

## *Board Meeting*

The monthly Board meeting was held January 22nd with the following subjects brought up for discussion.

**Mentoring Program:** It was suggested by Rod Antilla that a Mentoring Program could be instituted where the club would offer assistance to new members in the area of rigging a new outfit, instruction in casting or tying flies, passing along places to fish or even “guide” a trip. This (group) or list of individuals would change routinely as the make up of the club changes or interests develop. It sounds like a great way to develop skills and build relationships. The Board would like to hear your pinions) and/or suggestions on the subject.

**Newsletter vs. Web site:** The Board was in general agreement that the newsletter and the web site will eventually merge. When this happens, club members will access the newsletter at the web site rather than a separate stand-alone e-mail or physical newsletter. As several members still prefer to receive an e-mail or at least a notification that the newsletter is posted, we will try to accommodate as time and member lists permit.

**Sportsman Show:** As a remind-

er, the Sportsmen Show (See article on page 2) is fast approaching and we still need volunteers to support our booth. As in the past, we have a commitment to providing two tiers during open hours of the show as well as provide casting demonstrations if needed. Your last “formal” opportunity to sign up is February 1 at the general meeting . Contact any Board member for more details.

### **Mel Krieger Casting Clinic:**



Bill Swift checked with the Director of the Douglas County Parks, Jim Dowd, about making arrangements for the activity on April 22. Renting ½ of the pavilion at Riverforks will cost approximately \$50. For a small group of 20 individuals a Special Use

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### **Upcoming Events**

- *Roseburg Sportsman Show February 16-18, 2007*
- *Northwest Fly Tying Expo March 9 & 10, 2007*
- *Mel Krieger Casting Clinic April 22, 2007*

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Permit is not needed, though renting the pavilion may trigger a Use Permit. At any rate contact between the club and the Park Department should be done relatively promptly to assure a spot at the pavilion. The Board awaits a club consensus that the Clinic should be scheduled and funds committed.



## Monthly Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, February 1st at 7:00 PM. Social hour starts at 6:30 PM and don't forget to bring a fly.

The ODFW will give the club an update on the Diamond Lake restoration project.

## Sportsman Show

The Douglas County Sportsman Show is just around the corner and as in past years, we have committed to a table where we can promote the club and other activities. We remind members that we need volunteers to help man the booth during show hours. Duties might include fly-tying, cast-



ing demonstrations at the casting pool or simply making yourself available to help cover the booth as needed. If you are not a tier, but would still like to volunteer, talk with Rod Antilla, Sonny Hayes, Carol LaBranche, Bill Swift, Dave Dennis, Kim DeVries or

Alex Neilson. This is a great opportunity to get involved and give something back to the club. Show dates are:

Friday, Feb.16	Noon to 9 PM
Saturday, Feb.17	10 AM to 8 PM
Sunday, Feb.18	10 AM to 5 PM

Kim DeVries and Carol LaBranche will also share the booth in support of "Casting for Recovery"; a non-profit organization dedicated to providing fly-fishing retreats specifically designed for women who have or have had breast cancer.

The club is also planning to raffle a new fly rod each day the show is open. Tickets will be \$1.00 per chance. Details of the raffle are

## Northwest Fly Tying Expo

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If you've ever wanted to see how it's really done or just want to improve your fly-fishing skills, start making plans now to attend the Northwest Fly Tiers Expo March 9 & 10, 2007 at the Linn County Expo Center in Albany, Oregon. There will be 70 fly tiers exhibiting at one time, an indoor fly casting pool to test your skills, educational seminars and classes sponsored by the Oregon Council of the FFF, Guides, manufacturers and fly shop exhibitors. A Banquet is planned for Saturday night, March 10 at 8 PM. Cost is: \$25/person. Call (541) 327-2834 for details or e-mail beavergrad@hughes.net.

For those planning to stay overnight, arrangements have been made with Comfort Suites in conjunction with the Show. Rates are \$60/night single and \$65/night double and includes a hot buffet breakfast. The Comfort Suites building adjoins the Linn County Expo ground next to the exhibit hall, within easy walking distance. Call (541) 928-2053 for reservations.

The Expo also has RV spaces available with water and electrical hookup for \$17/night. Call (541) 926-4314 to reserve a spot.



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*"Our intent is to give anglers of all ages, genders and skills an opportunity to build their fly-fishing abilities and knowledge"*

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## January Tying Session

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The Fly Tying Session held at the Umpqua University and Development Center was a huge success. The session was well attended with several demonstrators and an estimated 15 attendees.



*Club President, Chuck Walker at his first tying session*

Rod Antilla stated that several members and tier's suggested a change in format for future sessions where the club would concentrate on tying just one fly or type per session. The pattern or type would be an-

nounced prior to the next event so that attendees could come better prepared with the appropriate tools and materials. A featured instructor would complement the session.

It was stated that watching is good but tying is more rewarding for both the instructor and student. Let's get involved with this hands-on experience.

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*L to R: Jim Yingst looks on while Bill Logan completes another egg pattern and Dale Greenley adds the finishing touches to his Dark Spruce steelhead fly.*

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*John Matthews tying a McKenzie caddis, a trout dry fly, while other attendees study his technique.*



*John Van Cott tying Marabou streamers and Adams dry fly*



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## *Casting Clinic*

The club has been in contact with Mel Krieger about the possibility of him putting on a professional casting clinic on April 22, 2007 here in Roseburg. If arrangement can be made, it would be a "Fee" activity where individuals would pay an estimated \$65 for a day of professional casting lessons.

The final format is still in work and will most likely be for Intermediate to

Advance level. We need membership feedback to see if there is enough support to continue our efforts. The clinic would be promoted and open to the public but non club members will pay a higher fee.

The all day activity will probably include a lunch but this has not been confirmed. If you think you or a friend might be interested in participating in such an event, contact any Board member.

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## *Newsletter Input*

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