

Tag team wrestling here Jan. 24

The Sandy High School Key Club will sponsor "main event" wrestling on Jan. 24. The main event of the evening will be a six man tag team match with winner taking the best two out of three falls in 60 minutes.

Starting time for the wrestling matches is 8 p.m. on Jan. 24. Ringside tickets are on sale until the day of the match at the Rexall Drug Store in Sandy. Some of the stars to be involved in the wrestling at Sandy will be Johnny Boyd, Norman Charles III and Bull Ramos vs. Dutch Savage, Beauregard and Sabu.

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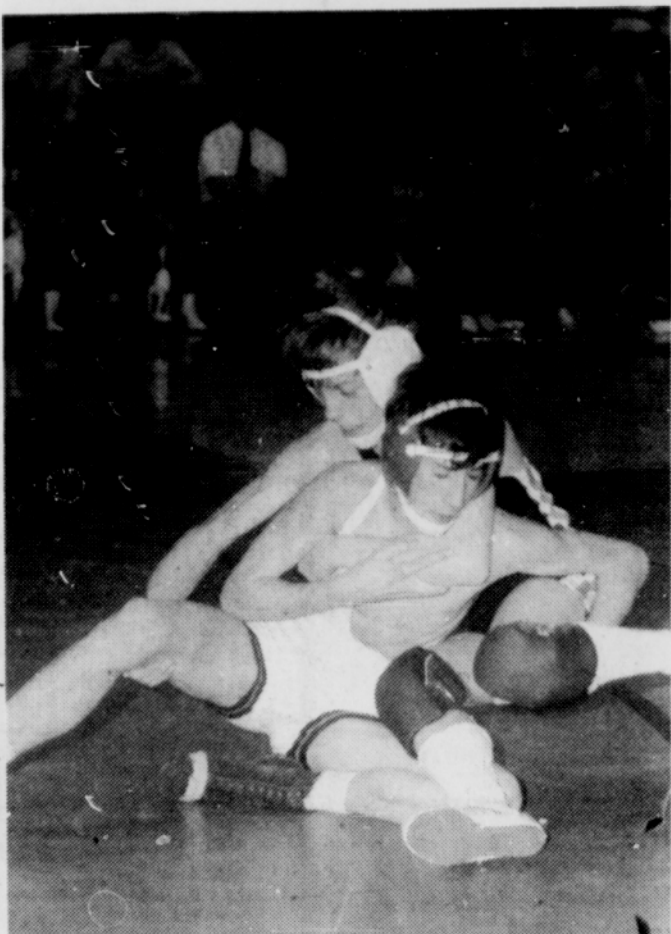
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SANDY 98 POUNDER in the white gets ready to make a move to gain a reversal on his opponent. This action came during the loss to Silverton Tuesday night. Sandy hosts Sweet Home tonight.

(Post photo)

FROM The RIVER'S EDGE

By

George MacAlevy



Dry Fly Fishing-Part 3

Having had plenty of practice in tying all those palmers, it is time to advance to what is known as the hackle fly. These are either two or three part flies, depending on whether or not they have a tail. With some anglers 50 per cent or better of their flies will be of this hackle type. There is a growing faction of dry fly anglers who feel that wings of any kind on a fly are of no consequence, and hence, they leave them off all their patterns. A large number of regional patterns listed in English fly dictionaries have no wings.

One of the most useful of all groups of flies is the Grey Hackles. There are as many Grey Hackle patterns as there are colors of body material. Add to this an equal number for each major variation in style and you have a list of patterns approaching infinity.

The plain Grey Hackle is actually Grey Hackle Peacock. This ancient and traditional pattern calls for tying in a tail of three or more fibres from a Crest feather of the Golden Pheasant. These fibres should extend beyond the hook an additional hook length. Then tie in two strands of Herl from the Eye feather of a Peacocks tail fan. Run the tying thread up to the eye of the hook and proceed to wrap the herl around the shank in tight turns until a point one eighth inch behind the eye is reached. Tie off these two ends and trim. Tie in by the butt a grizzly hackle feather and take five turns of it around the hook as tightly together as possible. Tie the remnant of this hackle feather off, trim, and build a head with the tying thread. Cement the head with your thin shellac and you have a Grey Hackle Peacock. You will notice that the Kerl gives you a fuzzy, iridescent green body that is very insect like.

In many parts of the fishing world these are tied quite full, that is as many turns of hackle as can be crowded in between body and eye of the hook. In other areas sparseness is the rule and only three turns of hackle are used. This makes a very dainty fly that alights on the water very delicately, but, alas, they are difficult to keep floating in other than the calmest water. If you have 3X fine wire hooks, then the three turn sparseness is the way to go.

I find this fly to be very effective in sizes 8 and 10 for late evening fishing. As a midge in sizes 16 and 18, it can also be very effective. If you are using 18's, then I suggest you stick to just three turns of hackle. I prefer most of my Grey hackles in this conventional tie. However in our Western United States, many flies are tied with bright red tails in lieu of the more orthodox pheasant crest. For this red tail there are several ways to go. Often a narrow strip taken from a duck, goose, or swan quill will suffice. Or you may use a whisk of fibres taken from a bright red hackle. I have even seen a few strands of dried red "impala hair" used for tails.

Speaking of the fly tiers "impala", it is not from the African antelope of the same name, nor is it off an old Chevrolet. It is calf tail from a plain ordinary child of any cow you might think of. Calf tail is always labelled "impala" when sold as a fly tying material. Another fly tying hair you may wonder about is that sold as "capra". This is our elite word for goat hair.

But, back to the Grey Hackle. Instead of the herl, use a yellow wool or spun fur for the body and you have a Grey Hackle Yellow, a killing pattern. This fly, tied with a pale yellow spun fur body on a No. 12 hook and with a Golden Crest tail is the number two fly in my arsenal. In this fly too, the Western pattern calls for a red tail.

The Grey Hackle Red is another important pattern in this group. Use bright red wool for the body. My own experiences with this fly have led me to discard it in all the larger sizes leaving me with 16 and 20's. I believe these small sizes AMERICANS OUTVOTED

Of 120 million potential voters in the 1968 U.S. election, only 61 per cent — or 73 million — went to the polls. In a 1970 election, 72 per cent of British voters cast their ballots. There were these recent results in other countries: Ireland 75 per cent, Canada 76 per cent, France 80 per cent, West Germany 87 per cent, and 89 per cent in Sweden and Denmark.

are taken by the fish in the belief they are taken blood sodden mosquitos that have recently dined on some hapless anglers blood.

In England they use a pattern called the Grizzly Dun. In Grey Hackle parlance, a Grey Hackle Orange would be the identical fly. However, there is a slight variation in the way I tie this fly that makes it doubly effective. I use an Orange Mohair body. This mohair should be picked out after tying until you have a very shaggy hairy looking fly. With the sun above it, these loose strands of mohair let the light through giving the body an Orange translucence much like the bodies on some live insects. Never use regular dry fly oil on a mohair body. It will mat the hairs and destroy this translucence. Use one of the new silicone preparations. After one or two false casts the fly will be as fluffy and translucent as ever.

A variation you might like to try on the Grizzly Dun would be to make a Sailing style fly out of it. To do this, use all the hackle feather but 1/2 inch in making the hackle. Then tie off the remaining tip of the hackle feather holding it straight up. Take several turns of your thread tight against the forward side of this tip to keep it straight up. This single erect hackle tip offers enough wind resistance to insure the fly alights with the hook point down. That is the purpose of the Sailing design.

The Brown Hackle group is a parallel of the Grey Hackles. The classic Brown Hackle has a herl body and pheasant crest tail and a dark brown hackle. The western red tailed versions exist in this group also. And also are the colors yellow and red and two principal varieties used. You should tie all of these.

Another type of hackle fly is the Fore and Aft. This consists of a body with a hackle at both ends. The Renegade is the most useful of the Fore and Afts. In fact during this past year there has been an amazing rise in popularity of this pattern. One sees it in use everywhere dry flies are used.

There is no tail on the Renegade so we start by tying a five turn brown hackle at the beginning of the curve in the hook. Then tie in two strands of herl and make a body just as you did on the Grey Hackle Peacock. Just behind the eye tie in a five turn white hackle and finish off a head. This is the Renegade, a very popular and successful pattern all through the 1971 season.

In the British Isles, many patterns are restricted to small regions. From time to time you will come across the same pattern name for two entirely different flies. Their fly tying dictionaries are cognizant of this situation so each pattern name is suffixed with its place of origin to avoid confusion between the several descriptions for the same name. For instance, there must be five different February Reds. Of these, trials in Northwest waters have eliminated all but two as far as I am concerned. These two are great flies for our waters. Both are simple hackle types, but there the similarity ends. The Welch February Red will be discussed here. The one from Scotland requires a quill body so it will be taken up later.

The Welch version has only a body and a hackle, no tail. It however must be tied with bright red tying silk to get the effect. After whipping the well waxed thread down the shank, tie in a piece of orange mohair, already well picked out and shaggy. Then wrap it and the red thread simultaneously up the shank to the eye, leaving enough space for a hackle. The idea is for the red to show through the shaggy orange here and there. After tying the body

off and trimming away the excess at the tie, tie in the butt of a Rusty Dun hackle if you can get some. Much of the time this particular color in a natural hackle is unavailable. If it is not to be had, then use Honey Dun as a second choice. If this is too hard to find the common Light Ginger or Buff hackles will have to do. These are obtainable at most any store handling fly tying materials. Tie this hackle rather full. This pattern seems to work best when real bushy.

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Sandy Dad's Club holds meeting Monday

The Sandy Dad's Club will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m., at the high school in room 51 on Jan. 24.

On the agenda is discussion of the upcoming variety show scheduled Feb. 23 at the high school. Also membership campaign will be discussed.

To be a member of the Dad's Club all you have to do is attend a meeting and show your support for school activities.

Following the meeting the members will attend and help out at the wrestling match being sponsored by the Key Club that night at the high school.

Pioneers holding semi-annual meet

The Sandy Pioneer Association, Inc. will have its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, Jan. 30, at the Masonic Hall in Sandy, beginning with a pot-luck dinner at 1 p.m.

There will be reports from the Museum Committee and discussion of marking of the Barlow Road. Election of officers will also be held.

All pioneers, sons and daughters of pioneers and anyone interested in the history of the Sandy area is urged to come. Please bring with you any pictures or historical documents that you might be willing to donate or loan to the Association for display in City Hall.

Coffee will be furnished but each person is asked to bring plate, cup and silverware.

CITIZENS COLLEGE FORUM

News and Views About
Mt. Hood Community College
By CHUCK NIEMI
Coordinator of College Information

Mt. Hood will begin a contemporary lecture series next month. The series was previously handled by the Division of Continuing Education.

The contemporary lectures will be held in Gresham and Parkrose. The Gresham lectures will begin Feb. 9. The four-part series will be held at the Gresham Methodist Church, 820 NW 8th Ave. Meeting time is 10 to 11:30 a.m. with a half-hour coffee period to precede the lectures.

Gresham speakers include: John Salisbury, KXL radio; Jim Anderson, a resident naturalist from Sunriver; Dr. Winston Purvine, President of Oregon Technical Institute; and Jackie Stone, consumer relations director for the 7-Up Bottling Company.

Parkrose lectures will be held in the Gateway Courtesy Room, Portland Federal Savings and Loan, 1307 NE 102nd. Meeting times will be the same—10:11:30 a.m. The first lecture will be Feb. 2.

Participating speakers include: Theodore Shay, Ph.D., Willamette University; Gwen Jackson, Eugene actress; John MacGregor, Ph.D., Oregon State University; and Duncan Law, Oregon State University Seafood Laboratory, Astoria, Oregon.

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