

FROM The RIVER'S EDGE

Dry Fly Fishing—Part I

One of the myths that keep many people away from fly fishing is that it is difficult to learn a game only for experts. This is not so, exceptionally not so if you undertake to learn a single phase of the game at a time. I teach fly fishing. At the present time it is dry fly fishing.

You learn such a sport by learning the basics. What is more basic than the fly itself? So a good point of beginning would be with the fly. There are many types, some quite simple but effective, so, starting with the simplest types, learn to tie them as you learn their usage. When a pilot first is learning to fly, he spends more time in ground school than he does with the plane. So it is in learning to fish the dry fly. Ground yourself well in the basic tools during these winter months and how to use these tools before you make your first cast on a stream.

There are four other basics besides the fly; the rod, line, reel, and the leader. All are important and there is relationship that must be maintained. These units must be assembled carefully so that the line weight fully loads the rod but no more. Dry fly rods, as well as all other fly rods used to be nine feet in length. Well into the 1930's most rods were of that length. That is all changed today.

You see many rods as short as 6 feet, and very few over 8 feet. There is a place for the 9 foot dry fly rod. You need the length and power of a nine footer handling an 8 or 9 weight line to cut the strong winds often encountered on lakes when sitting in a canoe or boat. This same rod would be too tiring and unwieldy when fishing the average stream. On such larger streams such as the Deschutes, often windy, the rods usually encountered are 7½ to 8 feet carrying 7 weight lines.

The all around rod for the one rod is a 7½ to 8 foot rod using 6 or 7 weight lines. There are also slow action rods that cast lines as light as 4 weight. These are more tools for the specialist. Rather than classify these as dry fly rods, I would consider them separate types of fly fishing. An 8 foot slow rod is ideal for nymphing. A 6 foot slow rod is the midge fisherman's delight. Once you become a proficient dry fly angler, you may want to learn the additional techniques peculiar to these more specialized forms.

Short dry fly rods in the 6 to 7 foot category are often built to take 5 weight lines. Because of their short length, these rods seem to be fairly fast with this light a line. Today's rod builders are very conscious of the need to correctly match rod and line. Most rods carry imprinted on the butt section the proper line designation to bring out their action to the anglers greatest advantage.

Reels for fly fishing fall into two categories; single action and automatic. The latter is almost altogether an American idea, and is desirable only when all your fishing and line extension during the playing of a fish does not exceed 60 feet from the rod. The single action reel is world wide in usage and comes in all sizes. For fishing large, long running fish, the

larger models will accommodate your fly line and 200 yards of backing line for playing the fish. The main idea here is to select a reel that will comfortably hold all your backing and fly line without too much room to spare. The fly reel should be kept full so that the coils are as large as possible. A fly line wound tightly around a small diameter tends to cast in coils much more so than one wound around a larger diameter.

Between the fly and the line is the leader. This must serve three purposes; an invisible connection between fly and line; a tapered weight-diameter connection to reduce gradually from line diameter to tippet size where the fly ties on; and finally a hinged connection to unfold the trailing fly to a forward position ahead of the line end at the end of the cast. The best tapered leaders have knots as they are made of two kinds of nylon. The heavier butt sections are of a stiff waxy monofilament, whereas the

tippet half is made of soft pliable sections. In some of the knotless tapered leaders this same condition is partially achieved by the stiffening effect of the larger diameter of the butt end.

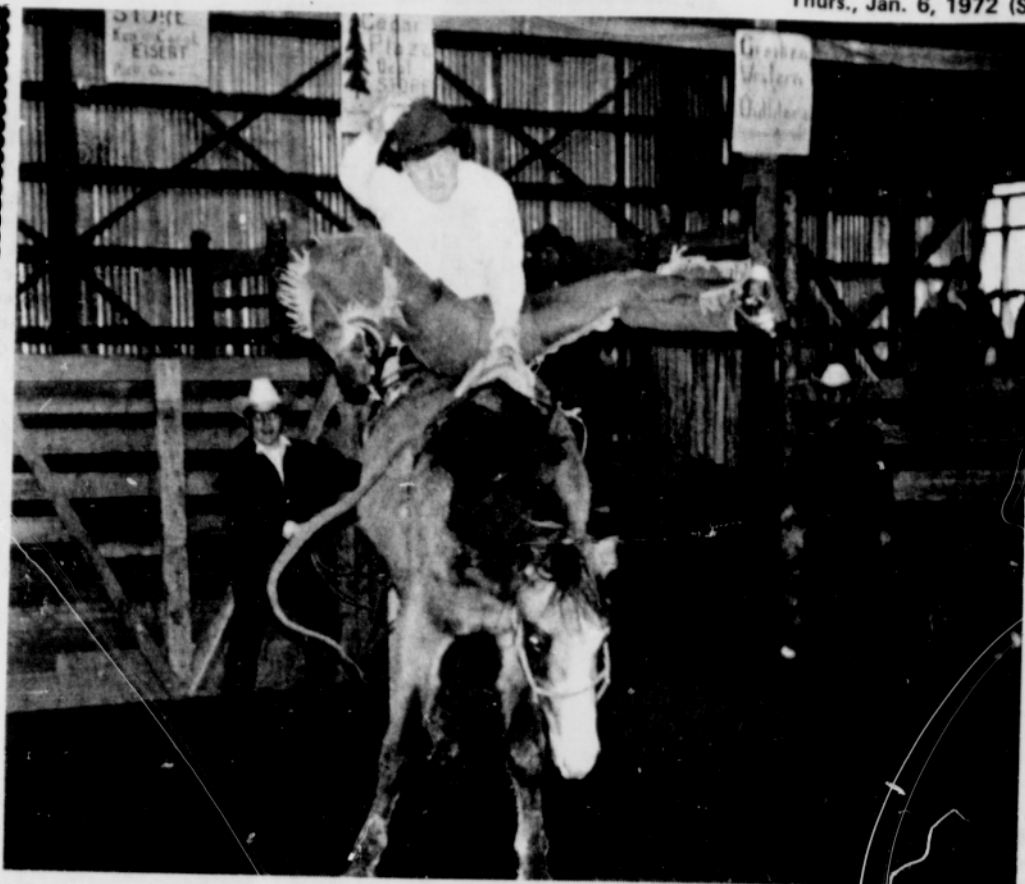
Dry flies imitate not only stream born insects, but also stray individuals of terrestrial forms that are carried to the water by wind or rain. This great variety of natural food forms has given rise to an equally great range of dry fly forms or styles in our artificials. The artificial dry fly consists of four parts; tail, body, hackle, and wings. Some flies are hackle only, some body and hackle, and some tail, body and hackle. It is in the variations of hackling and winging that the various styles or types of dry flies are accomplished.

The simplest flies are all hackle, and it is these that we should learn to tie and use first. Our next efforts will be with these palmer and bivisible type flies. The tools and materials required will be a vise; hackle

pliers; 2-0 thread; beeswax; No. 10 hooks; brown, grizzly, olive, and white hackle feathers; and head cement.

There are many side benefits that seem to come to the fly angler. The very nature of his sport makes him more observant so that he sees more of his native surroundings to make his day fuller of pleasures. Killing fish becomes of less importance as the moment of "take" becomes a high point in his sport. The actual strike of the trout to the floating fly still gives me my greatest thrills. The enticing of a wily Brown trout culminates when he succumbs to your skill with the dry fly. After the trout puts up a valiant fight, you stop and think. He gave me much pleasure; I won't kill him, but put him back to pleasure another some other day. Perhaps it will be you who thrill to him again when he is hooked again, larger and wiser than before and therefore more of an accomplishment.

By
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WHOA THERE boy! Cowboys have been getting some pretty rough rides at the jackpot riding held every Sunday at the New Bar 2 Arena near Sandy. Here Steve

Neely from Hillsboro shows the form which earned him top money in the bull riding on Sunday.

Graphics exhibit scheduled

A graphics exhibit entitled "A Love of Letters" is on display at Mt. Hood Community College through Jan. 17.

The exhibit features works by Portland-area calligraphers and graphic designers and is on display in the student lounge. Hours are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday.

A public reception for participating artists is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 11, from 5:30 to 7:30 in the student lounge.

PGE 'wireless'

Over 5,000 feet of copper wire valued at \$650 was reported stolen Dec. 28 from Portland General Electric sites in the Larch Mt. Rd. area, according to sheriff's reports.

Money stolen

Gresham police reports show that Leathers Oil Company was entered Jan. 3 by breaking and entering through a sliding door. The office was ransacked and \$82 in cash missing. Two key holes were punched out in the safe.

Agriculture major industry in county

1971 agricultural income figures just released by the Clackamas County Extension Office show that agriculture continues to make a significant contribution to the county's economy.

The estimated gross income from sale of crops, livestock and livestock products from Clackamas County farms in 1971 was approximately \$40,022,000 according to Harold Black, Extension Agent. Average production yields and prices were used in reaching these figures.

Even though this is a slight increase over 1970, net incomes for farmers could be slightly lower this year because of increasing costs of equipment, labor, supplies and taxes. Production expenses are expected to show an increase of between 4 and 6 percent over 1970, while the above estimated income is about a 4 percent increase.

A breakdown of the income figure shows horticulture crops leading with an estimated \$13,575,000 from the sale of vegetables, small fruits, tree fruits, nuts, ornamentals, greenhouse and floral crops. This figure was somewhat under last year's return because of some decrease in strawberry acreages and a lower price for blackberries.

Total receipts for poultry were figured at \$10,469,000 almost identical to last year. Livestock and livestock products brought in an estimated \$7,956,000 an increase over 1970 of one-half million dollars.

Field crops accounted for the largest increase over 1970 with \$7,172,000. This is one and one-half million dollars higher than last year.

Under the horticultural crops, nursery, greenhouse and floral crops brought in an estimated \$5,486,000. Small fruits accounted for \$3,892,000.00. The receipts from vegetables were \$3,510,000. The sales of tree fruits and nuts came to \$687,000.

Turkeys accounted for the highest figure in the poultry industry with gross sales of \$4,596,600 for market turkeys and hatching eggs. The sale of poultry eggs brought \$3,540,000 and broilers \$2,295,000.

Dairy and beef cattle both showed an increase while sheep and swine income was lower. Dairy led livestock returns with \$3,388,000. Beef cattle sold for \$3,357,000 swine for \$494,000, and sheep and wool for \$360,000.

The biggest gain in field crops came from a much larger yield of chewing fescue. The total sales from legume and grass seed increased to \$3,614,000. Grain crops brought an income of \$1,668,000, hay \$935,000 and potatoes \$828,000.

The above figures were prepared by the Clackamas County Extension Agents in cooperation with the U.S. D.A. Crop Reporting Service, Extension Agricultural Economists, food processors and handlers, farmers and others.

GED class scheduled for Sandy

There are some seven million persons from 18 to 25 who lack a high school diploma in our United States. One-half of those older than 25 lack a high school diploma.

For these reasons Mt. Hood College is offering a G.E.D. course at Sandy High School on Tuesday evenings, 7 to 10 p.m. in Rm. 51.

GED stands for General Education Diploma or High School Equivalency Certificate. The GED course is designed to help people prepare to pass the five tests required in English, Mathematics, and interpretation of reading materials in Social Studies, Natural Science, and Literature. When the tests are passed with a score of 40 or better the student receives the GED diploma.

The GED diploma offers the same help that a high school graduation certificate does in making application for jobs in civil service, most all departments of the armed services, union apprentice programs, and the majority of other job applications.

There is no tuition charge for the course. There is a text to buy. It is Barron's "How To Prepare For High School Equivalency Examination". The cost is \$3.95. Texts may be purchased at MHCC book store or from the instructor, W. Pete Sulzbach.

Bluebirds decorate tree

The Blue Bird girls from the 2nd and 3rd grades at Firwood School decorated the Christmas tree at McQuire Nursing Home during the holiday season.

The girls used homemade decorations for the tree. The tree itself went on display at the nursing home on Dec. 16 and remained up until after Jan. 1.



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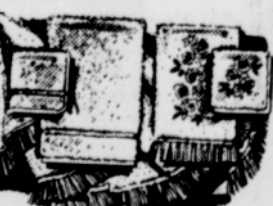
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