

Fish Tales & Fly Lines

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

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

April was a whirlwind month, with the Metolius trip and the FFF Leadership conference (see article) as well as the just finished CFR Casting Clinic. All were very successful and lots of fun too. We had our quarterly board meeting and new member Kelley joined us for that. The decision was made to purchase a grill for the club's use at club events. We are also reconsidering the N. Fork of the Middle Fork of the Willamette trip in August and are looking for something closer to home (perhaps the Nestucca or Upper Trask). Coming up on the radar: the Spey Clave, our 5th Annual Free Women's Casting Clinic in June and the Metolius Bamboo Rod Fair in July.

This month's speaker, Chris Santella, is going to be a lot of fun, if you have never read his books, I highly recommend you check them out: 50 Places to Fly Fish Before You Die and 50 Favorite Fly Fishing Tales. See you at the meeting or on the water,

Robin

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By Robin Healy

THIS MONTH WITH THE STONEFLY MAIDENS:



Chris Santella is a freelance writer and marketing consultant based in Portland, Oregon. His books include Fifty Places To Fly Fish Before You Die, Fifty Favorite Fly Fishing Tales, Fifty Places To Play Golf Before You Die, Fifty Places To Sail Before You Die and Fifty Places To Go Birding Before You Die (October, 2007). His stories have appeared in many publications, including the New York Times, New Yorker, San Jose Mercury News, American Lawyer, Travel & Leisure, Fly Rod & Reel and Field & Stream.

Chris will share some slides and stories from Fifty Favorite Fly Fishing Tales. He will also have copies of Fifty Favorite Fly Fishing Tales and Fifty Places to Fly Fish Before You Die for sale and signing at the meeting



FLY OF THE MONTH

Well they can't all be hard!! Stop by the meeting to put in your "guess" for the fly raffle.

OREGON COUNCIL FFF 2007 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND SPRING COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday, April 21 – Leadership Conference

The purpose was 'to improve relations between the Council and its fine group of Charter and Affiliated Clubs'. For those who don't know, the Stonefly Maidens are an Affiliate Club, in that our club pays dues to belong to the FFF but individual membership is elective. In a Charter Club, all club members are required to be FFF members. The decision to be an Affiliate Club was based on the idea that additional dues (\$35/year for an individual and \$45/year for a family) would be a burden to new members that might prevent them from joining.

The conference was attended by officers from at least 12 different clubs from the Oregon Council. The Stonefly Maidens membership was represented by Council officers Tilda Runner (Secretary) and Mary Ann Dozer (VP of Membership) as well as Jennifer Dunn

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FISH-A-LONG - SAT MAY 12TH

This month we will be fishing at Roslyn Lake near Sandy, Oregon with 130 acres of stocked trout fishing. It is currently owned by PGE as part of their Bull Run hydro project and will be affected by the planned removal of Marmot Dams later this year so it is a good time to see it before it changes. The lake does not allow motorized boats but float tubs, canoes, row boats are OK. It is not terribly bank casting friendly, so bring your float tubes – if you do not have one remember the club has a loaner float – just let me know if you want to use it. Hope to see you there - JD

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**CASTING FOR
RECOVERY(R) (CFR)
TO PARTICIPATE IN
ROSE FESTIVAL'S
CENTENNIAL GRAND
FLORAL PARADE**

PORTLAND, Ore. — (Business Wire)— Casting For Recovery(R) (CFR), an educational and support program for breast cancer survivors, announced today that it will promote its worthy cause with a float entry in the Portland Rose Festival's Centennial Grand Floral Parade on June 9. CFR's float entry, "To Fish is to Hope", is being co-sponsored by Baseline Consulting, a premier business advisory and information technology (IT) consulting firm, and Humphrey Strategic Communications, an IT public and analyst relations firm. —TMCnet.com

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ON EARTH?
THE SANDY RIVER
SPEY CLAVE, MAY
6, AT OXBOW PARK
ON THE SANDY
RIVER**

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CFR-NORTHERN OREGON

CO-ED FLY CASTING CLINIC FUNDRAISER

What can I say about the Co-Ed Fly Casting Clinic CFR Fundraiser? There isn't just one word to describe the success and pleasure everyone experienced on Saturday, April 28th at Blue Lake Park. There isn't just one word to express the gratitude and appreciation to Mary Ann and Lisa for the work they did to make this event such a success but thanks and congratulations go out to them both and their many helpers from the SFM.

For those of you who missed it, the Co-Ed Casting Clinic (I am using this term to distinguish it from the SFM Women's Free Casting Clinic which is in June) was a full day of fly fishing instruction at Blue Lake Park. We had 13 FFF certified instructors who gave us an entire day of their valuable time. Each instructor had 2-4 students for a morning and an afternoon session. The day started out cool and over-cast. Hot coffee was on hand to get everyone going and most people warmed up after a few casts. Morning sessions included: presentation, accuracy, distance and beginner. We had custom instruction available also. Mary Ann did a great job with a special student, our youngest participant, an 8-year old who is planning to go fishing with his dad this summer. When he was done for the morning, he was very excited and planned to come back next year! This is a great compliment, because at first, he didn't want to participate in the clinic when he heard there were no fish to be had!

The sun came out at lunch time. Afternoon sessions went well; especially after Robin made sure everyone had some sun block and water. The afternoon casting sessions were similar to the morning with the addition of two-handed spey class. I can tell you, that those spey casters were fierce with those lines!

The comments from participants at the lunch break were all positive. I heard only praise and thanks for such a great experience around the table. One comment, heard most often, was appreciation for the extra attention from the instructors. The class size and session length allowed everyone to get personalized instruction from the experts and every instructor was knowledgeable and adept at teaching their craft.

We don't have the official numbers yet, but this event with 51 participants and 71 sessions netted around \$3000 for our donation to CFR.

Great Job everyone, and thanks to the following instructors for their time and effort: Stan Steele, Brian & Judith O'Keefe, Brian Chou, Dick Sagara, Dwight Klemin, Katherine Hart, Al Buhr, Donna Teeny, Jim Teeny, Leroy Teeple, Ron Lauzon, and Rachel Andras

Thanks also to the SFM for their help: Dave Dozer, Barbara Schmierer, Dee Dee Phillips, Karen Erde, Jessica Sall, Penny Iwamasa, Rebecca Young, Robin Healy, and Jennifer Dunn --Sabina Smith

FISHTALE

MAY 07

As the newest angler on the executive board, I try to represent the interests of those of us who have only been fly fishing for a short time. My first fish-a-long with the SFM was in January 2006, when I fell into the Sandy River within 5 minutes of getting into the frigid water. Planning to go on a trip within an hour's drive of Portland, to a place I had been many times before was not too intimidating. Even getting to the Lewis River in Washington this January was doable. The trip to the Crooked River in February though with snow on the ground, had me in a tizzy. I like taking risks, but driv-



Metolius Fish A Long

ing 3 hours to a place I did not know to hook up with a group at a vague meeting place was more than I could put together. The experienced anglers in the group take this all in stride.

My goal in joining SFM last year was to find fishing partners and improve my very limited fly fishing knowledge. I want to help other members who joined for the same reasons by making it easier for the newbies amongst us to get out on the water. Here are some tips to use the resources of the club to get yourself fishing more:

- Come to monthly meetings to meet other club members
- Look at the Club Calendar (on the website, and on pg 4 of the newsletter) and plan to go on the fishalongs.
- Email Jessica, vice president in charge of setting up trips with any questions about the trips or if you need help in planning to go. (vicepres@stoneflymaidens.org)
- Email the membership stoneflies@stoneflymaidens.org if you want to find another member to drive with or get lodging with for overnight trips or just to find out what other members know about the trip. (*This can help if you are like me and don't want to wait for the Wednesday*)

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CLUB BUSINESS

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and I in our roles as club vice president and president.

The conference utilized small and large group discussions to formulate a list of goals to submit to the Council at their Board of Directors meeting the following day for ratification. The groups came up with 5 goals/priorities. The first two were decided on as being the most important and achievable, so they are what were brought forward the next day. Also in the discussions, the relationship between National FFF and the Councils was clarified for many of the attendees. For example, though club dues are paid to National, the local Council gets none of that money (they used to), which explains why the Expo is such an important fundraiser for the Oregon Council. It is their primary source of income.

There was much support for more leadership conferences, for example, inviting specific officers (ie newsletter editors or conservation chairs) who could form their own groups to exchange ideas.

Priorities for the Council (in priority order)

•Create an effective Website for the council. This will improve:

- Council to club communications
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- Breaking bread - More face-to-face contact between Council and clubs
- Council officers to visit clubs
- Clubs to improve on sending delegates to quarterly council meetings
- More involvement by clubs in Council activities (ie Expo)
- ORCFFF Marketing - Improve materials such as the 'blue' brochure to promote the Council
- Pooling Purchasing Power - Look into volume discounts for (examples would be liability insurance or digital projectors for presentations)
- Improve Council newsletter (The Oregon Flyfisher)

Sunday, April 22 – Quarterly ORCFFF Meeting

The agenda was pretty well covered, and I expect our FFF rep, Mary Ann, will make a more detailed report. As an observer, I was impressed by the efficiency with which a long complex agenda was quickly sorted out and decisions made. A large block of time was for the Expo report. The new expanded Expo was a big success and planning for the 20th annual Expo next year is underway. The plans are to go to a more team-based volunteer structure (as opposed to working individual committee chairs almost to death!) and involve the clubs

much earlier in the planning process. It is my hope, of course, that the Stonefly Maidens will again be well represented in the volunteer ranks.

One of the last items was a funding request by the Stonefly Maidens for \$250 to purchase lunch for the 5th Annual Free Women's Casting Clinic coming up on June 16. After a little discussion and explanation of the casting clinic's history and how it furthers the goals of the Council and the Stonefly Maidens, the request was granted. We appreciate the Council's support for our efforts!

Report by Robin Healy, President, Stonefly Maidens

JOIN FFF NOW!

www.fedflyfishers.org/abjoin.php

before the trip to make your plans.)

- Read the trip sheet when it comes out the week before the fishalong.
- Go to <http://www.westfly.com/> to get more detailed information about the fishing local, and what flies are recommended.
- Go to your local fly fishing shop to pick up a few flies that are appropriate for the area. (<http://www.stoneflymaidens.org/links.html>)
- Practice knot tying before you get to the river to improve your confidence.
- Come to the Free Women's Casting Clinic http://www.stoneflymaidens.org/casting_clinic.html and next year, don't miss the Co-Ed Clinic April 2008, as you will be ready to really improve your skills by then!
- Plan to come on the extended trip in September to the Skagit. (*Going on last years trip really taught me a lot, especially what a fun group SFM is.*)

Tell me what else you need to make it easier for you to join us on fishalongs. We want you to fish with us!!

–Karen Erde, newsletter@stoneflymaidens.org

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Dee Dee Phillips catches a fish on the Metolius

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
May 9	Chris Santella Author of "50 Places to Fly Fish Before You Die"	May 12	Roslyn Lake	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 Woment'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 (subject to change to closer river ? Trask or Nestuka)	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 October 12-14 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	