

Fish Tales & Fly Lines

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

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

February was a busy month; we really had a lot going on. First the February 14 meeting, with the members of Trout Unlimited, Tualatin Valley Chapter, with Ed Engle as our speaker. This was a full house event and all parties seemed to enjoy it. Ed was a terrific speaker, gave a very complete presentation on catching difficult trout, with some really nice slides, showing things like different casts, in a way that made it easy to understand. I had the pleasure of chauffeuring Ed to and from the meeting and had a chance to get to know him a little, what a nice guy! Many thanks to TU chapter President Hank Hosfield for helping coordinate and making us feel welcome. The raffle proceeds from our items and the nice landing net donated by their club raised about \$150 for CFR. Congratulations to winners Kate Andrews and Marti Franc.

The Fly Fishing Film Tour, at the McMenamin's Bagdad Theater on the 15th was a lot of fun, too. Our group took up almost a whole row of the theater, and saw a lot of the local fly fishing crowd (Katherine Hart, Tim Rajeff, the guys from Countrysport, who were sponsors of the event, Scott Richmond, Brian Chou, etc). There were giveaways and informational tables in the lobby of the theater. Met Chris Owens, one of the founders of the Angling Exploration Group (the Trout Bum Diaries guys) at the FF Show and he said that if they had known about our CFR project, we could have had a table there. So, if this becomes a regular thing, maybe next time we will have a spot. Another one of the guys, Ryan Davey, has a very interesting article in the new Fly Rod & Reel magazine about the generation gap in fly fishing, check it out.

Then on the 17th and 18th the Fly Fish-

THIS MONTH WITH THE STONEFLY MAIDENS:

ROB CRANDALL

Rob Crandall grew up on the Clackamas river chasing trout and steelhead from an early age. Fishing is his passion. Rob has managed a flyshop, taught flyfishing classes and schools, led expeditions to Montana and fished around the world. Currently, Rob lives in Oregon City, (8.5 minutes from the nearest boat ramp) and does guided float trips on the Deschutes, Clackamas, NF Nehalem and works for Frank Amato Publications when he is not on the river. Rob has been filmed in a number of different TV Show and videos including Flyfish TV, Columbia Country TV and others. Rob will be selling a DVD on 2 flyfishing shows with FlyfishTV as well as pre-tied indicator rigs he has specialized for Steelhead indicator fishing. You can see more of Rob's products on www.crandallfish.com



ing Show was terrific for us! We really got the word out about CFR and the Stoneflies. We actually ran out of club brochures, which we had only brought as an afterthought, and when I picked up the mail on Tuesday, we had 2 new memberships. I think there is a connection there! We all got to meet or renew acquaintances with a lot of people in the industry and I had a few of the 'big names' say they would love to help us in the future, when they saw our Casting Clinic information. Jennifer

did a great job in rounding up volunteers and getting the booth set up and broken down. Thanks volunteers and big thanks to Jennifer! The February Fishalong was small for several reasons. Due to weather and the water release on the Crooked, we had changed it to the Metolius at the last minute. Snow over the pass kept most people away, but it was quite pretty once you got there. Sabina, Jenni-

FISH-A-LONG

Saturday, March 17th we will be fishing at the St. Louis Ponds near the community of Gervais, south of Woodburn. A group of seven ponds on 55 acres with 7 miles of bank fishing (floating devices are prohibited.) The ponds are in an attractive setting of natural undergrowth and have a little bit of everything in them, including largemouth bass, channel cats, bluegill, crappie, red sunfish and trout (different ponds = different fish) "Close-ish" to home, this fishing is easy access, nice parking and real paths to the ponds. Hope to see you there - JD vicepres@stoneflymaidens.org



FLY OF THE MONTH

At the fly shop, while I was pretending to be an actual fisherman I said "this is an ant pattern right?" ? WRONG!! Stop by the meeting to put in your correct answer for the fly raffle.

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BOOK/VIDEO REVIEW SKIP MORRIS' FLY TYING MADE CLEAR & SIMPLE

Skip Morris is a well recognized name in Northwest fly tying circles. He also has a monthly column in the magazine Flyfishing and Tying Journal.

Recently I had the chance to buy this video for the club's library. I've owned the book it's based on for several years, along with Skip's "The Art of the Dry Fly". Watching the video, I found it to be a great introduction to tying. It presents a lot of information in a 'clear and simple' fashion, showing the tying of a Rick's Caddis, Woolly Bugger, Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear, Adams and Elk Hair Caddis from start to finish, along with the necessary techniques. Someone who has had a class recently might find the first half hour or 45 minutes unnecessary, as he introduces the tools and materials, but the fly tying portion is quite well done. I fully recommend this combination (buy the book but borrow the video from the club library) to anyone who wants to get started or get back into tying flies.

If anyone would like to borrow my book to go along with the video, just email me at president@stoneflymaidens.org and I will bring it to a meeting. I do suggest you buy your own copy, though. It contains many more flies than what are shown on the video and makes a good reference

book. - - Robin

FISHTALE

February Fishalong Report

Myself, Jennifer and Sabina set out from the Wizard Falls Hatchery around 11:30 on Saturday morning. The weather was not as cold as you would think, given the snow on the ground (which kept building up on our felt soles as we walked the trail). Every so often a little snow flurry and a few sun breaks. No visible hatches, we were drifting small nymphs, including one we found at the Camp Sherman Store, called a GBK Rubber Leg Stone in size 8, which has a neat sort of glowing property due to all the iridescent materials used in it. However, we were skunked. Jennifer did spot a big fish but it spooked when she raised her rod to cast.

Sunday morning I was starting to pack my car when John Judy drove up, having gotten my email that we would be here, and he and I ended up going fishing. We were drifting white streamers for bull trout (my 5 & 6 wt rods were not big enough, he loaned me a 7wt). We spotted probably 50 fish and moved a few but no hook-ups. Late in the day we switched to a nymph, indicator and dropper. That was the ticket! He landed 2 and hooked a few more than that. I hooked 4 and landed one, he estimated it at 5 lbs and 24 inches! Biggest fish of my life!

The Camp Sherman Cabin was wonderful, I reserved it for the April fishalong weekend, so we can use it as a headquarters. As usual, the company was a lot of fun, Sabina's husband Michael made us a delicious dinner on Saturday night. And Roger at the Camp Sherman Store has a table for us at the July Bamboo Rod Fair. More on that as it develops.

See the pictures on the website: <http://www.stoneflymaidens.org/gallery/albums.php>

—Robin Healy



Robin, Sabina, & Jennifer brave Camp Sherman

CFR-NORTHERN OREGON

The CFR Northern Oregon Event is on!

The first Northern Oregon retreat is scheduled for October 12-14th at the Rock Springs Guest Ranch in Bend, OR.

The entire SFM-CFR team is busy working on fund raising activities. Our first accomplishment was the CFR booth at the Fly Fishing Show! The space at the show was donated by the show organizers. Our own orga-



Penny, Kathy, Jennifer & Robin at Fly Fishing Show

nizer, Jennifer D. did a stellar job pulling together all the bits and pieces to make a great booth and have a good time doing it. Many thanks to the other booth volunteers: Robin, Marti, Lisa W, Penny, Karen, Jessica and DeeDee

In addition to the funds raised by SFM efforts at the booth, we heard that our good friend Cathy T. of the Women on the Fly was able to get a donation from the Native Fish Society for both Oregon events.

Coming up in March we have two booths to staff! The Northwest Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo in Albany on Friday the 9th and Saturday the 10th. FFF is helping us get the word out and raise funds for CFR by providing us a free booth at the Expo.

This is the Oregon Council FFF's big fundraiser for the year. The Council supports Casting for Recovery, and we urge you to support them. [More information on their website.](#) Remember, admission is \$5.00 but FFF members get in free of charge!

The second booth is at Komen Foundation's Issues after Breast Cancer Conference on Saturday March 10th 8AM-4PM. This is an informational booth only-no fund raising. Please contact Sabina (cfr@stoneflymaidens.org) if you are interested in taking a shift.

Don't miss the really big fundraising event April 28th, 2007. Mary Ann and Lisa have put together a Fly Casting Clinic at Blue Lake Regional Park with many of the big names from the Northwest volunteering to teach classes or provide custom instruction. This is a great opportunity to build your skills, so be sure to sign up AND support CFR at the same time—Sabina

GOINGS ON AROUND TOWN

NORTHWEST FLY TYER AND FLY FISHING EXPO – 2007 MARCH 9TH AND 10TH, ALBANY, OREGON

The Oregon Council Federation of Fly Fishers and the Federation Fly Fisher Clubs of Oregon are organizing and providing to the public the nineteenth Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo March 9th and 10th, 2007. The event will be held at the Linn County Fair and Expo Center in Albany, Oregon.

This year's event has expanded and will include:

1. **Fly Tyer demonstration** – 70 tyers will be demonstrating at time and rotating every 3 hours (170 different tyers have registered to be present).
2. **Classes on tying, casting, and fishing** – 40 classes are being offered. Pre-registration is recommended (prices range from \$5.00 to \$100.00).
3. **Destination Theater** will provide programs on fishing and conservation – free with changing menu's hourly.
4. **Beginning tyers tables** – tie your first fly (regardless of your age) with help from the pros.
5. **Visit exhibit booths** and try your next rod at the indoor casting pond, custom made nets, drift boats, guides and more.
6. **Raffle tables** where you can try to win everything from hooks to books.
7. **Silent Auction tables** where you can bid on vises to tying material or tools.
8. **Saturday night is banquet and live auction**– view the live auction items in the expo hall – fly plates and guided fishing trip and many more other items.

Admission: Federation of Fly Fisher members – FREE with membership card

General Public – \$5.00 Parking at Fairground – FREE

Visit the website for the complete schedule, to register for classes, purchase banquet tickets, or see who the tyers are that will be present. [HTTP://WWW.NWFLYTYERSEXPO.COM/INDEX.PHP](http://www.nwflytyersexpo.com/index.php)

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fer and I had a good day, though fishless, on Saturday. However, if you read your email, you know I went out again on Sunday with John Judy, our April speaker, and caught my biggest fish yet, a 24 inch, 5 lb. bull trout! What a rush! I'm really looking forward to going back in April!

Looking forward: By the time we meet in March the FFF's Northwest Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo will have been completed. Again, we are going to be very visible at this event, with a CFR booth being coordinated by Jessica, and Tilda's registration volunteers, plus a full table at the banquet/auction. I've sent out an email asking for interested tyers to contact me about participating in next year's Expo. I think it would be great to have more women represented at this event. This year there were 8 women out of about 70 tyers.

This month our speaker is Rob Crandall, who helped member Tilda Runner catch her first fish on a fly! Rob is a great guy and I think everyone will enjoy his presentation. Jennifer will have more on the Fishalong, we are going to the St. Louis Ponds, a nearby location (near Woodburn) with bank access, so no special gear needed. Let's make a good showing!

Next special event is the April Casting Clinic. If you haven't already signed up for a class, I recommend it. All the teachers are FFF Certified and some are Master Certified Casting Instructors. The prices are very reasonable, and, of course, the proceeds go to our adopted cause, Casting for Recovery. I'll be in charge of lunch, if you want to help on that, let me know!

All in all, I just want to say I have never been prouder to be a Stonefly Maiden. Seeing the reaction to our club at these events has been very gratifying. At the FF Show we talked to a lot of women (and some of their husbands/ boyfriends/fathers) about women in fly fishing and the positive comments were great to hear. We are no longer seen as second-class fishers (of course, we know, we never were!). In closing, I just want to say, continue to get out there and fish! If you need some inspiration, check out this website: <http://www.fisheyeguyphotography.com> Beautiful underwater photos of fish! --Robin Healy



Robin Healy with Bull Trout on the Metolious

JOIN THE STONEFLY MAIDENS!

The Stonefly Maidens welcome any woman who is interested in fly fishing to become a member of the club.

Dues are \$25 per year. Family memberships are \$40 per year. Membership is through December 31. Fill out the membership form

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WWW.STONEFLYMAIDENS.ORG/

[PDFs/BROCHURE_2006.PDF](http://WWW.STONEFLYMAIDENS.ORG/PDFs/BROCHURE_2006.PDF)

and mail it to:

Stonefly Maidens Women's Flyfishing Club

P.O. Box 82412

Portland, OR 97282-0412

Or bring it to a meeting with you! Questions? Email

MEMBERSHIP@STONEFLYMAIDENS.ORG

MANY MEN GO FISHING ALL OF THEIR LIVES WITHOUT KNOWING THAT IT IS NOT FISH THEY ARE AFTER. ~HENRY DAVID THOREAU

IF PEOPLE CONCENTRATED ON THE REALLY IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE, THERE'D BE A SHORTAGE OF FISHING POLES. ~DOUG LARSON

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
March 14	Rob Crandall - Deschutes Trout & Steelhead Strategies	March 17	St. Louis Ponds, Gervais, OR	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 Sandy River Spey Clave
June 13	Conservation Night with Trout Unlimited, Sierra Club, Save Our Wild Salmon	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, Camp Sherman, July 21/22 Annual FFF Conclave, Livingston, MT July 31-Aug 4
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-Fishing 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	Katherine Hart- Fishing Costa Rica Holiday Party & Fly Swap		No fishing	