



**Stonefly Maidens**  
Ladies Fly Fishing  
Club Newsletter  
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AN OREGON COUNCIL-FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS MEMBER CLUB

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**MEETING INFO:**

Next meeting: WEDNESDAY November 12, 2003

**Iron Horse Restaurant**, 6034 SE Milwaukie Ave, Portland, Oregon, 503-232-1826

They prefer to create a tab for each table, rather than one for each person. It is also helpful if we can pay in cash rather than by credit or debit card. Let's look on this as an opportunity to meet new members and guests of the club and make them feel welcome.

Bring your gear and we'll work at cleaning up lines, rods and whatever else shows up. We will talk about and show how to care for your fishing gear for the winter so it's ready to fish with next spring. We will also talk about next year's program (see the proposed schedule below). Also on the agenda is a discussion about fishing safety. Bring your extra gear, flies, tying materials, etc. and see if there is someone who is interested in—you never know what kind of a deal you will find.

This month's fish-a-long:

**There is no fish-a-long schedule this month.** But you are encouraged to contact other members and plan a fishing trip with them. Take lots of pictures and share them with the club at the December Christmas party.

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 \$10.00. What better way to advertise the club?

**Fly Lines**

The fish-a-long on the North Nehalem River at the Riverberry Lodge was a success. We had 12 members and friends attend on a cool and rainy day. Unfortunately, someone forgot to tell the fish that we were coming. Chuck Cameron came and gave many of us individualized instruction in how best to fish for sea-run cutts. The Riverberry Lodge owners were great hosts and provided a great lunch of stew and clam chowder. After lunch, some of us went mushroom hunting and some of us went to the Necanicum to try our luck there. We saw a few Coho salmon and a few resident cutthroats. I believe that Kathy was the only one to actually caught a sea-run, where a lot of other people had already fished.



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We are getting ready to nominate and elect new officers for next year. At this time, Lisa Greber has agreed to consider being President, Carmen Smith and Lisa Wassgren are willing to stay on as Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. We would really love to have a Raffle Coordinator. If anyone is interested in being any officer, please contact one of the current officers. I am willing to continue to be the Newsletter Editor and Publicity Coordinator. We will have formal nominations in December and elections in January.

Please take a look at the proposed program schedule for next year. If you have any ideas about what we should be doing next year, please let us know. We are looking to do some sort of conservation project next year. It can take the place of a fish-a-long or be an added event. If you have an idea for a project or a pet project, let us know. Remember, this is your club—the board wants to plan a program that reflects the desires of you.

We don't have a fish-a-long scheduled this month or next month due to the holiday season. This is a great opportunity for you to contact another club member and schedule your own. Give me a call. I am frequently available.

See you on the water,  
Tilda

### Tentative Program and Fish-a-long Schedule

Month	Program	Fish-a-long
November	Winter Equipment Storage and Equipment Swap	None scheduled
December	Christmas Party	None scheduled

All speakers and fish-a-longs are subject to change without notice.

### Tentative 2004 Program and Fish-a-long Schedule

Meeting Date	Speaker	Topic	Fish-a-Long Date*	Fish-a-Long Location
January 14	Brian O'Keefe	Photography	January 17	Crooked River (trout)
February 11	?	Conservation	February 14	Salmonberry (winter steelhead)
March 10	Don Nelson	Fly tying	March 13	Metolius (trout)
April 14	Judith O'Keefe	High Cascade Lakes	April 17	Hosmer Lake (trout, Atlantic salmon)
May 12	John Smeraglio	Deschutes	May 15	Deschutes (trout)
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>Casting clinic</b>		<b>June 5-6</b>	
June 9	None	Social hour and video	June 12	?
July 14	Andy Pibal	Smallmouth Bass	July 17	Umpqua River (smallmouth)
August 11	?	?	August 14	East Lake (trout, etc.)
September 8	(Central Ore FF?)	Steens or ?	September 17-20	Steens Outing; Donner & Blitzen Riv., Mann Lake
October 13	Pete _____ ??	Sea run cutthroat	October 16	Nehalem River (sea run cutthroat trout)
November 10	??	Winter cleaning/ equipment swap	None	None
December 8	None	Xmas party	None	None

\* date subject to change

## Goings on: Fly Shops and Events



**The Fly Fishing Shop at Welches 503.622.4607 [www.flyfishusa.com](http://www.flyfishusa.com)**

Call or visit the web site for more info on sales and upcoming events.

**Sunday, November 16, 2003, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

**Free! Annual Winter Steelhead Fly Fishing Clinic.** Learn from expert guides and instructors the art of catching winter steelhead with your fly rod. This is the first of a series of free events that will prepare you for catching winter steelhead consistently on local rivers. Featured will be class room & field instruction by: **Mark Bachmann, Brian Silvey, Patty Barnes, Ron Lauzon, John Jones and Mark Merriwether.** Subjects covered will be: general theory, fly presentation, fly casting, rigging for winter conditions, knot tying, fly selection and fly tying. We will also show you how to stay warm and comfortable while you are fishing in the winter. Refreshments will be served all day! The Party and Food are Free!!! The place is called "Steelheadquarters". It's easier to say than "Steelhead headquarters".

**Sunday, November 23, 2002, 1:00pm - 5:00pm**

**Fly Tying Roundtable:** Learn all about **Tying Tube Flies** for Winter Steelhead. The program starts with a short slide presentation featuring productive methods for fishing tube flies for steelhead. Then tying procedures for several local favorite patterns will be demonstrated. All of the latest tubes, tube fly tying vises and materials used in this demonstration will be available for sale. The program and instruction are free. So are the coffee and snacks. Bring snacks to share if you want to. Bring your own tools, and materials and tie along. Group Leader: Mark Bachmann



**November 30, 2002, Sunday, 1:00pm - 5:00pm**

**Fly Tying Roundtable:** Learn how to tie String Leaches

**Deschutes Canyon Fly Shop – Maupin 541.395.2565 [www.flyfishingdeschutes.com](http://www.flyfishingdeschutes.com)**

Call or visit their new web site for more info. Give the shop a call to find out about their specials and classes.

**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.



**Northwest Flyfishing Outfitters – 10910 NE Halsey St., Portland 503.252.1529 or 888.292.1137 [www.flyshopnw.com](http://www.flyshopnw.com)**

Call or visit their web site for more information about classes, trips and special events.



**Kaufmann's Streamborn – 8861 SW Commercial, Tigard 800-442-4359 or 503-639-6400 [www.kman.com](http://www.kman.com)**

Call or visit their web site for more information about classes, trips and special events.

## BOW



**2004 Winter Workshop, Feb. 27-29, Suttle Lake United Methodist Church Camp** More information will be available at a later date.

Information on 2004 workshops will be available in November. Please check back then for details. If you would like to put your name on the mailing list to receive registration materials, please contact Nancy Smogor, Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Program Coordinator, at (503) 947-6016 or [nancy.e.smogor@state.or.us](mailto:nancy.e.smogor@state.or.us). Check out their website at [www.dfw.state.or.us/outdoor\\_skills/bow.html](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/outdoor_skills/bow.html).

## Oregon FFF Events

**March 20, 2004** NW Fly Tyer's Expo – Wheeler Pavilion, LCCC, Eugene

**March 21, 2004** Oregon Council Youth Fly-Fishing Seminar – Eugene

**April 3, 2004** Santiam Flycasters – Fly Fishing Fair – Willamette University – Salem

**April 24, 2004** Oregon Council Women's Fly Fishing Seminar – Scio, OR

## Basic Techniques

### Fly Fishing Safety

From *Essential Fly Fishing*, by Tom Meade

Illustrated by Bob White, Published by Lyons & Burford, Publishers

- Wade wisely. Fish usually are closer than you think; if you cast from the bank, you probably will catch as many or more fish than you will by wading across a stream. If you must wade into flowing water, shuffle into the Current sideways so the water has less surface to push against.
- When you're fishing with a companion, lock arms and wade close together through heavy currents: That's the angler's version of four-wheel drive.
- When you're alone, a wading staff with a metal tip will give you additional support.
- Felt soles and metal cleats will give you more traction on slippery rocks, but they do not guarantee that you will not slip. Wade slowly and cautiously. • Do not wear shoes inside your waders.
- Be aware of changes in water levels due to tides or dam releases.
- Wear a belt around the outside of chest waders to prevent water from flooding your boots when you fall in, and invest in a safety collar that inflates to keep your head afloat.
- Keep your vest pockets zipped closed to prevent your fly boxes from floating away when you fall in.
- If you fall in a river, try to position your feet so they are down current and use your arms to maneuver yourself into shallow water.
- Keep a set of dry clothes in your car.
- In your vest, keep a small first-aid kit and a lightweight rain jacket.
- To be comfortable, wear layers of clothing that you can remove as the day warms.
- When a thunderstorm is approaching, get out of the water and find shelter away from tall trees.
- Before you embark on a wilderness fishing trip, be certain your tetanus shot is up to date.
- In snake country, always be sure that you can see what is ahead of you as you climb up a stream bank.

