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◆◆ Club Meetings ◆◆

Club Meetings- Fourth Tuesday of the Month
No Dinner Meeting August, Go to the Cedar River Outing instead

Place: VFW – Redmond
 4330 148th Avenue Northeast, Redmond - (425) 883-2995
<http://www.vfwpost-2995.org/canteen.html>
Time : 6:00 PM Cocktails & Tales
 7:00 PM Dinner
 7:30 pm – Business Meeting

Board Meetings-First Monday of the Month
Place: VFW – Redmond
Time: 6:30 pm

Chubski Fly Tying Roundtable-Second Monday of the Month
CHUBSKI ROUNDTABLE WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE SUMMER
Place: VFW – Redmond
Time: 6:30 pm

November Meeting Announcement

Nov. 22, 2011

7:00P.M.

BE THERE

2012 OFFC Officer Elections this meeting

Kevin Yancy

"A Fire Side Chat - The Elwha River Project"

The end of an era of hydro-electric power on the Olympic Peninsula

&

The restoration of a free flowing Elwha river

The Elwha is one of our most undisturbed and protected water sheds of all our western rivers.

Because of this we could see potential possibilities of river restoration which could impact and Influence fisheries in the local region. I will share a few thoughts regarding the Elwha Project

The past, the present and some thoughts of the future for hydro-power here in the west, As well as future efforts that will be needed to protect a healthy fishery for the future of our western rivers.

What should our realistic expectation of restoration efforts look like?

Don't Forget the Wild Fish Conservancy Film Premier the 17th at the Guild Theatre.
 See Notice at end of Windknots.

Location: VFW – Veterans of Foreign War Lodge

4330 148th Avenue Northeast
 Redmond, WA
 (425) 883-2995

Directions: FROM I-405 North or South Bound

Merge onto WA-520 East via Exit 14 toward Redmond.
Take the 148th Ave. N.E. – North exit
Turn right onto 148th Ave N.E.
Continue 1 mile on 148th to 4330 148th N.E. on the right

Officer Nominations

2012 OFFC Officer Nominations Are In

A great slate of officers has been nominated for 2012. Voting will occur at the November club meeting.

President - Bill Wheeler
Membership - Brian Ayers
Education - Alan Olson
Programs - Dave Kuykendahl
Secretary - Fred Saenz
Treasurer - Ray Kanemori
OFFC Board - Lee Mckenna, Joe Kristof, Dick Lange, Ed Kane

Joe Kristof
2012 Nomination Chair

◆◆ NEW OFFC Website Launches ◆◆

The new offc.org website, built on the well-known open source WordPress content publishing platform, will be launched in October. The new website will include improvements to content navigation, content updating and management, search engine optimization (to increase traffic), web analytics, and many other features and functionality. The new website will also be hosted on a more robust and faster web hosting company. Tom Eng will provide a brief overview of the new website at the October meeting.

Windknots Update

This month I have done something a little different with Windknots. Again.

The FFF publishes the recipe and instructional pictures of a fly by Bob Bates, a well-known tyer (sic-see Lory's This 'N That below) on their website each month. There is also an archive of the flies where you can download the recipe and instructions as a PDF. Bob gives some background on the fly and explains some of the nuances specific to that fly. I decided to put this month's fly into the Windknots just to let people know about this resource. The link to the website location is:

<http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4478>

You can search the site by date or fly name. It is a great resource.

Here is a "seasonal" fly ready for stuffing and gravy: Those are full size turkey feathers



Be educated.

Bill Wheeler

Windknots

Chubski Fly Tying Roundtable

The Club is looking for a volunteer to organize the Chubski Fly Tying Roundtable sessions for next year. You do not need to be an expert fly tier to organize the roundtables. This is a great way to help make the Club successful, and learn new flies and techniques. Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering.

One of the mainstays to the OFFC Education Program is the monthly fly tying roundtable named for Frank Chubski. Frank was one of the charter members of the Club when it was formed in 1974 and was President of the Club at the time of his death in 1989. Education in the art of fly fishing was important to Frank and the charter members of the Club. "To develop and carry out programs of education designed to encourage individuals of all ages to become fly fishermen and better sportsmen," is one of the purposes of the Club in its articles of incorporation. To honor Frank following his death, the Chubski Fly Tying Roundtable was made into an official Club-sponsored activity and added to the Club's By-laws.

The Roundtable occurs on the second Monday of every month at the Redmond VFW Post. Each month a theme will be chosen and one or two flies will be demonstrated. Usually the theme reflects the suite of flies important for upcoming monthly or hosted outings by the Club.

Materials for tying the demonstration flies will be available so you can learn how to tie them and get help from your fellow members if you are having problems. The Club also has a few rustic clamp-on style vices that will be available, but most tiers prefer to bring their own vice, tools, and a lamp. If the demonstration fly doesn't strike your fancy, there is no obligation to tie the demonstration flies. Usually about a third of the tiers at a roundtable are tying something different.

The Chubski Fly Tying Roundtable is a great resource for novice tiers because some of the club's best tiers are there on a regular basis and always willing to share a tip or demonstrate a technique. If there is a particular fly you would like to learn how to tie, someone at the Roundtable is sure have experience tying that fly or something similar and can show you how. Usually about half of the people at a Roundtable are novice- or intermediate-level tiers soaking up the experience from the other half, but even the experienced tiers often pick up a new trick or two.

Suggestions on fly patterns you would like to demonstrate or see demonstrated at a Roundtable can be emailed to Alan Olson at education@offc.org. Volunteers to demonstrate a pattern are always appreciated.

Education Update



Planning for next year's Education Program is beginning now. I hope to expand the educational opportunities for club members next year. If there are classes or seminars you would like to see offered, please send me an email or come around and chat me up at one of the meetings. At the same time, please consider volunteering to teach a class or seminar on a topic of your choosing, or volunteer to demonstrate a fly at one of the monthly Chubski Fly Tying Roundtables. The only way our Education Program can be successful is if members volunteer to share their skills and knowledge.

Alan Olson

Education

Norwest Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo



Mark your calendars for this one!! The Oregon Council FFF is once again sponsoring the Northwest Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo, March 9 & 10, 2012 at the Linn County Expo Center, Albany, OR. This one of the biggest fly tying events in the country and probably over 190 fly tyers (sic) will be there. There will be a Saturday evening banquet and auction. The headquarters hotel is the Comfort Suites Inn, next to the expo center, rates are \$90.00. Hotel phone number is 541-928-2053. Book now, you can always cancel if you can't make it. The web page is <http://nwexpo.com/>, but full details are not there yet.

Lory Watkins

Rod Building Class

Alan Olson is teaching a graphite rod building class. Ray Kanemori had previously made several rods. He is using the class to fix a rod he had previously built. Howard and I are novices and starting from scratch. Actually I think I am starting from before scratch. Both Howard and I are building 3 weights while Alan is building a two-piece 5 weight. I am building a 3 weight to replace the one I lost in Dry Falls Lake. Don't ask.



Here Alan demonstrates how to wrap guides.
Story and picture Bill Wheeler

Elk River Outing

Eight club members went on the annual trip to Fernie, British Columbia for dry fly fishing for west-slope cutthroat. Ed Kane, Joe Kristof, Alan Olson, Larry Petersen, Eric Stathers, Bruce Tyson, John Waggoner, and

Bill Wheeler left on September 6 for a six day adventure to the Canadian Rockies.



The Elk River area in extreme Eastern British Columbia has become one of the best destinations for dry fly fishing for cutthroat in North America. The Canadian government placed several fishing restrictions on local rivers and streams to restore and maintain a quality fishery. These waters are classified streams which require a \$20 daily access fee in addition to a fishing license.

The Elk River is the largest river in the area but numerous other small streams offer excellent fishing as well. A float trip is the best way to access fishing on the Elk while other streams are walk and wade fishing. The Wigwam River, a tributary of the Elk, is the premier destination. Located in a remote canyon, this pristine river has the most restrictions including fly fishing only with no weight on the line and limits on the number of guide trips to the river. The largest fish are often found in the Wigwam.



Ed Kane, Alan Olson, and Joe Kristoff at the Wigwam

We divided into groups of two for travel and meal assignments. Larry Petersen, Joe Kristof, and Bruce Tyson brought rafts/drift boat for us to float the Elk. Initial lodging plans were a condo hotel in Fernie but as it was booked that week, we reserved a large house located near the ski area. The owner has a black lab which was quickly adopted by us and is included in group photos.



First Night's dinner courtesy of Larry Peterson

We decided to fish as a group on the first day and float the Elk. We purchased licenses and the required Fat Albert fly at a local fly shop. Good but not great fishing on a beautiful day describes our first day on the water. Each day we would return to the house for dinner and drinks. Larry Petersen provided fresh crab for our first dinner. We had great food all week. We split into two groups on the second day. Alan led Eric and Bruce to the Wigwam. The rest of us drove over to Alberta to fish the Livingstone River. This small walk/wade river provided good to great fishing for 14-18 inch cutthroat. It was the first time for us on the river but not the last. On the third day, Alan led Ed, Joe, and Bill to the Wigwam.

Fishing reports were not as good as the first day. Eric and Bruce floated the Elk in Bruce's raft while Larry and John floated the Elk in Larry's drift boat. One 19 inch cutthroat was taken on a dry fly. Larry switched to streamers which provided several hookups. On the final day, all of us drove over to Alberta and fished private waters on the Palmer Ranch. The ponds are stocked with rainbows exceeding 10 pounds. Joe immediately hooked up with one while Bruce managed to land another large rainbow that afternoon. As the afternoon temperature exceeded 90 on the Alberta prairie, we tired and headed back to Fernie for pizza and fish stories. We decided the Livingstone River was a hit and Palmer Ranch was a miss. On the last day, we packed up and headed home with plans for next year's trip. Larry and John made the required stop at Frank's diner in Spokane for their famous huckleberry shake.

Article by John Waggoner, Photos John and Bill Wheeler

Deschutes River

Ten years ago in May I fished the famous salmon fly hatch on the Deschutes River in central Oregon for the red-band rainbows. This was a fantastic experience and one that would make an entomologist out of any fly fisher. These large stoneflies are amazing. When we finished the trip,

our guide told us to be sure to come back sometime in the fall to fish the Deschutes for steelhead.

Well, this was the year of the return trip. My older brother, Don (who lives in California), and I made arrangements to fish with guide Brian Silvey. Brian lives in Maupin and has been guiding on the Deschutes for 26 years. Without question, this section of the river is his office. I met Brian at a fly tying show in Oregon many years ago and was always amazed at how elegant and yet simple to tie his flies were. His flies are mentioned in many steelhead fly fishing books. I was surprised at how small his flies were and asked him where he fished these low water flies, he proudly replied I'll be fishing them with clients tomorrow on the Deschutes.

In early October, I contacted Brian Silvey to see if he was available for a guided trip later in the month. He had just finished his last 3-day overnight trip of the year and with the weather getting colder had day trips through the end of the month with the exception of Oct 26 and 28. We booked those two days and made arrangements to rendezvous in the small town of Maupin. There are only a handful of places to stay in Maupin. They include the River Run Lodge, Imperial Trading Company, and Deschutes Motel. All of these are acceptable accommodations for sportsmen and are easy to reserve via the internet. These motels are generally booked during weekends, but last minute arrangements can be made for a mid-week trip.

Brian picked us up at our motel in the dark at 5:45 am. We drove downstream along the Deschutes River road to the boat launch at Pine Tree. While our guide readied the boat, we strung up our rods in the dark (one of those new halogen head lamps works fantastic for this). We immediately launched the boat and Brian rowed/floated us downstream 4 miles in the dark to our first fishing spot. We were floating a 15 mile section of the river which ends where the Deschutes River Road ends at Macks Canyon. During September and October this section of the river gets a significant amount of fishing pressure and anglers compete for the most productive runs. You must stake a claim to a run before other anglers get there (either by car or boat). On the Deschutes, fishing from a boat is not allowed, so a boat is just a tool to move between the good runs. Brian just purchased a new Willie extra wide and extra-long drift boat (remember he does overnight trips and his boat gets loaded with a lot of equipment and supplies).



Green Butt Skunk tied by Brian Silvey

The Deschutes has one of the most consistent flows of any river in the United States. Therefore the riverbed and water level do not change and the productive runs don't change either. Because of this, you can only wade into the river 10 or 15 feet. With trees lining the river's shore, a spey rod is a necessity to adequately cover the water.



Hunter Bachand with nice double redband Steelhead

A typical rod for this river is a 12'6" 5-weight or 7-weight. Most Deschutes steelhead are 4 to 6 pounds, with a few larger fish in the late fall.

We fished exclusively with a spey rod, swinging flies tied in a low water style such as a Green Butt Skunk, Doc Spratley, Coachman, or Purple Peril, and Brian's black and blue bunny tube fly with a tandem Owner brand hook. We hooked 5 fish total and most of them (3) were taken on the Green Butt Skunk which was tied on a gold hook. The weather got much colder on the second day and fishing was a little slow, so we switched to the larger tube flies, which Washington anglers are more familiar with. The fish in the

photo was taken on the tube fly. To this day, I have never lost a fish using an Owner brand hook. I believe this is one reason tube flies are becoming so popular.

In our spare time, we stopped at the Deschutes Angler Fly shop in Maupin. They have over 80 spey rods in stock from over a half dozen manufacturers. If you are looking for a new rod this is a great place to put your hands on the finest rods available.

– Story and Photos by Hunter Bachand

Life Time Supply Elk Hair Caddis?

It takes all kinds. It just so happens when this “fly fisher” cast over a bull elk there was a photographer from a local Oregon paper was around to document the “feat”.



What do you expect from someone who would wade in blue jeans and Crocs?



Photos supplied by Lory Watkins

FFF Fly of the Month



Sparkle Dun

By Bob Bates

Comments:

Ellen Clark, Ft. Washakie, WY, said she was tying a Comparadun at the 2011 FFF Fly Fishing Fair in West Yellowstone, MT. At first I thought we already have one in Jim Abbs' article, FFF Fly of the Month June 1998. However, it is such a good pattern that maybe we should have a second article with the steps. I was relieved to see that she was not tying a Comparadun but a Sparkle Dun.

Like many great patterns this one has a history. In Hatches, 1975 Al Caucci and Bob Nastasi described how the Comparadun started in the 1960's as a refinement of the "Haystack" an old Adirondacks pattern. The Haystack was a huge pile of deer hair and fur. With years of refinement and field testing it became a more delicate pattern that sat on the water like most newly hatched mayflies. It was also more durable than many of the no hackle patterns introduced in 30's through the early 70's. Many many years ago while walking to dinner in Hardin, MT I overheard a lady exclaiming about the Comparadun and all the fish she caught that day in the Bighorn River. I vowed to learn about that pattern. (A note: About half of my reference books by respected authors have the dash in the name and the others do not, so I will stick with the way I learned it -- no dash.)

In the 80's Craig Mathews and John Juracek of West Yellowstone, MT improved the Comparadun by replacing the forked tails with Z-lon, a sparkly Antron material. Many tiers have a problem with forked tails so this "new" pattern was hailed as wonderful improvement. Sometimes I think that we fly tiers/fishers are a bit silly. However, in defense of the improvement, Z-lon does simulate the shuck of a newly hatched mayfly that is trapped in the surface film. Also, it caught a lot of fish. Its fame began spreading first in Montana and Idaho, and then quickly to the rest of the world.

Since it doesn't have a lot of flotation, it is best used in quieter stretches of the river. A drag free float is important. I asked Ellen: "Where do you fish it?" The answer: "Where ever you want to catch trout." She usually fishes the medium water, and it works fine.

Materials & Equipment:

Hook: Dry fly hook, DaiRiki 300, Mustad 94840, Tiemco TMC 100 or equivalent #12-18

Thread: 6/0 color to match the body

Tail: Antron yarn or Z-lon, Ellen, doesn't use white, and prefers some light color.

Wing: Elk hock

Body: Fine X-Dub, color to match the natural

Step 1: Smash barb and wind a short thread base at the rear of the hook.



Step 2: Tie in tail of Antron or Z-lon yarn. Don't use much. Usually you will have to take 1/2, 1/3rd or less of the yarn fibers to make the tail thin enough to simulate a shuck. Tie down any excess tail material, and return the thread to the bend of the hook.



Step 3: Cut the shuck to about a shank length long



Step 4: Cut a small clump of elk hock fibers, clean out under fur and stack. (Ellen said it takes two or three flies to get the size of the bundle right.) Elk hock is straight so it stacks nicely. Remember to take the hair out of the stacker with the tips pointing the way you want to tie them in (forward). Wind the thread forward to the 1/3rd point, and make a thread base there. Elk hock is not as hollow as deer hair so it will not flair as much. The downside is that it might not float as well. Lay the clump of fibers on top of the hook with a shank length or a little more beyond the 1/3rd point of the tips pointing forward. Tie in the elk hock with tight thread winds. The thread base helps keep the hair from spinning. Keep hair on top of the hook. Clip butts and wind thread over the butts. (On smaller flies I use a more hollow hair like Coast Deer.)



Step 5: Lift about 1/3rd of the fibers to a vertical position and put one turn of thread in front of them. Do this again with another third of the fibers. Finally lift the rest of the fibers, pull them toward the rear and put a bunch of thread winds tightly in front of them.



Step 6: Wind the thread behind the wings and down the tapered butts to the bend of the hook. Put dubbing on the thread and wrap the body toward the wing, but do not push against the wing. Wrapping tightly against the wing will force it forward. Figure eight under the wing to cover the thread



Step 7: Change the dubbing color in front of the wings if you want. Starting with a big bunch of dubbing, catch a few fibers with thread then pull the bundle away to thin out the dubbing as you form the noodle. Wrapping the dubbed thread against front of the wing helps keep it upright. Taper the front body to the eye. Whip finish at the eye. Turn the fly toward you so you can see to adjust the elk hair.



Step 8: The fibers should be fanned out forming a 180-degree arc. You might have to adjust the fibers a bit as you go. Head cement is not recommended for this fly because it will wick back into the dubbing and reduce the fly's buoyancy.



Closing Comments: While Ellen tied this pattern a lady watching commented that she has a lot of trouble making the wings stand up. As Ellen did the 1/3rd,

1/3rd, 1/3rd bit on the elk hock, (Step 5), she exclaimed wow!!! so that's how you do it. That response makes the day for a demo tier. This pattern is adaptable to almost any hatch. So check your bugs and tie the few Sparkle Duns or Comparaduns to match. Ellen also ties a few regular Comparaduns with the forked tails. After the demo there was a discussion among several tiers about using Rain-X on the fly and fly lines. Ellen uses it on fly lines, and it seems to be a good cleaner/floater. Another fellow uses it on flies. It makes them easier to clean and dry. I'll have to try both.

This 'n That

In November 1979 the OFFC flew Bob Jacklin in from West Yellowstone, MT to present his program on "Fishing the Yellowstone Country". At that time Bob's fly shop was brand new to West Yellowstone and was located on Madison Avenue, about a block from Bud Lilly's Trout Shop. Today Bob's shop, now on Yellowstone Avenue, is well established along with his guide service.

There's a new book out titled *Mile Marker Zero*. It is the story, non-fiction, of the 1970s when the likes of Tom McGuane, Jimmy Buffet, Russell Chatham, and Jim Harrison spent their days with booze, pot, and fly rods in Key West. In spite of all that they all turned out fine. They have all written about fly fishing. Buffet is a well know singer, and Chatham a well known artist. McGuane and Harrison have written many books. The book is written by William McKeen and published by Crown Publishers. Put it on your Christmas wish list.

Is it "fly tier" or "fly tyer". Darrel Martin, fly fishing author, and English language expert gave me this explanation..... "Tyer," from the late 15th century (1480), is an acknowledged variant (Merriam Webster) of "tier." Actually Webster, who simplified our spelling, probably choose tier as the best spelling. And, as such is legitimate. Tying, a past participle, is based on that early spelling. But remember that there were no dictionaries until centuries later. Spelling was based on sound only and dialects compounded the orthography. I like "tyer" and I use it consistently. It has a sense of history for me. Tyer come from Anglo Saxon **teh** or **tigan** (a rope or bond) and by Middle English (influenced by Norman French spellings) already had a variant **teyen** when tie became **tye**. Some magazines and publishers do not like tyer, but that is their problem." Darrel lives in Tacoma, taught high school English, and has written many fly fishing books, his latest is *The Fly-Fisher's Craft*. Ask him why there is a hyphen in fly-fisher.

The fashion trend of a feather in a woman's hair seems to be drawing to a close. JS Stockard Fly Fishing announced this week they had received a new shipment of Whiting Hackle. Quantities are limited. Feather-Craft Fly Fishing had some Whiting saddles and capes for decent prices, but a check this

week showed them as sold out. I have not been in any of the local shops lately so I don't know about their supply. But, things are looking up and soon we should be back to a normal supply of Whiting hackle.

Lory Watkins



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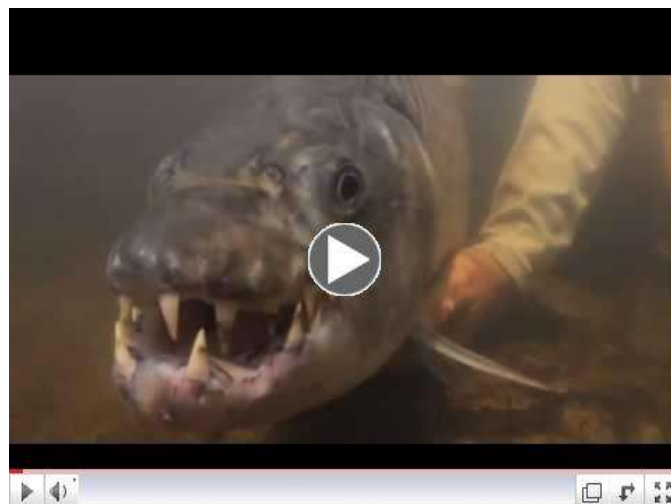


Wild Fish Conservancy
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Attend a Film Premier and Help Save Elwha River Wild Steelhead

Our friends at [Wild Steelhead Coalition](#) are hosting a film premier next Thursday, November 17 at 7:00 PM (Doors open at 6:30 pm). Proceeds support the fight to save Elwha River wild steelhead.

What: Washington premiere of [Connect](#), a [Confluence Films](#) Production. Presented by Wild Steelhead Coalition and Emerald Water Anglers.



CONNECT Trailer

Where: Guild 45th Theatre
2115 North 45th
Seattle, WA 98103

When: Thursday, Nov 17 at 7:00 pm (Doors open at 6:30 pm)

Tickets: \$10 - [PURCHASE TICKETS](#) - Please plan to buy your tickets early as this event will sell out quickly.

WSC will be raffling off some great items and guided trips from Allen Fly Fishing, Patagonia, Gig Harbor Fly Shop, The Drake, Orvis, Simms, Emerald Water Anglers, and more. Please bring cash only for raffle tickets.

100% of the proceeds of this event will help efforts to restore Elwha River wild steelhead runs and stop the release of non-native Chambers Creek steelhead. See you there.

◆◆ OFFC 2011 Calendar ◆◆

1) Scheduled Outings

<u>From Date</u>	<u>To Date</u>	<u>Leader/Host</u>	<u>Destination/Location</u>	<u>Confirmed?</u>	<u>Contact</u>
TBD		Bob Kulwin	Lone Lake_Project Healing Waters	Yes	bkulwin@aol.com

2) Hosted Outings

<u>From Date</u>	<u>To Date</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Confirmed?</u>	<u>Contact</u>

Keep fishin'! Take a friend!



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