



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

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MEETING INFO:

Next meeting: WEDNESDAY October 8, 2003

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

Donna Teeny will be visiting the club this month. We have a unique opportunity to have a little influence women's fly fishing fashion. Donna manages Andros Island Bonefish Club lodge in the Bahamas. She also designs women's fly fishing clothing. She has asked that we have a "round-table" discussion on what we would like to see in women's fly fishing gear. She will also talk a little about salt water fly fishing. Join us and help shape fly fishing fashion.

This month's fish-a-long:

Sea-run cutthroats, Saturday, October 11, 2003, North Nehalem River. We will be meeting Chuck Cameron from Rainland Flycasters and Chuck's Fly Shop at Riverberry Lodge, 36798 Fish Hatchery Lane, Nehalem. The women of the Rainland Flycasters have also been invited to join us. Flies to use: Small shrimp patterns, Warden Specials, Dave's Wet Fly, Purple Joe, red or orange Spruce Flies, size 12 or 10 Elk Hair Caddis. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are planning to attend, especially if you cannot make the meeting. That way I can make sure you get the information about when we are meeting and where for carpooling. Riverberry Lodge is having an open house on the 11th, so this is a unique opportunity to fish this portion of the North Nehalem.

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 \$18.00. What better way to advertise the club?

Fly Lines

Carmen, Taylor and I spent some time on the Deschutes for the last fish-a-long. I heard that Ramona made it over, but she was unable to catch up with us. But then again, the fish were unable to catch up with us, too. The day was beautiful and the birds were plentiful. It reminded me that "the worst day fishing is still better than the best day working." How's that for rationalization?

I am really excited about this month's fish-a-long. We have an opportunity to share our experiences with some other women fly fishers, from the area where we will be fishing. We will be getting some help from someone that knows the river, even though none of us has fished it very much. I love fishing for cutthroat trout, because they tend not to be too picky about the flies they are willing to take, and they are fairly aggressive. I've heard that sea run cutts are very similar to their freshwater cousins.

Lisa Greber, Connie Marfell, Laura Coblenz, and I represented the Stonefly Maidens and women in fly fishing at the inaugural Fly Fishing the Northwest Show put on by the Oregon Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers. We met women who are interested in learning more about fly fishing. We also made some great friends of women who are members of fly fishing clubs throughout the state. This show reminded me of one of the benefits of being a part of the FFF and the Oregon Council. There are so many resources throughout the state that we can tap into. We can trade member speakers to talk about the waters in our areas; we can have informal guides on the waters we are planning to fish throughout the year. As a result the contacts we made at the show, we have the opportunity to share our fishing experiences with other women and have a more successful fish-a-long because we will have someone with knowledge to help us out. As we become better fishers, we will be able to do the same for other clubs.

Hope to see all of you at the meeting full of ideas about what you want to see in women's fishing clothing and gear. What a great opportunity. I need to make a few comments about our meeting place. 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.

See you on the water,
Tilda

Tentative Program and Fish-a-long Schedule

Month	Program	Fish-a-long
October	Donna Teeney, Saltwater Fishing	Sea-run Cutthroats, October 18
November	Winter Equipment Storage	Chum Salmon, TBA
December	Christmas Party	None scheduled

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

Goings on: Fly Shops and Events



The Fly Fishing Shop at Welches 503.622.4607 www.flyfishusa.com

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

October 12, 2003

Adrian Dufflocq will be at The Fly Fishing Shop for a presentation of fly fishing in Chile. He has often been referred to as the "Lee Wulff of South America".

Deschutes Canyon Fly Shop – Maupin 541.395.2565 www.flyfishingdeschutes.com

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

Intro to Fly Fishing Class. Offering you a private lake side setting for a relaxing way of getting you started. This one day class will teach you the fundamentals of your equipment, tying knots, and casting a fly to a beautiful trout. Class size 4 to 10 people \$ 150.00 per person.

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

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

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

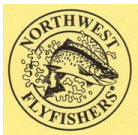
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October 4—Fly Fishing The Crooked River, Prineville

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) 872-5264 x 5358 or check out their website at www.dfw.state.or.us/outdoor_skills/bow.html.

Oregon FFF Events

November 1, 2002, 9:30am - 3:30pm



Northwest Fly Tying Rendezvous presented by Northwest Flyfishers
Glenn Otto State Park
Troutdale Community Center, Sam Cox Hall
Fly tying demonstrations by celebrity tiers.

THE CHALLENGE OF FLY ORGANIZATION

From Jim Abbs, FFF Website

The fly fishing magazines are full of me-and-Joe went fishing stories where the author saves the day by having just the right fly for an unexpected hatch. Because these experiences are not uncommon, many---if not most---fly fishers are obsessive about carrying every possible fly known to humankind.

This obsession is not limited to fly fishers. Have you ever looked into the tackle box of a well-equipped (and well-heeled) bass angler? The difference is that we must carry our entire inventory on our backs.

So how many flies does the successful fly fisher carry? I counted the flies in my trout-fishing vest and came up with just over 1,100. This count reflects every distinct pattern I carry, including duplicates. So for the Adams, I have 3 duplicates each of the upright, spent-wing and parachute styles in sizes 12-18, yielding a total of 36 flies. Is 1,100 a high number?

Dave Whitlock, in his famous book, Guide to Aquatic Trout Foods, provides a list of his fly boxes. He carries 4 or 5 boxes, organized as follows: (1) General Utility Box (general flies/attractors), (2) Match the Hatch Box (mayflies, caddis, damselflies, dragonflies and midges), (3) Streamers, (4) Terrestrials and Summer Midges, (5) Large Dry Flies (Hoppers, stoneflies) and (6) Skaters, Spiders and Variants. His total count is over 780 distinct flies, which includes several different sizes of the same pattern. He says he carries between 2 and 3 duplicates, yielding a total of over 1,900 flies!



Somehow, I am not surprised that I carry fewer flies than Dave Whitlock does. All these flies create certain problems. First, whatever happened to the idea that fly fishing was a minimalist sport? Second, carrying five fly boxes is about tops, depending upon vest capacity and how strong your back is. Finally, all these flies begin to tax

your organizational skills. If you are like me, there comes a time when you have trouble remembering where each of the 300-400 patterns is located. #

Unlike Dave Whitlock, I started out with a fly box for each basic aquatic insect: three fairly full boxes, one each for caddisflies, stoneflies and mayflies. Very soon, I needed a fourth box for terrestrials and yet a fifth box for streamers. Soon after that, I added another box of the so-called attractor flies, the Wulffs, Trudes and Stimulators.

With this organization, I had six fly boxes. Of course, I do not carry all of them at once and I have added new ones. Some boxes I carry only at certain times. For example, I carry attractors or stoneflies out west, but only rarely in my home state, Wisconsin. Likewise, I have separated mayflies into summer and winter, with the smaller patterns for winter fishing and also added a separate box for midges. Because this is a universal challenge, there are undoubtedly some brilliant solutions out there.

How about sharing your fly box solutions on the FFF WebPages, with comments allowed? How many flies do you carry? Let us know what kind of fly box system works for you, or alternatively what kinds of problems you have.

Medical science tells us that as we add years, good organization will help us remember those little things in life, like our anniversary or the big things, like where we put the # 22 black caddis.