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RANDOM CAST

Board Changes - As the year comes to an end, I'd like to thank many of the people who make COF such a fantastic club. Eric Steele will be president; John Anderson will hand off the search for great programs to Mike Tripp. Yancy Lind will leave the board after having filled almost every position on the board. John Tachmier has volunteered to be the outings coordinator. Gary Meyer has been doing a smashing job at membership, and Kathy Schroeder has stepped in to handle education. Finally, Karen Kreft will fill the new board position dedicated to developing youth fly fishing.

Other Activities - Kathy Schroeder took on the grueling task of managing the kids' fish pond at the Sportsmen's Show at the county fairgrounds. Scott Robertson set up the beats, and more than forty club members helped score fish for the Team USA fly fishing trials. Gordon Chandler and his team taught the introduction to fly fishing class. Dave Dunahay, Delores Marsh, Bob Griffin and Chuck Burley taught rod building to kids at Seven Peaks Middle School during the spring. John Tachmier volunteered to manage the library. Richard Yates drove from Burns, in time to make coffee for us at the monthly meetings. Herb Blank managed the picnic, with the help of many cooks and bottle washers. There are far too many volunteers to thank individually for Kokanee Karival. Jerry Criss took on the fly-tying series and taught us all how to tie many a fly. John Kreft will step into this roll in 2012. Herb Blank organized volunteers to teach fly fishing to middle and high schoolers in Prineville. Kristin Lambson revitalized the Wild Women of the Water and spiffed up the banquet and raffles. Howard Olson landed the Inn at the Seventh Mountain as an awesome banquet site. Captain Caddis organized the COF team for the Metolius Rod Fair. Sherry Steele has transformed the Oregon Council fly-fishing fair at Albany. Too many people to mention by name have helped with ODFW events. Brad Emery has gotten a local chapter of Project Healing Waters up and running. Dave Dunahay represents the club's interests at a host of state meetings. Eric Steele produced the winter seminar.

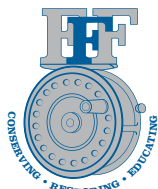
Youth - My message wouldn't be complete without focusing on our new effort to interest youth in fly fishing. Jerry Criss lead a series of fly-tying classes for kids this spring. Bill Seitz headed up the new youth program and produced the club's first youth fly-fishing day at the Pine Nursery pond. Over 30 COF members came out to volunteer that day. The club has purchased youth fly-fishing outfits and other equipment. Bill has managed a 12-week fly fishing class for 12 kids at the REALMS middle school. Bob Griffin taught casting, John Anderson showed them the bugs in the river, John Kreft is teaching fly tying and a host of COF volunteers helped the kids fish on the Crooked River. Hats off to everyone who has helped get our youth initiative off the ground.

To anyone I have forgotten, my apologies. Thanks so much for making COF such a dynamic club. We have a record number of members - 278!

— Lee Ann Ross, President



Students from REALMS and COF volunteers on the Crooked River. PHOTO: Delores Marsh



GENERAL MEETING

Dec 21 | 6:30 p.m. | Bend Senior Center, 1600 S.E. Reed Market Road, Bend

There's a lot happening at the December meeting. Hope to see you there.

Fly-tying event

The December meeting is the time to watch some great COF fly tiers (and guests) in action, learn new techniques, and ask questions. As usual, club members will help set up tables. What to bring:

- Your fly-tying equipment if you want to set up a table to demonstrate tying.
- Pencil and paper so you can take notes.
- Batch of your favorite holiday cookies or other "goodies" to share and munch on.

In addition, Sherry Steele will host a fly-tying workshop for beginners. Six vises with tools and handouts for the patterns, which are suitable for Central Oregon waters, will be available. The Oregon Council Federation of Fly Fishers will donate all materials. To sign up for Sherry's workshop, email Sherry Steele (steelfly@msn.com) or just show up at the meeting and join the fun.

Holiday drawing for flies

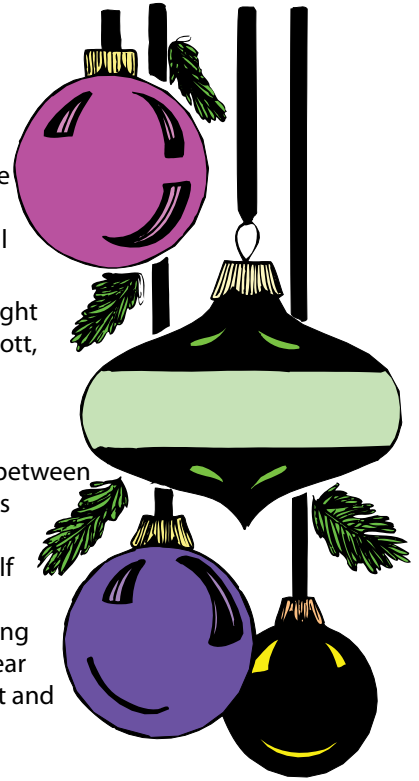
All tiers will donate a minimum of two flies, and the winner takes all in a special raffle.

Donated equipment sale

At the December meeting, equipment that Don Johnston donated to Kokanee Karnival will be for sale. Look over this assortment of excellent equipment. You're sure to find something you can use. All proceeds of the sale will go into the KK account to fund the purchase of new and replacement equipment for the

KK program. We will gladly accept cash or checks, but we cannot accept credit cards. The following equipment will be available:

- seven fly rods, 3 to 8 weight by Winston, Sage and Scott, including one classic bamboo rod
- five fly reels
- 13 fly boxes containing between two and eight dozen flies
- fly-tying materials and tools, including three half necks
- huge assortment of fishing equipment, including gear bags, waders, boots, vest and much more



Swap meet

This year, we will also have a swap meet for gear and tying materials. Here's a great opportunity to trade your unused fly rod or reel, float tube, or other fly-fishing gear you no longer use for something useful. Bring your unused gear or extra fly-tying materials to swap or sell with/to club members. Gear will be displayed on separate tables.

OUTINGS

New Year's Day outing

The first outing of 2012 will be the traditional New Year's Day outing to the Crooked River. Meet at Jake's Diner on the east side at 9 A.M., have breakfast with fellow COF members, and decide if the trip to the river is for you. There are always some of us crazy enough to go, regardless of weather or river flows. Be sure to get your 2012 license beforehand. Sometimes the fishing is even decent on New Year's Day.

Seeking 2012 outings destinations and leaders

- The Outings committee wants to hear from you.
- Which outings would you like to see on the 2012 schedule?
 - Would you be willing to organize and lead a COF outing?

Experienced outing leaders – We encourage you to again volunteer your valuable and much appreciated services.

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OUTINGS 2012			
Month	Date	Leader	Destination
Jan	1	Bill Seitz	Crooked River
Feb	TBA	Yancy Lind	John Day Steelhead float
May	TBA	John Anderson	Antelope Reservoir
May	TBA	Dave Semich	Davis Lake bass
May	12	Yancy Lind	Deschutes R. – Warm Springs to Trout Creek
May	22	Yancy Lind	Crooked River – for beginners
Jun	1-3	Bob Mullong	Prinville Reservoir
Aug	9-12	Yancy Lind	Williamson River
Oct	7-10	Eric Steele	Lower Deschutes Steelhead

Inexperienced outing leaders – If you have never lead a COF outing but have the knowledge and skills to introduce others to a new fishing destination, please contact me.

Interested in sharing your ideas or leading an outing in 2012? See me about 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the December 21 general meeting. I am also the COF librarian, so you can find me by the library cabinet at any meeting. Also, feel free to contact me by phone or e-mail (sstrsrobert@bendbroadband.com or 541-549-6252).

– John Tackmier, Outings Coordinator

EDUCATION

Fly-tying classes

Local shops will offer fly-tying classes during the winter months. For details, contact the shops.

Fly Fishers Place in Sisters (541-549-3474) – Sherry

Steele will offer beginning fly-tying classes on Thursdays, January 5 to February 9, and intermediate/advanced classes February 15 to March 29. Classes will meet from 6 to 9 P.M. and cost \$15 each.

Patient Angler in Bend (541-389-6208) – Peter Bowers will offer a four-week beginning class for \$75 on an as-need basis. Classes will cover basic fly-tying techniques, how to use the tools of the trade and read fly recipes, selecting quality materials for fly patterns, as well as where and how to fish the pattern. Materials are provided, but you must bring your own vise.

Fin and Fire Fly Shop in Redmond (541-548-1503) – Reed Teuscher will offer classes. Please contact Reed for a schedule.

Orvis in Bend (541-312-8200) – Saturdays, Jan 21 through Feb 25. Two-hour beginning fly-tying sessions will cover the basics. Students will complete a woolly bugger. Orvis will provide all tools and materials for the class at no charge. Discounts available on Orvis Fly Tying Kit after class completion.

COF winter fly-tying classes

Jan 3 | Bend Senior Center | 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. | \$5 per class

COF winter fly-tying classes will begin January 3 and end March 27. Meet every Tuesday evening at the Bend Senior Center from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M.

These intermediate/advanced fly-tying classes are an excellent opportunity to learn new techniques and re-stock your fly boxes with effective, fishy flies. A guest tier will lead each session, provide instruction for two flies, and allow time to tie several flies for each pattern. Cost is \$5 per class.

Please let me know if you plan to attend to ensure enough materials are available.

– John Kreft

jckreft@gmail.com or 503-559-3811 (cell)

Many thanks to Dave Hamasaki of Fly and Field for donating for four, full fly-tying capes. The club will make great use of them in our fly-tying classes.

Rod-building class

Many dedicated fly fishermen assemble their own fly rods to save money or develop a special fly rod—one with burl wood in the grip, specially selected guides and cork, your initials engraved on the end cap and your signature on the blank.

Dave Dunahay and I will conduct a build-a-fly-rod class. During a meeting at my house on December 12 at 7:00 P.M., we will help you order your own blank and fittings. We will meet three more times in January and February on mutually agreed to dates. Rod blanks are available for rods like the new Sage One series, down through more economical TFO and similar brands. Home work will be required, mostly winding thread for the guides. Class fee is \$25.00, payable to me at the first meeting on December 12 (fee covers tools and materials that are needed to complete a rod). There is a minimum of four and a maximum of eight students. To sign up, please let me know by e-mail at harryharbin@bendcable.com. I will also be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

— Harry Harbin

MEMBERSHIP

REMEMBER: Renewal notices for 2012 memberships HAVE BEEN mailed. Renew your membership before January 1 and save \$6!

BEFORE RETURNING THE FORM: Please check your contact information to ensure it is current (especially email address). Also, please be sure that each family member who will participate signs the liability release before returning the form.

To join, go to coflyfishers.org to print a form. New members ALSO qualify for the discounted renewal rate of \$30.00 if they join before January 1, 2012. After January 1, rate will be \$36.00

Current rosters are available by request. If you would like a roster, please see me at the next meeting, or send email to membership@coflyfishers.org with ROSTER as the subject.

— Gary Meyer, Membership Chair

Welcome new members

Kevney Dugan
Doug Mohr

WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

Join the Wild Women of the Water for our Annual Holiday Potluck on December 9. Lee Ann Ross will be our host. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other ladies in the group and tell fabulous fish stories while eating delicious creations. There will be games, a fly exchange and fun slideshow of this year's outings. Please RSVP to Kristin Lambson (wildwomen@coflyfishers.org or 623-570-6446).

— Kristin Lambson, Wild Women of the Water/Raffle Chair
wildwomen@coflyfishers.org or 623-570-6446

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The next big volunteer opportunity

Plan now to volunteer to help with the kid's fishing pond at the Sportsmen's Show, coming to the Deschutes County fairgrounds March 8 to 11. COF will again manage the kid's fishing pond, and we would love to have your help staffing this fun-filled weekend. This is one of the most rewarding volunteer opportunities of the year and a major fund raiser for COF. The club receives \$1200 for managing the fish pond. Right now, we are looking for a volunteer to manage this event. If you are interested, please contact Eric Steele (steel-efly2@msn.com).

National Team USA competition coming to Bend

In 2007, 2009 and 2011, COF volunteers staffed the Team USA regional fly fishing trials in Central Oregon. We must have done a really good job because the National Team

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USA competition will be held in Bend, October 18 to 21, 2012. This will give all of us a chance to see the best fly fishers in the United States in action. VisitBend will coordinate the event and will ask members of COF and Sunriver Anglers to volunteer. Please mark this awesome opportunity on your calendars now! More details will be available. If you'd like more information, please contact Lee Ann (rossleeann@yahoo.com). To volunteer, contact Kevney Dugan at Visit Bend (kevney@visitbend.com).



Good Morning Central Oregon interviews Frank Turek

Kristi Miller of Good Morning Central Oregon has interviewed Frank Turek, Kokanee Karnival chairman. During the interview, Frank talked about the history and importance of the Kokanee Karnival Youth Education Program. The interview is a great way to learn more about this successful program.

The interview lasts about five minutes. There is a brief introduction to Good Morning Central Oregon before the interview begins. To view the interview:

Method I

Go to kokaneekarnival.org and look for the interview on the lower part of the Home page.

Method II

Go to coflyfishers.org and click the Kokanne Karnival icon (located on the lower left side). The icon links to the Kokanee Karnival website.



CONSERVATION

COF 2011 conservation activities

The Crooked River dominated COF conservation activities in 2011. In 2011, Representative Walden introduced legislation to reallocate uncontracted water in Prineville Reservoir to local irrigators and the City of Prineville and change the Wild and Scenic River boundary on the Crooked River downstream from Bowman Dam. The COF board and many individual members sent hundreds of letters to legislators asking for legislative changes to enhance flows for fish and wildlife. Several members spent many hours in meetings and strategy sessions: Yancy Lind, Dave Dunahay, John Anderson, Dick Olson and Mike Tripp. Thanks for your time! Meetings and strategy sessions will continue in 2012 until final action is taken in the House and Senate. See the COF website for the latest information on this issue.

The club represented the fly-fishing community at a stakeholders meeting for the Habitat Conservation Plan for the reintroduction of steelhead in the upper Deschutes River basin and a two-day meeting of state and local resource agencies, conservation organizations, local communities and water users to discuss future approaches for enhancing hydroelectric power while protecting valuable fish and wildlife habitat.

The board was active in addressing proposed state legislation. Letters of opposition were sent to key state legislators to oppose proposed changes in the Deschutes River basin groundwater mitigation law and changes in the state's fish passage law that would have impacted fish passage in the Deschutes River basin. The board also sent letters of support to the Wheeler County Commissioners to support creation of four federal wilderness areas in the John Day River basin. The proposed wilderness areas would provide permanent protection to valuable steelhead spawning and rearing areas in the basin.

COF volunteers donated hundreds of hours to support various Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife projects: tui chub removal in East Lake, mark and recapture monitoring on the Crooked River, macroinvertebrate sampling at Mann Lake, high country lake fish sampling in the Cascades and fish sampling on the North and South Forks of the Crooked River. COF members also assisted the U.S. Forest Service with count redds on the Metolius River.

And last but not least, COF members volunteered many hours to Kokanee Karnival. Annually, the KK program presents a strong conservation message to Central Oregon school students. The club's new youth program also provided conservation information to young fly fisherpersons. Thanks to all the COF members for donating their valuable time to the various projects. Your efforts do make a difference and are appreciated by the board and the various state and federal resource agencies.

— Bill Seitz, Conservation chair

COF Fly of the Month CD – Fund raiser and excellent stocking stuffer

For the fly tier who has everything! Fish Central Oregon waters with confidence knowing that you have the flies made especially for our waters. A compact disc (CD), with pictures and tying instructions for more than 75 COF flies of the month, is now available. Included are Jerry Criss's TLF Emerger, which slays fish on East Lake, Carl Sanders' Bead Head Estaz, which "increased his average fish size by three inches," and Bill Seitz's Bling, which is guaranteed to catch fish on the Crooked River. If you tie flies, this CD is a gold mine. If you don't tie, you still want this CD so you can identify the flies and know what to look for in the shops.

Fill those Christmas stockings with the COF Fly of the Month CD. Send it to your friends in the valley. CDs will be available for a \$5 pittance at the December COF meeting. For more information, contact Lee Ann Ross (rossleeann@yahoo.com). All proceeds will support youth fly fishing. We have raised over \$400 on CD sales this year.



REALMS students on the Crooked River. PHOTO: Delores Marsh



OTHER NEWS

COF elects officers for 2012

At the November meeting, the membership elected officers and board members for 2012.

Officers - one-year term

President Eric Steele
Vice President Dave Dunahay
Secretary Bill Raleigh
Treasurer Susan Telford

Directors - two-year term

(Directors serve as committee chairs.)
Education Kathleen Schroeder
Conservation Bill Seitz *
Kokanee Karnival Frank Turek *
Outings John Tackmier
Programs Mike Tripp
Raffles Vacant
Youth Karen Kreft
Wild Women of the Water . . . Vacant

Continuing on Board of Directors

At large Bob Griffin **
Banquet Howard Olson **
Membership Gary Meyer **
Past President Lee Ann Ross

Departing directors - Thank You

Outings Yancy Lind
Programs John Anderson
Past President Dick Olson
Raffles & WWOW Kristin Lambson

* Completed a two-year term and is now serving a new, two-year term.

** Now serving the second year of a two-year term.



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TYERS CORNER

It's that time of the year when mountain whitefish spawn in many Northwestern rivers. Whitefish spawn in riffles during night time hours from mid-November to late January. They do not build redds like redband trout, but instead broadcast their eggs in the shallow water column. Their eggs are small (around 4 mm) and yellowish-orange in color. Whitefish eggs make up a major part of the late fall and mid-winter diet of trout and whitefish. Small egg patterns (size 16 and 18) are a good bet for success on rivers such as the Crooked. I use tight-line/Euro-nymphing techniques to present egg patterns. Conventional indicator tactics also work. In all presentations, the egg pattern should be fished near the streambed.

One of my favorite egg patterns is the Nuclear Egg. I started fishing this pattern in small sizes several years ago and have had great success. For some, this pattern can be tricky to tie. The Hot Tail Loop-Nuc is a very effective fly. (I think it's better than the original Nuclear Egg pattern.) It's easier and quicker to tie – the ultimate guide fly. I tie two color variations: orange (fluorescent orange egg/orange globug veil) and yellow (orange egg/yellow globug veil).

– Bill Seitz

Hot Tail Loop-Nuc



Hook: curved scud hook, size 16 and 18

Thread: Uni-thread 8/0, yellow for the yellow version; Flymaster 6/0 fluorescent orange for orange version

Tail: 6 to 8 strands of UV Flashabou

Egg: fluorescent orange dyed pearl diamond braid for the orange version; orange dyed pearl diamond braid for the yellow version

Veil: Globug yarn – oregon cheese for yellow version, Globug yarn – dark roe for orange version

1. Start thread near hook eye and wrap to middle of hook shank.
2. Tie down three to four, one-inch strands, of UV Flashabou on the middle of the hook with half facing forward and half facing to the rear. Fold back the half facing forward and secure to create a tail of 6 to 8 strands. Trim to about 1 ½ times the length of the hook shank.
3. Attach the tag end of a three-inch piece of diamond braid to the middle of the hook. While holding the dubbing needle in the left hand, fold the diamond braid forward with the right hand to make a loop (the egg). Pinch the loop with the left hand, remove the dubbing needle, and secure the diamond braid in front of the original tie-down point for the diamond braid. The loop should form



an egg around four to five millimeters in size. Trim the remaining material and use for additional flies.

4. This step is the key to this fly. Cut a one-inch piece of globug yarn. Tease out a small portion of the yarn to form the veil. Use just enough yarn to see the diamond braid egg through the veil. Too much yarn will decrease the effectiveness of the fly. Drape the veil over the egg so the egg is covered on both sides (side nearest you, side opposite you). Take two loose wraps of the thread around the veil in front of the egg then tighten slowly to ensure that the veil covers the egg. It will take a few “fits and starts” to get it correct when you first start tying this pattern. Take two or three more tight wraps, then whip finish.
5. Gently pull the veil yarn back over the egg and trim to about 1 ½ times the size of the egg. Be careful to not cut the UV Flashabou tail.
6. Tie a bunch because when you start catching fish your partner will want a few.

Central Oregon Flyfishers Upstream Events 2011

Date	Time	Activity	Location	Contact
DECEMBER				
Dec 1	6:30 pm	monthly board mtg.	Environmental Center	Lee Ann Ross (president@coflyfishers.org)
Dec 2	1:15 pm	youth education	REALMS	Bill Seitz (conservation@coflyfishers.org) Need volunteers to help with fly tying.
Dec 9	1:15 pm	youth education	REALMS	Bill Seitz (conservation@coflyfishers.org) Need volunteers to help with fly tying.
Dec 9	6:30 pm	Wild Women holiday get-together		Kristin Lambson (wildwomen@coflyfishers.org or 623-570-6446)
Dec 12	7:00 pm	rod-building class	Harry Harbin's home	Harry Harbin (harryharbin@bendcable.com)
Dec 16	1:15 pm	youth education	REALMS	Bill Seitz (conservation@coflyfishers.org) Need volunteers to help with fly tying.
Dec 21	6:30 pm	general meeting	Bend Senior Center	

IN THE FUTURE

Jan 1, OUTING (weather permitting), Crooked River

Jan 3, Winter fly-tying classes begin. Meet at Bend Senior Center every Tuesday (6:00 to 9:00 pm) through Mar 27. John Kreft (jckreft@gmail.com)

Mar 8-11, Kid's Fishing Pond, Sportsmen's Show, Deschutes Co. Fairgrounds

NON-CLUB ACTIVITIES & FYI 2012

Mar 9,10, Northwest Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo, Albany, OR, Sherry Steele (steelefly@msn.com)

Jul 10 to 14, FFF National Fly Fishing Fair, Spokane, Washington, Sherry Steele (steelefly@msn.com)

Oct 18 to 21, National Team USA Competition, Bend, OR, Lee Ann (rossleeann@yahoo.com)

2011 COF Board Members: Lee Ann Ross PRESIDENT Eric Steele VICE PRESIDENT Susan Telford TREASURER Bill Raleigh SECRETARY John Anderson Programs Howard Olson Banquet, Fund raising Yancy Lind Outings Dick Olson Past President Gary Meyer Membership Bill Seitz Conservation Kathy Schroeder Education Frank Turek Kokanee Karnival Kristin Lambson Wild Women of the Water, Banquet fund raising

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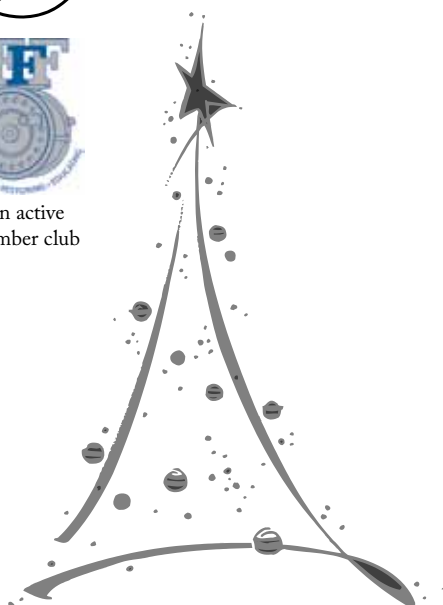


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