

January 2006 Newsletter - Alpine Fly Fishers

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Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006

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Wet Line 6:30 P.M., Dry Line 7:30 P.M.

Smallmouth bass fly fishing on Oregon's John Day River

Club members Steve Egge and Bob Alston, with assistance from John Wenzel, will share experiences of summer floating and fly fishing for smallmouth bass on eastern Oregon's John Day River. "We've had 100-fish days," Egge recalls.

Egge and Alston will share favorite techniques and popper patterns for top-water action during their program Wednesday.

Fly of the Month by Jim Higgins

Hook: Daiichi 1150, size 10-18

Thread: 6/0 maroon

Rib: Fine silver wire

Body: Maroon Superfloss

Shellback: Pheasant tail

Thorax: Peacock herl

Gills: White ostrich herl

Start thread 1/16-inch behind the eye of the hook and wrap back until it's over the barb. Attach a short piece of fine silver wire. Leave the wire extending over the bend of the hook. It will be used as a tag and rib later. Attach a piece of maroon Superfloss about 1/8-inch behind the eye and tie off. Counter wrap the silver wire and

Maroon Chironomid



put three wraps close together behind the Superfloss and then spiral wrap the wire forward to form the rib over the Superfloss.

Tie the wire off at the front of the Superfloss and attach the pheasant tail on top of the hook, reversed over the eye of the hook. Leave the thread just behind the eye of the hook. Tie in an ostrich herl behind the eye and wrap two turns toward the bend and tie off. Attach two peacock herls right behind the ostrich and twist them around the tying thread to form chenille. Wrap twice around the hook and tie off. The pheasant tail that is extended over the eye is now pulled to the rear over the top of the fly to form a wing case and secured just ahead of the body. Whip finish at this point. The maroon chironomid is ready to fish.

(Editor's Note: Jim Higgins will be tying his fly at Wednesday's meeting.)

State sportsmen's show returns to the Puyallup fairgrounds

Casting ponds, camp cooking, big game hunting and surviving in the outdoors are just a few highlights of this year's Washington State Sportsmen's Show which runs Jan. 25-29 at the Western Washington Fairgrounds in Puyallup.

Alpine Fly Fishers members will also share an information/fly tying booth with Puget Sound Fly Fishers of Tacoma. Several club members have also volunteered to teach fly rod casting.

Among the show's big names is Chuck Stranahan, Montana's Bitterroot River guide. At one of various theaters, he'll demonstrate casting techniques as well as fly tying and fishing.

Dues a bargain at \$20 annually

A friendly reminder that as we kick off another year, your dues are a welcome part of our survival. They cover the cost of our club membership in the Federation of Fly Fishers and help us corral top-notch speakers each year. It's only \$20 a year.

Help from Hafele - Deschutes fly fishing class

The weekend of March 18 and 19 in Maupin, Oregon, Rick Hafele and John Smeraglio will offer a workshop on fishing the Deschutes River and other western streams. The class includes dinner Saturday night followed by a slide show and discussion on the keys to fishing western rivers. Sunday opens with a detailed presentation about western hatches and trout foods. After lunch, "students" will spend the afternoon on the Deschutes River and learn first hand how to select the right flies and how to present them. Class size is limited. Cost is \$130. Contact Deschutes Canyon Fly Shop or john@flyfishingdeschutes.com.

State fish & wildlife offer grants to clubs, groups

The state fish and wildlife department is looking for volunteer groups to help spend \$120,000 earmarked for projects that fall under at least one of five categories: artificial production, education and outreach, facility improvements, research and habitat restoration projects.

The money comes from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account for projects undertaken between July 2006 and June 30, 2007. Applications will be accepted until March 31 and are available through the Olympia website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/>

Web Site: Continue to checkout Alpine Fly Fishers' new website www.alpineflyfishers.org

Classified Ads: As a service to our members, we offer a space dedicated to helping you unload some good equipment you've "outgrown" or a space to help you find something that fits. It can be a boat, rod, reel, waders or camping gear, just to mention a few examples. Let the editor know and we'll include it.

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