

Stonefly Maidens  
Ladies Fly Fishing  
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### **MEETING INFO:**

Nancy Smogor of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will be speaking about ODFW's Becoming an Outdoor Woman program. This program offers a number of classes for women that teach outdoor skills such as shooting, fishing, boating, and navigation. I think you will find Nancy an interesting speaker and her program a beneficial one.

Wait a minute, wasn't this the speaker last month? Why yes she is. Since we cancelled the September 11 meeting due to the events in New York and Washington, DC, Nancy graciously accepted our invitation to speak to us this month. Tell all your friends who might be interested anything outdoors, even if it isn't fly fishing.

Next meeting: TUESDAY, October, 9, 2001.

Jarboe's Grill 101 N Elm St Canby, Or 503.266.3805

6 PM, dinner and social hour

7 PM, presentation

### **This month's fish-a-long:**

October 13, 2001

October Caddis on the Deschutes River (or whatever else the fish will take).

We will also have the hats and T-shirts ready for sale at the meeting with our new Stonefly logo on them. Hats will be \$15.00 and the heavy weight tees will be \$18.00.

### **Wind knots, ramblings from the back eddy...**

Fall is upon us and a great time to be out fishing. Bob and I were privileged to spend 4 days floating down the Deschutes with Mark and Patty from the Fly Fishing Shop up at Welches at the beginning of September and we had a fantastic time catching Steelhead. We have been back 'over the mountain' almost every weekend since. Lately I've been fishing while Bob and his son

have been out hunting, unfortunately, last weekend no one seemed to have very good luck. But Bob did get to float the river one evening with a 'new fishing buddy' and did catch a couple of fat reddsides on his Spey rod, so the weekend was not a total skunk out.

This month's fish a long, we will be chasing trout over on the Deschutes once again, this time with the October caddis hatch in full swing. I saw quite a few of these large bugs flying around last weekend so we should have a productive trip on the 13th. We will be staying at the City Park as usual in space 17, so I hope you can grab your gear and meet us over there around 8am on Saturday.

Later on down the river, Laura

## **Fish-a-long Schedule**

October 13th	Deschutes - October Caddis Hatch
November 17th	Sandy River - Steelhead
December 15th	None Scheduled

## **Goings on: Fly Shops and Events**

**The Fly Fishing Shop at Welches, 503.622.4607, <http://www.flyfishusa.com/>**

Check out their web site for info about the store, trips, local waters, and all kinds of important fly fishing information.

**Deschutes Canyon Fly Shop – Maupin, 541.395.2565, <http://www.flyfishingdeschutes.com/>**

Check out their web site for info about fishing on the Deschutes, classes, and guide services.

**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, 17302 N.E. Halsey, Gresham, 503.252.1529, 888.292.1137, [www.flyshopnw.com](http://www.flyshopnw.com)**

Check out their web site for info about their store and fly fishing services.

## **October Caddis**

Courtesy of Scott Richmond at [westfly.com](http://westfly.com)

**Scientific Name:** genus Dicosmoecus

**Other Common Names:** Fall caddis

This is the Great Pumpkin of Western rivers, a caddis that is almost as large as a golden stonefly. As the name suggests, it emerges in fall.

October caddis larvae build cases of small pebbles and live in moderate to fast flows. As a larva grows, it will abandon its case and build a new one. In the process it may get knocked lose and drift in the current. Even cased larvae sometimes end up in the drift, especially when they migrate to slower water in June and July. Where there is a large population of October caddis, it is not unusual for trout to eat drifting larvae, with or without the case. So a cased caddis pattern dead-drifted near the bottom a worthy strategy beginning a couple of months before the hatch season.

As it nears maturity, the larva will seal off its case and pupate. Many pupae emerge in water that is not very trouty, but a few come out where fish are found. Since this is such a big bug, it doesn't take very many of them to capture the interest of trout, and the fish will be looking for them. When you see adult October caddis around, it's worth drifting a pupa pattern near the bottom.

Adults survive for a couple of weeks after they hatch, and trout can be quite eager for them. The caddis are blown out of bankside vegetation and land on the water, and females return to the water to drop their eggs on the surface. At these times, a dry fly can be very productive. What fly angler can resist this final opportunity of the season to cast a large dry fly?

For more information and tactics, see the article [October Caddis](#)

## **Fly Fishing Special Offer**

One of Oregon's premier fly fishing opportunities is just around the corner... chum, chinook and coho salmon on the Kilchis River.

Each year the Kilchis, a small stream feeding the north coast's Tillamook Bay, hosts the largest run of chum salmon in the state. Mixed in with the thousands of chum that return to the Kilchis each season are good numbers of chinook and a small run of coho salmon as well.

As a special bonus benefit to our members, we have made arrangements with Dennis Dobson at Oregon Outdoors - one of the best salmon guides on the coast and the only one we know of that specializes in fly fishing for salmon - for a reduced rate on salmon fly fishing trips. Dennis normally charges \$125 per person for these full-day fly or gear fishing driftboat trips. As a special offer for our members he has agreed to discount this price to just \$100 per person, per day from October 15 through the end of chum season on November 15.

Chum salmon are among the most aggressive of the salmon species and are great fighters on any tackle, let alone fly gear. When the rains coincide with the run it isn't uncommon for anglers to catch as many as 20 fish each on any given day. Adding to the excitement of catching large numbers of hard-fighting chum is the very good possibility of taking home a chinook or two as well. You can learn more about this fantastic fishery by going to Dennis' webpage at [www.oregonoutdoors.org](http://www.oregonoutdoors.org) and reading his articles "Chum On The Run" and "There's No Nookie Like Chinookie".

These trips are limited to just two people per day and you must book both seats to take advantage of this offer. Be sure to mention you saw the offer here to take advantage of this great discount. You will need to supply your own fly rod, reel and lines but Dennis has agreed to supply all of the flies, including his own line of flies - Denny's Deceivers - developed specifically for this fishery. You can even mix and match your fishing for the day by fishing a combination of standard bait and gear as well as flies. If you choose to fish both fly and standard gear Dennis will supply the bait, tackle and additional rods. A 50-percent deposit guarantees your seats.

Dennis is a well known and respected guide with more than 20 years guiding experience in Oregon and Alaska as well as a noted outdoor writer and instructor. Whether in a classroom or on the river anyone who has ever attended one of his popular clinics or spent a day fishing with him will tell you he brings a lively sense of humor, an engaging personal style and a thorough understanding of the subject to each and every outing.

For more information and to book your trip, contact Dennis at **503-815-2766** or via email at **oreoutdd@pacifier.com**. You'd best hurry, though, as this is a very popular fishery with Dennis' regular clients and these dates won't remain open for long. And be sure to come back for more specials later in the season. Dennis has indicated he will offer an end-of-season special for winter steelhead and late fall chinook fishing as well.