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## RANDOM CAST

This fishing club sure is fun! There are so many opportunities for people to participate at every level of the fly-fishing experience. The adage “build it and they will come” seems to hold true for the COF members that fill up our activities. We already have 13 fly-fishing trips scheduled for 2012. The outing on April 7 includes our annual Crooked River Cleanup. Please make sure you set aside that day to help out. The fly tying classess, led this year by John Kreft, are a big hit. Kathleen Shroeder and our departed (to Texas) Kristen Lambson asked Sherry Steele to do a Wild Women of the Water fly-tying session. The objective was to help out the new “tyers” and provide a place to learn new things, regardless of the skill level. As I write this, I’m planning to leave the house on Sunday (Jan 29) because 13 of the Wild Women are going to take over the house for the day. The highly recognized Kokanee Karnival program and expanding youth program are a great way to support our community and learn along the way.

Don’t be left out. Take advantage of the abundance of activities provided by the leadership and volunteers of COF, learn some new things, meet new friends, and have some FUN!

– Eric Steele, President



Mike Tripp landed a nice steelhead on the John Day River outing, January 8, 2012. PHOTO: Yancy Lind

## GENERAL MEETING

Feb 15 | 6:30 p.m. | Bend Senior Center, 1600 S.E. Reed Market Road, Bend

## Streamside Speciality Birds

Central Oregon naturalist, Stephen Shunk of Paradise Birding located in Sisters, OR will talk about streamside specialty birds of the East Cascades. Take a photographic tour of the region's most productive avian waterways and learn about the identification and natural history of some of the more common species of birds with which we share our rivers. Steve said, "Many birds use riparian or streamside habitats as migratory corridors, but a few of these riparian specialists have developed unique adaptations for life at the water's edge." Some of the streamside birds often seen by fly fishers include the American Dipper, Common Merganser, Belted Kingfisher, Osprey, and Lewis's Woodpecker. Steve will discuss all of these species. This should be a interesting program to enjoy with your wife, children, partner, or best friend.

## Weigh your fly line

Before the February 15 meeting, Bob Griffin will set up his scale to check line weights. Bring lines you would like to have weighed and possibly identified. Or just come to learn more about fly lines. Bob will be there at 6:00 P.M.

## OUTINGS

### 2012 outings

The 2012 outings schedule offers some great educational and service opportunities for members. There's still time to volunteer to lead an outing in 2012. We need an outing leader to arrange a trip, possibly to Wickiup or Crane Prairie reservoir or Central Washington, to use the COF trailer with camping gear.

On June 14 at 9:00 A.M., there will be a tour of the Round Butte Fish Passage Facility at the Round Butte Dam. More details will be available.

If anyone is interested, I will try to make arrangements with the Deschutes Land Trust for a tour of the Camp Polk Meadow restoration project near Sisters. The last stage of the restoration will be the "rechanneling" of Wychus Creek back to its historical and restored meandering meadow channel. A huge amount of work has been done to reestablish this steelhead spawning and rearing habitat. I will keep this possibility open and see if any interest develops.

— John Tackmier, Outings Coordinator  
[outings@coflyfishers.org](mailto:outings@coflyfishers.org) or 541-549-6252

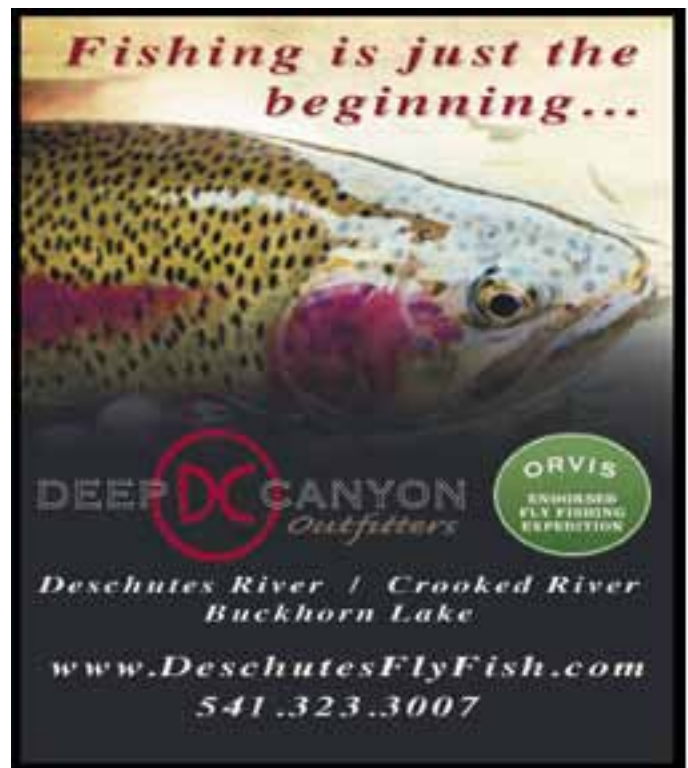
## OUTINGS 2012

Month	Date	Leader	Destination
Feb	TBA	Yancy Lind	John Day Steelhead float
Mar	22-26	Lee Ann Ross	Owyhee River
Mar	26	John Tackmier	Metolius River
Apr	7	Bill Seitz	Crooked River Cleanup
May	TBA	John Anderson	Antelope Flat 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
Jun	14	John Tackmier	Round Butte Dam
Jun	19-24	Rick Sironen	Chewaucan River
Aug	9-12	Yancy Lind	Williamson River
Oct	7-10	Eric Steele	Lower Deschutes Steelhead

## Crooked River

Apr 7

Bill Seitz will lead a service/fishing trip to the Crooked River to complete the delayed Crooked River Clean-Up, provided another snowstorm does not occur. BLM personnel keep the campground areas clean and orderly, but the streamside debris detracts from a positive fishing experience. Please join in this effort; your participation will make the cleanup go quickly, and it will benefit the river. More details to come.



## Metolius River

Mar 26 | 10:00 a.m. | Contact John Tackmier | Meet at Bridge 99

Jeff Perrin of the Fly Fishers Place in Sisters will meet with COF members at the 99 Bridge campground at 10 A.M. and provide an hour and a half talk on how to fish the Metolius River. Participants may then put their newly acquired knowledge into practice and catch one of the three fish species found in the river. Contact John Tackmier ([outings@coflyfishers.org](mailto:outings@coflyfishers.org) or 541-549-6252).

## Owyhee River

Mar 22 to 26

The Owyhee River downstream from Lake Owyhee Dam is one of Oregon's best-kept tailwater secrets. Fishing picks up in March as the ice eases off the river. It looks and fishes like the Crooked River, except for the big brown trout. To prepare, you can check out the Clackamas Fly-Fishers club website, available from: <http://clackamasflyfishers.org/meetings-a-events-mainmenu-33/fish-alongs/104-owyhee-2008>. Within the article are two links to reports about their trip. If you are interested in the trip, contact Lee Ann Ross ([rossleeann@yahoo.com](mailto:rossleeann@yahoo.com)).

## Chewaucan River

Jun 19 through 24

In addition to the Chewaucan River, nearby lakes are Withers, Slide, Campbell, and Deadhorse. A side trip to Deep Creek is possible. Come for one day or all. More information in the March newsletter.

– Rick Sironen ([Rick@nwqc.com](mailto:Rick@nwqc.com) or 503-704-9517)

P.M., at Fly and Field Outfitters in Bend. Refreshments provided; bring your own chair.

## Great winter reading

Bill Seitz has compiled a list of some of his favorite and most-often-used books and DVDs. Here are his favorites on fly tying. Next time you're wondering which book to buy or check out, this list may be of service.

*Fly Patterns for Stillwaters: A Study of Trout, Entomology, and Tying* by Philip Rowley

*Stillwater Solutions Recipes: Volume One – 30 Proven Patterns* by Brian Chan and Phil Rowley

*Barr Flies: How to Tie and Fish the Copper John, the Barr Emerger and Dozens of Other Patterns, Variations, and Rigs* by John S. Barr

*Trout Flies and Rivers: Patterns from the West to Work Everywhere – 626 Premier Patterns* by Carol Ann Morris and Skip Morris

*Modern Midges: Tying and Fishing the World's Most Effective Patterns* by Rick Takahashi and Jerry Hubka

*The Fly Tier's Benchside Reference to Techniques and Dressing Styles* by Ted Leeson and Jim Schollmeyer

*Mayflies: "Top to Bottom" – Expert Fly Tying and Innovation* by Shane Stalcup

*Nymphs for Streams and Stillwaters* by Dave Hughes

Do you have a favorite book or DVD on fly fishing? I'm going to compile a list of members' favorite titles...one topic per month. Next month will be about fly tying. If you have a favorite, please send me the title, and I'll include it in the

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## EDUCATION

### The brown bears and rainbows of Katmai

Feb 29 | 6:00 p.m. | Fly and Field Outfitters

Dave Merrick of Fly and Field Outfitters will talk about how to fish in bear territory. He will discuss bear avoidance and how to keep the bears from stealing your catch. An experienced flyfisher in bear county, he has many stories and advice to share.

This free event will be on Thursday, February 29, 6:00

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newsletter. Please explain why you like and use the book. This information will be a great help to beginners. Send to [education@coflyfishers.org](mailto:education@coflyfishers.org).

## Thank you Fly and Field

Thanks to Dave Merrick of Fly and Field Outfitters for the talk on where to fish near Bend. More than 50 people showed up at the fly shop to hear the details and, to their surprise, to drink free beer. Thanks again to Dave, and to Fly and Field, for hosting the event.

– Kathleen Schroeder, Education ([education@coflyfishers.org](mailto:education@coflyfishers.org))



## Winter fly-tying series continues!

The COF Winter Fly Tying Series continues every Tuesday evening in February through March 27 (Bend Senior Center, 6:00 P.M., \$5 per

session to offset the cost of the room and materials). Classes have been well attended with lots of great flies tied.

Although it's called a "series," you may attend all or just one. I send out the pattern sheet by Friday before the next class for you to review and determine if the pattern interests you. I hope to see you at one of our tying sessions!

– John Kreft (Cell: 503-559-3811 or [jckreft@gmail.com](mailto:jckreft@gmail.com))

## Fly-tying classes

Local shops will offer fly-tying classes during the winter months. For details, see the December newsletter or contact the shops: **Fly Fishers Place in Sisters** (541-549-3474), **Patient Angler in Bend** (541-389-6208), **Fin and Fire Fly Shop in Redmond** (541-548-1503), **Orvis in Bend** (541-312-8200).

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## WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

Upcoming events:

- Pronghorn Reservoir - May 4 to 6 (tentative)
- Canyon Creek Ranch - June 1 to 3 (tentative)

For more information about these events, contact Sherry Steele ([steelefly@msn.com](mailto:steelefly@msn.com) or 541-549-2072).

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## YOUTH PROGRAM

### Volunteers teach in Redmond

Twenty-nine COF members volunteered to help teach fly fishing to Brian Wachs' high school class at Redmond Proficiency Academy. The week-long session provided the 27 students an introduction to fly fishing and gear, fly tying, casting, entomology and macro invertebrates, and outings to the Crooked River for bug collection and fishing. Also during the week, they received certification for watercraft inspection and invasive species identification from ODFW.

Volunteers accumulated over 320 volunteer hours this week alone; that's the equivalent of eight, 40-hour work weeks!

Delores Marsh earned "volunteer of the week" designation; she attended EVERY session! (Pete Martin was a very close second.) In addition to Delores' stellar attendance, John Anderson, Bill Seitz, Tye Krueger, and John Kreft all led sessions that were very well received.

The fly tying sessions, led by John Kreft, stretched several of the students AND the volunteers by tying three different flies; some required dubbing! The results included creative flies, fashion flies, and an entire series of sports team flies (the Beavers were prominent)—perhaps due to the available materials. One "super ninja" turned out 32 flies! She was back in the room before and after school.

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Casting produced many right, left, and two-handed casters, some distance successes, some bird's nests, some trees, and even bullseyes! And lots of cold fingers! However, Tye managed to have a calm and sunny day for his teaching. We really lucked out with weather all week long.

Bugs, or entomology and macroinvertebrates, led by John Anderson, were a hit. Students had time in the classroom and on the river to identify and collect bugs. They could identify stoneflies and caddis flies, and returned to the river and turned over more rocks to see what they could find.

Bill Seitz led the big fishing day. Bill tied flies and helped us rig the rods for the fishing adventure. Several students caught fish. There were a lot of hook ups and several to the net. Only a few statements were made about how few fish there are in the river. It was brisk and a little breezy, but the sun was out and it didn't rain or snow.

Many students made comments as they boarded the bus. Many wanted to do it again; many had never done anything like this before. They were very thankful and appreciative of the volunteers' time and knowledge.

Thank you all. The volunteers really provided the time, expertise, and commitment to make the class possible. COF provided a lesson of a lifetime to many of the students.

– Karen Kreft, COF Youth Programs ([youth@coflyfishers.org](mailto:youth@coflyfishers.org) or 503-409-0148)



Students from Redmond Proficiency Academy sample for macroinvertebrates on the Crooked River. PHOTO: Delores Marsh

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## MEMBERSHIP

Renewal notices for 2012 memberships HAVE BEEN mailed. If you have not received a renewal form please contact me at [membership@coflyfishers.org](mailto:membership@coflyfishers.org). To join, go to [coflyfishers.org](http://coflyfishers.org) to print a form. After Jan 1 the cost is \$36.00.

Current rosters are available by request, so please contact me at the next meeting, or send email to [membership@coflyfishers.org](mailto:membership@coflyfishers.org) with ROSTER as the subject.

– Gary Meyer, Membership Chair

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### Welcome new members

**Judy Crosson**   **Robbie Robison**   **Mark Quinlan**  
**Glen Hodson**   **Vern Scharp**   **John Zicke**  
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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Kid's fishing pond

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 ([president@coflyfishers.org](mailto:president@coflyfishers.org)).

### National Team USA competition

Oct 18 to 21

To volunteer, contact Kevney Dugan at Visit Bend ([kevney@visitbend.com](mailto:kevney@visitbend.com)).

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## OTHER NEWS

### Debbie Norton appointed director

The COF Board voted to appoint Debbie Norton as a director with donations/raffles responsibility.

### Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo

Mar 9 & 10 | Linn County Expo Center, Albany, OR

Over 50 exhibitors, 200 fly tyers, 90 classes and much more. Visit [www.nwexpo.com](http://www.nwexpo.com).

### Turtle Bay Museum exhibition

Redding, CA | Jan 28 to Apr 15



Turtle Bay Museum and The Fly Shop are preparing the exhibition with the help of the Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers. The exhibition will run from January 28 to April 15, 2012. It will feature fly fishing and tying equipment as far back as the 1800s. There will be early models of float tubes, fly rods, fly reels, fly lines, waders and tying vises, along with plenty of pictures in addition to the latest equipment available. Some of the items will be coming from the Federation of Fly Fishers national museum in Livingston, Montana.

The Turtle Bay Exploration Park includes the Turtle Bay Museum, McConnell Arboretum & Botanical Gardens

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Nursery, Paul Bunyan's Forest Camp, Sundial Bridge at Turtle Bay, and the Monolith. Turtle Bay Museum is the heart of the Turtle Bay experience. It contains permanent, interactive exhibits and two large special exhibition galleries. The experiences include underwater fish viewing, walking through historic re-creations, experimenting with scientific equipment and viewing art. For more details and pictures see [www.turtlebay.org](http://www.turtlebay.org).

## STFF Fly Tying Expo,

### Part of Turtle Bay Science Weekend: Flies, Fishes and Fishing

The Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers in conjunction with The Fly Shop, NCCFFF and Redding's Turtle Bay Museum will have a fly tying expo in Redding, California, on February 18 and 19, 2012. Tyers from northern California and Oregon will be featured.

There will be morning (10 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.) and afternoon (1:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.) tying sessions on Saturday and Sunday. There will also be hands-on activities including fly tying and a casting area.

The fly tying expo will be held in the middle of the three-month-long Turtle Bay Museum fly-fishing exhibition "Fly Fishing, The Art of Deception." In addition, every Saturday and Sunday from January 28 to April 15, tyers from STFF will be doing fly-tying demonstrations from noon to 3 P.M.

## Angler education instructors receive awards

I would like to congratulate the following members on reaching the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Angler and Aquatic Education Program's Bronze Award Level: Betsy Brauer, Carol Christiansen, Dave Dunahay, Dan Pebbles, and Vivian Rockwell.

The Bronze award is given to Angler Education Instructors who reach 75 hours of donated time.

The Angler and Aquatic Education Program would not be possible without the services of volunteers such as these. Their investment of time, knowledge, and skills has demonstrated their personal commitment toward ensuring that the joy of angling is passed on to future generations.

In 2011, through Kokanee Karnival, 25 Angler Education Instructors traveled 2879 miles and volunteered 420 hours to teach 27 classrooms totaling 757 students, making it the biggest Angler Education Program in the state of Oregon.

Now that's a FINS UP!!!!

— *Capt Caddis*

## Flats Fishing in the Joulter Cays

Imagine your first Bahamas bonefish trip: Arrive at a well-appointed lodge on Andros Island or perhaps Grand Bahama, with knowledgeable, patient guides, and schools of bonefish that provide just enough of a challenge. How about an hour boat ride and a drop off on a remote cay with a Scott STS, 7-weight rod, a decent assortment of flies, a tent, a cool-

er with ice (that lasts eight days), beer, and a little food? That would be my ideal introduction to the world of bonefishing.

That was years ago, and I've been on many saltwater trips since then, fishing for bonefish, permit, tarpon, and snook. But all those trips pale in comparison to my first trip: A wilderness experience in the Bahamas. Who'd a thought? As far back as I can remember, I've had a deep connection with the natural world. I grew up in Northern California. As a young girl, I'd happily lose myself in the rolling hills that surrounded my home. The terrain changed when I moved to the high desert of Central Oregon in 1990, but the fascination with my surroundings continued. However, the wilderness east of Florida is something entirely different: The miles of juniper and sage are replaced by miles of saltwater flats, the lava rock by coral, the deer and mountain lions by eagle rays and sharks.

Seasoned flats fishermen know that to successfully hook and land a bonefish you must first see one. If you don't have a guide standing on the poling platform of a flats boat, you're at a disadvantage. Eventually, one's eyes become accustomed to identifying those fish shapes--the way they move and feed. But a six-foot tall guide, standing on a platform five feet above the water will see much better than a wading angler. Sure I wanted to catch fish, but I was exploring. Instead of searching for bonefish in the distance, I'd frequently find myself distracted by the sea cucumber, beautiful conch shells and brilliantly-colored starfish at my feet. More than once, my partner would sternly remind me, "This is NOT a field trip!"

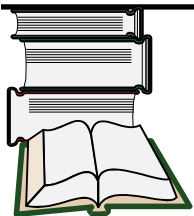
Today, with a number of saltwater trips behind me, I've reached a fine balance. The focus is clearly on landing some beautiful fish. Bonefish remain my favorite on the flats, and if there are small to mid-size tarpon swimming in the channels, I'm right there. But my appreciation of all that the outer islands have to offer has only deepened: incredible natural beauty, friendly locals operating on "island time," and wonderful native dishes. I can spend time at a lodge or go on a "do-it-yourself" trip. I can travel anytime between November and May. I'll stay a week, ten days, or longer. The details of how, when and where aren't important. What is important is taking a field trip to the Bahamas at least once a year--doctor's orders.

— *Judith O'Keefe*



Judith is hosting a trip to Grand Bahama Island, Bahamas, April 20 to 25. A prime time bonefishing trip to a top lodge, at an affordable price, this trip is geared toward, but not limited to, first timers or anglers who have limited flats-fishing experience. For more information, contact Judith

([Judith@streamtoseatreavel.com](mailto:Judith@streamtoseatreavel.com) or 541-420-4147).



## COF LIBRARY NEWS

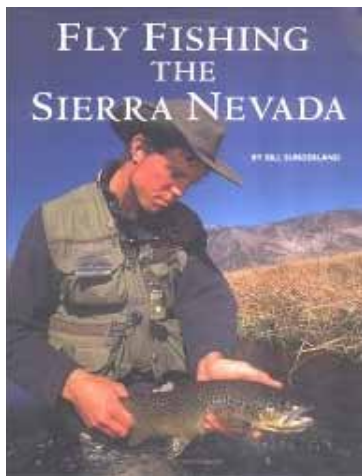
### Survey yields top 10 books

Listed below are the top-ranked library materials that will be purchased and added to the library in the coming year.

1. *The Complete Steelheader: Successful Fly Fishing Tactics* by John Larison
2. *Trout Flies and Rivers: Patterns from the West to Work Everywhere – 626 Premier Patterns* by Carol and Skip Morris
3. *Fly Fishing Stillwaters for Trout* by Denny Rickards
4. *Fishing Oregon's Deschutes River* by Scott Richmond
5. *Fly Patterns for Stillwaters: A Study of Trout, Entomology and Tying* by Philip Rowley
6. *Learning from the Water: Fishing Tactics and Fly Design of the Toughest Trout* by Rene Harrop
7. *Stillwater Presentation: A Fly Fisher's Comprehensive Guide for Planning and Executing a Presentation System for Catching Stillwater Trout* by Denny Rickards
8. (DVD) *Skagit Master 2: Steelheading outside the Box* by Scott Howell
9. *Morris and Chan on Fly Fishing Trout Lakes* by Skip Morris and Brian Chan
10. (DVD) *Skagit Master 1: How to Cast Skagit Lines* by Ed Ward.

– John Tackmier, Librarian  
([outings@coflyfishers.org](mailto:outings@coflyfishers.org))

### Book of the month



#### **Fly Fishing the Sierra Nevada** by Bill Sunderland

Covering fly-fishing opportunities in California's Sierra Nevada mountains from the Lake Almanor area in the north to the Kern River region in the south, Bill Sunderland's 1999 *Fly Fishing the Sierra Nevada* is a beautiful and well-written book. Sunderland is a life-long flyfisherman, journalist, and writer.

Unlike Ralph Cutter's popular *Sierra Trout Guide*, which describes the Sierras and its trout fishing from a backpacking point of view, Sunderland approaches the mountains by using the various trans-Sierra highways. The book is subdivided into four sections: Northern Sierra Nevada, Central Sierra Nevada, Southern Sierra Nevada, and East Slope of the Sierra

Nevada. These regions are treated in some detail where each fishable river/stream is discussed in terms of access, habitat conditions, fish, flies, and tactics. The book is like an arm chair adventure rather than a trout destination guide. The writing is clear, intelligent, and informative, and the photographs are sumptuous. Each section of the book includes localized maps, names, and phone numbers for nearby fly shops; names of local lodging establishments and campgrounds; and a list of additional recreational resources. Amazon rating: 4.5 out of 5.

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## CONSERVATION

### Opal Springs Dam and steelhead and Chinook salmon migration

**Background Information** – Several years ago, as part of the effort to reintroduce steelhead and salmon to the Upper Deschutes River Basin upstream of Lake Billy Chinook, steelhead and Chinook salmon smolts were released in various parts of the Crooked River near Prineville. Opal Springs Dam is located on the Crooked River a short distance upstream of the Crooked River arm of Lake Billy Chinook. It does not have fish passage and blocks upstream migration of steelhead and salmon. Following is an edited version of an email that Yancy Lind, president of the local chapter of the Association of Northwest Steelheaders recently sent to its members.

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As you probably know, one of the remaining missing pieces in the steelhead and salmon reintroduction effort above Lake Billy Chinook is the dam on the Crooked River at Opal Springs. Historically, the Crooked River and its tributaries are the primary spawning grounds for steelhead and salmon for the entire Deschutes.

The good news is that smolts that have been planted in the Crooked River system have successfully migrated downstream past Opal Springs Dam to the fish collection tower in the lake. It is projected that within two years they will return in large enough numbers that they will be passed above Round Butte Dam into Lake Billy Chinook. Unfortunately, they will not be able to get past Opal Springs Dam.

For a number of years various state and federal government agencies, the dam operator, the Tribes, and Trout Unlimited have been negotiating the installation of a fish passage at Opal Springs. An agreement was recently signed that has the potential to provide that passage. Kate Miller, from TU's Portland office, has been at the negotiating table from the beginning of the process. I talked to her on Thursday, January 18, and got this update.

The dam is operated by Deschutes Valley Water District (DVWD). They are a municipal water company based in

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Culver. The reservoir created by Opal Springs Dam provides a municipal water supply as well as powers a small hydro power plant. The agreement allows the operator to raise the dam by six feet and requires the installation of a fish ladder. The raised dam elevation will increase the size of the pool behind the dam, improve the economics of the hydro power plant, and provide increased flexibility to manage flows to support fish passage.

The agreement anticipates an operational fish ladder within five years, although there are a number of hurdles remaining. These hurdles include an amendment to the existing operating license and other usual regulatory issues. The biggest issue, however, is funding.

While DVWD is responsible for securing adequate funding to construct the complete fish passage facility, DVWD itself must only contribute the cost of the "pool raise." The funds for the fish ladder must be obtained by DVWD from outside sources. The other parties to the agreement have agreed to help with these fundraising efforts. There is a two-year window to raise these funds. Kate is optimistic this can be done and says likely sources are Federal grants, OWEB, and others.

So, there may be as much as a three-year period where returning fish cannot get past Opal Springs Dam. It all depends on how soon fish are passed into Lake Billy Chinook and how quickly the fish passage facility is built. But, there is reason for optimism longer term.

Kate let me know of an upcoming public meeting on this topic. See details below. I hope to see some of you there.

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#### **Fish Passage Facilities and Non-Capacity License Amendment at the Opal Springs Hydroelectric Project**

The Deschutes Valley Water District (DVWD) will hold a Joint Meeting with Agencies and affected Tribes on **February 7, 2012**. The meeting is open to the public, and will take place at 2:00 PM at the Culver Fire Hall, located at 200 SW 1st Street, Culver Oregon.

The purpose of the meeting is to answer questions regarding DVWD's proposed amendment to its license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). DVWD will request authorization to build fish passage facilities including a fish ladder and downstream bypass routes. In order to improve passage conditions, an increased in the authorized maximum pool elevation is also requested. DVWD filed its Initial Consultation Document (ICD) on December 21, 2011.

Topics to be discussed include:

1. background to October 2011 Settlement Agreement with federal and state agencies, and with Trout Unlimited
  2. review of the ICD
  3. discussion of upcoming investigations necessary to inform the eventual amendment application; and 4) questions from the public.
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## **2013 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations**

Recently, the State of Oregon provided the public an electronic packet for development of 2013 Sport Fishing Regulations ([http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/fishing/fishing\\_regs\\_public\\_process.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/fishing/fishing_regs_public_process.asp)). In the document, you can find the changes proposed by the various regional fishery biologists and their staffs. Notable for Central Oregon Flyfishers is a proposal to prohibit the harvest of wild trout in Crane Prairie Reservoir. The change also proposes to reduce the size of trout harvested from one fish over 20 inches to 16 inches. The process also includes provisions for the general public to suggest regulation changes. After consultation with local ODFW staff, the club will propose the removal of the use of bait year round on the Crooked River. If you have an idea for a regulation change, email me ([conservation@coflyfishers.org](mailto:conservation@coflyfishers.org)) or call (541-330-8186). I will discuss your suggestion with ODFW staff to determine whether or not it will get their support.

– Bill Seitz, Conservation chair



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## TYERS CORNER

I like the SS stonefly because it's cheap and easy to tie and represents a food that most trout see everyday. This fly is tied heavy to get to the bottom quickly on the Warm Springs section of the lower Deschutes. In smaller sizes or with less weight, it is effective on rivers with large stonefly populations.

– Mike Telford

### S(imple) S(tone)



Hook: size 8, 4xl

Antennae:

Tails : centipede rubber legs (variegated)

Lead: .20

Body: black chenille or yellow/brown variegated (medium)

Bead: 3/16 inch, black or gold

Thread: fire orange

1. Put the bead on the hook and push it back from the eye. Wrap the thread about one-eighth inch back toward the bend of the hook.
2. Tie in a centipede rubber leg on the side of the hook shank right behind the eye, with about 3/4-inch sticking out in front. Wrap back toward the bend about one-eighth inch. Wrap back to the eye. Fold the rubber leg over and tie in right behind the eye on the side of the hook shank. Wrap back to the bend. Trim to even. This will give you a V-shaped antennae. Cut the thread and push the bead up against the eye.
3. Re-install the thread on the shank behind the bead and wrap back to a point even with the hook point. Coat the shank with viscous super glue to prevent the lead from spinning. Wrap size .20 lead on the shank at a spot even with the hook point. Wrap to the bead and then start back over the lead wraps for 13 wraps. This will form a thorax and give you a tapered body.
4. Tie in a rubber leg at the bend with about 3/4-inch sticking out the back. Wrap forward to where the lead starts. Return the thread to the tie in point. Fold the rubber leg over to the opposite side of the shank and secure with

thread. Wrap forward to where the lead starts. Trim even. This should leave you with a nice forked tail.

5. Tie in the chenille at the back of the thorax (where the double wrap of lead ends) and secure it back to the fork of the tails. Wrap forward to a point mid thorax and tie off. Do not cut off. Secure the tag end in a material clip.
6. Tie in a rubber leg on the side of the hook shank about half way between the chenille tie off and the bead, leaving about 3/4-inch sticking out to the front. Wrap the rubber leg back to the chenille tie-in point.
7. Wrap the chenille forward between the legs. Pull the antennas out of the way and wrap the chenille up against the bead. Tie off with the thread and build up a band of orange to create a hot spot and/or simulate the orange markings some of the naturals have.

Hint: I like to put a twist into the chenille because it causes the fibers to stick out 90 degrees to the core and gives the fly a nicer, fuller look.



### Spring Angling Clinic

Apr 23 to 27, Apr 30 and May 1

The Kokanee Carnival Spring Angling Clinic will be held at Aspen Hall in Shevlin Park, April 23 to 27, April 30 and May 1. Fourteen classes will participate, with two classes attending each day.

We need volunteers to staff the four educational stations and assist the students fishing for trout in the afternoon. The fun begins at 8:30 A.M. We wrap things up by 3:00 P.M.

If you want to learn about Kokanee Carnival, please go to [kokaneekarnival.org](http://kokaneekarnival.org) or contact me ([waldo1ft@msn.com](mailto:waldo1ft@msn.com) or 541 318-7507). The website has lots of text and a video about the program. If you are a new volunteer, we will team you with an experienced volunteer.

– Frank Turek

# CENTRAL OREGON FLYFISHERS

## 2012 ANNUAL BANQUET & FUNDRAISER



Saturday • March 31, 2012 • 5:30 P.M. • Seventh Mountain Resort

**BEFORE March 1** - \$37 per person & Automatic entry in the early bird fly-rod drawing

**March 1 to 23** - \$42 per person (no dinner sales after March 23)

Questions? Contact Howard Olson (541-279-0982 or [banquet@coflyfishers.org](mailto:banquet@coflyfishers.org))

Attend COF's primary fundraising event to support the Kokanee Karnival Youth Education Program, our new expanding program for older youth, club activities, membership services, 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. Take advantage of the early bird registration and save \$5 and be automatically entered in the fly-rod drawing. You may purchase raffle tickets early using the registration form (six tickets for \$5). (See directions to Seventh Mountain Resort on reverse.)

### MENU

COF will supply two bottles of wine for each table. A no-host bar will be available.

### APPETIZERS

Prosciutto & Cantaloupe Canapes, Roma Tomato & Basil Bruschetta, Rolls with Butter

### HOUSE SALAD

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

### ENTRÉE

**French Cut Chicken Breast** - Lemon & oregano-backed with pearl onion pan gravy, roasted garlic mashed potatoes and chef's choice vegetables

### OR

**Grilled Top Sirloin** - Port wine reduction, garlic mashed potatoes, chef's choice vegetables

### DESSERT

Carrot cake with candied walnuts & caramel sauce





Mail completed form (indicate dinner choice and raffle ticket amounts) and your check (\$37/person BEFORE Mar 1 • \$42/person Mar 1 to 23) to COF BANQUET, P.O. Box 1126, Bend, OR 97709.

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## Central Oregon Flyfishers Upstream Events 2012

Date	Time	Activity	Location	Contact
<b>FEBRUARY</b>				
Feb 2	6:30 pm	<b>monthly board mtg.</b>	Environmental Center	Eric Steele (president@coflyfishers.org) Bill Seitz (conservation@coflyfishers.org)
Feb 7, 14, 21, 28	6:00 pm	<b>fly tying</b>	Senior Center	John Kreft (jckreft@gmail.com)
Feb 15	7:00 pm	<b>general meeting</b>	Bend Senior Center	

### IN THE FUTURE

- Mar 8-11, Kid's Fishing Pond, Sportsmen's Show, Deschutes Co. Fairgrounds
- Mar 22-26, Outing to Owhyee River, Lee Ann Ross (rossleeann@yahoo.com)
- Mar 26, Metolius River
- Mar 31, Annual Banquet and Fundraiser, Howard Olson (banquet@coflyfishers.org)

### NON-CLUB ACTIVITIES & FYI 2012

- Jan 28 to Apr 15, Turtle Bay Museum exhibition, Redding, CA (www.turtlebay.org)
- Feb 18 & 19, Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers Fly Tying Expo, Redding, CA
- 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)

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**Howard Olson** Banquet **John Tackmier** Outings **Karen Kreft** Youth **Lee Ann Ross** Past President **Gary Meyer** Membership **Bill Seitz** Conservation  
**Debbie Norton** Raffle **Kathy Schroeder** Education **Frank Turek** Kokanee Karnival

**Membership application available from: <http://www.coflyfishers.org>**  
 For advertising information, call Mike Shadrach at 541-678-5717.



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