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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: Wednesday, April 2, 2025, 7:00 PM

Agenda

7:00-7:15	Welcome and Club business
7:15-8:15	Entertainment – Guest speaker: Bob Wolfe, Fly Fishing Diamond Lake
8:15-8:30	Raffle and adjourn

Bob Wolfe started fly fishing when he was in High School. That was many years ago. Bob has taught fly fishing, fly casting and fly tying for almost 60 years. Bob currently mainly teaches still-water fishing techniques. Diamond Lake is one of Bob's favorite destinations. Diamond is currently one of Oregon's premiere trophy Trout fisheries. If you have never fished it, Bob's presentation on Fly Fishing Diamond Lake will give you some useful insight into this great Oregon fishery.

President's Message

April 2025

April is like being at the starting line of the Indianapolis 500 for fishing! Even though many waterways in Oregon are open year-round, some of our more popular streams open on April 22 like the Deschutes across from the reservation. Actually, the official statewide opener is May 22, but there are many exceptions as listed in the regulations. Best to get familiar with them to be sure the water you want to fish is open.

The regulations have a number of other nuances that you might want to check out. For instance, molded soft plastic or rubber imitations such as eggs, worms, baitfish, etc. are considered bait. Think squirmy wormy and soft eggs. The Deschutes and Metolius for example are artificial flies or lures (except in a few limited areas) so those patterns would be illegal!

Our speaker for April 2 is Bob Woolf on fishing Midges. See the announcement elsewhere in the newsletter.



We will have an outing in late April, probably the week of April 21, date TBD, on Lost Lake, Clatsop County near Spruce Run Park. We are monitoring fish stocking and will send out a date soon. This trip will be a weekday as it can get pretty crowded on weekends.....

We have two outings in July. The Deschutes trip July 18 and 19 with Rob Crandall still has five seats available on Saturday, 19th for \$200 each. The guides provide a streamside BBQ lunch and will boat you to fishing locations around and below Macks Canyon. Plan to spend a day or two on the river with other club members and friends. Contact Galen Flinn if you want one of the Saturday seats.

Kermit Dunkin has agreed to lead a camping outing on the Metolius on July 18 – 21. He will be camping at Candle Creek and fishing most of the river from the upper closure, down to below Bridge 99. Camp sites are already being reserved, so if you plan to go and camp, better get one reserved soon! Motels and lodges are also available in the area.

We have several new members:

- Sam Brown (former member)
- Tim Cockbum
- Gary Kish
- Aaron Sackett

Please welcome them at the next meeting!

We have a busy slate of speakers and events this year so monitor the newsletter for details. We are also looking at casting and fly-tying lessons for those that might be interested. It will be a great year.

Tight Lines,

Rick Pay, President



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Club Calendar

- 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
 - 11th - TVTU joint fly-tying demonstration
 - TBD – Molalla River drifting for Bass
- July
 - 2nd – Club Meeting – Speaker: Water Watch – Discussing Dams
 - 18-19 – Fishing the Deschutes by Jet Boat with Rob Crandall
 - 18 – 21 – Outing Metolius River – Camping at Candle Creek – Kermit Duncan
- August
 - ? – Club Picnic
- September
 - 3rd – Club Meeting
- October
 - 1st – Club Meeting
- November
 - 5th – Club Meeting – Jennifer La Follette – Cuba
- December
 - 3rd – Christmas Dinner

Fly of the Month: Soda Lake Midge

By Sara Mckenzie and Ralph Brooks

Background

It was mid-fall with the aspen at their peak of color and we were camping beside Soda Lake north of Pinedale, Wyoming. Soda Lake is a small reservoir situated on the southwest flank of the spectacular Wind River Mountains. Depending on the year and water conditions, the lake can have monster brown and brook trout cruising its waters. As dusk approached in the evenings the browns would begin slurping along the water's edge. We needed a pattern and this is what we came up with. For three evenings we fish near shore and hammered fat browns in the 17 to 21 inches range. In the years since this fly has taken fish numerous other western waters.



How to Tie

- 1) Attach the thread and bring the thread to the back of the hook shank.
- 2) Tie in a few Mallard flank feather barb tips at the bend of the hook. The length should be about that of the hook gap.
- 3) Tie in 3-4 pieces of Hareline Black Krystal Flash at the back of the shank. Wrap them forward to just behind the hook eye and then back toward the bend for about one-third of the shank length and secure on the upper side of the shank with 2 or 3 thread wraps. Do not trim the excess! *Note: Hareline Black Krystal Flash is used specifically because it actually has a distinct shiny and blackish green, insect-like color to it. Coating the body with head cement makes the body stronger, but is not necessary.*
- 4) Cut a small, inch long bundle of ram's wool. Using "x-wraps," secure the bundle about half way between the hook eye and tag ends of the Krystal Flash.
- 5) Pull the tag ends of the Krystal Flash forward over the wings, secure with thread wraps behind the hook eye, build a small thread head, whip finish and cement.
- 6) To finish the fly, gently grasp the wings and pull them upward over the shank and trim them to a length about equal to or slightly longer than the hook gap.

Category	Trout
Hook	Curved nymph, 3x long, sizes 14-18
Tail	Mallard flank barb tips, olive
Thread	Olive, Uni 8/0
Body	Hareline Krystal Flash, Black
Wing Case	Hareline Krystal Flash, black
Wing	Ram's wool, dark olive (or yarn)

Variations

This style of midge can be tied in a variety of



colors and using many different materials.

How to Fish

This midge is best fished in lakes using a floating line and long leader. Usually, the fly is most effective when fished in the film or within a foot or two of the water's surface. Strip the fly, varying the speed and length of the strips until a combination is found that works. It is especially deadly on shallow flats where fish may be cruising. But don't avoid using the pattern in deeper water!



Soda Lake, Wyoming



Sara holding Soda Lake browns

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