting and Speaker
- Iron Horse Restaurant
6034 SE Milwaukie Ave
Portland, Oregon
(503) 232-1826
- Speaker: Scott Richmond
10 Tips for Better Trout Fishing on the Deschutes

This Month with the Stonefly Maidens

The speaker at this month's meeting is Scott Richmond, the force behind Westfly.com and author of Fishing in Oregon's Cascade Lakes, Fishing in Oregon's Deschutes River, Fishing in Oregon's Endless Season and several books in the River Journal series (The Rogue and the Crane Prairie/Deschutes Headwaters editions). Scott's topic will be "10 Tips for Better Trout Fishing on the Deschutes".

Saturday June 11 is our 3rd annual Free

Women's Casting Clinic. This is always a good time. See the Casting Clinic page on our website for more information.

The June fish-a-long is on Sunday, June 12, and it's to the Clackamas River. We invite participants in the Casting Clinic to join us. Remember, it's Free Fishing Weekend, so no license is required (you still have to follow the regs, though). We'll have details at the meeting.

Fly Lines

Now is the time for a few ramblings from your favorite newsletter editor. The past few weeks, I have been getting ready for the casting clinic, practicing, teaching, planning, whatever comes to mind. I have begun to find out that teaching others the sport that I love is almost as much fun as actually fishing. It is exciting to see the "aha" look on someone's face when the explanation suddenly comes together.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you and all of the other participants at the casting clinic on June 11. Remember that this is not just for non-members. In fact, the clinic is for members first and we invite

others to see what we are all about. There is a lot more to fly fishing than just casting. Good casting gives you a better opportunity to catch fish.

Don't forget the fish-a-long on the Clackamas River. The Clackamas is our home river with some beautiful water to fish. This is a great opportunity to fish locally and to show our casting clinic guests how much fun we have together.

So...come help me teach other women about our sport and find out how great it feels to see their face light up when everything comes together.

Tilda Runner



Name This Fly Contest

Write the name of this fly on a raffle ticket with your name. The first person drawing with the correct name of the fly wins six of them along with the recipe for tying your own. Thanks, Robin, for tying common nymph pattern.

Goings On

BOW



June 11 - 12, Multi-activity Workshop, La Pine State Park

June 25 - 26, Wild Coastal Edibles, South Slough, Charleston

July 30, Spearfishing Training Dive and Marine ID Class Waldo Lake

Aug 27, Spearfishing at Cape Lookout N. Oregon Coast

More Information

If you have questions about BOW, any workshop, or the registration process, do not hesitate to call or e-mail the BOW staff:

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OREGON COUNCIL FFF

August 5, Deadline for entries in the Oregon State Fair Fly Tying Competition

August 8-13, FFF Conclave, Livingston, Montana

August 27, Fly Tying Demonstration, Oregon State Fair

Fly Fishing Shops

Don't forget to check out the links on the Stonefly Maidens website for the fly fishing shops that support the club. Many of them have great classes available.

Book Review

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does not immediately follow that a Canadian man who prefers fly fishing, fine clothing, wine and gourmet food is gay.

Women reading this type of literature might laugh and shake their heads and wonder where a man in his late 30s finds the time to study his navel in such excruciating detail. But a window into a man's soul (or at least some men's souls) often offers a view we don't take the time to savor.

In almost all cases with fishing books, the reader is left feeling humbled by the knowledge or dedication of the author. Kingwell humbles with his breadth and scope of questions involving life and its possibilities.

Again, this is not a book about fishing. Were that the aim, the shot would land well off the mark. Once Kingwell's trail is unearthed though, the reader is off on a fun exploration of why we choose to do what we choose to do, in this case, fish.

Editor's Note: Thanks Rosie for the great book review. Member articles are welcome any time for the newsletter.



Member Profile—Robin Healy

This month we are starting a new feature to the newsletter. Each month we will introduce a member so you can get to know her better. This month meet Robin Healy, our Program Coordinator.

NOT SO VITAL STATISTICS:



Occupation:
PC technician for the
Housing Authority of
Portland

Flyfishing for: 2 years

Member of the club:
2 years

Favorite place to fish:
Lakes

Other hobbies/interests: reading, gardening, yoga, camping

Originally from California, I fished as a kid, and enjoyed deep-sea fishing. I hadn't handled a rod in years, though two of my brothers are commercial fishermen. My husband, Tom, and I enjoy camping and the outdoors and decided to learn fly fishing when we went to Yellowstone on our honeymoon in 2002 and saw all the fly fishers at the airport.

We got each other fly rods for Christmas and took a lesson together in August of 2003, and the next weekend I came to the first Stonefly Maidens casting clinic. I've gotten to fish a lot more than him, thanks to the club. He joined too, but doesn't get to participate as much because of his work schedule.

I was given a fly-tying station and lots of tools and materials this winter by my Uncle Bill, who's losing his eyesight to macular degeneration. I am really enjoying learning to tie.

I'd like to try salt-water fishing (like for tarpon or bonefish) and might get a chance, one of my brothers is talking about moving to Key West!

The club has been a great thing for me, I really enjoy all the women friends I've met in it. I got really involved right away, first as the volunteer webmaster, then as raffle coordinator. This year I'm program coordinator. If anyone has any suggestions for speakers for the meetings or places to go fishing, please contact me at programs@stoneflymaidens.org.



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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Calendar

Date	Meeting (Speakers subject to change)	Fish-a-long Date	Location (Locations tentative)
June 8	Scott Richmond	June 11	Casting Clinic, Blue Lake Park
		June 12	Clackamas River, Trout (Women only)
July 13	Michael T Williams, Backcountry Fly-Fishing	July 16	Big K Ranch, Smallmouth Bass (Women only)
		July 23	Merrill Lake, Hexegenia Hatch Bonus
August 10	Andy Pibal, Carp Fishing	July 13	Carp Fishing
September 14	Patty Barnes, Saltwater Fishing in Mexico	September 16-19	Skagit River, Pink Salmon (Women only)
October 12	Judith O'Keefe, Float Tube Fly Fishing	October 15	Hosmer Lake (Women only)
November 9	TBA		None scheduled
December 14	Christmas Party		None scheduled