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Meeting Location

Westbrook Club House

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

Beaverton, OR 97005

August Meeting:

There is no formal meeting in August; however, our annual **Summer Picnic** will be held at the Westbrook Club House **Saturday, August 9** from 4:30 to 7:00. The Club will provide chicken and ribs and members are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert.

President's Message

August 2025

For me, August is a tough month for fishing. Water temperatures are always high which is not only tough on the fish, but encourages weed growth that chokes many lakes. If water temps are above 67 degrees, it is best to let the fish rest. August is also the first real month of potential steelhead fishing on the Deschutes and other local streams. This year is yet to be determined, but the runs are looking very low so far. We need 9900 wild steelhead over Bonneville dam in July to have a season past August 15. If we fall short or barely meet the goal, I plan to not steelhead fish this year and instead concentrate on Trout Spey to keep the two-handed rod skills honed. There are already restrictions on the mouth of the "D" and on the John Day. Check the regulation updates before you go.



The big club event for August is the picnic on August 9 (Saturday) at the club house from 4:30 to 7 pm. The club will provide ribs, chicken and brats as well as water and soft drinks. No alcohol is allowed on site due to insurance requirements. We ask you to bring a side, salad or dessert to share. We are expecting around 25 people based on prior year's attendance. Chuck Cooney plans to bring his world-famous baked beans and his wife's even more famous macaroni salad.

Our casting clinics in July were very successful and several people have asked for more, so your board is considering something for the fall, perhaps in October. More to follow.....

Your representatives have been busy in Salem figuring out how to raise more money from you and one of the ways will be new rules for boat permits. The exact rules are in development, but basically all small boats, including kayaks,

pack rafts, stand-up paddleboards and even two inner tubes tied together, will need a [Waterway Access Permit](#) beginning Jan. 1, 2026. Permits for non-powered boats will be \$20 per year. Power boats are a fee plus a cost per foot in length. The revenue will go to boat inspection stations around the state to help stop invasive mussels and other species. Any money above that budget will go to development of access points. Permits will be available anywhere licenses are available, presumably including the app. All such boats also will need a sound producing device and life jackets. ODFW will be producing more information soon.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and get out and fish!

Tight Lines,

Rick Pay, President



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Club Calendar

- August
 - 9th – Club Picnic at the Club House – Club provides ribs, brats and chicken, Pot luck salads and dessert.
- September
 - 3rd – Club Meeting – Portland Fly Shop
- October
 - 1st – Club Meeting – Speaker Grant Richie – Minam Store Outfitters
- November
 - 5th – Club Meeting – Jennifer La Follette – Cuba

- December
 - 3rd – Christmas Dinner
- January
 - 7th – Club Meeting – Garrett Lesko – Jetty Fishing for bottom fish
- February
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In July several of our members went on a fishing trip to the Deschutes. Here are some of their photos.







Month Year
FLY OF THE MONTH
"AK Best's Spent Caddis"



Edition: December 2023

Written by: Jerry Coviello

Photographed By: Jerry Coviello

Creator: AK Best

AK Best Spent Caddis

This is a simple pattern to tie, but fishing this can be a little of a challenge during low light. This fly sits flat on the surface and can be hard. Fish dead drift since the fly is expired.

MATERIALS

Hook:	Dry Fly Hook
Thread:	Color to match the body, I am using cream 6/0
Body :	Color to match the insect. But tied sparse
Wing:	Partridge Body Feather
Hackle :	Rooster Neck trimmed on the bottom



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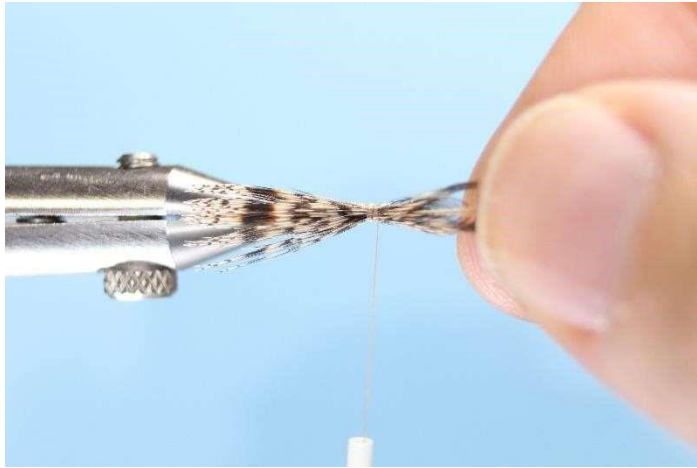


Tapered body cover. You can stop at 2 eye lengths from the eye



Bring the thread back towards the bend and stop at the 1/3 mark on the shank from the eye.

Tie a partridge feather flat on top of the body.



Pull the feather to line up the tips at
least a gap width past the bend of the hook.

Secure the partridge feather to the body have it cup the body. Tie in a hackle

Wrap the hackle around the hook shank and trim the
excess. Whipfinish.



1. Trim the hackle on the
bottom so the fly rides flush on the



surface film.



2. Completed AK Best Spent Caddis

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Casting Clinic, July 2025

