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# NEWSLETTER

March 2010

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## The Rogue Flyfishers proudly present

"An Evening with Jason Borger" from "A River Runs Through It"





# MARCH DINNER MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17th - RED LION HOTEL 200 N. RIVERSIDE, MEDFORD OR Wet Fly Social Hour 6 to 7 PM - Buffet Dinner and Raffle at 7PM

JASON BORGER, THE SHADOW CASTER FOR BRAD PITT IN THE MOVIE "A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT", will be here to share his experiences in the making of this extraordinary film. Jason is a world renowned fly fisherman who landed his first fish while only a toddler. Jason will also address the impact and precautions used to protect the trout in this film. This evening will be unforgettable so we encourage you to bring family members, friends or business associates to this dinner.

## President's Message - March

Okay, okay. It is more fun to catch fish, and big ones tend to be more fun than smaller ones. But you know something? Catching fish after fish gets kind of boring too. Still yet, this does not belie the notion that the greatest reward comes in the pursuit. As kids we used to make a few phone calls on Friday evening or Saturday morning, get a few guys together down at the beach or at a playground someplace and play some ball game or other. Looking back, I cannot recall the final score of a single game, or even who usually won, if anyone. The fun, the reward, was in PLAYING the game, not necessarily winning it. And so it is with fishing. We enjoy the challenge and opportunity for action, and if we score the reward is enhanced, but not created. Okay. 'Nuff said.

This month's program should be outstanding and is one to be enjoyed by the whole family. Jason Borger follows in the footsteps of his father, Gary Borger, both of whom are recognized giants in the fly fishing community. From wading boots to flies, the senior Borger has designed and perfected almost every item used by trout fly fishers, in addition to techniques as well. Jason learned everything his dad knew, then built upon that vast and accurate knowledge. Here is a man who knows all the rules, but is good enough to break them all on occasion without apology. If you have a copy of the video, A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT, that guy casting in the picture on the jacket is Jason Borger. In that picture as you examine how the line makes unexpected curves and curls while making no pretense at a nice tight casting loop the way we were all taught, you may have wondered why they didn't get someone who knew what he was doing for that picture. Well, they did. They got the best there is. That fancy cast is by design, not accident. And the man who did it is our program at the Red Lion on March 17. His topic is the making of A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT and his role in it. This is probably the best of the year for keeping family, anglers, and non-anglers interested and entertained.

Jason is also giving a workshop on casting, targeting intermediate to advanced casters, described elsewhere in this Newsletter. Enrollment is limited.

## So Many Fish, So Little Time - March

Winter steelhead are in the river. Popular wisdom says that during lower flow such as we now have the fish hold in deeper holes waiting for freshets before moving upstream to their spawning beds. Could be. I am averaging about one steelhead per drift these days. In previous years I've had good days with the river low, and good days with the river higher after rain. And while we are at it, the bad days have occurred during low river days and higher water as well. My recommendation is to get out and test that hypothesis for yourself. In any case, the preferred spawning habitat for winter steelhead is small tributaries, often so small that they dry up in summer. But they spawn in the river often enough that an egg pattern can be productive. Swinging flies works for those who prefer, but it is important to present the flies to water where the fish are most likely to be holding. But then, that is a good rule any time, any place.

March Browns are hatching in good numbers and trout seem to enjoy them, but sometimes you might see lots of bugs on the surface and few fish taking them. All of which comes as no surprise to average anglers such as the guy who wrote this report. If the fish are ignoring your floating fly, adding a soft hackle as a second fly can often make the difference.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

John Grimbergen, Ashland (541-499-5662) Greg Popowich of St. Paul, Minnesota. (651-442-5992)

#### ROSTER CHANGES

Kellie Christensen no longer has a landline phone. You can contact Kellie on her cell phone: 541-776-4094

#### **Sometimes It's luck**

By Vince Zauskey

Luck and Skill play a big part in many endeavors. Fly-fishing is no exception. The more skill you possess, the more confidence you have that a fish (or several) will take your fly. The expectation you could hook a fish is often times good enough and as I grow older I'm never disappointed after having an opportunity to experience a day outside—escaping for a few hours from the hustle and bustle of our busy world. Catching a few fish or a big fish is the exclamation point.

Is it luck when you've drifted off after a cast and you're enjoying the sound of water around you or notice a bird singing from the nearby trees or catch a glimpse of a River Otter scurrying along the opposite shoreline when suddenly WHAM--your fly rod takes a nosedive? Or is it skill because you tied-on the right fly and it was in the right place at the right time?

The setting was similar to most winter days in southern Oregon as of late—mild, overcast weather (in the low 50' for a high), reasonable water levels on the upper Rogue (a hair under 2000cfs at Dodge Bridge) and the water color was a grayishgreen which is good for targeting steelhead. Oh, and there was no fog and no wind.

What else could a fly fisher ask for on a winter day (January 16, 2010 to be exact)? Well, I wouldn't have minded hooking into a steelhead or two between Takelma Park and Dodge Bridge with my fly-fishing partner, Otis Swisher. And when the occasion usually presents itself it can be very enjoyable to switch from a 7 wt steelhead rod to a much lighter, shorter rod to concentrate on rising trout when the Blue-winged Olive hatch comes off in early to mid-afternoon. But on this day, it really didn't happen; no steelhead on the 9' rod and just a few naturals with little surface feeding in our favorite spots.

"It's a great day to be on the river" Otis reminds me and he has reminded me of that fact a number of times during our river outings these past several years. As always, I'm along for the ride and on this Saturday afternoon I can't think of a better way to spend the day.

Our float wasn't over, however, and we had one more spot to try with our heavier rods and then we'd change-up to the dries before "to the barn" (Dodge Bridge boat ramp) before dark. If you're observant you'll see a few flies late in the day—from 3:00 to 4:30PM. If you're in the right place, you'll also see rising trout. Sometimes you can cast blindly and they'll come out of nowhere for your size 14-16 Adams, BWO or Otis' Blue Dun imitation. "think my Blue Dun is too large," Otis remarks but he keeps his fly on because we periodically see rising fish. I hook a 10" then an 11" cutthroat on a smaller pattern with my 7' 4 wt. and have hits from a couple others that come out of nowhere. They're off before I can strip them to the boat.

Then, suddenly it happens. I'm fishing boat left, Otis is fishing boat right and I hear 'Take' which sounds like someone dropping a rock in the water. I instinctively turn my head toward the sound and Otis says, "thought my fly was further upstream?!" Just about that time the fish leaps out of the water and it's immediately apparent this is no small trout--it's a bigger fish and it's on Otis' 3 wt, 7 footer. It takes a run, a hard run, and you could measure our smiles with a yardstick when it suddenly breaks the surface again. As Otis carefully works the fish close to the port side of the boat, it does a chug, chug, chug downstream--full speed ahead--then continues to run on both sides of the boat.

After eight minutes and a couple of more bursts the fish finally is brought to the boat. I extend the net handle and scoop up a tired steelhead on the starboard side—a healthy male with Otis' Blue Dun solidly imbedded in the corner of its mouth.

After taking a measurement—16" and wild—I work Otis' de-barbed fly free and quickly lower the rubber net back in the water to revive the fish. I move the net back and forth, making sure the fish stays upright, the mouth takes in oxygenated water and the gills are pulsating. Finally he regains his strength, slowly swims out of the net and disappears in deep water below the bow of the boat.

And the celebration?! It's no elbow bumper with Otis this time. It's a hand shaker!!

## **Epilogue**

Otis was using a 3X tippet and had 3 wind knots in it. He knew they were there before hooking this steelhead on his 3 wt but didn't want to lose any fishing time replacing it. After our celebration, he pulled on the tippet near each knot to see where it would break but, surprisingly, the tippet held together. I continued to fish, with the hope I might also hook a big one, Otis reached for his tackle bag, located his tippet and added a fresh section of 3X.

## **SAVE THE WILD ROGUE**

There are a couple of web sites that offer information on making the Rogue River a better place and keeping it that way. You can find the links on the club web site home page. The links are:

http://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2010/01/going\_rogue\_in\_a\_meaningful\_wa.html

http://savethewildrogue.org

### **SOFT**

The Southern Oregon Fly Tyers invite you to attend their meetings the second Tuesday of each month. The upcoming meetings are March 9, April 13 and May 11, 2010. The meetings start at 6:00 PM, at the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park community building near Gold Hill. Bring a friend, come early so you don't miss anything, and stay late. Tiers need not be experienced, and those with all levels of skill are welcome. Each meeting a member is encouraged to demonstrate a new or different skill, from simple to difficult. For more information, call Dan Kellogg at 773-4724.

## **NW Fly Tying Expo**

The 2010 Fly Tying Expo in Albany, Oregon is scheduled for March 12, 13 and 14 (the premier event of the year for the Oregon Council of the FFF for the past 20+ years).

There will be classes on tying & casting, free demonstrations of same with 200 tyers demonstrating in shifts all day, both days (March 12 & 13, 2010), plus 59 different vendors of products peculiarly of interest to fly fishers, where & how to programs, raffles, and silent and oral auctions of good stuff.

More information can be found at:

http://nwexpo.com or on the Rogue Flyfisher's web site home page.

## EXCITING NEWS ABOUT OUR MARCH SPEAKER – DON'T MISS THIS!

Jason Borger will be our speaker for March!

He was the shadow caster for

Brad Pitt in the movie, "A River Runs Through It" and his program will be discussing the filming process and how the trout were handled in the movie. It is a very interesting program that both non-fishing and fishing members of the family will be interested in.

Jason was literally born with a fly rod in his hand. His father is Gary Borger - a well known author and stalwart in the sport.

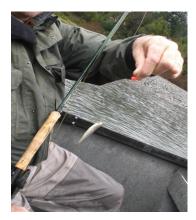
Jason caught his first trout on a fly rod when he was only 3! He is a phenomenal caster who created a wonderful book called

"The Nature Of Fly Casting-A Modular Approach", (2001).

An advanced casting class will be held the afternoon of our March 17th dinner meeting for \$25 per participant.

Call John MacDiarmid (541-840-0183) to sign up! This is your chance to cast with one of the best!

## CHETCO RIVER TRIP



For those of you who missed the Chetco River trip with Gary Lewellyn, here is a photo of Gary's steelhead. Be sure to congratulate him on his catch.

## BYLAW STATEMENT ON MEMBERSHIP

Since it is membership renewal time, here is a copy of the Club bylaws regarding membership.

Current Article 3 and Section 4.—"Annual dues shall be in amounts recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by the membership. A different rate of dues may be charged for each membership classification. All dues shall be due and payable prior to January 1 of each year. A new member joining the Club prior to June 30 of each year shall pay a full year's dues. A new member joining the Club subsequent to said date shall pay one-half the current year dues. If a member does not pay his or her dues by April 1 of the year they become due, the delinquent member shall be officially suspended from the Club. The suspension shall last until payment of Club dues or until otherwise determined by the Board of Directors."

#### From the editor

This story from Otis Swisher is being reprinted because the final paragraph was left out of last month's newsletter.

#### He's Gonna Fish

By Otis Swisher

It looks like he' gonna' fish. Think I'll stick around a bit and watch. What matter that it's raining, and hard. That at 1430 hr the light of day has faded. That I have seen no hatch or feeding rises for nearly an hour. That fog has formed a cloud low on the river downstream and that it is slowly moving up to where I am watching from the comfort of my car. He's gonna' fish. I'm gonna' watch.

Earlier today, from 1230 - 1350 hr I had done my surface count of feeding fish at a favorite observation hole a half-mile above here. 20 plus fish breaking the surface each 5-minutes of observation was not the best winter activity since the start of "Ought Ten" and the new year. But, fish were actively rising there. Maybe, there will be some late activity here.

He knows how to get prepared for the fishing, all right. His car has one of those huge lift-up back door-and windows; the kind that lift window and tail gate all in one piece, and provides a large protected cover for him to change gear under without getting wet.

It didn't take 5 minutes to get into waders and boots. He stepped out from under his cover and I was surprised to see that he was not wearing rain gear. Just a khaki style vest, flannel shirt, and ball cap. And, I remind you "It's raining hard."

When he hit the river at almost a jog, he dropped his knapsack and within 4 or 5 steps into the river he went from ankle deep, to knee deep, to thigh deep, to almost waist deep. No timid, test the water with a toe, here. This young man is an aggressive wader, for sure.

After eight to ten casts without a fish response, he started plowing water. Not just upstream, but also out towards the middle. Waist deep and he's taking long steps against the current. That shows his confidence in his balance.

And, he has balance. No stumbling, catching himself. No waving a rod like a tight-rope walker with a balance pole. Surging. Plowing water. A steady, rhythmic gait taking him upstream until he was lost to sight behind the trees.

A little after 1500 hr he reappeared. He's wading downstream. Waist deep. Matching the speed of the current. It's like he is side-bouncing from a boat. He's keeping up with his cast and covering a hundred feet of bottom or more before the next cast.

Rain hasn't totally let up. Still, out of his car comes a young lady with a small child in a stomach pack/sling. She approaches the fisher. They talk. They smile. He wades, waves, smiles at her, looks over his shoulder at his family, all the while he's fishing.

Then, lo and behold, he nods upstream and she heads up to the knapsack to save him a trip. Wife, mother, and now "gillie" for a fisherman? Such a sight: a baby in a stomach pack, a knapsack on her back, and both smiling up a storm.. That baby will turn out to be an out-of-doors type not bothered by a little drizzle. Of that, I am sure.

I really enjoyed watching all this unfold. I hope I've been able to paint an interesting word picture for you readers. And, I hope that you will forgive me for telling this story even though the young man isn't one of us. Did I mention: He's a spin fisher, all the way.

# On The Fly

## March 2010

"Fly tying is a school from which we never graduate"



## **TYING NEWS**

The Southern Oregon Fly Tyers invite you to attend their next meeting, Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at 6:00 PM, at the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park community building near Gold Hill. Bring a friend, come early so you don't miss anything, and stay late. Tiers need not be experienced, and those with all levels of skill are welcome. Each meeting a member is encouraged to demonstrate a new or different skill, from simple to difficult. For more information, call Dan Kellogg at 773-4724.

Bill Logan was our featured fly tyer at the February meeting and he demonstrated several variations of damsel fly nymphs with eyes. He stressed skinny bodies and experimenting with different materials and techniques. Thanks, Bill.

DIRECTIONS: Take Gold Hill Exit #40, off of I-5 and go west, toward Jacksonville, 1.3 miles, until you reach the brick entrance way to the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park on the right. You'll pass a golf course parking lot on your left shortly after leaving the freeway. After you turn right into the mobile home park, proceed to the community building which is located about 100 yards ahead on the left. The address is 8401 Old Stage Rd. Please park your vehicle on the bare dirt in the parking lot to avoid the wooden septic covers in the grass.

## **PATTERN OF THE MONTH - Two Feathers Fly**

Hook: Daiichi 1170, standard dry fly, 12-24

Thread: Your choice, 8-0. Tail, body, wing: Mallard breast feather

Hackle: Your choice.



## **Tying Instructions**

Step 1: Mash the barb and mount the hook in the vise. Start the tying thread one eye width behind the eye and wrap a thread base back to a point halfway down the bend.

Step 2: Select a small bunch of Z-lon fibers and measure them to be one hook-length. Tie the fibers on top of the hook shank halfway down the bend and bind down the butts along the top of the shank back to the thread tie-in point. Trim the butts. Step 3: Dub the thread using a dubbing loop and wind forward forming a tapered body. End the body about 1/4 shank length back from the eye.

Step 4: Select a bunch of deer hair and measure to one hook length. Holding the bunch firmly between your thumb and forefinger, tie down the hair on top of the hook shank with firm enough wraps to flair slightly. Trim the butts just behind the eye at an angle. Step 5: Bind the butts of the deer hair with touching thread wraps to form a tapered head. Whip finish and cement.

March Brown mayflies are the year's first hatch of large size insects and can produce excellent fishing. The duns range in size from 10-14, have tan underbellies with mottled brown or gray wings. While most anglers concentrate on the adults, there are many other opportunities. In the early part of March, when the weather is still cool, emerger fishing can be deadly. There are often many cripples that do not get out of the case and literally hundreds of others that are just slow in doing so. There is something about the "helpless" nature of this pattern that makes it irresistible to trout.

### **TYING TIPS**

The curved hook gives the appearance of a struggling emerger. The Z-lon tail imitates the trailing shuck of a cripple. It should be somewhat sparse. By using a dubbing loop with fine dry fly dubbing you get a tighter, trim body, more like the natural. Coastal deer hair is less hollow than other types, and therefore less apt to flare too much. The wing should angle back towards the tail at about 45 degrees. The March Brown Deer Hair Emerger is a simple tie, using only three materials. By changing color and size it can be used for any hatch you encounter. So tie some up, give them a test flight, and let me know how you do.

Tie One On,

Dan Kellogg (you can contact me at FLYGUY@EZNORTHWEST.COM)



ATTENTION: Club members, spouses, children and friends:

You won't want to miss the March dinner! This is an evening for the whole family and one that your friend's will not want to miss! Jason Borger, the shadow caster for Brad Pitt in the movie "A River Runs Through It" will be talking about the making of the movie. His show will be extraordinary and your club has invested a lot of time and energy getting him here for this dinner! A profile of Jason will be featured in an upcoming edition of the Mail Tribune OUTDOOR section, as well as a plug for our club, so watch for that to learn more about this incredible man who caught his first fish on a fly rod while only a toddler! Even if you are not a regular dinner attendee, you won't want to miss this one!

I am sure you saw the Outings Schedule for 2010 in your February newsletter. The two changes are noted below: **The Miguels Cup** is cancelled and The McKenzie River Outing will be offered on two days so more people may be able to go! (Dave Haight will lead on Saturday).

Thursday, April 8th & Saturday, April 10th (pick your day!) McKenzie River Fish On Joint Outings with SOFF

You auction committee is hard at work. Although the auction isn't until May 19th, it takes a full 6 months to get it together. This year's auction will be unlike any you have attended at Rogue Flyfishers in the past. PLEASE THINK ABOUT ANY PLACE OF BUSINESS OR PERSON YOU KNOW WHO MIGHT BE WILLING TO DONATE AN ITEM OR SERVICE. Kellie has a nifty little "We Encourage Your Donation" fact sheet that details why we have this fundraiser and how we spend the money we raise and what benefits there are for those who contribute! Email her for a copy at kclmbr@msn.com or call 776-4094.

Here's what you may NOT know about the auction and your club: Our fundraising auction generates the most revenue for our club. Monies raised this past year were given to Oregon State University Scholarship Foundation, Oregon Stewardship, Western Environmental Law Center, Bear Creek Watershed Council, Water Watch, Native Fish Society, Federation of Fly Fishers and Rogue Basin Coordination Council, to name a few. We are dedicated to river and land conservation, improving the local fish habitat and population, riparian plantings, funding insect studies, tracking and affecting legislation pertinent to living in Southern Oregon, and awarding scholarships to deserving students. We work in tandem with The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, The US Forest Service, The Bureau of Land Management, and many other state, county and city agencies. We host therapeutic classes for disabled veterans and fund community activities year round. We are proud of our continuing effort in clean up projects as well. Our club includes men, women and children of all ages who are dedicated to preserving, improving and enjoying the wonders of our many lakes, rivers, forests and fish species. PRETTY IMPRESSIVE! WE CANNOT DO THIS WITHOUT YOUR HELP SO PLEASE START THINKING ABOUT FRIENDS OR BUSINESS ASSOCIATES THAT YOU CAN INVITE AND WHO YOU CAN SPEAK TO ABOUT A POSSIBLE DONATION!

Our dinner raffle will now feature two non-fishing items, of interest to all, so don't miss the opportunity to spend a few dollars to win a GREAT prize!

## <u>ATTENTION — Experienced Casters</u> YOUR GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY IS HERE!

Jason Borger of "A River Runs Through It" fame will be offering a Casting class the afternoon of he March dinner meeting for experienced casters. There are only a few spots available, so if you want to improve with one of the best, contact John MacDiarmid at 542-664-8391 or jmacd@jeffnet.org

## Mother's Day Caddis

By John MacDiarmid

So you are dredging the bottom of the Rogue River during the steelhead season in the fall and these little caddis cases constantly get caught on the hooks. Ever wonder what they are and why you get so many of these and not other caddis cases?

Take a close look at the case. Notice how it is built of plant fiber material as opposed to sand or pebbles and it is a rectangular, chimney-shape. Very few things in nature come in 90 degree patterns so when it happens it is usually easy to identify. You are holding a *Brachycentrus occidentalis*, commonly called a Mother's Day Caddis as the emergence of this species is usually just before Mother's Day in the Rocky Mountains. Here on the Rogue, where it is warmer, the Mothers Day hatch starts in mid-March There are 8 other species of this genus in North America and they are all referred to as American Grannom. Some hatch through the summer.

You catch more of these caddis than others because they attach themselves on the tops of rocks facing upstream. To feed it extends its hairy front legs in the current and traps food particles. They are not found in slow water. Other cased caddises attach themselves to the underside of rocks...out of the hook zone, The few others that attach on the top, close the case up for pupation so the line and hook seldom hangs up.

This is a good caddis to learn and fish. Most caddis hatch late in the day about dusk, but the American Grannom starts in the early afternoon and continues through out the day and according to Rick Hafele, (*Nymphing Rivers and Streams*,(2006, p.144) "Many *Brachycentridae* struggle with emergence in the surface film for a long time." In the late afternoon egg-laying females return to deposit eggs on the surface or dive and swim to the bottom to paste their eggs on a rock. Trout have numerous chances at this bug and anglers have many opportunities to duplicate nature and hook trout. In fact, La Fontaine in his epic book, *Caddisflies* (1981,p.223), states, "... the American Grannom rates second only to *Hydropsyche* (Spotted Sedge) as an important caddis fly for trout-stream fishermen."

Numerous patterns will work for this little guy. Dave Hughes, (*Wet Flies*, 1995,p.73) finds the peacock herl and starling soft-hackle very effective for this hatch. Other patterns can be found in La Fontaine and Hafele, Juracek and Mathews, *Fishing Yellowstone Hatches* (1992,p.48-51) use a downwing attractor like the Royal Trude. Once you learn the hatch and fish it in the spring, you will be less likely to curse the cases when you are steel heading in the fall!

## **ATTENTION ALL CLUB MEMBERS:**

Someone purchased a guided fishing trip to Northern California with Larry Bressler's son at last year's auction. His computer was stolen and he does not know who you are! Please contact Larry Bressler at 541-488-1017 if you are the one who purchased this trip.

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#### VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY LOG

Date	Key Contact	Activity Description	Participants
Feb. 20, 2010	John Ward, Conservation Chairman & Board Member, 541-482-2859, e_john_ward@msn.com	Five RFF volunteers helped plant a thousand conifer and hardwood seedlings along a US Forest Service constructed side channel on Sucker Creek near Oregon Caves National Monument on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010. Ian Reid, USFS Fish Biologist said the side channel provided important off-channel spawning and rearing habitat for coho and other fish species last November and December. Willows and incense cedars will help stabilize the stream banks and improve canopy within a few years; maples and shrubs will add shade and erosion control more slowly. The very rocky site challenged the workers and helped build an appetite for the hot chili, cornbread and coffee lunch	Brad Cloven, Linda Garnett, Robert Garnett, Phil Hager, and John Ward

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##