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G Loomis Demo Day at Fin & Fire in Redmond Sat. June 9, 2012

Frank Moore, the Ambassador to The North Umpqua River and on the Loomis Pro Staff, is going to be spending the day with us at the shop. I'm not sure if you're familiar with Frank, but at 89, is a steelhead conservation and casting living legend, who is one of the nicest people you will ever meet. Frank is one of my fishing hero's, and like a grandfather to me, so this is a treat to get him to come over from Steamboat for that weekend. We will have casting ponds set up along the shop to try out rods and lines, and get casting instruction and tips from Frank.

- Reed Teuscher

RANDOM CAST

As I write this, I can feel the anticipation of fishing the Salmon Fly Hatch on the Deschutes. Sherry and I are floating down to Trout Creek tomorrow (29th). I feel pretty comfortable on this section since I have floated this many times and I was fortunate enough to have multiple folks give me pointers and insight for this stretch of water. Last week I walked up river from South Junction under the guidance of Mike Tripp. I had never been in the area and at the end of the day walked away with a big smile. We hit the Salmon Fly hatch and we both had a big day. Mike was very helpful and I asked many questions and learned some more things about fly fishing from a man who has been 'hunting' the salmon fly hatch for 27 years. Thanks Mike.

I have fished many different waters in Central Oregon since moving here. In every case someone has stepped up to help provide some guidance. Sometimes I asked, sometimes it was part of a COF education class, sometimes it was part of a COF outing, and as was last week, I showed an interest and I was asked to join. I'm a better fisherman because of the broad interests of the COF organization and because of the family of members who are always there with a helping hand to teach.

For those who are new at this fly fishing or maybe a little hesitant, COF is a great place to expand your fishing experiences and skills. I highly recommend that you take advantage of the classes offered, jump into the outings every chance you get, and don't hesitate to ask for some help. We're all here to have fun - It's Fishing!



This is the group who went on the club outing for beginners held on the Crooked River. Pretty successful in that we got a new member and at it was one of the first times ever fly fishing for at least 4 people.. - Yabcy Lind

GENERAL MEETING

June 20 | 6:30 p.m. | Bend Senior Center, 1600 S.E. Reed Market Road, Bend

Chip O'Brien will introduce club members to fly-fishing opportunities in Northern California.

Hundreds of O'Brien's articles and thousands of his photographs have graced fly-fishing magazines over the last twenty years. Most of his recent work has appeared in *California Fly Fisher* and *Northwest Fly Fishing* magazines. His first book, *Sacramento River Journal*, was published in 1996; his second book, *California's Best Fly Fishing*, came out in 2010.

OUTINGS

2012 outings

Outings can always be added to the 2012 schedule so if you have fishing skills and a great destination in mind step forward and lead a COF fishing outing. June offers four opportunities to get out and enjoy the much improved Central Oregon weather: Lizz Mullong will be leading the annual "Prineville Reservoir Crappie Marathon", Sherry Steele will lead a group of the ladies to Canyon Creek Ranch, I (John Tackmier) will lead a group, which is open to all COF members, for a tour of the fish passage facility at the Round Butte Dam, and Rick Sironen will lead a multiday camping/fishing trip to the Chewaucan River. For details regarding these outings see the related articles in this newsletter or contact the leaders directly.

Specific information regarding the above outings or any COF activities is available on the COF Google Calendar.

John Tackmier, Outings Coordinator, outings@coflyfishers.org or 541-549-6252

ROUND BUTTE DAM FISH PASSAGE TOUR FOR COF MEMBERS

Thursday, June 14th, is the day for the scheduled COF outing to the Round Butte Dam fish passage facility. This 1-2 hour tour by the lead PGE fisheries biologist will provide COF members the opportunity to personally view the \$80-100 million dollar facility which is designed to safely bring steelhead, chinook, and other salmon species back to their ancestral spawning grounds. If you have followed the habitat restoration at the Camp Polk Meadow Preserve this field trip will give you a personal look at the key facility to allow the fish to return to the meadow, the Crooked River and the Metolius River. Scot Lawrence from PGE will accompany the fisheries biologist on this outing and encourages participants to come prepared with their questions regarding any aspect of this huge project. The

OUTINGS 2012

Month	Date	Leader	Destination
June	1-3	Lizz Mullong	Prineville Reservoir Crappie Marathon
Jun	1-3	Sherry Steele	Wild Women of the Water - Canyon Creek Ranch
Jun	14	John Tackmier	Round Butte Dam
Jun	19-24	Rick Sironen	Chewaucan River
Aug	TBA	Lee Ann Ross	East Lake
Aug	9-12	Yancy Lind	Williamson River
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

outing will begin at 8:00am on Thursday June the 14th and last approximately 2 hours. Snacks and warm clothing are encouraged. If interested there is still space for this outing -- for details please contact John Tackmier at outings@coflyfishers.org or 541-549-6252.

– John Tackmier, Outings Coordinator
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Third annual Prineville Reservoir crappie marathon 2012

Jun 1-3 | Lizz Mullong

Come join in a weekend of fun and friendship, camping and fishing for crappie in the upper end of Prineville Reservoir.

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What: A unique opportunity to seek the notorious and sometimes elusive crappie, using fly rod techniques.

When: Friday, June 1 to Sunday, June 3. If you can't camp, then just attend the main event on Saturday.

Who: Anyone interested in learning new tricks as well as honing old skills.

Where: We will be camping at Prineville Reservoir Resort, space #19. Each campsite has water and electricity. There are nice rest rooms and showers. There is a café serving breakfast and lunch. For reservations call 541-447-7468. Check out www.prinevillereservoirresort.com for rates and directions.

The Main Event: Meet at the marina at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. This fishery is best approached with powered craft, as we have to boat several miles up the reservoir. There is a dirt road that can be driven to a few spots that would accommodate float-tubes and pontoon boats. The marina rents boats and has launch facilities. Bring your hand-held radio.

As for the fishing: Crappie are heavy insect feeders and are not fussy when it comes to fly patterns (sizes 10-12), Black Ant, Black Gnat, Light Cahill, Zug bugs, poppers, Hare's Ear, Mickey Finn, Wooly Worm, Wooly Bugger, anything bead head, anything with rubber legs. If it looks like a bug and moves like a bug, a crappie will grab it.

Plus, we might try for some BASS.....Interested?

RSVP: Lizz Mullong (503-953-0368 or mullonglizz@yahoo.com)

Chewaucan River

Jun 19 through 24

Join us for great fishing on the Chewaucan River (only three hours from Bend) June 19 through 24. We will camp at Jones Crossing campground (free!) right on the river. Stay for a few days or all. Besides the Chewaucan River, there's Withers, Slide, Campbell and Deadhorse lakes to fish. Deadhorse and Campbell have boat ramps, electric motors only. For the more adventurous we can make a side trip to Deep creek by Adel, about one hour away for a day of fishing.

Flows 5-20-2012 are about 500 CFS, with 95% of the snow melted, so flows at trip time should be at 200 or under for some great fishing.

Potluck dinner at least one night.

Please email me if you plan to attend, if we have enough people maybe we can get the clubs large coffee marker for the morning!

– Rick Sironen (Rick@nwqc.com or 503-704-9517)

UPDATE

Just got a call from Chuck Burley, he has got the J Spear ranch to give us passes to their land for the first 12 people that want them for their land on the Chewaucan trip.

I need the people's name and address that they will be sent to by June 5. Email your name and address to

Rick@nwqc.com

This will give access to Dairy Creek and the upper Chewaucan River, some great fishing. Flows today 300CFS and dropping.

EDUCATION

Fly Fishing for Beginners

Gordon Chandler and volunteers from the COF are teaching basic fly fishing through Bend Parks and Rec. The final class, Sunday, June 3, is a trip to the Upper Deschutes to practice what the students have learned. Contact Gordon, if you'd like to volunteer to help students on this final day.

Thanks to Jeff Perrin

Jeff has taught seven classes just for COF members: two classes on how to fish the Metolius, one at the river and one at his shop (Flyfisher's Place in Sisters); a beginning and an intermediate casting class; and by the end of May,

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will have taught three classes titled "Eight Ways to Rig for Nymphing." Thanks to Jeff for the considerable time and effort he has put in to classes taught just for us. He deserves our gratitude.

Calendar

Be sure to check the COF calendar online for upcoming classes and educational outings. The calendar will have opportunities that might come up after the newsletter deadline.

Other Educational Opportunities (Non COF)

Fly Fishing 101 at Orvis

You can take the whole family to this free introductory fly fish class at Orvis. Check with the store for details.

COF YOUTH NEWS

Youth Fishing at Bend Pine Nursery

The second annual COF Youth Fly Fishing Day, held May 19 in conjunction with ODFW Youth Angling Day at Bend Pine Nursery, was a great success. In addition to good weather, we had a terrific turn out of COF volunteers to instruct the kids in fly tying, fly casting, knot tying, equipment and fishing gear, and bug identification. After the lessons, the kids took to the pond with fly rods, where several of them landed fish.

We had several kids back from last year, some others stayed after the ODFW event to try fly fishing, and many wandered over from other parts of the park where a softball tournament was taking place. In total, over 50 kids went through the stations and tried their hand at fly fishing.

Thank you again to the Next Cast Flyfishers committee members for organizing the event and to all the additional COF members that came out to assist with the kids.

Questions or comments: Youth@COFlyfishers.org

MEMBERSHIP

To join, go to 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 with ROSTER as the subject.

– Gary Meyer, Membership Chair

OTHER NEWS

Kokanee Karnival Spring Angling Clinic was a huge success!

A big thanks to all the volunteers who helped at the 2012 Spring Angling Clinic and made it a great success again. Approximately 360 students attended over the 7 days. The students were well prepared and well behaved. They had fun and learned a lot at the education stations. Of course it was hard to tell who had the most fun, the students or the volunteers. Lunch with the hotdogs, chips, soda and fruit was a big hit as well. Fishing in the afternoon was a huge success thanks to all the fish stocked by ODFW from the Fall River Hatchery. Stocking is always a big hit with the students when they can watch the fish splash into the lake. Rehabilitation of Shevlin Pond really helped because the students were catching fish from inlet to outlet and all locations in between. The students averaged about 30 to 40 fish caught every day some as big as 14 inches. There is no way to quantify the smiles on all their faces.



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While the angling clinic was fun and a great success, Bob Mullong aka Captain Caddis was greatly missed. We know he was looking down and smiling at the students just as he did for all those years.

We had 68 volunteers (listed below) from Central Oregon Flyfishers, Sunriver Anglers, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and Deschutes National Forest. These folks donated almost 900 hours of their time and drove a total of 3,600 miles. This reflects a lot of dedication.

Alan Crandell, Amy Baker, Andy Smith, Bill Figley, Bill Lincoln, Bill Raleigh, Bill Seitz, Bob Griffin, Bob Kempf, Bruce Stendal, Carol Christiansen, Charles Pearlman, Chuck Devone, Cliff Price, Corol Ann Cary, Curt Saxton, Dan Arnold, Dan Pebbles, Darleen Figley, Dave Dunahay, Dave Long, Dave Semich, Delores Marsh, Dennis Craig, Dennis Patterson, Dian Reed, Dick Demars, Dick Olson, Donna McDonnell, Doug Vakoc, Earl Rettig, Ed Tank, Elisabeth Farwell, Eric Steele, Francie Patterson, Frank Turek, Gary Gehlert, Greg Cotton, Herm Meister, Jack McDonnell, Jen Luke, Jerry Chris, Joe Wiezera, John Farwell, John Anderson, Kathleen Schroeder, Kim Clark, Lisa Kershaw, Mal Murphy, Marleen Fugate, Marv Yoshinaka, Mike Tripp, Myron Holub, Pat Yoshinaka, Pat Hower, Pete Gustavson, Pete Martin, Rod Juranek, Pete Reed, Ron Angell, Sandy Dunahay, Terri Grimm, Tim Schindele, Todd Cary, Tom Walker, Vern Fugate, Vivian Rockwell

Sunriver Anglers - Free Fishing Day

Children and grandchildren of COF members are cordially invited to participate in Free Fishing Day, June 9. This event is jointly sponsored by the Sunriver Anglers, The Caldera Springs Home Owners Association, Sunriver Resort, ODFW, and the U.S. Forest Service.

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Participants are urged to be at Caldera Springs before 10:30 a.m. so they have time to register, participate in the activities, and fish. All fishing will conclude at 12:00 noon. All participants will be treated to a wonderful hot dog lunch that continues until 1:00 p.m. Participants may use their own equipment or choose to use the rods and reels provided.

LIBRARY NEWS

Fishing Oregon's Deschutes River by Scott Richmond (Second Edition)

Having personally read and used this book for a number of years I can recommend it as a text which provides all the basic information you might need to make a trout or steelhead trip to the lower Deschutes. It is a complete guide to fly fishing and camping on this beautiful Central Oregon river: campground locations and descriptions, trout and steelhead tactics, detailed river maps, hatch charts for all 12 months, fly patterns and a detailed discussion of the four principal river segments (Warm Springs to Trout Creek, Trout Creek to Maupin, the Maupin Area and Mack's Canyon to the Columbia) and more.

This new addition to the COF library will be displayed on the "Featured Items" table in front of the library cabinet. Stop by and look it over or if you wish "check it out" and read it at home.

NOTE: If you have checked out newer additions to our library, please try to return them at the next monthly meeting --- other members have made inquiry as to when recent additions will be returned. Thank you.

John Tackmier, Librarian, Outings@coflyfishers.org

CONSERVATION

Support Needed for the Central Oregon Flyfishers' Proposal to Remove Bait on the Crooked River -

In early May, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) held a public meeting in Bend to solicit public opinions on proposals for changes to the 2013-2016 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations. Public reaction to the club's proposal to remove bait year round on the Crooked River was mixed: about half of the audience supported the proposal, half did not. If you were unable to attend the public meeting but would like to support the proposal, it is not too late. Please send a short note to Rhine Messmer, ODFW, to voice your support. The proposal number is 63P. The email address is rhine.t.messmer@state.or.us or send a note to Rhine Messmer, ODFW, Angling Regulations, 3406 Cherry Avenue NE, Salem, OR 97303. If you want more information on the proposal check out last month's newsletter or contact me (conservation@coflyfishers.org). Thanks, your support will help the ODFW rebuild the redband populations.

Bill Seitz, Conservation.

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TYERS CORNER

Fly of the Month – Ray Charles

The “Ray Charles” is an excellent imitation for a sow bug. The pattern originated as a “guide fly” on Montana’s tail waters. As the story goes, when one of the guide’s clients asked where the fly’s name originated; the guide responded “because even a blind man can catch fish with this fly”. My fishing partners and I have fished this fly extensively on the Crooked River for the last 2 years and the fly as accounted for hundreds of redbands and mountain whitefish. John Anderson’s (COF’s resident expert on macroinvertebrates) analysis of fish stomachs collected on the Crooked River indicates sow bugs (rather than scuds) are seasonally important food items. The Ray Charles is my “go to” fly for the Crooked and Deschutes rivers. My favorite color is tan and size 16 is the best choice of size. Olive also works well. It is an easy fly to tie and requires only three materials. There are several ways to tie this fly. The directions in Jim Schollmeyer and Ted Leson’s new book, *Flies for Western Super Hatches*, are the best for beginners. By the way, all tiers should definitely have this book near their tying bench. I fish this fly as my bottom fly on a 2-fly rig. You want to dead drift this fly near the stream bottom. As always, tie more than one because your fishing partners will want one when you catch all the fish.

Recipe

Hook: Size 16 standard nymph hook (1Xl) or curved cud hook (I prefer the straight shank hook)

Thread: Size 8/0 red

Shellback: Medium pearl flashabou

Body: Ostrich herl

Directions

1. Debarb hook and start thread.
2. Attach a short piece of pearl flashabou and advance thread along the hook shank stopping even with the hook barb.
3. Tie in a short (6”) piece of tying thread the same color as the ostrich herl.
4. Tie in 2 ostrich herls by the tips. Twist the herls around the thread to form a “ostrich rope” and wind forward to the hook eye and secure.
5. With moist fingers, wet the ostrich herl and smooth it down over the sides to flatten the top of the fly.
6. Pull the flashabou over the top of the fly as a shellback and secure at hook eye. A tip: after tying the flashabou down, fold it back over the thread wraps and whip finish.

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Central Oregon Flyfishers Upstream Events 2012

Date	Time	Activity	Location	Contact
JUNE				
Jun 7	6:30 pm	monthly board mtg.	Environmental Center	Eric Steele (president@coflyfishers.org)
Jun 1-3		OUTING	Prineville Reservoir	Lizz Mullong (mullonglizz@yahoo.com)
Jun 14		OUTING	Round Butte Dam	John Tackmier (outings@coflyfishers.org)
Jun 19-24		OUTING	Chewaucan River	Rick Sironen (rick@nwqc.com)

IN THE FUTURE

August 14th Annual COF PICNIC BBQ - Aspen Hall at Shevlin Park

NON-CLUB ACTIVITIES & FYI 2012

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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