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MEETING INFO:

Come one, come all! Bring your fly rods, your reels and your lines. This is the night we are going to get your gear ready for winter storage or do some maintenance on it since its been used hard all summer. We will talk about how to clean your gear, check for potential problems and general gear questions. You will be amazed at how much dirt and scum your lines and reels and even your rods accumulate in the course of fishing all summer long. So bring your gear and we'll help clean it up.

Next meeting: TUESDAY September 10, 2002

Hi Hat Restaurant, 11530 SW Pacific Hwy, Tigard, OR 97223, 503-246-4055

6 PM, dinner and social hour

7 PM, presentation

We will be cleaning and checking gear that has seen hard summer use. Bring along any cleaning supplies, tools and expertise you may have. Don't worry; we'll share if you don't have anything.

This month's fish-a-long:

September 14, 2002

Deschutes River. The Deschutes is getting full of steelhead and the October Caddis are starting to come off. You can fish for steelhead in the morning and evening and trout during the day or trout all day long if you want. Those that are staying the weekend will be staying at the Maupin City Park. It would be nice to have any idea of who is planning to attend. Hope to see you all there.

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.

Fly Lines

Well, summer is over. Some of us did lots of fishing and some of us didn't do as much as we had hoped. I was hoping to get more steelhead fishing in, but they have been slow in coming into the rivers. Hopefully this fall will prove to more productive. We did get some trout fishing done. Had

a great day on the Oak Grove Fork of the Clackamas River—one of those days where the fish are small, the wading difficult, and the natural beauty stupendous.

Tracy, Carmen and I had fun with the Damselflies of Eugene floating on the Umpqua River fishing for smallmouth bass. Everyone caught lots of fish. Smallmouth bass are fun to catch on a fly rod either below the surface or on top. They take flies very subtly below the surface; so subtly that you have set the hook when you notice the slightest difference in the drift. I tried a popper for a little while. The strikes were exciting and not at all subtle. Maybe next year, we'll try the John Day.

I'm looking forward to fishing the Deschutes this month. The days will be warm and clear and the nights cooler. The fish will be stocking up for the winter on all those juicy October Caddis. Remember that this is a really big, colorful caddis fly. The adults can be as big two inches long with orange bodies. These are not to be confused with Salmonflies, although the same imitations may work. Come prepared to catch big trout and maybe even a steelhead (they like October Caddis, too).

I look forward to seeing old and new members at the next meeting. Please come with your ideas on what you want to do next year and who want to have speak. Remember, this is your club.

See you on the water,
Tilda

Fish-a-long Schedule

September 14th	Deschutes River – October Caddis Hatch
October 12	TBA
November	None Scheduled
December	None Scheduled

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.

Deschutes Canyon Fly Shop -- Maupin 541.395.2565

Call or visit the web site for more info.

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.

BOW

September 14-15 – Pheasant Hunt, Denman Wildlife Area, Central Point

October 4-6 – Fly Fishing for Steelhead, Grand Ronde River, Troy

November 2 – Fly Fishing for Steelhead, Valley of the Rogue State Park, Grants Pass

Contact Nancy Smogor, BOW Program Coordinator, 503-827-5264 x 5358, email nancy.e.smogor@state.or.us, or Liz Kraiter, Registrar, 503-590-4240, email lizkraiter@aol.com for more information and registration or check out their website at www.dfw.state.or.us/outdoor_skills/bow.html

PROTECTING YOUR NEW FLY ROD

FFF Clubwire, from the newsletter of Snake River Cutthroats
by Harrison Hilbert formerly of Jimmy's All Season's Angler of Idaho Falls, ID

Fishing rods are the single most expensive investment made by today's angler. Prices range from \$75 to nearly \$500 for modern graphite fly rods. And they are also about the easiest to break piece of angling equipment.

The following information is offered to help anglers care for and maintain their rods and to suggest simple steps to avoid breakage.

- **Store** rods in a rod sock inside a metal tube. Put the butt section in the rod sock with the handle toward the open end. The tip section should be placed in the rod sock with the tip toward the opening. That way the large handle will help protect the delicate tip section of the rod.
- **Rod** and reel storage cases such as D.B. Dunn's require the same method of insertion. Keep the tip section pointing up in these cases. If you put the tip down it can jam against the bottom of the case and break.
- **Thoroughly** dry rods after a day's fishing. This will prevent mildew on the rod sock and will prevent any damage to the rod's finish from water standing on the rod.
- **Use** the rod only for its intended purpose and know its limitations. Light line weight rods are engineered for use with light leaders. Using heavy leaders on light rods can stress them beyond their design and function.
- **When** stringing a rod, place it on a diagonal with the butt and reel on the ground. Pull the fly line through the guides. Avoid bending the tip section over to put the line through the final 2 or 3 guides and tiptop. Many rods break while being bent in this manner.
- **During** the course of a day's fishing, check the ferrules to assure they are mated and haven't worked loose. A savage strike on a rod with loose ferrules may result in the breakage of one or both of the ferrules. This sort of splitting break can make the rod a total loss.
- **Ice** in the guides will impede casting and prevent the line from running through the guides smoothly. Ice may cause the line to jam in the guides, especially the smaller tip section snake guides. If icing is a continuing problem, it may be necessary to briefly submerge the rod in the stream or lake. A light spraying of Pam (a non-stick griddle product) may help prevent icing in rod guides. If icing continues it may be too damn cold to fish.
- **Weighted** flies and split shot can cause damage if they hit the rod during a cast. The rod may not break at that time, but the damage to the rod's fibers will cause it to weaken and break later.
- **Metal** handrails on boats may damage graphite rods rested against them. If the rod is not in the case in a boat, the best idea is to case it. Other options include holding the rod upright while the oarsman moves the boat to the next fishing spot or stowing the assembled rod with the tip under the line deck of a driftboat and the reel in the seat pocket. Be sure that spare oars can't roll over on the rod.
- **Drift** boats were designed to fish one fly caster at a time from the downstream end. The angler should be positioned in the knee braces over the line deck while the second angler is seated in the center of the forward seat. When multiple anglers are standing and casting there is a good chance that the rods will strike each other. Take turns casting, rowing and resting—it's more enjoyable and only one hook must be watched on the back casts.
- **Don't** leave any rod set up for a long period of time without taking it apart.

- **The** correct way to join graphite rods is to put the tip on the butt and slide it down until it stops easily. Line up the guides and push the sections together firmly. The ferrules should fit together snugly.
- **If** tree limbs are hooked from a moving boat or while wading, NEVER rear back on the rod to try to pull the fly loose. Instead, point the rod directly at the hooked limb and let the tippet break with the direct pull. Flies and tippets are far cheaper to replace than a prized rod.
- **When** changing fishing locations, never carry rods inside vehicles with the tips extended through an open window.
- **Remember**, any time a rod is out of its tube, it is in danger. Rigging-your rod should be the last thing you do before fishing and taking it down should be the first thing you do when quitting.

GET THAT FLY LINE READY!

FFF Clubwire, from the newsletter of the Fort Worth Texas Fly Fishers, by Al Crise, The Rod and Reel Doctor

It's time to clean your fly lines.

If you have one of those new type lines, the care is easy. (1) Remove the line from the reel and cut off the nail knot. Yes, the nail knot. (2) Place the line in a plastic pail or tub to which you add a couple drops of liquid soap (Ivory works good). Fill to half full. (3) Agitate gently for a few minutes (Hum Dixie four times). (4) Pour out soapy water, add fresh water and rinse (for three choruses). (5) Dry by hanging on drying spool or in a net bag but do not tangle. Let the line air-dry. (6) When dry, apply a good line dressing per manufacturer's instructions. (7) Retie the nail knot to the line/backing and wind the line back on the reel. This is a good place to store the fly line. (8) Now take the reel and the rod to the closest fishing hole and make sure it works. Enjoy it even more and take someone fly fishing.