Central Oregon Flyfisher

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President's Message

Crooked River Outing. The Crooked is flowing at about 1000 cfs on December 29 so the fishing may be marginal but I'm sure that breakfast at Jakes will be as good as ever. Come on out and join us for our annual COF breakfast. You can always go fish the Deshutes in town, Tumalo Creek, the Metolius or the Fall if the Crooked is still raging.... Don't forget your license and remember that the Alfalfa Store sells licenses in case you find yourself on the way to Crooked without one.

Your Board. Can't thank Dave Dunahay enough for stepping up and serving as president in 2014. Dave will continue to assist the club by attending the never ending water policy meetings on behalf of COF in 2015. Mike Tripp is stepping down from the programs position to be replaced by Mary Ann Dozer who will start in October. In the mean time, if you have any ideas for programs, please get ahold of Tim Schindele at membership@coflyfishers.org. In addition to being the membership chair, Tim has agreed to handle programs until Mary Ann comes on board. Rene Schindele will replace Joe Wierzba as treasurer. Pete Martin has agreed to chair the banquet committee. Debbie Norton has handed over raffles to Roger Vlach. Kari Schoessler continues to energize the Wild Women of the Water and Steve Stevens continues to handle education. Kathy Schroeder has taken over the library from John Tackmeir. A special appreciation goes out to John for revitalizing the library. Cliff Prices repeats as the secretary while Karen Kreft continues to expand the youth program Next Kast. Yancy Lind stays on as our environmental point person. We are still looking for a vice president....hint hint. A big thanks to Eric Steele for organizing the multi day outing on the Rogue River last year. He will continue in the outings position and is already looking into a club trip to Idaho. Saving the best for last, Frank Turek manages our flagship youth education program, Kokanee Karnival. This award winning program provide many wonderful volunteer opportunities to club members. We welcome any assistance anyone in the club would be willing to give the board. If you have ideas, comments, critiques, etc., please contact any of us and let us know. Our contact info is listed on the club website.

-Lee Ann Ross (rossleeann@yahoo.com)

GENERAL MEETING

Jan. 21 | 7:00 p.m. Monthly Meeting | Bend Senior Center, 1600 SE Reed Market Road, Bend

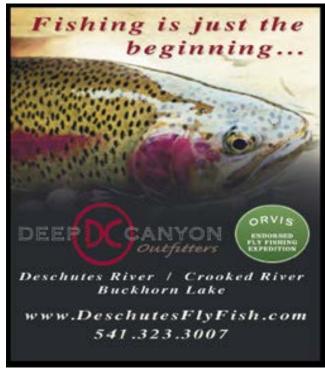
If you've fished the lower Deschutes in the past five years, you know things have changed. Hatches no longer occur when they used to. Some don't occur at all. Why? What is happening? Is this happenstance? Or has the river really changed? Come hear what the Deschutes River Alliance is doing to answer these questions when Greg McMillan, President and Director of Science and Conservation explains the results of recent studies on the biology and water quality of the lower Deschutes

OUTINGS

Call for 2015 outings destinations and leaders

Your outings coordinator would like to hear from you! Which outings are most desired in 2015? What destinations would you like to go to? I am also seeking members who are willing to offer, organize, and lead COF outings during the coming year. Experienced trip leaders are encouraged to again volunteer their valuable and much appreciated services to the club membership. Club members who have never organized and led a fishing outing, but have the knowledge and skills to introduce others to a new fishing destination, are strongly encouraged to become a trip leader. If you are interested in sharing your ideas or acting as a 2015 outing leader, feel free to contact me at the monthly meeting, by phone (541-549-2072) or email (outings@ coflyfishers.org).

- Eric Steele, Outings Coordinator



| OUTINGS 2015 | | | | | | |
|--------------|--------|--------------------------------|----------------|--|--|--|
| Month | Day | Destination | Leader | | | |
| March | 19-22 | Owyhee River | Lee Ann Ross | | | |
| May | 2 0r 9 | Lower "D" Float Trip | Eric Steele | | | |
| June | 18-25 | N.Frk. Couer d'Alene River, ID | Eric Steele | | | |
| May/June | TBD | Davis Lake - 3 days | Larry Godfrey | | | |
| July | 16-19 | Williamson River | Yancy Lind | | | |
| Aug | 18 | Aspen Hall - BBQ | Herb Blank | | | |
| Sept/Oct | TBD | Lower "D" Steelhead - 4 days | Rob ert Gentry | | | |

Volunteers needed for Central Oregon Sportsman's Show Trout Pond

March 5-8 2015 at Deschutes County Fair in Redmond

COFF staffs the kids trout pond with volunteers to help kids catch their first fish! If you have never done this it is extremely fun and gratifying. The job consists of helping kids land and unhook fish and placing in provided plastic bags so they can take fish home. Shifts are about four hours and range from 10:0AM until 8:00PM. All you need to bring is a landing net (if you have one) and some forceps

Shifts available;

Thursday March 5th- 11:30-4:00 and 3:45-8:00

Friday March 6th- 11:30-4:00 and 3:45-8:00

Saturday March 7th- 9:45-1:00, 12:45-4:30 and 4:15-8:00

Sunday March 8th- 9:45-1:00, 12:45-4:30 and 4:15-8:00

This is COF second largest fundraiser every year as we receive \$1200.00 for our efforts. We also need folks to donate flies for this event. Please hold the date and volunteer! A signup sheet will be available at January and February monthly meetings as well.

NOTE THAT THE SPORTSMANS SHOW IS MARCH 5-8 AND THE ALBANY SHOW IS MARCH 13 AND 14. THE SHOWS DO NOT OVERLAP THIS YEAR.

Contact Allen Caudle at ascaudle@gmail.com or call 605-214-4319 to volunteer or more information.

-Allen Caudle (ascaudle@gmail.com)

It's coming – 2015 Annual Banquet and Fundraiser

When: Saturday, April 11, 2013 Where: RiverHouse Convention Center

For more information contact:

Chairman - Peter Martin - 541-388-8956

pcmartin@bendbroadband.com

Donations/Raffle/Auction - Roger Vlach 541-382-6400

roger.vlach@wellsfargoadvisors.com

EDUCATION

COF'S WINTER FLY TYING

COF's Winter Fly Tying begins January 6 and will run through March 31. We meet every Tuesday night at the Bend Senior Center at 6:00 pm. The class is open to current COF members (guests are welcome). All you need is a vise, tools, thread and \$5 per session to offset the room and materials. There will be enough materials available to tie several flies of each pattern.

This is not a beginning fly tying class so you will need to know the basics of fly tying. On the other hand, you don't need to be an expert either. Just make sure you've tied several fly patterns and you should fit in fine. Each session will be led by an experienced instructor who will teach a couple of flies.

Because of the feedback I received, I plan to try a couple of "technique" classes where there will be several instructors teaching a specific technique rather than tying a specific fly (e.g., posting for parachutes, splitting tails, tying small dubbed bodies, using deer hair). You'll be able to rotate around the room to learn and practice each technique.

If you haven't sent me an email address, please do. I'll let you know who the instructor is as well as pattern sheets for the flies being taught a few days before each class so you can determine if you'd like to attend. Hope to see you in January!

-John Kreft (503-559-3811, jckreft@gmail.com)

MEMBERSHIP

Happy New Year everyone! If you have not yet renewed your membership, the cost is now \$36. See the email sent to you on or about January 3 with your renewal invoice attached and follow the directions. If you have not logged into the Wild Apricot membership management system before, go to https://

coflyfishers.wildapricot.org/. On the login screen, first enter the email address you use to receive emails from the club, then enter the password. The password is the telephone number the club has on record for you. Enter only the ten digits of the phone number. If you can't login using the telephone number, click the link "Forgot password" and follow the steps to create a new one. Go to the Wild Apricot membership management system to make changes to the information you provided in your member profile, to view the club roster and to sign up for events such as the Winter Seminar. If you're not a member, but reading this newsletter online, go to www. coflyfishers.org and click the JOIN button.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ron Crawford
Edward Hauswald
Gabriel Juarez
Jerry Martisak
Steve Nakawatase
Greg Stumpf
Susan Wilson

- Tim Schindele (membership@coflyfishers.org)

IFFF 50TH ANNIVERSARY HOMESTAY PROGRAM

Bend, Oregon | RiverHouse Convention Center | August 11-15, 2015

In 2015, IFFF will celebrate its 50th Anniversary, a landmark event that celebrates both the history and the future of the federation. The celebration will take place in Bend, Oregon, the ideal time to welcome global affiliates to our U.S. home and to showcase our international credentials. Our IFFF International Fly Fishing Fair in Bend includes international participants at every level of the program. We want a global perspective in as many forums as we can, from fly tying to casting demonstrations

and even competitions.

We are looking for members of local fly fishing clubs who would be willing to host our global members by participating in the IFFF's Homestay Program. The IFFF meeting will be held in Bend from August 11 to 15, 2015 at the Riverhouse Convention Center.

The Homestay program will involve hosting an IFFF member from a foreign country during the week of the IFFF's International Fly Fishing Fair, probably from August 10 to 16. In exchange, the host member

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would be able to stay as a guest in the foreign visitor's home for a week. Participation in the program would also include taking the foreign guest fishing on a local stream or lake during the week and providing transportation from the host's house to IFFF events. Presently, the IFFF is expecting about 18 people from foreign countries including Japan, England, Norway and Australia.

This would be a great chance to host a fellow angler, meet some interesting people, improve international (fishing) relations and get a chance to travel to a foreign country to fish. Volunteers should contact Marv Yoshinaka at mpyosh@chamberscable.com or 541-593-5461. They can also contact Kuni Masuda, (IFFF Board of Directors) at klmasuda@yahoo.com , 360-573-3310 or 408-406-8830 cell.

- Eric Steele

CONSERVATION

CROOKED RIVER BILL PASSES

In a surprise to everyone who has been involved with this effort over the past few years, the Crooked River bill passed through the US Congress on the last possible day in 2014 and was subsequently signed into law by President Obama.

Here is the text of the bill:

https://www.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/senate-bill/1771/text/162994

Here is Rep. Walden's statement:

http://walden.house.gov/s2014/merkley-walden-deliver-crooked-river-agreement-as-legislation-passes-senate/

Here is Sen. Merkley's statement:

http://www.merkley.senate.gov/news/press-releases/merkley-walden-deliver-crooked-river-agreement-as-legislation-passes-senate

Here are a couple of articles in the local press covering the passage of the bill:

http://www.bendbulletin.com/localstate/2682169-151/bowman-dam-bill-passage-cheered http://www.ktvz.com/news/crooked-river-water-bill-touted-compromise-for-all/30210218

This story is far from over. Now that the bill has been passed, it must be implemented. We will continue to work diligently to make sure the bill is implemented in the spirit in which it was intended and is beneficial to fish.

-Yancy Lind (Conservation Chair)

WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

Now that the holidays are finished and life is perhaps getting back to normal, what about a little fishing... or at least we could get together and talk about fishing! Please let me know what you might like to do this winter. Are there any skills you would like to

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improve on? Any classes you would like to see? Any activities you would like to share? Please let me know. The Wild Women of the Water are open to anything and everything!!

- Kari Schoessler (wildwomen@coflyfishers.org)

NEXT CAST FLYFISHERS

DECEMBER COF MONTHLY MEETING

Several of our beginner fly tyers attended the December COF club meeting to tie some pretty fabulous Woolly Buggers! As a bonus, these young anglers were also the big winners in our raffle drawings. Bowen Johnson (grandson of COF member Gary Cima) and his sister Kailee have attended our meetings, BBQ's,



Bowen Johnson showing his Redington rod/reel he won in the COF raffle.

and fly tying events. Bowen is the big winner of a Redington rod/reel/line combo! We wish him success on the water!

Another Grandfather, new COF member, Ed Hauswald, brought Jacob to his first fly tying event. Jacob tied several bugs in his first time ever session! Je was also a proud raffle winner of a fly box of flies!

We will add these new fly fishers to our Next Cast Flyfishers roster and include them in all of our communication. We hope they have opportunity to get on the water and have success fishing!

FLY TYING IN THE CLASSROOM

One of our COF club members, Glen Hobson, has ventured into the classroom of St Francis School in Bend. His daughter is a student in the middle school and recruited her Dad to teach an elective course over the next couple of months.

The classes have just begun and the students are learning the basics of fly fishing and fly tying. Glen may recruit some volunteers over the course of the classes to assist on certain tying days.

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New fly tyer Jacob tying a fly and showing his new fly box

There is also a possibility of an outing on moving water to collect bugs or possibly to fish. Once that schedule is developed, we will post the dates and ask for volunteers to assist the students in the water.

Please let me or Glen know if you have an interest in helping out, either in the classroom tying flies or at one of the outings.

WINTER FLY TYING

Some of our more advanced Next Cast fly tyers will be attending the winter tying sessions. Each Tuesday night at 6:00 pm in January, February, and March tying instructors will lead fly tying at the Bend Sr. Center. The classes are usually full (25-30 tyers each night) and the instruction moves right along. These are not suggested for beginner tyers. While there will be lots of great tyers willing to help out, there will not necessarily be hands-on assistance to all tyers.

Please let me know if you have questions or need additional information.

-Karen Kreft (nextcast@coflyfishers.org, 503.409.0148)

2015 Northwest Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo

The 2015 Northwest Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo, held March 13 and 14 at the Linn County Expo Center in Albany, Oregon, celebrates its 27th year and is one of the nation's largest fly-fishing events. As usual, this expansive event features vendors, classes, and demonstrations, but the cornerstone of the Expo is the amazing collection of more than 200 demonstration fly tiers dressing everything from the tiniest trout flies to the showiest steelhead and Atlantic salmon patterns.

Classes are being finalized and will be posted to the website (www.nwexpo.com) in January 2015. In addition, banquet tickets and merchandise can be purchased on the website as well.

The Expo serves as a fundraiser for the Oregon Council International Federation of Fly Fishers. Proceeds are used for fisheries scholarships, conservation grants and grants to member clubs.

For more information, contact John Kreft, 2015 Expo Chair at jckreft@gmail.com.



SOCIAL MEDIA

https://www.facebook.com/CentralOregonFlyfishersClub

Show your support for the club and "Like" the official COF Facebook Page! Since I've established the page in July of 2013, we have gained almost 2,000 Likes, which is amazing progress! Please do not hesitate to email me any pictures of your outings or of the fish you've caught. Adding to that, if anyone needs help setting up, managing or navigating Facebook, I am here to help via email or in person. Again, a big THANK YOU to everyone who has helped support the COF Facebook Page thus far!

-Molly Vernarecci (mollyvernarecci@gmail.com)

TIPS AND TRICKS

Tips and Tricks is a new column in our newsletter. If you have an tip or trick you would be willing to share, please send it to Lee Ann at rossleeann@yahoo.com

CLEANING DRY FLIES

Winter is my favorite time to use dry flies on the Crooked River. My favorite dry is a #18 or #20 Blue Wing Olive Parachute, because I can see the small fly due to the upright wings and the fish really like it. However, when a rainbow or redband takes the fly, the fish dives and gets into the vegetation. The fly comes up covered with Crooked River green goop. My fingers are too big to remove the goop and I often had to change flies. Well I came up with a quick and easy solution. Use the small brush that comes with an electric shaver and gently brush the fly. The bristles on the brush have enough stiffness to remove the goop but are soft enough that they do not damage the fly. A few strokes and the body and hackle are clean, ready to be redressed and cast to the next fish.

-Frank Turek







TEACH KIDS TO FISH

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is hosting an Angling Instructor Training in Bend on Saturday, January 17, 2015 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, at the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife office.

This training is open to anyone 18 years or older interested in becoming a volunteer angling instructor.

Saturday's training will introduce participants to the program curriculum, which includes basic fishing skills, stewardship, aquatic resources and water safety. You will also learn about events in your region that you can volunteer for such as Kokanee Karnival and Free Fishing Weekend.

To register contact

Darlene Sprecher at 503-947-6025 or by email: Darlene.m.sprecher@state.or.us or Jen Luke Jennifer.a.luke@state.or.us 541-388-6363



TYER'S CORNER

HOLIDAYS AND A NEW YEAR "2015" JUST DOES NOT SEEM POSSIBLE???

Hope this year was a good one for all of you and that there were many fish landed in your nets, talking about that. I believe Bill Seitz caught more fish than 3 or 4 of us put together, and it is his flies which you still can see on the archive part of the COF website or better yet get one of the CD's that are available. I want to thank Bill again for helping out with the "Tyers Corner" for almost as long as I have doing it, and lets not, forget Mike Telford for his help as well. This coming year, it will be myself, Mike Telford and John Kreft. John is a great tyer and his flies are beautifully tied and they really work, so pay attention... Thanks John for coming aboard. As I stated last time, my part of the "Tyers Corner" is going be different this year. I want us as tyers and fisherman to bring new flies and ideas for flies to the group for testing, we all do it on our own now, so share your ideas and we can test and put some of these out there for others. I know from experience this works in big ways, it is what I did with the great Andre' Puyan's many years ago. Flies that came from that format, Pontoon Caddis, ways to tye the Hackle-Stacker easier, a better Humpy, just to name a few of the great flies that still work today. If you are interested in participating in such a program contact me and let's play with this.

Tying Tuesdays starting in January, there are always great flies being taught by some of the best in the business. So come and join

This month's fly is a Tenkara style, and they do work, and work quite well. I have fished Tenkara flies way before they hit the (new thing stage), not with a Tenkara Rod, but with a standard fly rod for over 10 years, they are one of flies that Andre' shared with us. I was drawn to them because of my fascination with soft-hackles. The difference is the main hackle is tyed going over the hook eye, not back towards the bend of the hook. The one pictured here is one of my favorites, but any soft-hackle fly you have can be turned into a Tenkara style by reversing hackle, it is that simple. And like the soft-hackle dries that I have put out before, they too work really well.

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The flies can be fished dressed with dry fly stuff or fished just below the surface with ease. For me they represent an emerger and should be fished as one.

"TLF Tenkara, Hares Ear"

Hook: #8 to #18 Dry fly hook, mustad 94840 is pictured

Thread: Color to match hatch 8/0 to 14/0

Body: Dry fly or nymph dubbing to match hatch or style. Hare ear for the TLF

Ribbing: Your choice of thread or wire. Copper wire, fine for the TLF

Thorax: Optional

Soft Hackle: Partridge or hen feather of a shade to match the hatch

Head: Dubbing to match the hatch, or a this a place for ice dub or hot spot. Claret Ice dub for the TLF



Tying this fly is easy just start with the thread at the eye and wrap back about 1/8" towards the bend, now dub and wind back towards the eye and back making a neat dubbed head, make sure you end your wraps back where you started your dubbing. Now prepare the hackle feather for tying in by the tip. Tye in the hackle feather tip against the dubbed head looking forward over the hook eye. Now warp the feather back with touching turns towards the bend, 2 to 3 wraps work fine. Next take the thread back to the bend, Note: (if using a rib tye it in now) until your thread is just above the barb. Next dub the thread and bring it forward, to the hackle stopping point. Bring your ribbing forward and whip finish there. If doing a thorax put it in after tying in the rib and whip finish there.

"Good Luck and Good Hunting"

-Jerry Criss 541-536-3581 (tlfly44@msn.com)

Central Oregon Fly Fishers and Sunriver Anglers Present

Winter Seminar 2015

Craig Mathews



Feb. 21-22, 2015 @ Bend RiverHouse & Convention Center

Deschutes Conference Room

Saturday & Sunday 9:00 - 5:00

We are pleased to have world-renowned angler & conservationist Craig Mathews of the Blue Ribbon Fly Shop, West Yellowstone, Montana. Craig will cover "Exploring Yellowstone Country's Overlooked Waters" which will look at opportunities anglers miss when visiting the area. Craig has authored or co-authored 9 books on fly fishing and will present the "how to" of successes when fishing the Northwest.

Craig and others of the Blue Ribbon Fly Shop have invented a significant number of "go to" flys used world wide and specifically in the northwest which he will show how to tie along with when and how to use each fly. The fly tying session will focus on the most effective yet simple fly patterns to fool the most selective trout - from midges to mayflies and caddis and more.

This workshop brings together entomology, pattern selection, presentation, and fly tying along with conservation for the fly fisherman. It will include Yellowstone's overlooked waters, places to visit most anglers have never heard of, and opportunities just a short walk down the path. Craig will review the different times of the year, special insect emergences, and so much more. Bring your Notebooks!! 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.

Seminar cost for both days includes lunch, drinks, snack: Early Bird registration for COF/ SRA members \$75 before January 20th and non-members \$85 before January 20th; \$85/\$95 respectively from January 21st To February 17th.

Register via https://coflyfishers.wildapricot.org/event-1767102

Questions contact Eric Steele, 541-549-2072, steelefly2@msn.com

Central Oregon Flyfishers Upstream Events 2014

| Date | Time | Activity | Location | Contact |
|------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| DECEMBER | | | | |
| Jan 6th | 6:00 pm | Winter Fly Tying | Bend Senior Center | John Kreft |
| Jan 8th | 5:00pm | Next Cast Committee Meeting | Environmental Center | Keren Kreft |
| Jan 8th | 6:30pm | COF Board Meeting | Environmental Center | Cliff Price |
| Jan 13th | 6:00pm | Winter Fly Tying | Bend Senior Center | John Kreft |
| Jan 17th | TBA | ODFW Angler Education Certification Class | TBA | Dan Pebbles |
| Jan 20th | 6:00pm | Winter Fly Tying | Bend Senior Center | John Kreft |
| Jan 21st | 7:00pm | Monthly General Membership Meeting | Bend Senior Cenetr | Cliff Price |
| Jan27th | 6:00pm | Winter Fly Tying | Bend Senior Center | John Kreft |
| In the future | | | | |
| Winter Seminar | - Craig Mathews; Febru | ıary 21 & 22, 2015, Bend Riverhouse & Conventi | on Center, (Eric Steele steelefly | 2@msn.com) |
| Redmond Sport | sman Show, March 5-8 | | | |
| Northwest Fly Ty | er & Fly Fishing Expo, <i>I</i> | March 13&14, 2015, Linn County Fair Grounds, A | Albany, OR | |
| COF Banquet, Ap | oril 11, 2015 | | | |
| IFFF 50th Annive | ersary, August 11-15, 20 | D15, RiverHouse Convention Center, Bend, OR; C | Contact: Sherry Steele steelefly | amsn.com |

2014 COF Board Members: Lee Ann Ross President Vacant Vice President Renee Schindele Treasurer Cliff Price Secretary Vacant Programs Peter Martin Banquet Kathleen Schroeder Library Eric Steele Outings Karen Kreft Next Cast Flyfishers Kari Schoessler Wild Women of the Water Tim Schindele Membership Roger Vlach Raffle Steve Stevens, Education Frank Turek Kokanee Karnival Yancy Lind Conservation

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