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RANDOM CAST

There's been a lot going on this month. As many of you know, COF made a donation to the Deschutes Land Trust's successful purchase of the Whychus Canyon Preserve, 450 acres of wild rimrock canyon, ancient junipers, native grasslands and future steelhead habitat. I'll let you know when the DLT organizes a field trip for donors.

We have two big volunteer opportunities coming up both of which we could really use help with. The ever-popular **kids' fishpond at the Redmond Sportsman's Show** will be held March 10-13. New member Kathy Schroeder is heading up this effort. If you haven't already volunteered, please do so by emailing Kathy at kathleen.s.schroeder@gmail.com. No special skills are needed. See the article on staffing the kids' pond on page 3.

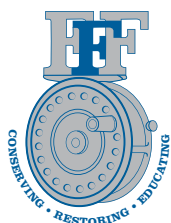
The second big volunteer effort will be the **Team USA trials** being held at the Crooked River and Haystack Reservoir March 26 and 27. This is a regional event for fly fishers to qualify to try out for the USA National Fly Fishing team. The finals will be held in April in Vail, CO. Our own Scott Robertson has captained the team before and he will be organizing the event. Some of the best fly fishers in the West attend this qualifier. COF member Matt Paluch will be competing. Again, no special skills are required, you only have to measure each fish and record it on a competition log. If at all possible, we'll need you for both days. If you can volunteer, please contact Lee Ann at rossleann@yahoo.com. This is your chance to see some amazing fishing and to learn from the best up close and personal.

I'm sure you all have been following the **efforts to move the wild and scenic boundary of the Crooked River** down a quarter of a mile to allow for a hydro project on Bowman Dam. This effort provides a possible opportunity to talk about adequate water flows for the fish downstream. Yancy Lind, Chuck Burley, Bill Seitz, a representative from the Sunriver Anglers and the Native Fish Society met with Senator Wyden's staff last week to express our collective concerns regarding maintaining healthy fish in the Crooked River. See Bill Seitz's article on page 5.

Finally, just for fun, check out <http://www.xtranormal.com/watch/7795583/> to see about my new fly rod.

ALASKA FLY FISHING OPPORTUNITY

COF member Mike Coughlin would like to know if anyone is interested in fishing at one of his favorite places in Alaska. Nick Cole of Icy Bay Lodge (www.iceybaylodge.net) in SE Alaska (between Cordova and Yakutat) has five openings for the week of September 4-10. Mike says this place has phenomenal silver salmon fly fishing. Cost is \$3750 which includes air taxi from Yakutat, AK but not the flight from Bend to Yakutat. Mike has flyfished for silvers out of both Yakutat and Cordova, great both times. He is looking to see if any club members might be interested. They can contact Mike for further details at prmike@aol.com or 541-306-0685.



GENERAL MEETING

Feb 16 | 6:30 p.m. | Bend Senior Center, 1600 S.E. Reed Market Road, Bend

ODFW Outlook for Fishing Central Oregon & BC Outing info Q&A from Lee Ann Ross

The Feb. 16th COF program will consist of two parts. Biologists from the Bend Office of the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife will begin the program by discussing the outlook for fly fishing on Central Oregon rivers and streams. Questions from the audience will be encouraged.

Lee Ann Ross will follow with a description of the COF annual weekly outing to fly fish various lakes in British Columbia. Both parts of the program should be of particular interest to our newer members.

OUTINGS FOR 2011

The 2011 outings calendar is starting to look good. Of course, we can always use more outings. The month of July is an obvious blank spot on the schedule. Let me know if there is a trip you would like to lead. It's easy and fun to do.

Date changes: Steelhead Falls trip moved from April 23 to April 21. Crooked River moved from March 26 to April 9. Lower Deschutes Float moved from May 13 to May 12.

John Day Steelhead

The John Day is different from any other steelhead river I have been on. It is also nearly impossible to plan a specific date to fish it very far in advance. It is a wild river and subject to extreme fluctuations as storms move across Oregon. Last month river went from 1,000 to 22,000 CFS in just a couple of days. The river also freezes over when flows are down and a cold front comes in. The John Day is also a bit of a drive – from 2 to 3.5 hours one way, depending on the route you take. Finally, access is limited and can be difficult.

Why bother? Because there are a lot of steelhead in this river. I've never had an experience anything close to the some of the stories I've heard, but I am going to keep trying. Let me know if you want to try with me. When we fish, where we fish, and how we fish (from a boat or wading along the bank) is completely dependent on the weather and watching the river flows. We just have to keep watching the conditions.

Feb 19 Metolius

I've lead multiple mid-winter outings to the Metolius over the past two years and always had a good time. Winter is my favorite time to fish this wonderful river. The crowds are gone, the fish are active, some big fish have moved up from the lake, and I've seen some amazing wildlife when I've been on really long hikes down in the canyon.

Anyway, the trip is on again. As always, it is limited to a small number of people, so let me know right away if you want a spot reserved. You need to be able to hike a few miles. The weather can play a real wild card. I got a very nice bull trout on New Year's Eve Day, but it was 15 degrees out when I started hiking down the river. That sort of thing might not be for you.

OUTINGS 2011

MONTH	DATE	LEADER	DESTINATION
Jan	1	Yancy Lind	Crooked River
Feb	19	Yancy Lind	Metolius River
	TBD	Yancy Lind	John Day Float for Steelhead
Mar	5	Yancy Lind	Upper Middle Deschutes (above Bend)
	17-20	Lee Ann Ross	Owyhee River
Apr	9	Bill Seitz	Crooked River
	21	Yancy Lind	Lower Middle Deschutes (Steelhead Falls)
May	12	Mike Tripp	Lower Deschutes Float (Warm Springs to Trout Creek)
	14	Dave Semich	Davis Lake Bass
	21	Yancy Lind	Beginner Outing - Crooked River
Jun	3-5	Bob Mullong	Prineville Crappie Marathon
	9-10	John Anderson	Diamond Lake
	23-26	Chuck Burley	Chewaucan River
	16-24	Rick Sironen	British Columbia
July			
Aug	13	Richard Yates	Malheur Carp Fishing
	18-21	Yancy Lind	Lower Williamson River/Wood River
Sep	6-11	Phil Hager	Cascade Lakes
	26-29	Lee Ann Ross	Diamond Lake with Sunriver Anglers
Oct	3		Hosmer Lake
	9-12		Lower Deschutes Steelhead
Nov	19	Bill Seitz	Crooked River Cleanup

Mar 5 Deschutes above Bend

Gary Meyer had a conflict come up, so I will lead this trip as I have in the past. The Deschutes River is open year round from Benham Falls all the way to Lake Billy Chinook. The river below Bend is too high to fish in the winter, but above Bend it can be a decent winter fishery. It's only a 5 minute drive from town and is easy wading. There are lots of whitefish to be had, a fair number of medium sized redbands, and an occasional brown. This is typically bankers-hours fishing, 10 am to 3 pm or so. Let me know if you want to come and I'll get you more info.

-- Yancy Lind, Outings Chair, yancy_lind@ml.com or 541-788-5514

British Columbia Trip

Jun 16 - 24 | Rick Sironen (541) 504-6697 or Rick@NWQC.com

It's time to start planning for the annual BC trip. The most important item is that you have a passport if you want to return to the United States! Travel Time: 12 to 14 hours.

Expense: I will try to keep the cost at \$75.00 per person, the same as last year. This will cover your breakfast and dinner meals. The nightly camping fee will be about \$18.00. You will also need a Canadian fishing license, that is about \$50.00 at this time.

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Everyone will share in camp duties (cooking, cleaning, setup and takedown). Everyone must be willing to plan and/or cook a meal. Meal costs will be reimbursed.

To be on the mailing list, contact Rick Sironen @ Rick@NWQC.com or call (541) 504-6697. Check the website for more details and updates.

More info next month. <http://www.coflyfishers.org/bc/index.php>

EDUCATION

Sunriver Anglers & Central Oregon Flyfishers Winter seminar

MASTERING WESTERN RIVERS & LAKES

Feb 12 and 13 | Aspen Hall

This year's winter seminar will feature Rick Hafele and Skip Morris. This workshop brings together entomology, pattern selection, presentation and fly tying. Skip and Rick, with their characteristic easy manner, will teach you how to fish trout rivers (day one) and trout lakes (day two). Information will concentrate on the Pacific Northwest and will cover how to recognize critical hatches, how to select and fish the patterns that match them, and finally how to tie a variety of effective nymphs, emergers, and dries.

This workshop is perfect for beginner to advanced fly fishers, as everyone will come away with a much deeper understanding about what patterns to use, how to fish them, and how to tie them.

The 2011 winter seminar will be held at Aspen Hall, February 12 and 13, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost for the two days is \$65 for Central Oregon Flyfishers and Sunriver Angler members, \$75 for non-members (lunch, coffee/drinks, and snacks included). You can register by directly contacting Eric Steele at steelefly2@msn.com or 541-549-2072

Register early! Hurry and reserve your spot. Space is limited, and we anticipate this seminar will be very popular.

Tuesday Night Fly-Tying

Tuesday Nights | 6-9pm | Bend Senior Center, 1600 S.E. Reed Market Road, Bend

Tuesday night fly-tying classes started January 4, and will be held every Tuesday night for 13 weeks. This year will continue to be an expansion of the last two, with old and new techniques. I'll try to keep materials to items you are likely to already have, rather than use materials that are good for only one pattern. Classes are set up for intermediate to advanced tyers, but beginners will find there is plenty of help in the class. So plan to attend even if you have only a little tying experience. These classes are a bargain at \$5 per class.- Jerry Criss 541-536-3581 or tlfly44@msn.com

OTHER NEWS

Angler and aquatic education instructor certification class

February 19 | 8:30am - 4:00pm | ODFW District Office
61374 Parrell Road, Bend

Would you like to become a volunteer instructor for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Angler and Aquatic

Education Program? As a certified Angler and Aquatic Education Instructor, you will be joining a team of volunteers committed to teaching youngsters the skills needed to enjoy a lifetime of fishing. This is a core elective in our Kokanee Karnival program.

An instructor training class will be held Saturday, February 19, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Deschutes Watershed District Office located at 61374 Parrell Road, Bend.

The class will cover the background of the Angler Education Program, core curriculum of our course, and several hands-on activities that are available to instructors. Most of the class will be held indoors. Weather permitting, a brief portion of the class will be held outdoors for a casting activity.

For pre-registration, contact Bob "Capt Caddis" Mullong (541) 389-4372 or capt@bendnet.com

Trout Unlimited General Meeting

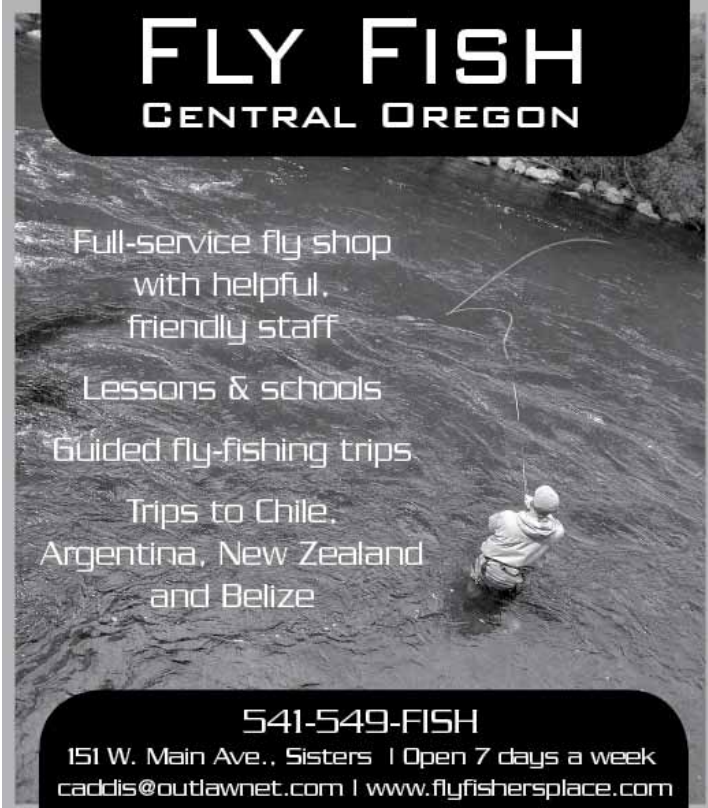
Feb 24 | 6:30 p.m. | Bend Senior Center, Bend

The Deschutes Chapter of the Trout Unlimited will be hosting another meeting at the Senior Center with guest speaker Robert Spatehotls - Team Leader of the Pelton Round Butte Project Aquatic Habitat Team. This evenings topic will be "Habitat quality & production potential for reintroduced steelhead & spring chinook salmon in the Crooked River, Ochoco Creek, & McKay Creek".

Kid's Fishing Pond @ Redmond Sportsman's Show

March 10 - 13 | Deschutes County Fairgrounds

Every year, COF volunteers run the kid's fishing pond at the Sportsmen's Show at the Deschutes County fairgrounds. It's fun to help kids 12 and under catch trout, and to see their excitement when catching their first fish. We need your help staffing this fun-filled event Thurs-Sun, March 10 to 13, so mark your calendar



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now. If you've never done this before, give it a try. You can volunteer for a half-day shift, then spend the other half touring the show (you get free admission). You'll be glad you did! For more information and to volunteer, contact Kathleen Schroeder kathleen.s.schroeder@gmail.com

The COF board appointed a committee to address concerns about the Kid's Pond event. The concerns are:

- Kids catch too few fish, and many catch no fish at all
- When more trout remain at the end of the show than ODFW can transport, the excess trout are wasted.

This frustrates everyone – kids, parents, COF volunteers, and the sponsor who pays for the hatchery fish. And, obviously, fish waste is undesirable.

To enrich the fishing experience for children and thereby increase the likelihood that they will become future stewards of fish, rivers and lakes, we plan to make the following changes:

- Use only flies specifically designed to attract hatchery fish (who have eaten only food pellets their entire lives),
- If catch rates are too low, permit optional use of artificial bait that does not significantly foul the water, and
- Promote "keeping" fish at this event; remain neutral about catch and release unless too many fish are kept.

Many of us practice catch-and-release and virtually all prefer using flies instead of bait, so some may not agree with this policy. However, an event for kids age 12 and under at an artificial pond with hatchery fish isn't the best place to teach these concepts, especially if they don't catch fish. A great "first" fishing experience can lead to a lifetime love of the sport.

We're not asking you suspend your beliefs. Any volunteer can choose NOT to use bait if he or she wishes.

Dick Olson - Past President

Team USA qualifying competitions

March 26 & 27 | Haystack Reservoir and the Crooked River

The Team USA fly-fishing team represents our country in international competitions. The popular Czech, Polish or European-style nymphing are a result of these competitions. COF member Scott Robertson is a past member and captain of Team USA. Anglers qualify for the team by participating in a series of competitions held around the country. COF will help in organizing and hosting one of these qualifying competitions in March. Competitors will fish the Crooked River one day and then fish from the shore at Haystack the other day. If the weather gets in the way, we'll adjust. The National Trials will be held in Vail in April so our event will be the chance some anglers will have to qualify.

We need your help for these competitions to run smoothly. We will need up to 24 volunteers to measure fish as the anglers catch them. The club has helped with this event twice before, and we all learned a great deal from the experience.

If you are interested in participating in this fun event, contact Lee Ann Ross rossleeann@yahoo.com or 541-312-2568.

Calling all crafters, woodworkers, quilters, artists, and home hobbyists!

The annual COF banquet and fund raiser will be held April 2, 2011. We are now accepting donations for the raffle and auction. This is the club's biggest fund raiser of the year. If you are a crafter or home hobbyist, please consider sharing your art with the club.

We would love to have some items that have been crafted by our own members. We hope that our early request will give you plenty of time to create a masterpiece. If you would like to donate or have questions, please contact Kristin Lambson wildwomen@coflyfishers.org or (623) 570-6446.

COF Fly of the Month CD

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. If you missed purchasing your CD at the December meeting, don't panic. Here's how to get one:

- Purchase a CD at the next meeting.
- For a version that you can download, mail a check (payable to COF) for \$5.
- For a CD, mail a check (payable to COF) for \$6.

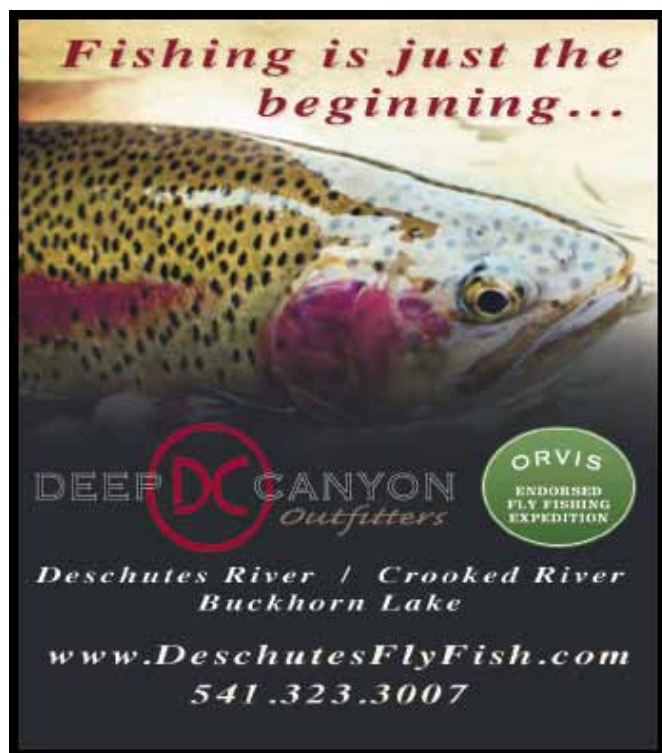
Contact Lee Ann Ross rossleeann@yahoo.com

Central Oregon Project Healing Waters

The local Chapter of Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing has been hard at work organizing and creating outlines for upcoming events, outings, fly tying lessons and getting well educated in learning what to expect when dealing with veterans in our community.

Recently a group of about 6-8 people were trained by Gary Hunter. Gary is the lead counselor here in Bend for the Veterans Center and oversees their operations and a staff of six people. At this informal training, everyone was given an opportunity to find out what types of issues our Vet's are coming home with, and techniques on how to help them when they get here. With better education on what to expect, how to actively listen and best help, along with a great deal of reassurance from Gary, we are all on the right track to mentor our veterans.

As the program unfolds, we will be reaching out to all the local angling groups for volunteers who would like to help. We have already been receiving a great deal of support from COF, Sunriver



Anglers, Orvis, Fly and Field, Deep Canyon Outfitters, and TU. With mentor training, and the support we are already getting, we are hopeful that our efforts will get these veterans into the outdoors soon, enjoying and reaping the benefits of fly fishing activities.

If you would like to find out how you can help, please contact COF Member Brad Emery at bdemery1@aol.com or by calling 541-536-5799.

Wild Women of the Water

Sherry Steele will be hosting our May overnight outing to Canyon Creek Ranch. This is a great chance for you to practice your lake fishing skills in an idyllic setting and have fun catching big fish. Spots are filling up fast, please contact Sherry directly if you have any questions, home 541-549-2072, cell 541-420-5532 or email steelefly@msn.com steelefly@msn.com.

Watch your emails for upcoming Wild Women events. Some great things are planned. Please contact Kristin Lambson if you have any questions about getting involved with our group. wildwomen@coflyfishers.org or cell: 623-570-6446.

Remember that Wild Women hats are still available for \$18.00.

- Kristin Lambson

Wild Women of the Water • ktlamb@live.com • Cell: 623-570-6446

Kokanee Karnival

It is that time of the year when we need to recruit volunteers to help with the Angling Clinic, held at Shevlin Pond and Aspen Hall in Shevlin Park. The KK clinic will be held on 7 days, April 25 through April 29 and May 2 and 3. We have 14 classes in the program and two classes attend each day. Morning activities include:

- Fish Biology/Care of Catch
- Knot Tying
- Fishing Tackle/Angling Methods
- Casting/Water Safety

The students are divided into four groups and attend each of the activities. Then the students and volunteers are provided lunch. After lunch the students are divided into small groups and get to fish in Shevlin Pond. The volunteers lead small groups of students to help them fish for trout. If they catch fish they get a First Fish Certificate and if they want, their cleaned fish to take home. I am the fish monger and get to gut all the fish.

We need volunteers to work with the students. If you have not done this before you will be teamed with other folks who have experience. If you can volunteer for a full day, or a few days, that would be great. However, if you have limited time you can volunteer for a half day, morning or afternoon. The Angling Clinic starts at 8:45 for setup and ends about 3 after clean up. If you want to volunteer, and both the KK folks and the students would sure appreciate it, contact Frank Turek (541) 381-7507 or waldo1ft@msn.com. We will have sign up sheets for volunteers at both the February and March COF meetings.

COF LIBRARY NEWS

Rainbow Trout Fly Fishing

A Guide for Still Waters (Amato Publications)

Ron Newman from Kamloops, BC, has created a very complete and understandable book that analyzes 35 years of his own statistics regarding weather, water, fish activity, hatches, moon phases, catch

rates, etc. The book focuses on rainbows - their habits, physical attributes, sensory perceptions, behavior, feeding considerations, and hatches. This still water (lake) angling data is very applicable to our high cascade lakes in Central Oregon. A significant portion of the data used in Bernie Taylor's book "Big Trout," a past COF program, came from Ron's research.

What is a Kamloops Trout? Check Ron out at bcadventure.com/ronnewman/kamloops.phtml. The current Kamloops Fly Fishers newsletter has excellent articles by Ron on shrimp (scuds) and the relationship of barometric pressure/fishing success. Give Bob Griffin a call at 541-389-2070 and he will e-mail a copy of the article to you.

You can review over 300 library items available to club members by clicking on the "library" link on the COF website. A cart of "on demand" books, DVDs and videos is displayed at the regular monthly meetings.

HELP.....Library Volunteers Needed

Gordon Chandler has snow birded out to the desert for some months to come. Please contact John Anderson or Bob Griffin.

CONSERVATION NEWS

COF Funds Chub Removal

In 2010, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) initiated a 5-year project to control tui chub in East Lake. Last summer's efforts included a trapping and gill netting the chub and removing them from the lake. A number of COF members assisted in this effort. The trap and removal efforts will continue in 2011 and 2012. In year 4, the ODFW will stock the lake with a Blackwater strain of rainbow trout. ODFW will get the trout eggs from British Columbia and raise the fish in Oregon. Small forage fish, such as the tui chub, are an important part of the diets of adults of this strain of trout. ODFW biologists hope the fish will help suppress the tui chub population in the lake. COF and the Sunriver Anglers each contributed \$300 to cover the cost of the eggs. ODFW will cover the cost of raising the fish in the hatchery.

The Crooked River & Hydroelectric Power

Daily, the various media outlets contain articles regarding the importance of sustainable energy sources to the Nation's future. We in the Northwest are well aware of the importance of sustainable energy with the hydroelectric infrastructure on the dams in the Columbia River system, the increased number of wind farms, planned solar farms in south central Oregon, and biofuels plants. The State of Oregon has passed legislation requiring electric power companies in the future to provide a certain percentage of the power they provide to their customers from sustainable power sources. In central Oregon, there is renewed interest in hydroelectric power. Several of the irrigation companies have constructed and are planning on building small scale hydro projects on their canals. These projects are and will generate electricity for the local power grids during the irrigation season (mid-April to mid-October) and provide funding for the companies. Currently, two run-of-the-reservoir (water is released from the reservoir for purposes other than hydroelectric generation) hydro plants are planned for the upper Deschutes River basin. One of the two projects is being planned by Symbiotics to generate electricity from the outflow

of Wickiup Dam on the Upper Deschutes. The other project is being planned by Portland General Electric Company (PGE) utilizing the outflows of the Crooked River below Bowman Dam.

What will be the impacts of these hydro projects to the sport fisheries in these two rivers? Recently, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) provided comments to Symbiotics regarding the construction and operation of the planned Wickiup facility. Their comments centered on 3 major areas: fish screening, upstream fish passage, and minimum flows. They recommended the installation of 3/32" screen on the water intake pipe to prevent the non-native species such as the kokanee, stickleback, and bullheads from the reservoir passing to reaches of upper Deschutes and to prevent the high mortality (it could be as high as 85%) of fish going through the facility. They recommended that Symbiotics set aside funding annually in an interest bearing account and dedicate the funds for acquiring water from Wickiup and Crane Prairie Reservoirs, and Crescent Lake to enhance winter flows on the upper Deschutes between Wickiup Reservoir and Bend. Even though the proposed plants will have no impact on the quantity of flows, it will impact how the water is released (it is called ramping). ODFW provided suggestions to address the evenness of flows during electricity generation.

The proposal by PGE to construct a hydro plant below Bowman Dam is somewhat more complex than the Wickiup project. Currently the Crooked River, from the top of the dam to a point 12 miles downstream, is part of the National Wild and Scenic River system. Because of this classification, hydro plant construction is not allowed. Recently, Representative Walden signaled his intentions to introduce legislation to move the upper boundary downstream from the dam a quarter mile. If the proposed legislation is approved by Congress and signed by the President, plans to construct the project will proceed in earnest. What impact will the hydro plant operations have on the sport fisheries? In their preliminary proposal, PGE predicts minimal impact. It is premature to make specific predictions because project plans are very general. When plans become more specific, ODFW will evaluate the impacts of the construction and operation of the plant on fish and wildlife resources and provide recommendation for mitigation of the impacts. At a minimum, their comments likely will address fish screening, fish screening, ramping, and mitigation actions.

Prineville Reservoir Water Allocation Update -Another separate, but related issue, relating to the Crooked River and its seasonal flows is how to allocate the uncontracted water stored in Prineville Reservoir. Currently 50% of the 148,640 acre feet of storage at full pool level is uncontracted. There have been numerous meetings and resource agency efforts to address how the remaining storage in the reservoir might be allocated. As you would imagine, the City of Prineville and the local irrigation interests have a major interest in the uncontracted water. So, also, do fishery conservation groups. To date, all efforts to arrive at a satisfactory resolution of the allocation of uncontracted water have failed. After the latest information meeting facilitated by the Crook County Natural Resources Planning Committee regarding the proposed allocation of water, many stakeholders with interest in the water (water users and the conservationists) left the meeting more polarized than in previous efforts. During the meeting it became apparent that the

water users had determined what they needed and were ready to pursue legislation to get the water. The conservationists were not prepared with specific recommendation for seasonal flows to sustain and enhance the rivers sport fisheries for redbands, mountain whitefish, Chinook salmon, and federally-threatened steelhead. After the meeting, the Deschutes River Conservancy (DRC) and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) provided funding to a local company to develop an assessment of environmental flows on the lower Crooked River (Bowman Dam to Lake Billy Chinook).

Two recent events have sparked renewed interest in Prineville Reservoir's uncontracted water. In Representative Walden's notice of intent to introduce legislation to change the Wild and Scenic River upstream boundary, there is a provision to provide the City of Prineville with 5,100 acre feet of the uncontracted water. I understand this amount is necessary to mitigate the amount of water the City of Prineville pumps from the water table for its municipal supplies. This action may be beneficial for the fisheries because this water ultimately will be released into the river. This proposed legislation has accelerated an effort by conservation organizations such as Water Watch, the Northwest Steelheaders Association, and Trout Unlimited to develop strategies to secure water for the river's sport fisheries. Also, the DRC/TNC draft assessment of environmental flows has been completed and will soon be finalized <http://watershednet.com/downloads/cref/> The assessment provides a description of the lower Crooked River ecosystem, a hydrologic analysis of the lower river, climate change analysis, and a literature review and synthesis of the flow-ecology, aquatic biology and water quality, riparian and fish habitat, and non-native species in the lower river study area. However, there is reason to believe that Representative Walden believes that seasonal flows for fisheries should be established by the resource agencies (the National Marine Fisheries Service has responsibility for the steelhead and Chinook salmon, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has responsibility for the bull trout, and the ODFW has responsibility for redbands and mountain whitefish) and not the non-governmental conservation organizations. Likely, Representative Walden's proposed legislation will call for the state and federal resource agencies to make the flow recommendations for the Crooked River. Those flow recommendations would then jumpstart discussions of allocation of Prineville Reservoir uncontracted water.

The topics I briefly have discussed in this article, while general, will give you a feel for the complexity and dynamic nature of the various projects that will impact our fisheries in the future. On the legislative front, legislation addressing the Crooked River and the uncontracted water will play out in Congress and the President – basic civics. You can be sure that both (maybe more than two) side of the water issue will have their lawyers and lobbyists pushing hard for their point of view. Hopefully, there will be opportunities for the public to make input into the process. The resource agencies will need our help to make sure their recommendations are accepted in the final plans. Also, let us not forget that the wild and scenic river boundary change is part of the proposed legislation. Members of the Central Oregon Flyfishers have and will continue to track these issues and keep you up to date and alert you when opportunities for input occur. If you have questions or comments, please contact me at conservation@coflyfishers.org

- Bill Seitz

UV SOFT HACKLE CADDIS PUPA

HOOK:	Dai-Riki #135 Scud/Pupa Sizes 12-20
THREAD:	Tan or Camel 8/0
BEAD:	Black, Gold sized to fit hook
BODY:	50/50 mix Hareline Dark Hare's Ear Krystal Dub and Hareline Ice Dub UV Tan (use a sparse dubbing loop)
RIB:	Fine copper wire
HACKLE:	Hen pheasant (sparse, one turn of hackle)



There is nothing complicated about tying this fly so I'm going to skip the instructions and share my experiences with using it over the past summer.

This fly developed after a tour last summer of Hareline Dubbing and a conversation with Marcos Vergara regarding the fish attracting properties of their UV materials. He referred me to a book written by Reed F Curry titled, [The New Scientific Angling - Trout and Ultraviolet Vision](#). The author does a decent job of presenting the limited scientific evidence regarding UV receptors in trout eyes and in the UV reflective body parts of hatching aquatic insects. There is scientific evidence that the UV spectrum penetrates the water to a greater degree than the rest of the light spectrum. I decided to do my own research and let the trout decide.

During the summer I fished this pattern in tandem with an identical one without UV materials. I tied the UV pattern on as both a trailer and as the lead fly. I fished the combination dead drift and on the swing. In all cases, the UV fly was taken on a ratio of around 3 to 1. The highlight was catching a playing a steelhead on a size 16. I'm not sure whether the fly is more visible or acts as a trigger; the trout didn't tell me that.

Other color combinations can be created using UV Ice Dub Pearl, your favorite dubbing, and a coffee grinder.

- Mike Telford

CENTRAL OREGON FLYFISHERS UPSTREAM EVENTS 2011

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	CONTACT
FEBRUARY				
Feb 3	6:30pm	monthly board meeting	Environmental Center	Lee Ann Ross rossleeann@yahoo.com
Feb 1, 8, 15, 22	6:00pm	Fly tying	Bend Senior Center	Jerry Criss tfly44@msn.com
Feb 9, 10	6:30pm	Flyfishing Film Tour	McMenamins Old St. Francis	
Feb 12, 13	9am-4pm	Winter seminar	Aspen Hall	Eric Steele steelefly2@msn.com
Feb 19		Outing	Metolious River	Yancy Lind
Feb 19	8:30am-4pm	Angler Ed instructor certification class	ODFW District Office in Bend	Bob Mullong capt@bendnet.com
IN THE FUTURE				
Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	6:00pm	Fly tying	Bend Senior Center	Jerry Criss tfly44@msn.com
Mar 5		Outing	Deschutes River above Bend	Yancy Lind yancy_lind@ml.com
Mar 10-13	Kid's fishing pond at the Sportsmen's Show, Deschutes County fairgrounds		Kathleen Schroeder	kathleen.s.schroeder@gmail.com
Mar 17-20		Outing	Owyhee River	Lee Ann Ross rossleeann@yahoo.com
Mar 26, 27		Team USA Qualifying	Crooked River	Lee Ann Ross rossleeann@yahoo.com
Apr 2	5:30pm	Annual Banquet	Seventh Mountain Resort	Howard Olson banquet@coflyfishers.org
NON-CLUB ACTIVITIES & FYI				
Feb 24	6:30pm	Trout Unlimited General Meeting	Bend Senior Center	Mike Trip programs@deschutestu.org
Mar 11-12	NW Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo, Linn County Expo Center, Albany, OR			

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Annual Banquet Fundraiser

Saturday, April 2, 2011 • 5:30 p.m.
Seventh Mountain Resort

BEFORE March 1 - \$35 per person & Automatic entry in the early bird fly rod drawing

March 1 to 25 - \$40 per person (no dinner sales after March 25)

Questions? Contact Howard Olson 541-279-0982 or banquet@coflyfishers.org

You're invited to attend COF's primary fundraising event to support the Kokanee Karnival Youth Education Program, club activities, membership services, our conservation program, and habitat restoration efforts. Join the fun, share stories, and dine on fine, delicious food. Have an exciting time with the raffle, pick up some high-quality flies or unique family items in the silent auction, and bid on great opportunities at the live auction. If you take advantage of the early bird registration, you will save \$5 and be automatically entered in the fly rod drawing. You can even purchase raffle tickets early using the registration form (6 tickets for \$5).

Conservation



COF members, with assistance from Prineville High School students, assembled and placed educational signs along the Crooked River.



Mail completed form, your dinner choice, your raffle ticket amounts, and your check (\$35/person BEFORE Mar 1 • \$40/person Mar 1 to 25) to COF Banquet. P.O. Box 1126, Bend, OR 97709 (see menu & map on next page)

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Name _____ Steak _____ Chicken _____

Spouse/Guest(s) _____ Steak _____ Chicken _____

Guest(s) _____ Steak _____ Chicken _____

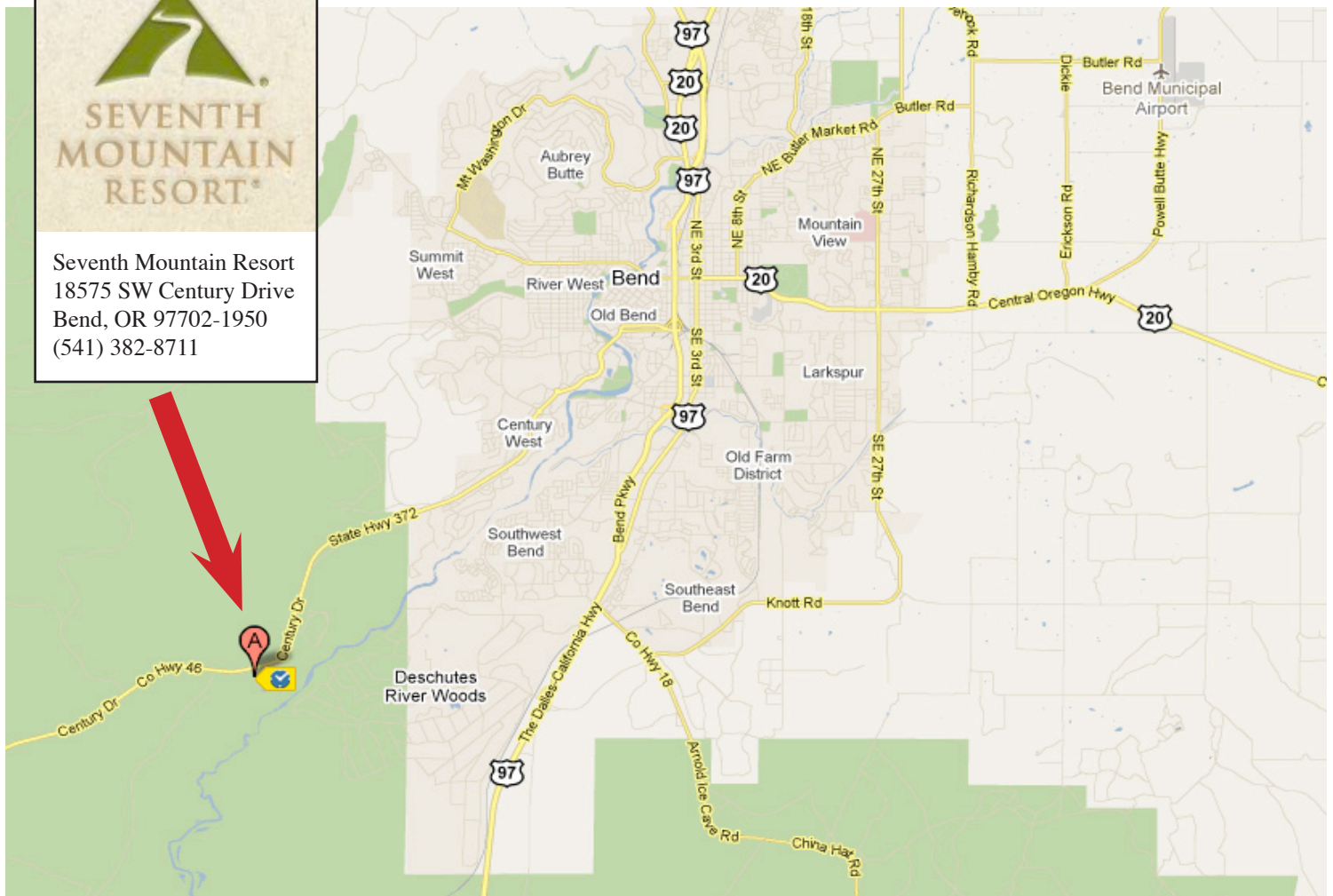
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Banquet Menu

Appetizers

Prosciutto and Cantaloupe Canapés
Roma Tomato and Basil Bruschetta
Rolls with Butter

House Salad

Romaine and Butter Lettuce, Shredded Radish and
Carrots, Candied Pecans, Crostini and Balsamic
Vinaigrette

Dessert

Carrot Cake
Candied Walnuts and Carmel Sauce

Entree - French Cut Chicken Breast

Lemon and Oregano Baked with Pearl Onion Pan
Gravy, Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Chefs
Choice Vegetables

-OR-

Entree - Grilled Top Sirloin

Port Wine Reduction, Garlic Mashed Potatoes,
Chefs Choice Vegetables

