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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, July 2, 2025, 7:00 PM

Agenda

7:00-7:15	Welcome and Club business
7:15-8:15	Entertainment – Guest speaker: Neil Brandt, : "WaterWatch of Oregon: Protecting and Restoring Oregon's Rivers"
8:15-8:30	Raffle and adjourn

Our guest speaker for July is **Neil Brandt**, Executive Director of Waterwatch. Neil has served as WaterWatch's Executive Director since January 2023, after three and a half years as Development Director for the organization. Prior to joining WaterWatch in 2019, Neil worked as canvass director on behalf of Amnesty International in Seattle, where he organized and managed a team of on-the-ground field canvassers to raise money for Amnesty's international refugee rights advocacy. Before living and working in Seattle, Neil was a carbon policy researcher at The Nature Conservancy in Boulder, where he also earned his master's degree in environmental policy from The University

of Colorado at Boulder. Neil is an avid skier, hiker, mountain biker, and an aspiring rock climber. He grew up in the Adirondacks of New York and received his bachelor's degree with honors from the University of Vermont.

President's Message

July 2025

July strikes me as a month of transition. We go from the cooler days of spring to the dog days of summer, which this year are predicted to be mid-July to mid-August. Some Portlanders say summer starts July 5. I remember my family sitting in the garage under blankets on July 4th watching me set off fireworks in the street, often in the rain. This year though seems to be drier than normal although temperatures are bouncing between hot, to nice, to cool. As I write this, they are predicting snow in the mountains. Fishing wise, it is also a month of transition, going from the exciting days of the Salmon Fly hatch to the longer days of caddis, mayflies, and midges. The lakes are going from their spring excitement to warmer, weedier and more challenging.



For the club, we have a casting clinic July 1 and 8 at the pond just west of Murray Rd, just north of Scholls Ferry. It is right by the bank and what used to be Ruby Tuesday's restaurant. The clinic goes from 1:30 to 3:30 in the afternoon. Whether you are a beginner or just need someone to watch you cast and give a few pointers, bring your favorite rod and we will try to help. We also can help with Spey casting if you need it. There will also be a line weighing opportunity so you can confirm what line is on your reel. As you know, having the right line on your rod makes a big difference in casting. No flies on your line please. We will have

yarn for you to cast. That helps prevent injuries and allows you to cast without being considered to be “fishing”.

July 18 and 19 is our outing on the Deschutes with Rob Crandall at Macks Canyon. We still have a few spots available on Saturday, 19th for \$200, but reservations will close at the July meeting, so call Galen or come to the meeting if you want a spot.

We also have a more informal outing on the Metolius July 18, 19 and 20.

Our speaker for July is Water Watch, a fine conservation organization that is helping keep our rivers all over the state in good working order for our fish. Come hear what their latest projects and recent challenges and successes are.

July makes for great bass fishing, fun chasing carp, the end of shad fishing, and the beginning of steelhead. Yes, there are lots of transitions to take advantage of.

Tight Lines,

Rick Pay, President



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Club Calendar

- July
 - 1st & 8th – Casting Clinic
 - 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
 - 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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Club Photos

Below are some photos taken by members on the Deschutes and at Trillium Lake this past month.





June 2023
FLY OF THE MONTH
"Lafontaine Sparkle Caddis Pupa"



Edition: June 2023
Written by: Jerry Coviello
Photographed By: Jerry Coviello
Creator: Gary Lafontaine

Lafontaine Sparkle Caddis Pupa

This is a version of Gary Lafontaine's Sparkle Caddis Pupa. Gary studied how the caddis larva would expand and transform as it shot up to the surface of the stream. The pupa stage would inflate with gas and the body would fill up creating a bubble. The Antron yarn gave a good reflective property to sparkle as it moves quickly to the surface.

MATERIALS

Hook: Daiichi 1560 1X Strong 1XL Wet/Nymph Hook

Thread: Color to match the body, I am using olive 6/0

Underbody: Olive Sparkle Antron Dubbing

Bubble: Olive Antron Yarn

Legs: Partridge Body Feather

Thorax: Brown Antron Sparkle Dubbing



1. Start the thread one third back from the eye of the hook.

Leave the hook bare behind the eye of the hook.



2. Tie in two strands of the Olive Antron Yarn. One strand on the far side of the hook and the other on the near side of the hook...



3. Dub a body using the Olive Antron Sparkle Dubbing at least two thirds of the shank length.



4. Make open spirals of the thread to behind the eye of the hook.

5. Pull the two strands of Antron yarn on both sides of the hook and get ready to secure them behind the eye of the hook.

6. Secure with tight wraps the Antron Yarn behind the eye of the hook



7. Pull the yarn towards the body of the fly. This is why the hook was left bare so the material would slide to form the bubble. Secure the Antron yarn into position with tight wraps then cut the excess yarn.





8. Tie in a Partridge feather by the tip.

9. Wrap the partridge feather twice and then secure the feather. Each wrap stroke the fibers rearward towards the bend of the hook



10. Dub a thorax with dark brown Antron Sparkle Dubbing.

Whipfinish and done.

Editors Notes: This fly can be tied in other colors and sizes. So just experiment and match the hatch.

Video: You can see this fly being tied as well as the JC Electric Caddis Larva, Elk Hair Caddis and the XCaddis on this video

https://youtu.be/ZWm_NsdV6-4

Fly of the Month: Do you know someone who you think should be featured in the Fly of the Month? If so, feel free to refer them. If you have a camera and computer, you can write a Fly of the Month article to honor your favorite tier tying their best creation. For details contact the Fly Tying Group at ftg@flyfishersinternational.org.

Please note: The demonstration you are viewing makes no claim, implied or otherwise, that the presenter or demonstrator of the fly pattern was the original creator of the fly. This is the guest tier's version of this fly and it may differ from the creator's or other versions and variations.

Please Credit FFI Website or FFI Fly Tying Group Fly of the Month with any use of the pattern.

You can direct any questions or comments to ftg@flyfishersinternational.org.

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