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President's Message

Kids Fish Pond: COF members will again staff the kids fish pond at the Redmond Sportsman show March 2–5. Please come out and volunteer for this truly fun event. It is just a blast to help a kid catch his or her first fish. If you are new to the club, this is a great way to meet folks. Don't forget that you get free entry into the event if you volunteer.

Albany Fly Fishing Show: There are a ton of interesting classes, casting lessons, tyers and vendors at the Oregon Council IFFF show, March 10–11. If you have never attended I would highly recommend it. There is a great class offered on reading the water. If you are interested in casting, the casting doctor is a great bet. This is one-on-one casting instruction to fix one's casting faults. Lots to do.

Banquet: The annual banquet will be held April 8 at the Riverhouse Convention Center. We hope that you will all attend and if possible bring a neighbor or a friend.

This is truly a very enjoyable event. The COF Fly Fisher of the Year will be announced and members who have volunteered for more than 30 hours this year will be recognized. There will be a wide array of exceptional raffle items. Great food, good friends and a chance to meet new friends. Hope to see you there.

Outings: The Owyhee trip is on. I have talked to Rex at the dam and he has reserved the campground for COF. The dam is filling up so hopefully we will have slightly higher water flows than last year. If you haven't done this trip, I encourage you to do so. A 15-inch brown trout is a small fish on the Owyhee!

~Lee Ann Ross



An Active
Member Club

Our March speaker will be **Frank Turek**, long time COF member and chair of our Kokanee Karnival Youth Education Program. Frank will be speaking about fishing on the Crooked River, his favorite winter fishing location. His presentation will include specifics about his favorite subsurface fishing, the Chuck and Duck set-up, and fishing the chuck and duck or dry flies. He will also share his favorite fly patterns, and locations where he fishes on the Crooked River. **Pre-Meeting:** 6:15, British Columbia Outing planning meeting. We will meet in one of the back rooms.

OUTINGS



Annual Crooked River Cleanup

Saturday, April 1, 2017, 9 a.m., Big Bend Campground

Every spring COF picks up the litter along the Chimney Rock segment of the Crooked River Wild and Scenic River. We need a good volunteer turnout. We pick up the area from the river to the highway, including the campgrounds, for 7 miles.

We will meet at the Big Bend Campground just downstream from Bowman Dam at 9:00 a.m. Bring gloves. Lunch will be provided back at the campground after the litter pickup.

Bring your gear and fish the Crooked River after lunch, (river flows permitting). For those not familiar with fishing the Crooked see the PowerPoint presentations on the COF website. There are always club members willing to help with rigging and pattern selection.

OUTINGS CALENDAR 2017

MONTH	DAY	DESTINATION	LEADER
March	22-25	Owyhee River	Lee Ann Ross
April	1st	Crooked River Cleanup	Peter Martin
April	17th	Lake of the Dunes	Ron Kaye/ Jeff Perrin
April	27th	The "D" Tumalo Area	Ron Kaye
May	3-6	Davis Lake	Larry Godfrey
May	7th	NOTE: DATE CHANGE. Learn To Float "D" Warm Springs	Yancy Lind
May	20th	"D" Warm Spring Float	Eric Steele
May	20-22	Central WA/Columbia Basin	Tim Schindele
June	9-11	<i>Captain Caddis Crappie On a Fly</i> , Prineville Reservoir Resort	Betsy: 541-389-4389 or Andy Smith
June	19-28	British Columbia Trip	Lee Ann Ross
July	7-9	East Lake, 2 nights, BBQ	Eric Steele
August	5-6	John Day River/Cottonwood Canyon	Tim Schindele
August	19th	Three Creeks Lake	Steve Armentrout
Sept/Oct	TBD	Yakima River	Allen Caudle
October	TBD	Beavertail Steel Head	Robert Gentry
Oct/Nov	TBD	Eagle Lake	Charlie Schillinsky

To sign up for an outing, please contact the outings leader directly with a cc: to the outings coordinator at outings@coflyfishers.org. Email addresses and phone numbers are available on our website coflyfishers.org. Due to the nature of the water, some outings will have a limit on participation. Sign-ups will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

Picking up litter doesn't sound fun but this really is a fun event with great people. The ODOT Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator calls COF rock stars!

I need a head count for lunch, email pcmartin@bendbroadband.com. Vegetarian? - Please let me know.

~Pete Martin

OUTINGS

Owyhee River Outing

March 22–25, 2017 Wed. To Sat.



With the improved snowpack, it looks like fishing on the Owyhee should be great this year. I've been checking the Owyhee Reservoir levels and while it is still very low, it is at least rising.

The Owyhee River downstream from Lake Owyhee Dam is a gem. Think the Crooked River on steroids. Instead of rainbows and whitefish, think browns, big browns. A 15-incher is a small fish. The trip is timed to hopefully coincide with the skwala hatch. If we are lucky, there will be spectacular top water action as the fish smash your skwala pattern. Other than skwalas, use the same flies and rigs you use on the Crooked. Don't forget the small stuff either. Size 18–22 midges work well too. To get a better idea, watch Brian Huskey's video of the Owyhee at: <http://vimeo.com/5327229>

It takes about five hours to get to the Owyhee. Travel on Hwy 20 from Bend, via Burns to Vale. Towards the end of town, turn right at the Cenex Gas Station onto Glenn Street. Glenn Street becomes Lytle Blvd. Go for about 14 miles. Turn right just behind the little store, then take the first left. Turn right

on Klamath and then left on Norwood, right on Owyhee Ave and left on Owyhee Lake Road. Sound confusing? Not really, there are a lot of signs to Owyhee State Park. If you make a mistake, any of the roads will get you there. You basically need to go southwest from the store. Check it out on Google maps.

Take Owyhee Lake Road up towards the dam.

There is a bridge just below the dam with a sign to the irrigation department. Cross the bridge and you're at a campground with an outhouse. Bring money so we can make a donation to the irrigation department for use of the campground. I think we donated about \$10 a head per night last year. **There is water but no cell service and no other facilities.** There is Wi-Fi at the museum on the irrigation department property. There is no password so you can just hangout on the bench outside the museum and use the Wi-Fi.

You have the choice of camping at the campground, camping along the river, or staying at a motel in Vale or Ontario. Unlike the Crooked, there are no developed campgrounds along the river. If you choose not to stay in the campground, you just pull over and set up camp. The 10 miles of fishing below the dam to Snively Hot Springs is the best fishing.

Dry Fly Innovations has an excellent blog at: <http://www.dryflyinnovations.com/blog>.

[dryflyinnovations.com/blog](http://www.dryflyinnovations.com/blog). There are tons of archived reports on the site. The club's login to the fishing report blog is library@coflyfishers.org with a password of *dryflyguy*. Their stoneflies are killer. I am making an order now so that I will have a dozen or so ready for this trip.

All are welcome on this outing. There is no limit to how many can come, but please let me know if you plan to attend so I can get a rough head count for the campground. If you are pulling a big rig, please park just OUTSIDE of the campground proper and leave the camping area for tenters and small trailers.

~Lee Ann Ross, rossleeann@yahoo.com

British Columbia Trip

The club is considering hosting our annual fishing trip to the lakes in the Kamloops area of British Columbia. We have tentatively scheduled the trip for June 19 to 28, 2017. If you are interested in

We will hold a planning meeting for the proposed club trip to British Columbia at 6:15 pm prior to the monthly meeting. Let's meet in the back room at the Senior Center. If you have any interest in the BC trip please attend the meeting and ask any questions you may have. See page 3 of the newsletter for more information on the trip. ~Lee Ann Ross

this trip, please go to the COF website and read the two presentations on the trip which you can find under the "newsletters/presentation" button on the website. Please read all the information, as it should answer 95% of your questions. If you are interested

in the trip and you can meet the conditions for participation laid out in the two documents, please send me an email and I will put you on a list.

~Lee Ann Ross, rossleeann@yahoo.com

First Call for Volunteers

Kokanee Karnival needs volunteers to help with our 2017 Angling Clinic, held at Shevlin Pond and Aspen Hall in Shevlin Park in Bend. If you would like to volunteer, you can contact me at (541) 381-7507 or waldo1ft@msn.com. I will soon be contacting folks who volunteered for the Spring and Fall events over the past few years. We need to organize our volunteers to determine if we have sufficient help for each day. We need a minimum of 8 volunteers a day. Please don't wait until the last minute to volunteer because that makes scheduling difficult. For you new members or members who have not done this in the past, you will not be on your own. You will be teamed with a volunteer who has experience.



The Spring Angling clinic will be held on 7 days, April 24 through April 28 and May 1 and 2. We have no activities on Wed April 26. We have 12 classes in the program and two classes attend each day. We usually arrive at around 8:30 am to set up for the day and the students arrive between 9 and 9:30. They usually leave between 1:30 and 2, then we clean up and are done by 3.

Our education activities in the morning include:

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

We have curriculum sheets for all activities that I can email to volunteers who request them or you can go to our website at KokaneeKarnival.org.

Lunch is provided for all students and volunteers. After lunch the students are divided into small groups and get to fish in Shevlin Pond. The volunteers lead small groups of students to help them fish for trout. If they catch a trout they get a First Fish Certificate and if they want, their cleaned fish to take home. I am the fish monger and get to gut all the fish. I usually have help filling out the certificates.

~Frank Turek

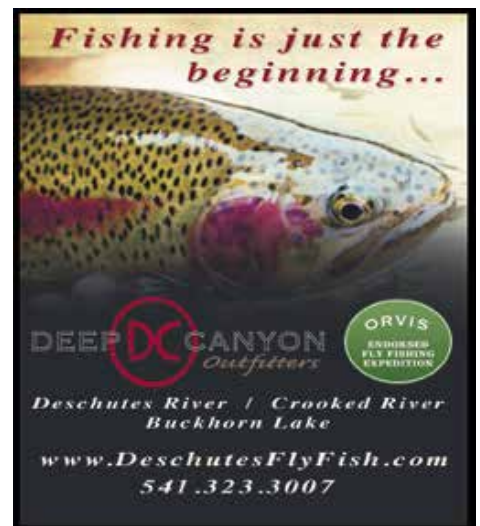
Update

Oregonian's Value Fish & Wildlife

ODFW recently completed a study of Oregonian's views on issues related to fish and wildlife. There are a number of presentations on the findings here: <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/> (look under "Agency Mission"). There's a ton of data in the 567 page study. The top 3 concerns voiced were habitat loss, insufficient water quantity, and declining fish populations. 61% of us are "satisfied" with the protection of fish & wildlife in Oregon but 54% of us know "a little" or "nothing" about ODFW. While only scratching the surface, my takeaway is that people value the fish and wildlife resources that ODFW exists to protect but ODFW has a lot of work to do to raise their visibility (and hopefully get the budget they need and deserve).

HB 2402 Legislative Task Force

On the subject of budget needs, the Task Force appointed by Governor Brown to find additional funding for ODFW has submitted its final report. The premise is that Oregonians value our fish and wildlife resources but most do not purchase a hunting or fishing license and help fund ODFW. Therefore, *Continued on page 4*



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additional funding should be allocated. The Task Force came up with 2 mechanisms: an income tax return surcharge and a wholesale beverage surcharge. I hope they can find some way to shore up this chronically underfunded agency, but new taxes sure have been tough to get approved in the legislature. http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/17/01_jan/HB%202402%20Transmittal%20and%20Executive%20Summary.pdf



North Canal Dam Fish Ladder

The North Canal Dam fish ladder is finally set to be complete this month, operation will commence with irrigation season in April. Just south of The Riverhouse, North Canal Dam is a major irrigation diversion on the Deschutes. This 35' high dam allows downstream fish passage but has been a complete barrier to upstream migration. Brett Hodgson of ODFW in Bend says he has watched redbands jump into the dam in an attempt to move upstream. The new stainless-steel fish ladder is 373' long and employs a new design that will be closely monitored for effectiveness by ODFW. <http://www.bendbulletin.com/localstate/3791958-151/fish-ladder-will-be-built-at-bend-dam>

Crooked River Dry Year Management

At long last the US Bureau of Reclamation has begun the process of creating a plan for managing the Crooked River during dry years, a plan they hope to have in place by the end of the year. While BOR

is required by legislation to create this plan, participation is voluntary; there is no enforcement mechanism. I attended the initial public stakeholder meeting on February 16 in Prineville. Like most of the activity around the Crooked over the past few years, the perceived value of this meeting is dependent on your personal outlook. Are you a glass half full or half empty person? Are you impatient or can you take the long view?

It is easy to be cynical when BOR says they are having a tough time even defining what a dry year is. (Given their explanation, it's not as obvious as it might seem.) It's easy to be cynical when they released 80 cfs on top of the summer irrigation releases in 2015, draining the reservoir to the point where there was very little left for winter releases, subse-

quently leading to the death of most fish in the Wild & Scenic section.

On the other hand, BOR does appear to finally at least be attempting to manage the Crooked for the benefit of fish along with their traditional mandate of managing for irrigation and flood control. For example, last month they started releasing water far sooner than they traditionally would to avoid dumping later in the spring at much higher, and detrimental levels, as they have done so often in the past. At the Dry Year Management plan meeting BOR seemed genuinely interested in finding ways to provide adequate flows for fish in dry years and asked stakeholders to be creative and provide suggestions.

We'll see where this goes, but at least the right things were being said, which has not

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always been the case.

Anadromous Fish Reintroduction

In what can only be described as a success, at the end of January PGE announced that 536 sockeye salmon returned from the ocean to the Pelton Round Butte Hydroelectric Project in 2016. Genetic testing confirmed these were native Deschutes Basin fish that originated above Lake Billy Chinook. Also in January 141 outmigrating Spring Chinook were captured at the FTF/SWW and subsequently released down river. These are early migrants and the numbers should build through the spring. If you are a glass-half-full person then this is all good news. Anadromous fish reintroduction into the upper Deschutes Basin is a long term project, one that will continue to be refined this spring when PGE starts nighttime SWW operation in order to increase the capture and transfer rate of downstream migrating smolts. <https://www.portlandgeneral.com/our-company/news-room/news-releases/2017/01-24-2017-genetic-testing-confirms-return-of-deschutes-sockeye>

Opal Springs Passage Update

As you know, one of the key remaining impediments to successful anadromous fish reintroduction into the upper Deschutes basin has been lack of volitional upstream passage at Opal Springs Dam where the Crooked River flows into Lake Billy Chinook. The effort to install a fish ladder has been on a roller coaster the past few months as construction bids came in far above project cost estimates and in excess of what the dam owners were willing to spend. The project design has been modified and cost estimates significantly lowered, but they still in excess of available funds. The new goal is for final approval in the fall. This will

allow time for additional design modifications, for additional funds to be procured, and for the FERC license amendment to be amended.

Columbia River Reforms

Following up on an item from last month's newsletter, on February 9th Governor Brown sent a letter to the ODFW Commission asking them to reverse their decision to abandon the Columbia River Fisheries Reform Plan. This issue is far from over and endangered salmon and steelhead are still subject to becoming killed as "by catch" from commercial gillnet fishermen, but the Governor is weighing in on the issue. <http://nwsteelheaders.org/2017/02/10/governor-brown-sends-letter-to-odfw-commission-on-columbia-river-reforms/>

~ Yancy Lind, Conservation Chair,
conservation@coflyfishers.org

MEMBERSHIP

Update

Welcome New Members

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David Harrison

Tim Scianamblo

Bill Cashel

Elly Cashel

Scott Connor

Dan D'Agostino

Kristin Heins

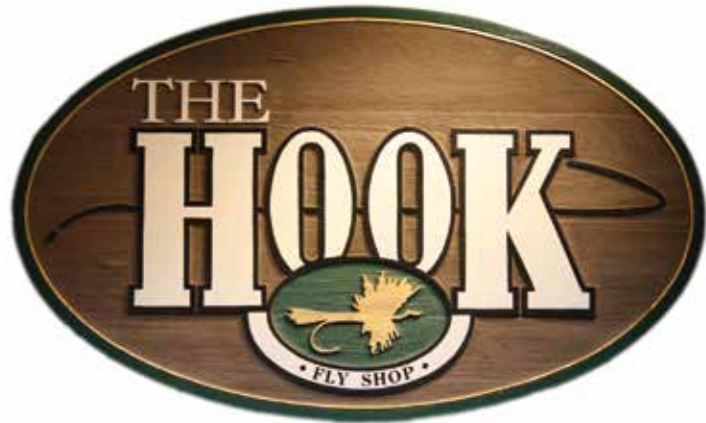
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~ Sue Coyle, membership@coflyfishers.org



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NEXT CAST FLYFISHERS

Update

March is upon us and we have activities galore!

First up, our Next Cast Flyfishers will be staffing the Trout Pond at the Redmond Sportsmen's Show. This is a great event and the perfect time for our young anglers to help local kids catch fish in the pond. The Next Cast crew will tie knots, net fish and either release them or package them up to go home with the kids! It is great fun to see the little ones with their first fish!

Then, in preparation for the NW Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo, we have been tying flies. We have been meeting at Thump Coffee (Thank you Thump!) each week to sort materials, perfect some techniques, and practice the flies that will be tied by each tyer. John Kreft and Peter Martin have been leading these sessions, we appreciate their support and instruction! These kids rock!



This year, some Next Cast Flyfishers were invited to be demonstration tyers! Four of our young tyers [Kincaid Smeltzer, Joe Grover, Forrest Franklin, and Branson Broderick] will be at the show on Saturday as part of the tying group! They are scheduled to tie at 11:45-

2:15 at tables 74 and 75! Stop by and see us if you are at the show!

In addition to these scheduled tyers, we are arranging an outing for other Next Cast members to attend the show. We will travel over and back on Saturday, March 11.



Another Next Cast member has been practicing his skills at COF Winter Fly Tying!

James Duwall attends Winter Fly Tying and gets some help from Peter Bower, owner of The Patient Angler fly shop.

Other News and Updates:

We are so excited and ready for our upcoming scheduled events. Check the list below and watch for email notices, too. As the weather improves, we will schedule some outings to get on the water.

Upcoming events include:

- **NW Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo:** March 10 & 11; Albany, Oregon. Next Cast is coordinating transportation for a field trip on Saturday, March 11. Class schedules and more Expo details are available at <http://www.nwexpo.com>. Adult admission is free when accompanying a child—MUST HAVE A COUPON—print from the webpage. Space is limited, must be a member to participate.
- **Crooked River Clean-up:** April 1; Next Cast members join the COF for a litter pick up, BBQ and fly fishing. This is a great opportunity to get out on the river. Mentors are arranged to help the fly fishers; waders, boots and fly rods are all provided! All members welcome!

- ****REGISTRATION WILL OPEN MID-MARCH**3-Day Fly Fishing Camp:** June 26, 27, 28, 2017 at Shevlin Pond. [NOTE: We returned to these dates following the Bend-LaPine calendar revisions for makeup of snow days.] This camp is for all beginners and newer fly fishers, you don't have to be a Next Cast member to sign up! Registration is through Bend Parks & Recreation and will be available online in March with the summer program catalog. This camp is limited to 12 participants and fills up fast!

Membership is not required!

Please send me an email if you would like to receive a notification when the online registration opens: nextcast@coflyfishers.org

3-Day Fly Fishing Camp

Registration opens mid-March.

Go to www.bendparksandrec.org

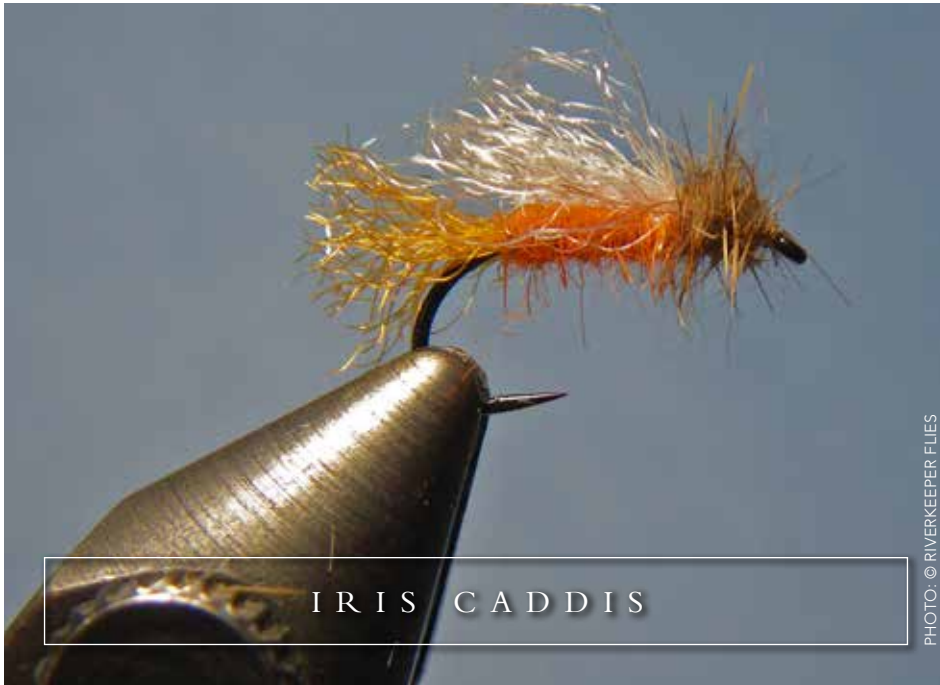
Bend Parks & Rec District for

online registration.

- **East Lake Overnight Camp:** July 7 & 8; East Lake. Details to follow. For advanced Next Cast members, limited space, must be approved. The Next Cast Flyfishers program provides opportunities and coordinates activities for young fly anglers in the area. We offer fly fishing instruction through classroom activities, fly fishing summer camps, ongoing COF events, and individually through mentorship and teaching. Providing these opportunities, young anglers will be exposed to fly fishing and increase their interest and level of involvement.

Please contact me directly if you have questions.

~Karen Kreft,
nextcast@coflyfishers.org,
503-409-0148



IRIS CADDIS

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Iris Caddis

This month's Tyer's Corner fly is the Iris Caddis, a creation from Blue Ribbon Flies in West Yellowstone, MT.

If you're like me, I've been spending more time shoveling snow than sitting at the vise tying flies. And I haven't seen the river in a month! I'm busy stocking my fly boxes. You should do the same.

The #14 Amber Iris Caddis was a great fly for me last summer. It seemed to catch fish who were rising as well as some blind-casting when the fish weren't working.

The Iris Caddis imitates a caddis pupa emerging in the surface film. Fish it like a dry fly or slightly submerged as a trailer fly.

I've tied these in amber, olive, tan, and black. These are simple and quick to tie, so you will be able to fill your fly box in short order. Check out the fly pattern sheet on my RiverKeeper Flies website for more pictures. (<http://www.johnkreft.com/caddis-fly-patterns/iris-caddis/>)

Enjoy...go fish!

Materials:

Hook: Daiichi 1190, Dai Riki 300 or TMC 100 #14 – 18

Thread: 8/0 Uni to match thorax

Tail: Amber or gold Zelon

Body: Zelon dubbing or hare's ear dubbing – olive, tan, amber, or black

Wing: White Zelon

Thorax: Hare's ear dubbing

Tying Instructions:

1. Tie on shuck or zelon and take a couple of wraps down the hook shank past the barb. Use the remainder of zelon to help create an even body. Trim zelon about hook gape in length.
2. Dub a thick, shaggy body about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the hook shank.
3. Create a loop of zelon and tie securely on top of hook. It should extend back to the bend of the hook. Trim excess.
4. Coarsely dub the thorax with hare's ear.
5. Whip finish

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

Update

The Wild Women of the Water are excited to offer women's beginning flyfishing classes in March. We have scheduled 3 classes, followed by an outing to the Crooked River. Classes are as follows:



- **Sunday, March 5:** introduction of rods, reels, lines and casting
- **Sunday, March 12:** introduction of waders, misc equipment, knots and "reading the water"
- **Sunday, March 19:** "fishy" bugs and your fly box
- **Sunday, March 26:** outing to the Crooked River

Cost is \$30/member and \$40/non-member for the 3 classes. The outing is free. Our maximum is 10 ladies. Please send an email to Schoessler.karivan@gmail.com for more information and to sign up.

In conjunction with our beginning classes, we want to invite all the Wild Women to the March 19 class for "What's in your Fly Box". We'll help the newbies and look through and start to organize our own fly boxes. And we have a new fly box for everyone that attends. You must RSVP (Schoessler.karivan@gmail.com), so I know how many boxes to provide.

March 28 is our Wild Women outing to the Crooked River. Come and meet our newest members and enjoy a beautiful day on the river. It would be very helpful to know how many of you will attend. Please RSVP at Schoessler.karivan@gmail.com.

~ Kari Schoessler

EDUCATION

Update

A huge thanks goes to Cliff Price for volunteering to lead the rod building class this year. Also a big thanks to Steve Shelton for allowing us to hold the class at his house. Thanks also go to our guest assistants Charlie Schillinsky, Steve Shelton, Dave and Mary Ann Dozer and Delores Marsh for helping COF put on the rod building class. There are eight participants and we are well on our way to completing our new rod.



PGE SWW field visit, April 4th

Lisa Dubisar from PGE will be hosting a field trip from their office in Madras to show the Selective

Water Withdrawal facility (SWW) facility. ODFW spoke to the club at the last meeting about this facility.

Here is a little information about the facility: Portland General Electric and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs invite us to join a tour of the Pelton Round Butte Selective Water Withdrawal juvenile fish passage facility (SWW). The SWW re-establishes the connection for anadromous steelhead, chinook and sockeye between the ocean and 250 stream miles of habitat in the Upper Deschutes Basin. Annually, they collect between 37,000

and 262,000 smolts at the SWW transporting them to the lower Deschutes River to continue their downstream migration. We will have an opportunity to come see this one of a kind facility, learn about their fish collection, processing, efficiency studies and plans for the future.

We may also be able to see their adult processing facility.

The class is limited to 15 individuals and is FREE to club members. We will meet at their facility in Madras in the A.M.. If you are interested in attending please notify education@coflyfishers.org.

If there is the interest, we might be able to set up a 2nd session on April 3rd or another day. Feel free to contact Debbie Norton

for more information. Once I have the list of participants, I will notify the individuals more specific information and set up a carpool site from Redmond.

COF Casting Classes

We will be setting up land based casting classes with Jeff Perin from the Fly Fishers Place similar to previous years starting the beginning of May. These classes are for COF members only. We will send out an email blast once the dates and specifics are set so stay tuned for additional information. If you are interested in any of these sessions please send an email to education@coflyfishers.org. A big thanks to Jeff for his willingness to conduct these classes for the club.

Additional Casting Class Opportunities

I would also recommend folks to contact any of the local fly shops for additional information on casting classes. Confluence will be hosting the ORVIS casting sessions for sure taught by Tom Wideman. We are so very fortunate to have all of the wonderful expertise on fishing in Central Oregon at any of our local fly fishing shops. I'm sure they will always answer any of your questions as well! It is always BEST to go in with a friend to hire one of the many fishing guides to refresh or learn new skills.

It has been a fantastic year with many ideas and education sessions presented to club members. Our COF club is made up of a group of fishing enthusiasts with many diverse backgrounds and skills. If any of you have a skill or talent to share, please let us know. If there were any classes, you would like the club to offer, please contact education@coflyfishers.org. Thanks

~Debbie Norton and Dalton Miller-Jones

EVENTS



The Central Oregon Flyfishers 2017 Annual Banquet & Fundraiser

Saturday • April 8, 2017 • 5:30 P.M. • Riverhouse Convention Center, Bend

Attend COF's primary fundraising event to support the Kokanee Karnival Youth Education Program, Next Cast Flyfishers program for older youth, conservation programs, habitat restoration efforts, club activities, and membership services. Join the fun 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; save \$5 and be automatically entered in the early-bird drawing. You may purchase raffle tickets in advance using the registration form (six tickets for \$5).

Menu

Entrée: Your choice of chicken OR grilled top sirloin OR seasonal vegetarian ravioli.

All entrees include salad, rolls with butter, chef's selection fresh vegetable medley, chef's pairing of potato or rice, dessert, coffee and tea.

**No host bar will be available.
Please note that you cannot bring
your own wine this year.**



BEFORE March 9 - \$45 per person & automatic entry in the early bird drawing

March 9 to April 3 - \$50 per person (no dinner sales after April 3)

Questions? Contact Tom Wideman (503-330-5505 or banquet@coflyfishers.org).

Please register online at coflyfishers.org.

Payment via PayPal, credit card or check.

**No Internet access?
See registration form on the other side.**

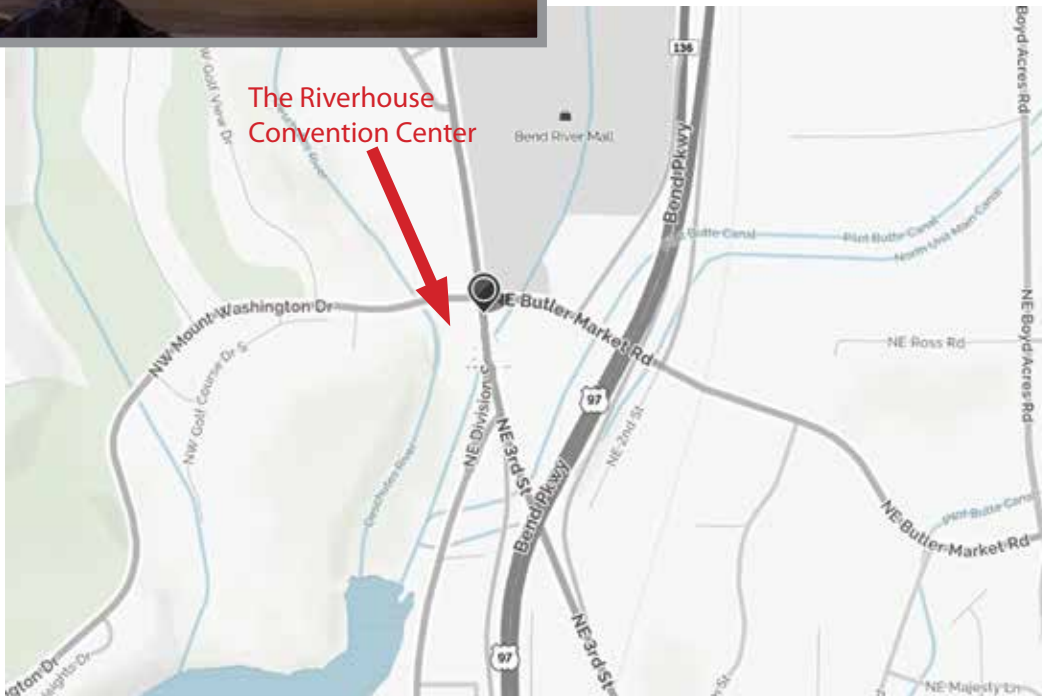
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For those with no Internet access, mail completed form (indicate dinner choice and raffle ticket amounts) and your check (\$45/person **BEFORE Mar 9** • \$50/person **Mar 9 to Apr 3**) to COF BANQUET, P.O. Box 1126, Bend, OR 97709.

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Name _____ Steak ___ Chicken ___ Veg. Ravioli ___

Spouse/Guest(s) _____ Steak ___ Chicken ___ Veg. Ravioli ___

Guest(s) _____ Steak ___ Chicken ___ Veg. Ravioli ___

Raffle Ticket Total Enclosed (\$5 increments • \$5 = six tickets) = \$ _____

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**2017 Central Oregon Flyfishers Fundraising Banquet
April 8, 2017
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Note: If your donation is a guided trip or other service, please include your contact information, when the service is available, how much notice is required and any other limitations. If you have a gift certificate please include it along with this form. If you do not have a certificate we will prepare one for presentation to the successful bidder at the banquet.

Your donation will be acknowledged on the bid slips and auction list the day of the event. Please contact me by March 24, 2017 so we have time to include your donation on the advance raffle list sent to attendees prior to the banquet.

Please retain a copy of this form for your records. Your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by current IRS guidelines. Central Oregon Flyfishers is an IRS approved 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization (Federal ID # 93-0881830) so your contribution of merchandise, equipment, service, cash, gift certificate, etc. is fully tax deductible. As always check with your accountant.

Please mail your donation and this form to:
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Or contact me to pick up your donation:
Tom Wideman, Banquet Chair, banquet@coflyfishers.org, or phone 503-330-5505

Thank you for your donation.

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2017 COF Banquet & Auction/Raffle

Riverhouse Hotel & Convention Center | April 8, 2017 | 5:15 pm

Good food, Good people, Good cause, and Lots of Fun!

If you are reading this and it is March 5 or 6 you still have time to make the Early Bird registration by March 8th if you hurry!

Never fear, however, if it is March 9 or later the banquet registration is open until April 3. Dinner will just cost you 5 bucks more. The easiest way to register is

Attention Fly Tiers!

Tie a dozen or two fishing flies. Fishing flies are popular in the bucket raffle. We don't grade or frame them - bidders just want to fish them. COF will even supply the fly box.

at coflyfishers.org where your payment can be made by PayPal, credit card, or mail your check to COF Banquet, P.O. Box 1126, Bend, OR 97709.

Donations Welcome

In addition to attending the banquet another way to support COF is donating items for the raffle or silent auction. Fishing equipment, fishing flies, crafts, hosted fishing trips, hosted dinners—it is all good.

Bring your donations to the March 15th COF meeting at the Bend Senior Center and give them to Tom Wideman. He would like to receive all donations by Friday, March 24th.

Check out the banquet flyer and donation form in this month's newsletter. Please contact Tom for information or questions.

~Tom Wideman, Banquet Chair, 503-330-5505, banquet@coflyfishers.org

SOCIAL MEDIA

Update



The clubs presence on social media is still growing strong as we now have over 2,295 Likes on our Facebook Page! We've made great progress and your continued support is welcomed and encouraged.

If you are a new member, please make sure you LIKE Central Oregon Flyfishers on Facebook here: <https://www.facebook.com/centraloregonflyfishersclub>.

Want to really get involved? Snap a couple of pictures during your next fishing outing and send them my way via email so that I can share them on the COF Facebook Page! It's a fun way to show the Bend community how involved our club members are and draw more attention towards the club. In addition, if you have any COF or fly fishing news you'd like me to share on the Facebook Page, send me an email as I'm happy to help spread the word.

~Molly Vernarecci, COF Social Media Coordinator, socialmedia@coflyfishers.org

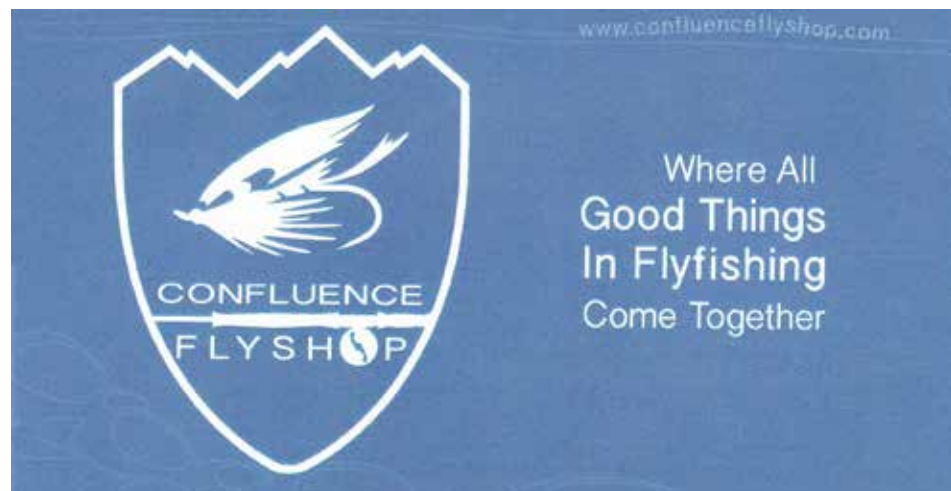
CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale: Fenwick FF705 fly rod (7', 5wt, 2pc) fiberglass, with original nylon sock and plastic tube. Excellent condition, original owner, can be fished now! Serial number starts with "M", that means it was made in 1974 or 75. Asking \$75, Photos available on request, call me at 509-392-3516 or email at cgtimq@gmail.com, Tim Quinton

For Sale: Fenwick FF909 fly rod (9', 9wt, 2pc) fiberglass, with original tube (missing end cap) and used fabric sock. Excellent condition, original owner, can be fished now! Serial number starts with "N", that means it was made in 1975 or 76. Asking \$75, Photos available on request, call me at 509-392-3516 or email at cgtimq@gmail.com, Tim Quinton

For Sale: Browning Diana Grade Graphite fly rod, model 1229969 (9.5', 9wt, 2pc) with original aluminum tube and sock. Excellent condition, original owner, can be fished now! Purchased new in 1990. Asking \$60. Photos available on request, call me at 509-392-3516 or email at cgtimq@gmail.com, Tim Quinton

For Sale: REI Dome Tent, 82" x 92" footprint, *Continued on page 14*



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6.8 lbs., w/rainfly, never used—never set-up, \$155 new, ½ price, \$75. Pete Martin, pcmartin@bendbroadband.com, 541-388-8956

For Sale: Eureka Great Western (from Campmor) Family Tent, 10' x 10', external shock cord frame, rainfly, easy set-up, accessories include waterproof insulated ground cloth, mosquito-screened vestibule, exc. condition, at 6' 3" I stand up in this tent, over \$300 new, asking \$150, photo available. Pete Martin, pcmartin@bendbroadband.com, 541-388-8956

Members: Got a fishing related item to sell? Ads run one month then can be resubmitted if not sold to classifieds@coflyfishers.org.

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March Raffle

This month's raffle will be a two piece, 9 foot, 6 weight Built on a Batson blank. It has a moderate action and would be very good for indicator or streamer fishing.

~Charlie Schillinsky

Fall River Restoration Work

The Deschutes Redbands Chapter of Trout Unlimited (TU), with Oregon State Parks and Deschutes National Forest, is currently working on a comprehensive rehabilitation project including 45 degraded sites along the Fall River. These are primarily riparian improvements involving re-establishment of vegetation and erosion control at sites used by flyfishers and other visitors to the Fall River. Areas of special emphasis are "The Tubes" and near the falls, where foot traffic wear and

tear are most severe. The projects are intended to revegetate eroded areas while directing access to the river in a way that will minimize future bank erosion and protect the riparian areas.

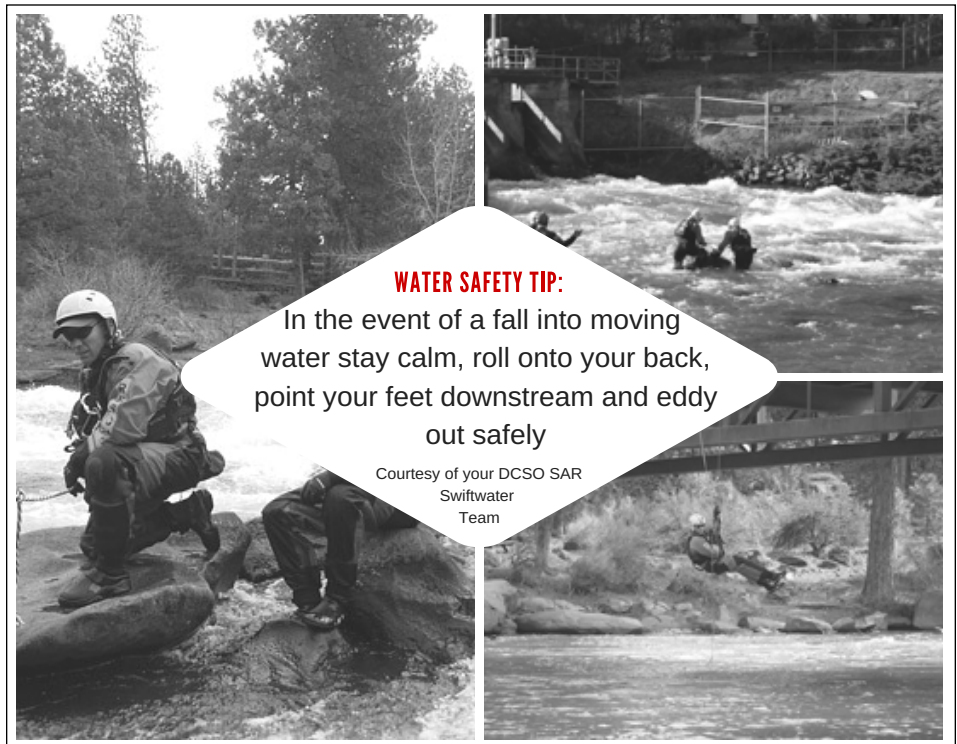
This winter and spring TU will be reclaiming the unofficial parking that has evolved next to The Tubes and asking folks to park in the designated areas available on the north and south sides of the river crossing. Boulders will be placed to cordon off the area and the compacted soils will be reworked and mulch added to allow planting of native plants and grasses. This will prevent further "car creep" as vehicles seem to be parking closer and closer to the river each year.

The river bank opposite The Tubes pool has been severely eroded. Within the last three years, the lush wetland vegetation along that bank has been replaced with a mud bog as a result of flyfishers trying to gain a better position to present flies. TU will revegetate the area and place a sign requesting

that the area be left alone and given a chance to re-establish itself. If this fails, TU will be looking at hardscaping the area with a possible elevated wooden walkway above the vegetation. This is NOT the preferred approach, but it may be the only option for salvaging what is left of this wetland area.

Finally, due to recent changes in regulations, there is increasing fishing pressure in the fall/winter below the falls. Many strongly disagree with opening the lower river to fishing, let alone without bag limits, during the brown's spawning season. Attempts to get the State ODFW to review their decision have been largely ignored. It is heartbreaking to see these spawning fish being taken while unaware flyfishers wade through their redds. This will inevitably impact what is left of the brown trout fishery in the Upper Deschutes. Attempts are still being made to get these regulations reversed by ODFW and hope to restore the historic fall/winter closure below the falls.

~Lee Ann Ross



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COF Winter Fly Tying

This will be the last month of COF Winter Fly Tying classes. The classes are every Tuesday night, beginning at 6:00 pm at the Bend Senior Center. Each session is led by an experienced fly tyer who will teach a couple of flies. There will be enough materials available to tie several of each pattern. If you haven't renewed your membership to COF, now is a good time to complete that task. COF Winter Fly Tying is a benefit for our members and not open to the general public. Guests are welcome their first night and must join COF to participate further.

Bring your vise, tools, thread and \$5 per session to offset the room and materials. This is not a beginning fly tying class so you will need to know the basics of fly tying.

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

PIT Tags Tracking Trout On The Fall River

The Upper Deschutes River Coalition www.udrc.org donated \$4,000 to ODF&W to buy PIT Tags for the Fall River trout migration study. The District used some tags last year but this spring/summer is our full study. We will be PIT tagging three different stocks of hatchery rainbow trout and monitoring their migration patterns in Fall River.

Our goal is to evaluate the three stocks with the goal to utilize the stock that migrates out of the system the least for future hatchery releases. As you may be aware, anglers have been complaining

about the lack of fish in Fall River. ODFW puts a lot of hatchery trout into Fall River each spring/summer and we prefer that they stay in the system to benefit the fishery as intended.

Preliminary data from last year evaluating our Crane Prairie stock, which is what we have been releasing for many years, is currently being analyzed. We had some antenna issues so the data is somewhat incomplete but those issues have been resolved and we are looking forward to another year of data. Feel free to contact me with any further questions.

~Erik R. Moberly, Fish Biologist, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Deschutes TU Meeting

The Deschutes Redbands Chapter of Trout Unlimited will hold a Special Meeting March 23, 2017 at Hollinshead Barn at 6 PM which might be of interest to COF members. Their guest speaker will be fly

fishing guide Elke Littleleaf. Elke owns Littleleaf Guide Service with his wife Alysia. They are members of the Warm Springs Tribe and guide the 39 miles of the Deschutes that borders the reservation. Elke will share information on flies and techniques including the infamous "bow cast" which is a must for all salmon fly fanatics facing overhanging trees and no room to backcast.

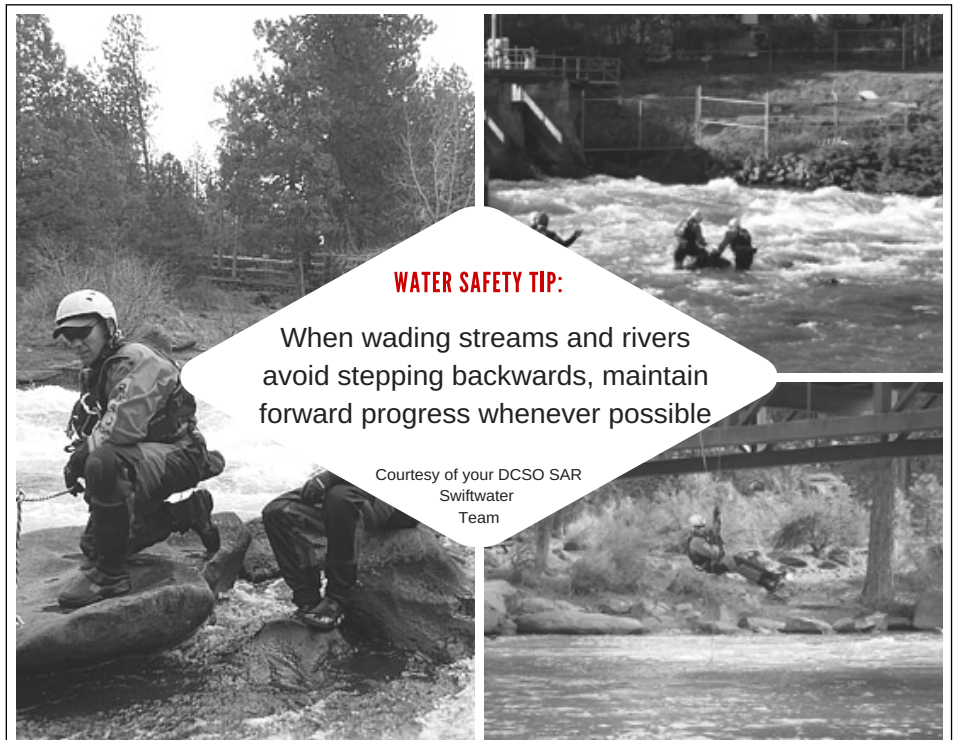
The meeting is open to the public and refreshments will be served. Hollinshead Barn is located at 1235 NE Jones Road 97701 in Bend. For more information contact Herb Blank at 541-312-2568 or Shaun Pigott 503-407-7155.

To meet Elke, view this beautiful Todd Moen video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cOAJnwM2nzA>

~Lee Ann Ross

Tips and Tricks

Below are links to two tips and tricks articles. One is on how to make an easy bug sampling kit and the other is on how to clean your fly line. Enjoy. *Continued on page 17*



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- <http://www.ginkandgasoline.com/fly-fishing-tips-technique/easy-bug-sampling-for-trout-fishermen-video/>
- <http://www.ginkandgasoline.com/fly-fishing-tips-technique/clean-your-fly-line-anytime-anywhere-video/>

The Northwest's Smallmouth Bass Triangle

Here is a link to an excellent article about fishing for smallmouth bass in the John Day, the Grande Ronde and the Columbia rivers.

- <http://www.americanangler.com/northwests-smallmouth-triangle/>

~Lee Ann Ross

How to Survive if you Fall Through the Ice on a Frozen Lake

Here is a link to a interesting video

on how to survive falling through the ice: http://www.popularmechanics.com/adventure/outdoors/a24488/how-to-survive-a-frozen-lake/?s-rc=nl&mag=pop&list=nl_pnl_news&date=122716. It's worth watching for info on how to deal with the shock of cold water, for example if you fell out of your boat on one of our lakes in the summer.

~Lee Ann Ross

Bureau of Reclamation's Hydromet

Here's a link to the Bureau of Reclamation's Hydromet "teacup" diagram showing flows & reservoir levels for the Deschutes Basin. You can track the rate that the local reservoirs are filling up and see the flows coming out of the various dams.

- <http://www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet/destea.html>

• You can track the flows in the

Owyhee basin at <https://www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet/owytea.html>

~Lee Ann Ross

Split Shot Weight

I am always confused when I buy the smallest split shot. Is BB the smallest size or is it size B. The chart below shows that size B is about half the weight of BB. Just FYI.

Size	Qty	Grams
#2	10	7.21
#3	16	4.31
#4	20	3.61
#5	24	2.54
#7	30	1.83
#3/0	40	1.04
BB	60	.56
B	70	.31

~Lee Ann Ross

UPSTREAM EVENTS March 2017 (Also see Outings Calendar on page 2)

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	CONTACT
2nd	6:30 PM	COF Board Meeting	Environmental Center	-
2-5	-	Redmond Sportsman Show	Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center	-
5th	1:00 PM	Wild Women Beg Fish Class	Confluence	Kari Schoessler
10-11	-	NW Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo	Albany Fairgrounds http://www.nwexpo.com	-
12th	1:00 PM	Wild Women Beg Fish Class	Fly & Field	Kari Schoessler
Tues.	6:00 PM	Winter Fly Tying (See page 16)	Bend Senior Center	John Kreft
15th	7:00 PM	COF Meeting	Bend Senior Center	-
19th	12:00 PM	Wild Women Beg Fish Class	Environmental Center	Kari Schoessler
19th	1:00 PM	What's in Your Fly Box--All Wild Women	Environmental Center	Kari Schoessler
26th	9:00 AM	Wild Women Outing--Crooked River	Big Bend CG	Kari Schoessler

In the Future

April 3rd: Tour of SWW facility at Lake Billy Chinook (see newsletter)

April 8th: 2017 COF Annual Banquet & Fundraiser; Riverhouse Convention Center

April 24-28, May 1 & 2: Kokanee Karnival; Contact: Frank Turek

May 5 & 6: 2017 Washington Fly Fishing Fair, Ellensburg, WA

May 12/13: Sandy River Spey Clave

June 26-28: Youth Fly Fishing Camp; Contact: Karen Kreft



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