

The Tippet

Newsletter of the Columbia Gorge Fly Fishers



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President's Message **Swan Song**

Looking through files before starting this missive, I note with some alarm that the first one of these I wrote was back in January, 2005. That pretty much tells the story right here at the start. Our club by-laws state explicitly that the president's job lasts two years. I'm not sure what they say about other cabinet positions. Regardless, the club leadership crisis—an old story—has finally resolved itself.

We're closing up shop.

Like a handful of other members, I feel discouraged we've reached this point. Admittedly, I feel an extra twinge of regret since this is playing out under my watch. We all know, more or less, what it takes to keep the club up and running. None of it seems especially difficult. But we also know that keeping the club afloat has fallen on the shoulders of a small number of the same key members, and nothing anybody has done has shifted the load elsewhere.

So the plan is fairly simple. We'll meet Tuesday, February 17, 6:00 PM at Pietro's Pizza in Hood River. The goal is to reach a consensus on where to distribute funds from the club coffers. Oregon Trout, Trout Unlimited, and the Federation of Fly Fishers have all been mentioned. We'll allow an open floor for anybody who wishes to lobby for these or any other non-profit organizations.

Of course if anybody wants to step up and grab the reins of the club, he or she is more than welcome. Or maybe there needs to be some kind of vote. Not sure. I've never been much for details of that sort.

You probably noticed.

Writers, you know.

--Scott Sadil

Meeting Place

**Tuesday, February 17, 6:00 PM
at Pietro's Pizza in Hood River.**

The club will buy pizza and non alcoholic beverages for this (last?) business meeting.

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It is hard to put together a newsletter without something to say.

Pretty much sums up what has happened over the past two years. It became harder and harder to put together a newsletter when nobody gave us news. I've been putting it together & web site maintenance since 2001 when I reluctantly took over from Dave Taylor.— ct

<http://community.gorge.net/cgflyfishfishers>



Additional Notes

See attached document from Oregon FFF