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President's Message

Outings: Three of us have a great steelhead trip on the Lower Deschutes from Beavertail to Macks Canyon. The weather was perfect, the float the beautiful and the fish were scarce. One fish was maybe hooked and one was maybe bumped but that's steelheading. Many more fish were caught on the Owyhee trip. With the planting of rainbows in the river, the catch numbers were up. See the article in the newsletter for details. If you have an idea for an outing next year, please pass it on to Jill Bazemore our outing coordinator at outings@coflyfishers.org.

Website: If you haven't done so already, I encourage you to check out the COF website at coflyfishers.org. There are links to both of our youth programs, Kokanee Karnival and Next Cast, so you can learn more about each of those. We are always looking for volunteers for those programs and full details are on the site.

The current and all past newsletters are posted as well. If you are new to the area, a review of the outings from past newsletters will give you a good idea of where to fish. Under the link to presentations, you will find three PDFs on fishing the Crooked River, a presentation on the bugs found in the Crooked by season, a guide to nymphing, a compilation of tips and tricks to outfitting your pontoon boat, a guide to fishing East Lake, a guide to fishing midges in lakes and much more. These are presentations put together by fellow club members who really know these waters.

If you'd like to connect with a club member but don't know how to contact him or her you can access the club roster under the membership button. If you have trouble signing in, just contact membership@coflyfishers.org. If you have any questions on how the club is run or the role of the officers, you can find that information in the board book posted in the membership section.

Seasons: Some of the best fishing is ahead of us. I fished Hosmer the other day and the kayak hatch is over and the scenery was spectacular. I even caught a fish or two. The whitefish spawn will start soon on the Crooked and anybody's catch rate should increase dramatically. Time to start tying those whitefish eggs flies. It's great time for beginners to get out there and experience hooking, landing and releasing a ton of fish. ~Lee Ann Ross



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An Active Member Club

Portland General Electric (PGE) and the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs (CTWS) co-own 3 dams on the Deschutes River. When these dams were constructed in the 1960s they blocked salmon and steelhead from the upper Deschutes basin. In 2010 PGE and CTWS built fish passage facilities (SWW) which allow salmon and steelhead to reach the ocean and return to the upper basin to spawn. At the same time the SWW blends surface (warmer) and bottom (colder) water to restore natural temperatures to the Deschutes River downstream of the dams. During this talk, we will provide an update on our progress to restore salmon and steelhead to the upper basin. We will also provide an overview of the water quality and fishery research being conducted on the Lower Deschutes River. 🐟 **Speakers** 🐟

Megan Hill: Megan is the manager of fisheries and water quality for PGE. Megan has 15 years of experience as a fish biologist, the last 11 of which are on the Deschutes. Megan has a Masters of Environmental Science from Washington State University. 🐟 **Micah Bennett:** Micah is a fish biologist with PGE. He has been working in fisheries for over 10 years. He received his Bachelors from Oregon State University. Micah is PGE's most active field biologist, spending most days on the river. After work, he also spends many hours on the river, flyfishing. **Pre-Meeting:** 6:15, TBD.

MEETING NOTICE COF: BOARD ELECTIONS

Bend Senior Center, Wednesday November 15, 2017 at 7:00 PM

The 2017 annual meeting of the Central Oregon Flyfishers will take place at the November monthly meeting for the purpose of electing officers and directors to the Board and any other business that may come before the meeting.

Nominees for officers and directors are:

Office	Nominee	Committee	Term	Thru
President	Allen Caudle		One Year	2018
Vice President	(Vacant)		One Year	2018
Secretary	Corol Ann Cary		One Year	2018
Treasurer	Renee Schindele		One Year	2018
Director	Susan Coyle	Membership	Two Years	2020
Director	Tom Wideman	Banquet	Two Years	2020
Director	Peter Martin	At Large	Two Years	2020

The terms of the following directors run through 2018:

Yancy Lind	Conservation
Debbie Norton	Education
Dalton Miller Jones	Education
Frank Turek	Kokanee Karnival
Karen Kreft	Next Cast Flyfishers
Ron Kaye	Outings
Art Agnew/Mary Ann Dozer	Program co-chairs
Kari Schoessler	Wild Women
Lee Ann Ross	Past President

Additional nominees will be sought from the floor prior to the election.

~Corol Ann Cary

NEXT CAST FLYFISHERS

Happy Thanksgiving!

Fall fishing is here! The weather has changed and the fish are eating well to prepare for winter. Several of our Next Cast members are still on the local lakes, along with some great action on the rivers. We're still seeing rainbows and browns from the town stretch of the Deschutes!

Keep up the great work and keep posting your pictures! Check out Instagram #nextcastflyfishers

Upcoming activities:

Beginning Fly Tying, November 7, 14, 21 & 28; 6:00 at the Bend Environmental Center. This is a great opportunity for our beginner fly tyers to advance their skills. A couple of new Next Cast Flyfishers are signed up for the classes! This will be a fun series for them.

Net Building, January 2018. Details coming soon! This is the opportunity to hand make a landing net. The frames are all put together, you will sand the frame to a *Continued on page 3*

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perfect sheen, then apply many coats of finish to make it beautiful!! Net baskets are tied into the frame and it is ready to fish!

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,
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CONSERVATION

Update

I recently finished “Reminiscences from 50 Years of Flyrodding”, a memoir by Polly Rosborough (1902-1997). This book has been out of print for years but a client lent me his copy after hearing one of my Williamson River stories.

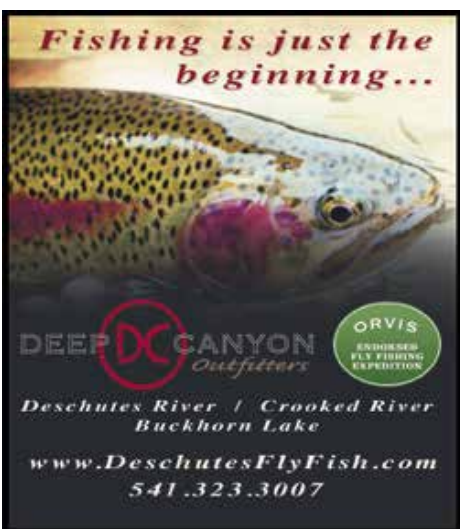
Polly was one of the pioneers of our pursuit. He invented many fly

patterns that continue to be in use today and wrote early and influential books on fly tying. Polly lived much of his life on the banks of the Williamson and was a kindred spirit in that he only fished rivers and streams, mostly in the Klamath Basin, the Cascades south of Bend, and had an occasional trip to the N. Umpqua for steelhead. He left out the lower Deschutes but otherwise that sounds about right to me.

Polly saw many changes in fishing and tying equipment, techniques, materials, and attitudes from the 1920s to the 1970s. I was taken by the stories of plentiful monster fish in his favorite waters and the changes he witnessed over time. Polly felt that by the end of the 1960s fishing was ruined due to overfishing (he would keep and eat everything he caught) and pollu-

tion. At the time the Forest Service was liberally spraying DDT and other chemicals to kill insects that might harm the forests. This spraying also killed aquatic insects and therefore the fish in many rivers as well.

At that point Polly became a conservationist, helped found Klamath Country Fly Casters, and worked to change fishing attitudes (catch & release), forest practices (no aerial insecticide spraying), and fishing regulations (take limits and gear restrictions). He did not live to fully see the fruits of his efforts but I know from personal experience that many of the places he saw decline have now recovered to something close to their former glory, although I have yet to land a 15 lbs. brown on the upper Deschutes between Wickiup *Continued on page 4*



and Crane Prairie.

For me, it was another reminder why conservation is always the foremost issue. Without a healthy fishery we have nothing. It was also another reminder of how much of a difference we can make.

Opal Springs Funding

It's too early to pop the champagne but it looks like the funding for fish passage at Opal Springs Dam is finally going to be secured. This issue has been extensively covered in this column for years but here's some background. The Pelton Round Butte hydroelectric dam complex at the confluence of the Crooked, Metolius, and Deschutes rivers was relicensed in 2004 with multiple stipulations, one of which was the reintroduction of anadromous fish (summer steelhead, spring chinook, and sockeye salmon) into the upper Deschutes Basin above the project.

The hope was that after traveling up the Deschutes, being caught in the trap at the bottom of PRB, and then released into Lake Billy Chinook, steelhead and chinook would return to the Metolius and Middle Deschutes/Whychus Creek where they have easy access, along with a portion heading up the Crooked. The steelhead and chinook thought otherwise, however, and most attempted to go up the Crooked where they were immediately blocked by Opal Springs Dam. A crude trap-and-haul system was put in place to move some fish past the dam but it has been largely ineffectual. Learn more at www.opalspringspassage.org (created by yours truly).

COF was part of a coalition that worked for years to obtain funding for a bi-directional volitional fish

ladder to be installed. We thought the money had been raised a year ago, only to have the final construction bids come in higher than anticipated. Thankfully, the final \$1.5M needed has likely been secured via a grant from the Oregon Water Resources Department. Preliminary grant approval was given September 27, final approval is expected December 8. I have been told that this final approval is only a formality. Construction may begin next spring.

Historically, the Crooked River and its tributaries were the primary spawning ground for Deschutes Basin steelhead and spring chinook. Access to those waters and spawning beds could be a huge boost to reintroduction efforts. It has long been thought that it would only take a small number of returning adults to make their way up the Crooked and spawn to seed successful reintroduction.

Crooked River Land Purchase

Related good news is the Deschutes Land Trust recently purchased property where McKay and Ochoco Creeks meet the Crooked River. Per Brett Hodgson, local ODFW fisheries biologist, "This is the most valuable piece of property on the Crooked from a fisheries perspective". Brad Nye of the DLT says the plans are to return much of the property's low, wet farm ground to wetlands for resident trout and whitefish as well as anadromous steelhead and chinook. Wetlands are primary refuges for anadromous fry as they wait to smolt and start their journey to the Pacific.

This property is directly across the river from the City of Prineville's award-winning "Crooked River Wetlands". This

waste water treatment effort uses a newly created wetlands to gradually reintroduce clean, cool water into the Crooked. New wetlands on both sides of the Crooked River where both Ochoco and McKay Creeks meet the river have the potential to provide significant new high quality habitat for fish.

You can learn more about the Deschutes Land Trust at www.deschuteslandtrust.org and Prineville's wetlands at <http://cityofprineville.com/publicworks>.

On the Other Hand...

Last month I wrote about the record low forecast for steelhead returns this year. This depressing situation is decades in the making with dams cutting off access to habitat, other habitat loss and degradation, overfishing, an increase in predation, pollution, etc. Global warming is now at the top of the list of reasons anadromous fish are suffering. Warm ocean waters disrupt the food chain so that smolts largely starve when they reach the salt or are eaten by new predators that have moved in due to warmer waters. See last month's column for more on this as well as a premature statement of optimism that the ocean would be cooling.

In August NOAA released a memorandum stating that their efforts over the spring and summer to catch anadromous fish at sea was among the poorest in 20 years. They believe that smolt ocean survival this year was "anomalously low". Clearly, if juvenile fish do not survive in the ocean there will be few adults to return. <https://theconservationangler.files.wordpress.com/2017/08/noaa-ocean-salmon-productivity-2017-2018-8-18-17.pdf>

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

EDUCATION

Beginning Fly Tying Class

Cliff Price will be hosting another beginning fly tying series in November held the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th, for club members only. There will be room for the first 8 people who sign up. Several slots will be held open for students in the Next Cast program.

There is a \$10 fee for the series of classes, payable in advance. Most materials will be supplied or available to borrow during the class. This class will be taught at the Environmental Center from 6-8pm. If you have questions or are interested in signing up, please send an email to education@coflyfishers.org Please sign up even if the class is full so we can know whether to schedule another Beginner Level Fly Tying Class.

Net Building Class

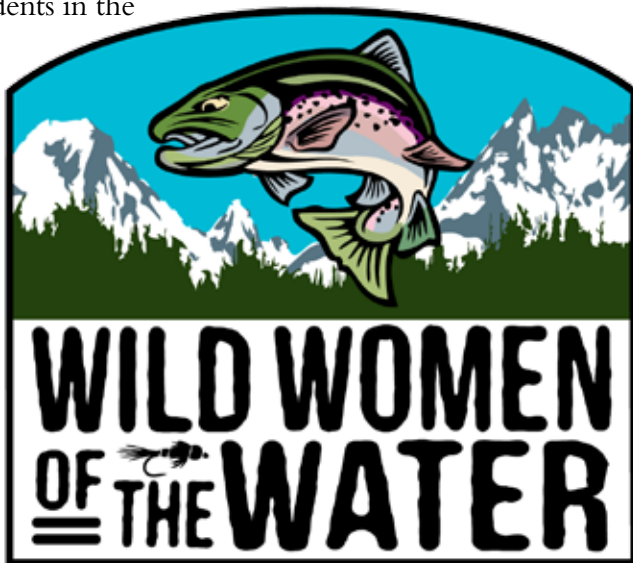
Instructors are inventorying supplies to host another net building class. The class will most likely be held mid-January. Further specifics will be available in the December. If you are interested at all in building you own beautiful wood net, please send us a note. The first 6 folks to sign up will be happy with their end product! Sign up at education@coflyfishers.org.

Please Contact Debbie Norton or Dalton Miller-Jones at education@coflyfishers.org if you have more ideas for education classes or pre-meeting education sessions this fall and winter.

We are also interested in ideas for a major Fly Fishing person to have for our 2019 Winter Seminar. Popular Speaker/Presenters are booked many months in advance so send your ideas to either Mary Ann Dozer or to Debbie Norton & Dalton Miller-Jones at the education@coflyfishers.org

~Debbie Norton

WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER



Update

The Wild Women of the Water have a new logo! New hats are being ordered. We will be very stylish on the water in the upcoming year!

Ladies had a wonderful time at 2 fun outings this last month... One on the Crooked River, hosted by

Outings This Last Month



Susan and one on the Fall River, hosted by Debbie. Fish were caught by everyone! See photos above.

It is time to think of the holidays. Lee Ann has graciously volunteered her house again for our holiday potluck on Tuesday, December 12. More information to follow, but you might keep your eye open for the perfect fishy item for our popular gift exchange. Think no more than \$20-\$25.

~Kari Schoessler, wildwomen@coflyfishers.org

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THANK YOU TO KOKANEE KARNIVAL FALL STREAMSIDE VOLUNTEERS

We held our 2017 Kokanee Karnival Fall Streamside September 25 through 29. We had 12 classes of 4th and 5th grade students from the Bend La Pine and Redmond School Districts attend our sites at Sheep Bridge, Fall River Hatchery and Spring Creek. The program was a success thanks to all your help. It was the best we ever had. Many of the students told me how much they enjoyed Kokanee Karnival and how much they learned. I received many thank you letters from the students that echoed what they told me in the field. Teachers and parents told me how valuable this program is to them and how much they appreciate all the time the volunteers donate to make Kokanee Karnival a success. I echo their feelings.

This year we had a total of 31 volunteers participate from Central Oregon Flyfishers, SunRiver Anglers, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Deschutes National Forest. The students were excited but well behaved, willing to participate in discussions and were very attentive. Our thanks to the teachers because they prepared the students for these outdoor activities and had parents to

chaperone the students. Our volunteers had a lot of fun too. Working with these students is very rewarding.

We want to thank the following people for volunteering to make the Fall Streamside a success. These folks donated a total of 629 hours of time and 4,253 miles.

Allen Caudle	Herb Blank
Angela Sitz	Jen Luke
Bill Lincoln	Lisa Dubisan
Bill Raleigh	Marv Yoshinaka
Cheryl Miller	Mike Quan
Corol Ann Cary	Mike Schmeiske
Curtis Sexton	Nan Loveland
Dan Burkhalter	Quinton Stanko
Dan Pebbles	Ron Giaier
Daryl Loveland	Rynie Quan
Dave Dunahay	Tim Quinton
Dave Millhouse	Tom Carpenter
Dick Olson	Tori Mullins
Erin Kilcullen	Trevor Gardunia
Frank Turek	Van Lewing
Fred Cholick	

Now that the Fall Streamside is complete, the Kokanee Karnival Board will start planning for the Spring Angling Clinic in April 2019. I hope to see all of you there.

~Frank Turek

MEMBERSHIP

Check your November 1st email, as your annual membership renewal invoice will have been sent to you. You will be able to renew online

and pay by credit card using PayPal. You do not need a PayPal account, you can sign in as a guest to make your renewal payment. The email also makes note of the club PO Box address if you prefer to mail a check. You can also bring checks to the monthly meeting and save a stamp. If you renew before January 1, the cost is \$35; after January 1, the price goes to \$41. Out of area folks renewal is \$23. Remember, under 25 years old, membership is free. You will also have an opportunity to make a donation to Kokanee Karnival by credit card using PayPal, or mail your check to the PO Box. If you have any questions about the renewal process or about the Wild Apricot membership management system, please contact me, Sue Coyle 541-668-3565 or spcwww@outlook.com.

Welcome New Member

Tim Ellis
Edward Wilhelm
Madison Duff
Michael Brown (Youth)
Helen Guerrero-Randall
Mary Vanhilten
E.J. Vermilyea

Members can now load a photo and it will show in your profile page.

To do this:

1. Login to the website.
2. In the upper right click on your name.
3. Click on Edit profile in the upper left.
4. Scroll down and click on Choose File next to Member Photo.
5. Choose your picture.
6. Click on Save.
7. Click on My Directory profile in the upper left to see your work.

To look someone up:

1. Login to the website. Member pictures can ONLY be seen by members and only if the member has added one.
2. Upper right hover over MEMBERS AREA.
3. Slide down and click on Club Roster.
4. Type name in the search box.
5. Click on name.

~Sue Coyle, membership@coflyfishers.org



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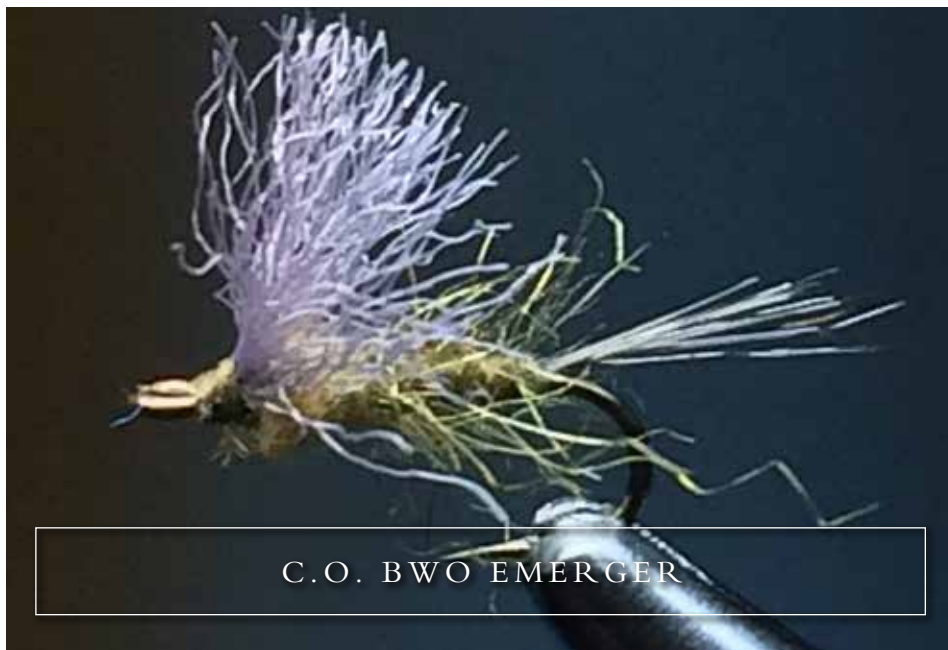
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C.O. BWO EMERGER

Materials:

HOOK: Daiichi 1110

THREAD: Uni 8/0 Olive Dun

TAIL: Coq De Leon fibers or antron

BODY: Natures Spirit Emergence-Blue Wing Olive

THORAX: Spirit River UV dry fly dubbing-Blue Wing Olive

WING: EP Trigger Point fibers-Blue Wing Olive

Tying Instructions:

1. Starting just behind the eye wrap a thread base to the bend of the hook.
2. Tie in 5 or 6 Coq De Leon fibers at the bend of the hook.
3. Wrap to the eye stopping around ¼ hook shank behind the eye
4. Take the thread back under the tail to tilt it up
5. Start the body in front of the tail. Using dubbing wax (lightly) touch dub the emergence dubbing onto the thread. Twist the thread to tighten and secure the dubbing. Wrap forward to the point where the thorax starts.
6. Dub a thorax with the UV dry fly dubbing. I like to oversize the thorax.

7. Double the EP trigger fibers around the thread and place the wing just in front of the thorax. Make your first wrap tightly just in front of the thorax to stand the wing up. Form a head and whip finish.

I like to use a dry, silicon based powder to float emergers in the film. This hook comes in sizes down to 26 and features a wide gape and an extra-large eye that makes it easier to tie these small flies on.

~Mike Telford

CLASSIFIED ADS

One 10', 4-piece 6-weight TFO BVK rod for sale, \$150, casrods47@gmail.com.

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

OTHER NEWS

Owyhee Outing Report

Ten intrepid COFers made it to the fall Owyhee outing and braved the rain and 25+ mph winds to catch some fish. Changes this year included some exciting rainbow action. In past years, there might have been one or two rainbows caught by the group for the entire trip. This year Phil Hagger caught 75 in a morning session. I called ODFW in Ontario to ask what was up and the biologist said that they had planted 8–10-inch rainbows by the bridge by the irrigation department. They were trying to reintroduce the rainbow into what has become a brown trout fishery. They are not trying to displace the brown trout, they were just trying to add the rainbows. The bows were great fighters even at the 10–13-inch size that *Continued on page 9*

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New member Dean McNaught's awesome brown. we caught. Once these fish have a chance to tank up over the winter, there should be some really great rainbow fishing next year. Lots of top water action but extremely selective. I probably changed flies 10 times trying to get a take on the surface. I finally put on a wet fly Phil had tied up and got three fish in a row. Looking forward to next year's outing.

~Lee Ann Ross

OSU Lecture of Interest to COF Members

Hope for the Ocean by Dr. Jane Lubchenco

Dr. Jane Lubchenco will be talking on the health of the oceans at the Tower Theater at 6:30 pm on November 14. She is the Distinguished University Professor and Advisor on Marine Studies at OSU and the former Administrator of NOAA and the first US Science Envoy for the Ocean. The speech will focus on current and emerging threats to ocean life and describe successful efforts to tackle

resource depletion and disruption to achieve sustainable use of our oceans. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased through the Tower Theater web site.

~Lee Ann Ross

Crooked River Cleanup

- Saturday, November 11, 2017
- 10:00 am
- Meet at the Big Bend Campground

It is time our fall cleanup along of the Crooked River Highway. Under our Adopt A Highway agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation we have an obligation to do this twice a year.

This time of year we just cleanup the highway so the task goes quickly. We have a little over seven miles of highway divided into 5 segments, and what a beautiful

place for a morning walk!

Bring your gloves, lunch and drinking water and meet at 1000 at the Big Bend Campground just downstream from Bowman Dam.

Don't forget your fishing gear. We should be done with the clean-up by lunchtime which leaves the afternoon to fish.

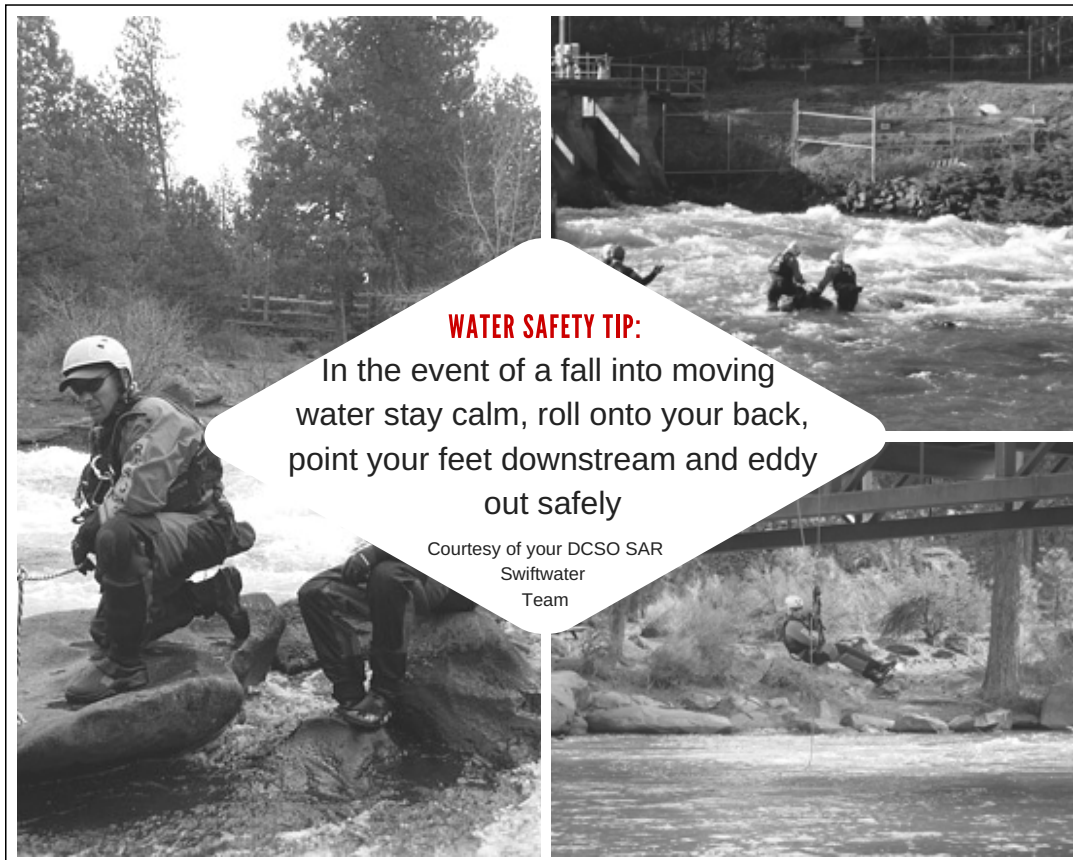
Questions: pcmartin@bendbroadband.com

~Pete Martin

November Raffle

The November raffle rod will be a 9 foot, three piece, 5 weight.

~Charlie Schillinsky



WATER SAFETY TIP:

In the event of a fall into moving water stay calm, roll onto your back, point your feet downstream and eddy out safely

Courtesy of your DCSO SAR Swiftwater Team

UPSTREAM EVENTS November 2017

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	CONTACT
7th	6:30 PM	COF Board Meeting	Environmental Center	-
11th	10:00 AM	Crooked River Cleanup	Big Bend Campground	pcmartin@bendbroadband.com
14th	6:30 PM	OSU Ocean Lecture	Tower Theater	-
15th	6:15 PM	Pre-Meeting: TBD	Bend Senior Center	Dalton Miller-Jones
15th	7:00 PM	General Meeting Program: 3 Dams on the Deschutes River	Bend Senior Center	-

In the Future

Nov 7, 17, 21 & 28; Beginning Fly Tying; Environmental Center; Contact: education@coflyfishers.org

WWW Christmas Party December 12 contact Kari Schoessler

April 14th; 2018 COF Annual Banquet & Fundraiser; Riverhouse Convention Center;
Contact: 503-330-5505, tom@widemans.com

March 1-4 Central Oregon Sportsman Show, Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center, Redmond OR

March 9 & 10, NW Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo, Linn County Expo Center, Albany OR

May 18-20, Sandy River Spey Clave, OxBow Park, Sandy OR



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