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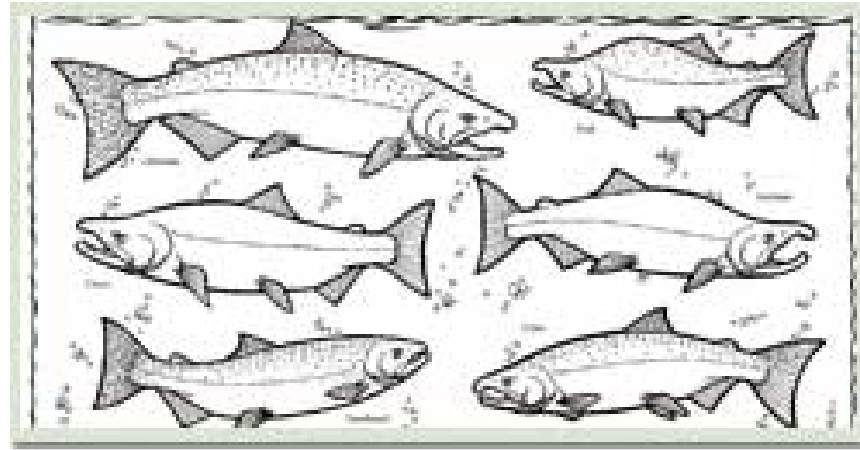
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Penn's Woods West Trout Unlimited meets the second Monday of each month at the Brentwood VFW Post 1810 (412-881-9934), 3801 Clairton Blvd., 3.5 miles south of the Liberty Tubes, corner of Rt. 51 and Marlea Street, near McGinnis Sisters Market.

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# Chapter News

## FLY SALE A HUGE SUCCESS

Once again, PWWTU member response to requests for flies for our January Great Fly Sale was overwhelming. So much so that even after brisk sales at our January meeting, we still had a nice selection left over that was put on sale at our February meeting. The annual fly sale, in addition to giving members the opportunity to purchase professional level tied flies at extraordinary bargain prices, has also been a very profitable event for our chapter. It generates about \$1,000 in extra income to our treasury.

The chapter thanks the following tiers for their generous donations: Dr. G. Gray, V. Ball, G. Kassimer, S. Shanahan, R. Milavec, J. Steinhart, N. Kratofil, C. Meyers, S. Slavonic and J. Kline. We couldn't do it without your fly contributions and continued enthusiastic support.

## PWWTU Fly Fishing Seminar

The annual **PWWTU Free Fly Fishing Seminar**, sponsored by International Angler, will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2007 at the St. Bede Activity Center located at 509 South Dallas Avenue in Point Breeze from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The staff of International angler will be on hand to share their knowledge of fly fishing basics with beginners, or experienced anglers interested in brushing up on their skills.

Such topics as selecting and assembling a fly outfit, knots, lines and leaders, equipment, flies, and more will be discussed. Individual casting lessons will be conducted on the lawn (weather permitting) or in the gymnasium. Attendees are asked to bring their fly rods and reels.

The seminar is opened to both members and non-members. Children and adults (both women and men) are welcomed. A lunch and refreshments will be served. Please call (412)-521-0714 for more information.

*The St. Bede Activities Center is located at 509 South Dallas Avenue in the Point Breeze/Squirrel Hill section of Pittsburgh. There is free on street parking.*

## Fisherman's Paradise Bus Trip

Don't forget to sign up for the bus trip to the Fisherman's Paradise section of Spring Creek. With a little luck we'll be casting to rising Sulphurs on Saturday, June 2nd. The fee for the trip is \$45 (\$40 if you pay before May 1st) and the trip is open to members and non-members. To sign up, or for more info, call Bob Bukk at (412)521-0714 or stop by the PWWTU booth at Cabin Fever.

# March Brown Spider – Wet Fly

## Materials:

Hook – Standard Wet Fly, Size 12 to 16

Thread – Tan or Grey 6/0 (you may use Orange Pearsall's Gossamer silk and omit the Orange floss if you prefer)

Hackle – Brown Partridge

Underbody – Orange Floss

Rib – Oval Gold Tinsel

Body – Hare's Mask dubbing

## Tying Steps:

1. Debarb the hook. Place it in the vise and start the thread 2 eye widths behind the eye.
2. Strip the butt of a brown partridge feather and tie it in so that the tip extends over the eye. Coat with a little head cement.
3. Wrap the thread back to the bend. Tie the gold rib and the floss and move the thread back to about 2 eye widths behind the partridge feather.
4. Wrap the floss forward, tie off and trim excess.
5. Wrap the rib forward, tie off and trim excess.
6. Make one to two wraps with the partridge feather back towards the body. Tie off the feather and trim excess.
7. Move the thread through the hackle being careful not to trap any barbules.
8. Tie a small, neat head.
9. Whip finish and cement.

# President's Beat

By Walter Reineman

The bad news is that our editor John Hayes has resigned. The good news is John is now responsible for the Outdoor Section of the Pittsburgh Post Gazette, a job he is very enthused about. Editing this newsletter is truly a behind the scenes, often laborious, low recognition endeavor. John, I cannot say enough here about your help as editor over the years, but many thanks for your hard work and congratulations on your new career path.

Additional good news comes in the form of Rick Bosworth, who has volunteered to take over for John. Rick is currently our membership director. If you have any suggestions or articles for H&R, Rick can be reached at 412-492-0371. And while I am on the subject of Hatches & Rises, I would be remiss not to mention some of our other behind the scenes contributors. In no particular order, please note Joe Kline and Bill Hayes do a lot of writing, Steve Shanahan puts it on the web, and that Family Ties and Deb Weisburg contribute to each issue. Without their help and the help of others there would be no newsletter.

Chances for the Winter Rod raffle have been extended. Please see and use the raffle tickets enclosed. This is a major source of Chapter income, so please ante up. And once again, a major Thank You to Jim Hoey for his generous donation.

Cabin Fever. You know it is March 4. We still need volunteers. I have misplaced one of the sign up lists from our general meeting I am sorry to say. If you signed up at a meeting (or if even if you did not) could you call me at 412-963-2824 and help bail me out? I appreciate and look forward to seeing you at Cabin Fever.

## THE 2006 HOLIDAY RAFFLE WINNER

... was Tom Reed. He will start the 2007 trout season and for years to come with his beautifully crafted Josh Markvan Heirloom RX7 rod and a 16-compartment fly box stocked with 24 trout flies. Congratulations Tom. As for the rest of us raffle losers, better luck next year. To all, thank you for entering the raffle.

## Jim Hoey's 2007 Raffle. Oops!

You've heard the saying that if something can go wrong it will. Well it did! In the January/February issue of *Hatches & Rises*, Hoey's Fly Fishing Shop's 2007 raffle was announced and six raffle entry tickets were to be included in the issue. They weren't. The chapter apologizes for the oversight. Yes, the raffle will be held except that the winning entry will be drawn at our May 14<sup>th</sup> general meeting rather than at Cabin Fever.

Six raffle tickets are included in this issue. To enter the raffle, bring them to a general meeting or send them along with your check **made payable to PWWTU** to Chuck Meyers, 5233 Siesta Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15236. Please cut them apart before you send them to Chuck. Mailed entry tickets must be postmarked prior to May 7 to assure they arrive in time to be entered into the raffle.

To refresh your memory about the raffle, here are the details. Jim selected the rod and reel combination to appeal especially to steelhead, bass and light saltwater fly fishers.

Let's start with the rod. It's a Scott A2, 4-piece, 10' beauty with a medium fast action balanced for a 6-weight line. The blank is designed with thin walls and large diameters to keep you in touch with the line and give you positive control over your casts. The medium fast action helps you reach out farther, mend complex drifts and control powerful fish. Reel seats are lightweight woven graphite with up locking aluminum hardware. Included is a cork and rubber fighting butt. And of course, it comes with Scott's unconditional lifetime guarantee.

Now about the reel. It's the large arbor 7/8 Albright Tempest II. This black anodized top-of-the-line reel has a bar stock 6061 aircraft grade aluminum frame and spool with interior stainless steel components. It features easy left/right conversion and a draw bar drag adjustment. Jim chose the slightly heavier 7/8 model to help counterbalance the Scott 6-weight, 10' rod for more effortless casting.

As always Jim, from all of us at PWWTU, thank you for your continued and outstanding support of our Pine Creek Improvement Project.

## Rich Yurko Named Fly Fisherman of the Year

He was a unanimous choice said Pittsburgh Fly Fishers spokesman Jack Hess. At its annual Christmas Party on December 10, TU life member Rich Yurko was named Fly Fisherman of the Year. Rich has a long history of very active involvement in both fly fishing and coldwater conservation initiatives.

A colleague, Bob Bukk, said, "Rich always gets fish year around under every condition – high, fast water and low gentle water, in warm and cold stream temperatures, in crystal clear and in turbid murky water. He knows how to do it, whether it be delicate presentations to spooky trout or demanding emerger nymph fishing techniques. All of us can learn from his expertise."

Raised in Indiana – a state not noted for its trout fishing opportunities – Rich was introduced to the sport in a rather bizarre way. At the time, he worked as a paralegal in US Steel's legal department. He and a friend in the department often talked together about hunting and fishing but rarely about coldwater fly fishing. There just wasn't enough of it around in Indiana. So Rich was pleasantly surprised when his friend returned from a temporary assignment in England and presented him with a Wheatley 32-compartment fly box. "That's what started it all," Rich said. "I had to fill that box with flies and buy the rest of the fly fishing gear. My first outfit was a Pflueger Medalist reel and a 9' fiberglass Shakespeare rod balanced for an 8-weight line. It was inexpensive," he added "but it introduced me to fly fishing for trout."

As with most fly fishers sooner or later, he decided to learn how to tie his own flies and enrolled in a fly tying course at Taylor Allderdice high school taught by ex -PWWTU president Joe Pugach. "Essentially though, I am a self- taught fly tier," he said, "and learned the craft mostly from books."

When asked about the streams he most frequents, he mentioned both the Yellow Breeches at Boiling Springs and Spruce Creek. "But my favorite," he said, "is Glade Run above its confluence with Dunbar Creek. I especially like its diversity and natural beauty and the possibility of a native brookie taking my fly."

PWWTU congratulates Rich on being named Fly Fisherman of the Year. It's a well deserved recognition of his long and faithful devotion and service to our sport.