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## RANDOM CAST

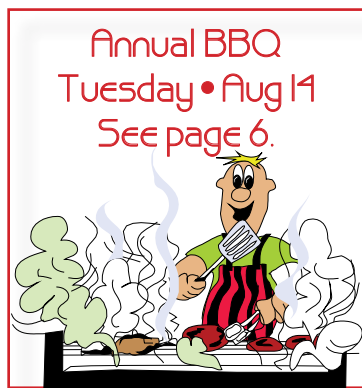
Thanks to all who helped the Sunriver Anglers at the annual free fishing day on June 9. Many fish were caught, and many hot dogs were eaten.

The summer fly-fishing season is upon us, though the current weather makes it seem like late winter. With all of the educational classes and outings over the past six months, July becomes the month to get out there and fish on your own or with a friend. Or call one of the folks you met and go fishing. We want to hear many fish stories at the monthly meetings. In August, we kick back in with more outings, and we have a new one in September on the Elk River, in Fernie, BC. I have fished this area with Randy (the trip leader) and can tell you it is one of the best cutthroat fisheries.

On the education front we had six classes in June. Thank you Kathleen! Based on your input, classes are being planned. Coming soon will be a float outing with all types of float craft available to try and a COF freshman orientation class (where to fish and how you can volunteer). This would be a good time to learn or sharpen your casting skills by joining the Bend Casting Club. This is a great venue being run out of the Orvis store in the Old Mill District with the use of their casting course. Lots of fun. Great way to learn. Plenty of help available. You can also get that personal touch by going to our sponsors – the local fly shops. Just check out their ads in the newsletter or on the COF Website.

See you on the water.

– Eric Steele, President



COF members participated in the macroinvertebrate class lead by John Anderson. PHOTO: Kathleen Schroeder



## GENERAL MEETING

July 18 | 6:30 p.m. | Bend Senior Center, 1600 S.E. Reed Market Road, Bend

## Recovering a lost river: removing dams, rewilding salmon, revitalizing communities

In his book, *Recovering a Lost River*, Steven Hawley, environmental journalist and self-proclaimed “river rat,” argues that the best hope for the Snake River lies in dam removal, a solution that pits the power companies and federal authorities against a collection of Indian tribes, farmers, fishermen and river recreationists. Challenging the notion of hydropower as a cheap, green source of energy, Hawley depicts the efforts being made on behalf of salmon by a growing army of river warriors. Their message, persistent but disarmingly simple, is that all salmon need is water in their rivers and a clear way home. (<http://www.randomhouse.com/book/205093/recovering-a-lost-river-by-steven-hawley>)

Hawley’s July presentation will combine water politics and environmental activism. These complex topics should make for an educational as well as entertaining evening.

## OUTINGS

### 2012 outings

The 2012 outings schedule is constantly being expanded and updated, so keep your eyes open for offerings that might be of interest. July appears to be a quiet month for scheduled outings, but members are still encouraged to offer a COF outing in the coming months.

Wild Women of the Water (WWW) is still seeking a full time leader/organizer. If interested in this position, please contact Eric Steele ([president@coflyfishers.org](mailto:president@coflyfishers.org)).

For details about an outing, see the Event Calendar on the COF website.

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

### Williamson and Wood rivers

August 10-12 | Contact Yancy Lind

The Williamson River is well known as a trophy trout river with only wild fish, some over 10 pounds. These fish were steelhead before being landlocked by the dam in Klamath Falls. The Wood River also has migratory populations of these trout along with resident browns. Like any river, you can have good days and bad days, but the good days can be spectacular. The Williamson has become one of my favorites. It is one of the only trout rivers I visit once steelhead season starts on the Deschutes in July.

This will be the fifth year that I have fished the Williamson, and I think I’m starting to get it down. We will stay

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## OUTINGS 2012

Month	Date	Leader	Destination
Aug	9-12	Yancy Lind	Williamson River
Aug	23	Lee Ann Ross	East Lake
Sep	8-15	Randy Hill	Fernie, B.C.
Sep	27	Kris Tackmier	Wild Women of the Water - Metolius River
Sep	TBA	Bob Cooper	Gold Lake
Oct	7-10	Eric Steele	Lower Deschutes Steelhead

at the Water Wheel Campground again because it is a good location. There are some places to rent nearby if you don’t want to camp. This trip requires a drift or pontoon boat or something similar. It is an easy river to float with a few small rapids. An electric motor is helpful as there are some long, slow-moving sections. The nearby Wood River as well as upper Klamath and Agency Lakes provide additional angling opportunities.

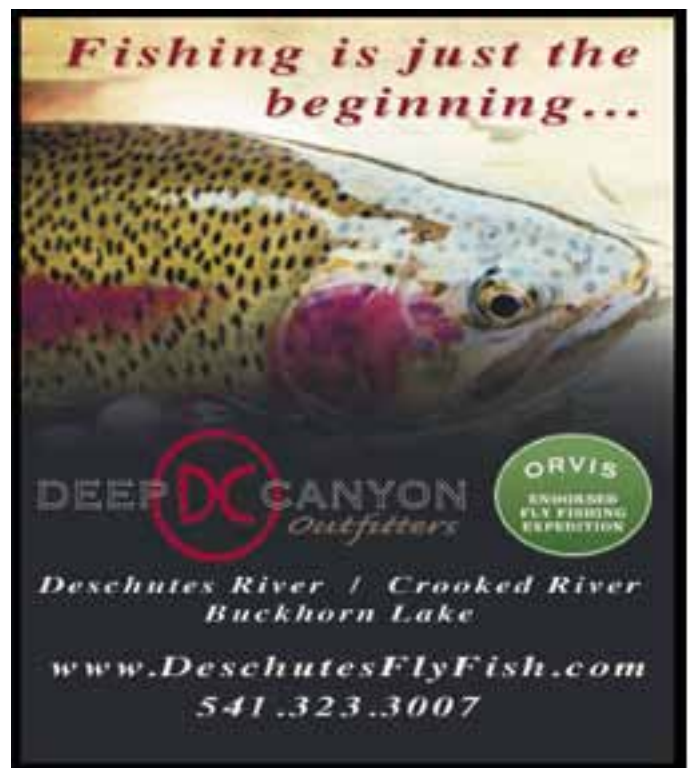
I will drive down early Friday morning, August 10, and return Sunday afternoon. It’s about a two-hour drive from Bend. Let me know if you are interested, and I’ll get you a lot more information. If you’ve been on this trip before, there are no changes from last year.

– Yancy Lind, [yancy\\_lind@ml.com](mailto:yancy_lind@ml.com), 541-788-5514

### Elk River fishing trip, Fernie, B.C.

Join me, Randy Hill, at what I believe is one of the most dramatically beautiful fishing spots in North America — Fernie, B.C. You can find some of the best dry-fly fishing for 20 inch wild cutthroat trout or throw a streamer for 15

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pound, 30 inch bull trout. Fernie is about 630 miles from Bend or 100 miles from Glacier National Park airport in Kalispell, Montana.

We will be staying at Fernie Stanford Resort ([www.ferniestanfordresort.com](http://www.ferniestanfordresort.com)) in a condo unit on the Elk River. The room includes continental breakfast, use of amenities, along with full use of the unit's kitchen. The unit is available from Saturday, September 8 to Saturday, September 15. Prices are based on double occupancy and require the use of a local guide for at least one day trip. I have spoken with a local guide company to secure a special price for our group.

**Costs:** Room is for the week (regardless of use) at \$100.00 per person based on double occupancy.

Guide will cost \$280.00 per person, based on two people per boat. Need to use guide at least one day for room rate. I recommend two days of guiding and take one day to the Wigwam River, a VERY special tributary to the Elk River, for some spectacular bull trout/cutthroat fishing and views.

Meals will be on your own, or we can pot luck at the units.

Licenses (fishing and classified waters), food, gratuities, taxes are not included.

**This is a classified waters area and requires a non-resident fishing license and a classified license.**

**Limit:** At this time I have rooms available for eight at double occupancy. I have a three-bedroom unit and a two-bedroom unit reserved. If more people are interested, I can try to get more rooms. I need to reserve our days with the guides to lock in the best days and guides.

**Questions:** Randy Hill (541-306-6591 or [randy.hill24@gmail.com](mailto:randy.hill24@gmail.com))

## EDUCATION

### Want to teach a class?

Do you have an idea for a class you would like to teach? If so, contact Kathleen Schroeder ([education@coflyfishers.org](mailto:education@coflyfishers.org)).

### Upcoming classes

These classes are in the planning stage:

- float outing with all types of float craft available to try
- COF freshman orientation (where to fish and how you can volunteer)

### Thank you John Anderson

Thanks to John Anderson, retired entomologist, for teaching his outstanding class on macroinvertebrates. The class started at John's house, where participants peered through microscopes at his "collection," then headed to the Crooked River to inspect live creatures. (Magnified, they have an unnervingly science fiction look.) Besides the expected bugs, we found a tiny, half-inch long crawdad.

Thanks to John for the considerable time and effort he has put into this class. We're extremely lucky to have him in our club.

### Non-COF educational opportunities

#### The Bend Casting Club

The Bend Casting Club will start up again for the summer, beginning with an organizational and maintenance

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meeting on June 27. The club meets the Orvis store in the Old Mill District, Bend. After a meet and greet, participants will go to the casting course for casting instruction or the Deschutes River for work on the water. There is no fee for this activity; the instruction is free. Contact Tye Krueger or Gabe Parr for details.

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## WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

### Gear for stillwater fishing

Watch your email for details about our July outing. We'll go to a local lake and have available different styles of float tubes, kayaks, boats and other floating devices suitable for stillwater fishing. Learn about the advantages and disadvantages of each type of device and try them out.

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## NEXT CAST FLYFISHERS

The Next Cast Flyfishers committee is seeking additional members to join the committee to help plan events for youth. **If you have questions or to volunteer:** Contact Karen Kreft (nextcast@coflyfishers.org).

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## MEMBERSHIP

To join, go to [coflyfishers.org](http://coflyfishers.org) to print a form. 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

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Van & Donna Lewing • Jim & Elvie Blanchard

Marilyn & Dave Ulrich • Tyler Sanden

Sheila Wasfey • Randy & Carolyn Hill

John & Davis Ann Hoey • David & Mary Pitts

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## OTHER NEWS

### Sign up to receive ODFW STEP newsletter FISHWORKS electronically

To reduce waste and cut costs, mailings of hard copies of FISHWORKS has been discontinued. The newsletter is now available electronically only.

- To receive an electronic copy, go to [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/STEP/fishworks/newsletter\\_signup.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/STEP/fishworks/newsletter_signup.asp).
- To read the latest news anytime, go to <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/STEP/fishworks>.



FFF International Fly Fishing Fair  
July 12, 13, 14, 2012  
Spokane Convention Center  
Online class signup:  
<http://www.fedflyfishers.org/>

### Macroinvertebrate monitoring on Whychus Creek

August 18, 2012 | 8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. | Creekside City Park, Sisters, OR

This August the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council will partner with the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation for a fourth year to sample aquatic macroinvertebrates on Whychus Creek. We will meet at Creekside City Park in Sisters, break into sampling teams, spend the day collecting samples along the length of Whychus, and return samples to Creekside City Park around 3 P.M. The new macroinvertebrate data will be compared to data collected in 2005, 2009 and 2011 to track changes in the health of Whychus Creek

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and evaluate the effectiveness of restoration projects aimed at improving stream conditions for re-introduced steelhead trout and Chinook salmon.

We are seeking volunteers to participate in the Watershed Council's 2012 macroinvertebrate monitoring effort on August 18. If you've ever wanted to participate in watershed stewardship or learn more about your local watershed and stream ecosystems, this is a great opportunity to get in the creek, help collect important information about macroinvertebrate communities, and learn first-hand about these tiny aquatic organisms and their vital role in our rivers and streams.

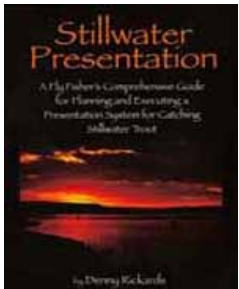
**To sign up, please contact Lauren Mork at [lmork@restorethedeschutes.org](mailto:lmork@restorethedeschutes.org) or at 541-382-6103 x39.**

For more information about this event, see our flyer at <http://www.restorethedeschutes.org>. To learn more about aquatic invertebrate conservation, go to: <http://www.xerces.org/aquatic-invertebrates/>

*Lauren Mork, Monitoring Coordinator  
Upper Deschutes Watershed Council*

## LIBRARY NEWS

After checking out new items from the COF library, please return them at the following month's meeting. Other members are anxiously waiting to check out these items.



### **Stillwater Presentation – A Fly Fisher's Comprehensive Guide for Planning and Executing a Presentation System for Catching Stillwater Trout by Denny Rickards**

As explained on the front cover of the book, Denny Rickards has, for the past 34 years, made stillwater fly fishing his priority. This time spent on the water

has allowed him to unravel some of the toughest mysteries connected to fishing lakes around the world. In simple truth, his system of fishing stillwater, the flies he has designed, the knowledge he has gained about trout behavior and the manner in which it is impacted by environmental conditions are all included in his approach on how to fish lakes. This book shares the author's knowledge, experience and technique for catching trophy trout in stillwaters.

Covering the following and additional topics, this book is claimed to be the most comprehensive book available on stillwater fly fishing: Learn to match the right fly line, pattern and retrieve to each zone, why trout say "yes" to one color and "no" to another. Learn why trout shift from shallow to deep water and from one location to another. Understand why pattern choice along with its size and color are not nearly as critical as the manner in which the fly is presented. Develop

a presentation system that works for all lakes. Compare your knowledge and presentation options with the author's on typical stillwater outings ranging from April through October.

All things considered, this is a superb book that, if carefully read and thoughtfully considered, will definitely improve the size and numbers of fish you catch on stillwater outings.

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

## CONSERVATION

### **Local fly-fishing clubs assist in chub control**

This year, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) is stepping up their attack on the chub populations in three high country lakes (Lava, East and Paulina). ODFW, Oregon State University-Cascades (OSU), the Sunriver Anglers (SRA) and the Central Oregon Flyfishers (COF) have formed a partnership to intensify efforts to control tui chubs in East and Lava lakes and blue chubs in Paulina Lake. High chub populations have the potential to cause significant impacts on trout populations in high country lakes. Both the SRA and COF have donated \$1000 annually for the next two years to assist the control efforts.

ODFW/OSU recently hired two interns to start trapping chub on Lava Lake. Traps are in place on Paulina Lake. Lodge personnel at Paulina Lake are spearheading the trapping efforts. In early July, efforts will begin on East Lake. Jen Luke, ODFW coordinator for the chub control efforts, said she will still need club volunteer efforts this summer to help the interns. Look for email notices for volunteer opportunities.

*– Bill Seitz, conservation chair*

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COF members attended the annual crappie marathon at Prineville Reservoir. PHOTO: Richard Yates

## Annual August BBQ

Tuesday • August 14  
 Serving starts at 6:30.  
 Arrive early to help set up.

**The TUESDAY, August 14 COF Annual Barbeque replaces the August general meeting.**

Bring the family and enjoy the evening at Aspen Hall in Shevlin Park. The kids might want to do some fishing in the pond, or bring a rod and practice your casting skills.

**Directions:** Drive west on Newport Ave. through all the traffic circles. Newport turns into Shevlin at Mt. Washington Drive. Keep going at least another mile until you get to Shevlin Park. Aspen Hall is on the right. Look for parking on the Aspen Hall side or opposite.

**What to Bring:** Show off your cooking skills with a dish to share: side dish, desert, salad or appetizer. Also, bring adult beverages in moderation. The club will supply tri-tip, burgers, eating utensils, soft drinks, chips and condiments.

**We need volunteers to set-up, cook and clean up afterward. Call Herb Blank (312-2568) if you can help.**



## TYERS CORNER

Whatever happened to spring? With the good weather comes the good fishing. From reports I have heard, many of you have already experienced good fishing. I haven't been out much. I've been working on getting a new RV ready for traveling in September.

We lost two great fly tyers this month: Harry Lemire, the great salmon and steelhead tyer from over the hill, and Chuck Echer of California. Chuck was a great friend of Andre' Puyan's, my mentor. Both of these men were masters of the craft. Their skills and smiles will be missed, and the flies will be forever remembered. May they rest in peace on that great river in the heavens.

How strange it is to present this month's fly, the hackle stacker or pull-over as it was first called. It was Chuck who first showed it to me using the mono-loop method for tying the pull-over hackle, as well as many other great techniques. Bob Quigley has some great patterns using this hackling method. My version is an emerger; it has worked well on local lakes and rivers. It is difficult to describe the details of pulling over the mono loop. I recommend searching for this pattern on the Internet; there are plenty of videos to watch. *Good Luck and Good Hunting*

– Jerry Criss (541-536-3581 or [tlfly44@msn.com](mailto:tlfly44@msn.com))

### The Hackle Stacker



Thread: brown 8/0 to 14/0  
Hook: #16 to #20, Partridge 15BNK Klinkhamer Extreme  
Shuck: light tan to amber poly yarn  
Body: brown stretch nylon, silk thread or dubbing to match your bug  
Rib: fine silver wire  
Mono-loop: 6X tippet material  
Hackle: good dry fly hackle, color to match the bug  
Thorax: dry fly dubbing (OK to use a contrasting color, depending on the bug. Make sure you use dry fly dubbing; it helps the fly to float.)

1. Start with the tie in at the point where the hook flattens out. As you wind back, tie in the shuck, wire and thread for the body. Wrap the body until you reach the bend.

2. If you are using dubbing, tie it in as you would any other fly. Now wind the body material forward to the flat spot on the hook.
3. Wind the rib forward and cut off the shuck, leaving about 3/16-inch off the back of the hook.
4. Lay down a layer of thread across the flat section toward the hook eye. As you come back toward the body, tie in the mono-loop.
5. Tie in the hackle feather and then the thorax. Make sure you have a bump on top of the hook between the mono loop and the hook eye. This bump is what gives the hackle its arch as you pull it forward.
6. Wind the hackle around the mono loop (10 to 14 turns). As you finish the last wrap, pull the feather tip through the loop and hold it there. Lay the end of the loop forward over the hook eye and take a couple of soft wraps to hold it there.
7. Pull on the loop as you let go of the feather and hackle. The hackle should sit on the top of the hook and spread out nicely. Tighten up the soft wraps and add a few more.
8. Finish with some half hitches. Add head cement or a dab of super glue to hold the mono.

Some tyers like to fold the mono back and then finish the head, your choice.

## Central Oregon Flyfishers Upstream Events 2012

Date	Time	Activity	Location	Contact
<b>JULY</b>				
Jul 5	6:30 pm	<b>monthly board mtg.</b>	Environmental Center	Eric Steele (president@coflyfishers.org)
Jul 18	7:00 pm	<b>general meeting</b>	Bend Senior Center	
<b>IN THE FUTURE</b>				
Aug 9-12		<b>OUTING</b>	Williamson River	Yancy Lind (yancy_lind@ml.com)
Aug 14	6:30 pm	<b>annual BBQ</b>	Aspen Hall in Shevlin park	Herb Blank (312-2568)
Aug 23		<b>OUTING</b>	East Lake	Lee Ann Ross (pastpresident@coflyfishers.org)
<b>NON-CLUB ACTIVITIES &amp; FYI 2012</b>				
Jul 10 to 14, FFF National Fly Fishing Fair, Spokane, WA, Sherry Steele (steelefly@msn.com)				
Oct 18 to 21, National Team USA Competition, Bend, OR, Matt Paluch (mattpaluch@gmail.com)				

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