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Meeting Location

Westbrook Club House

14255 SW 6th Street (one block east of SW Murray)

Beaverton, OR 97005

Next Meeting Date and Time: Wed. February 5, 2025. 7:00 pm.

February Agenda

7:00-7:15	Welcome and Club business
7:15-8:15	Entertainment – Guest speaker: Steve Schuttpelz, Fly Fishing the Mid-Willamette Valley
8:15-8:30	Raffle and adjourn

- **Steve Schuttpelz**, past president of the Linn Benton Family Flyfishers, maintains that some of the best fly fishing and most beautiful scenery in the world is right here in the Willamette Valley. He should know! He’s fished North America from Puget Sound to Florida and from California to the Great Lakes and he’s even fished in Europe.

Steve started fishing at age eight when his grandfather would row him around Teal Lake near Coos Bay and teach him to fly cast to native cutthroat trout. Now, almost 70 years later Steve still fly fishes as often as he can and enjoys fly casting to the many fish species here in the Willamette Valley.

Steve likes to share how and where he fishes with other avid anglers.

President's Message

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Your Board of Directors works hard to provide quality experiences for the club. Two members are retiring this year. Chuck Cooney has served WCOFF for many years in most of the positions available but significantly as your President for over 10 years, and most recently as outings chair. His chili dogs will be long remembered at lunch breaks. He also ran most of the celebration events such as the Christmas dinner and the picnic/auction. Chuck has worked long and hard for you. Be sure to thank him next time you see him. Ron Reinebach has also served a number of years on the board and served as Chair of the Raffle. Each month he selected items and ran the raffle to help not only in the raising of money for the club, but also to provide a fun experience at our monthly meetings. Be sure to thank Ron as well.



February is our annual election. This year two positions are up; President and Treasurer. The Board will present one candidate for each and there will be a call for nominations from the floor. If you have an interest, now is your chance! Next year we will seek a Vice President and Secretary. Terms for these positions are two years and there is currently no limit on consecutive terms, although I believe fresh ideas are always good for the club.

Our February meeting is **February 5th** at the club house and features Steve Schuttpelz speaking about fishing the mid-Willamette Valley.

We are planning a breakfast meeting for Saturday February 15th at the Peppermill Pub at 9 am. No host.

Your dues for 2025 are \$30 and are due now. Please bring cash or check to the meeting or mail them to John Gillingham. If you paid in October, November, December, or January, thank you.

I will be announcing at the meeting a special outing July 18 and/or 19 on the Deschutes. Rob Crandall will take 8 people per day in two jet boats to good fishing spots below Macks Canyon for trout. There are 16 total seats over the two days for \$200 per seat per day. First come first served. You can sign up for one or two days. You furnish your own lunch and your own place to stay (camping or motel) if you stay overnight. We are also discussing a trip to Canada in May/June. More details at the meeting.

We are still looking for leaders for Outings and Programs. Please step up to help your club.

Tight Lines,

Rick Pay, President



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Club Calendar

- January
 - 8th – Club Meeting – Sneaker: Brian Light – Stonefly Hatches
 - 22nd – Wednesday - Breakfast meeting 9 am - unhosted – Location Peppermill Pub
- February
 - 5th – Club Meeting – Speaker: Steve Schuttpelz – Fishing the mid-Willamette Valley
 - 15th - Saturday – Breakfast meeting 9am – unhosted – Location Peppermill Pub

- March
 - 5th - Club Meeting – Speaker: Jeff Morgan – Small Streams
 - 7-8th – NW Fly Fishing Expo – Albany, OR
- April
 - 2nd - Club Meeting – Speaker: Bob Woolf – Fishing Midges
 - ? – Outing – Lost Lake Spruce Run/Nehalem
- May
 - 7th – Club Meeting – Speaker: Colby Olson (?) – Bass in the Willamette
 - 30th – June 1st – DRA Troutfest – Maupin, OR
 - TBD – Canada Trip
- June
 - 4th – Club Meeting – Speaker: Garrett Lesko – Fishing Coastal Cutthroat
 - TBD – Molalla River drifting for Bass
- July
 - 2nd – Club Meeting – Speaker: Water Watch – Discussing Dams
 - 18-19 – Fishing the Deschutes by Jet Boat
- August
 - ? – Club Picnic
- September
 - 3rd – Club Meeting
- October
 - 1st – Club Meeting
- November
 - 5th – Club Meeting – Jennifer La Follette – Cuba
- December
 - 3rd – Christmas Dinner

What To Do With Old Feathers?

Have you ever wondered what to do with those old capes and necks where you have used the best feathers and what is left are long barbule or fuzzy feathers that don't seem to have much use. Many fly tiers either leave them in their feather boxes untouched, give them away, or throw them away. Those feathers usually have a quill that is perfect for tying quill body flies of all sizes!!

Take any old feather and carefully strip the fibers off of both sides leaving just a nice long quill. Note that in many cases the quill will be colored and have variations of color along its length. On the occasions when it is white, just add some color with a magic marker (permanent ink so it doesn't run or wash off).

Soften the quill before use by 1) dampening with water, 2) damping with spit, or 3) rubbing with a small amount of hair conditioner. This will allow the quill to be wrapped around a hook without splitting.

Now use the quill! Attach it to the hook at the bend and wrap forward leaving a small amount of room behind the hook eye for hackle, wings or whatever. Note the nice coloration along the body looking like a segmented fly!

Coat the quill body with head cement or clear UV and dry before proceeding with the rest of the fly.

Fly of the Month: Rick's Jack Daniels by Rick Pay



Background

I spent three days on the Deschutes River in May fishing the salmon fly hatch. The guide pulled out a fly similar to this that he had bought, but didn't know the name or the exact recipe. It was deadly. We caught a lot of fish on this pattern as a dropper below an indicator fly (in our case a Chubby Chernobyl). I started to research the recipe and found the Jack Daniels which is a close duplicate of this fly. As usual, the particular tier had their own options. I tried a green body based on another pattern I used on the Grande Ronde. Several tiers used a thread body and the original on our trip was dubbed. I present three options

here, all of which should work. The copper-colored bead is one key. The red collar another. This fly can be used as a dropper in rivers or lakes, or as a Euro Nymph.

Category	Trout
Hook	Jig size 14, 16, 18 barbless
Thread	Brown or tan
Bead	Tungsten Slotted Copper 3.0mm (2.8 for size 18)
Tail	Cog De Leon Medium Speckled
Body	Green/peacock Flashabou
Wing	Three strands pearl Krystal flash
Hackle	CDC – brown, tan or dark grey
Collar	Red or orange thread - sparse

How to Tie

- 1) Attach the bead to your hook
- 2) Attach the thread to the hook shank and build up behind bead to hold in place. Cover the entire shank to the bend.
- 3) Attach four to six strands of the tail feather about the length of the body or just a bit shorter.
- 4) Body –
 - a. Option 1 – Wind the thread to just behind the bead and attach a strand of the green Flashabou. Wrap the flashabou back to the bend and then forward to just behind the bead. Leave about 1/16th inch behind the bead and tie off. Apply light coat of UV resin to the body and hit with UV light.
 - b. Option 2 – Using the tan thread, develop a sloped body in tan. Take a magic marker (black) and color about an inch of thread and starting just ahead of the hook bend, wrap forward leaving gaps, about 5 times to about 1/16 inch behind the bead. Cover lightly with UV clear resin and hit with UV light.
 - c. Option 3 – Develop a dubbed body using fine tan dubbing and making a small tapered body. Again, stop about 1/16 inch behind the bead.
- 5) Attach three strands of pearl Krystal flash as a wing just behind the bead and cut off about ½ to 2/3 the body length.
- 6) Tie in the CDC just behind the bead and wrap soft hackle style about 2 times.
- 7) Whip finish right behind the bead and cut off thread.
- 8) Attach red or orange thread immediately behind the bead only going around the hook shank two or three times. Whip finish and cut off the thread. Keep the collar sparse.
- 9) Put a small dab of glue on the collar.
- 10) Remove the fly from the vise and using your fingers, pull off the CDC barbs to about a hook length. Remove in small clumps so as to create a ragged edge on the wing.



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