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President's Message

Greetings

November finds the club focusing on it's future in two ways. One is the annual club business meeting, which includes the election of club officers for 2019. The annual Board Retreat is the other.

The November general meeting will be held November 28th (the fourth Wednesday of the Month instead of November 21st). This is due to the early arrival of Thanksgiving on the 22nd. At this meeting, in addition to our regular program we will have our annual business meeting. It's not to late to become part of the leadership of this great club as we have "At Large" Director positions open. Contact any board member if interested.

Also in November, the club will hold it's annual leadership retreat. This daylong event allows the board to review the past years activities, plan for the New Year and work to improve our club into the future. As president, I am open to any suggestions for improvement. Feel free to contact any board member or me.

"Some go to church and think about fishing, others go fishing and think about God." — Tony Blake

- Allen

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ANNOUNCEMENT

This month's General Meeting has a new date:
November 28 at 7:00 p.m.
Bend Senior Center, 1600 S.E. Reed Market Road, Bend

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This month Chris O'Donnell will be giving a presentation on swinging flies with a spey rod for Oregon coastal winter steelhead. Chris will share flies, tackle, technique, and understanding the lay of the land for successfully fishing some of Oregon's last remaining intact wild steelhead habitat.

Chris is a native Oregonian and began his guiding career in 2003, a decade of which was spent living in Maupin on the banks of the Lower Deschutes River. During the winter Chris migrates West to fish and guide the winter steelhead

ivers in the greater Tillamook Bay region.

In 2017 Chris and his wife, Cairn opened Bend Fly Shop (located at 50 SE Scott St, Space 7 in the Old Ironworks District) and continue to operate their guide and outfitting business on the Lower Deschutes, Crooked, John Day, and Oregon coastal rivers. When not working or fishing, Chris and Cairn spend as much time as possible outdoors with their four-year-old daughter, Paley.

NEXT CAST FLYFISHERS

You are all welcome and encouraged to attend the COF monthly meetings. You can see what the topics are each month in the newsletter and there are raffles where you can win fabulous fishing and outdoor items!!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES: DECEMBER MONTHLY COF MEETING—DECEMBER 19, 7:00 PM, BEND SR. CENTER.

This meeting features club fly tyers, snacks, and a “garage sale” of fly fishing items. We will have a variety of items for sale, including rods, reels, fly tying materials and tools. If you are interested in tying flies at one of the tables, please let us know and we will plan a space for you. We will have beginner levels along with intermediate and advanced. Everyone is welcome!!

WINTER FLY TYING—JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH (TUESDAYS), 6:30 PM, BEND SR. CENTER. Each week, fly tyers meet to learn new fly tying techniques from a variety of instructors. Watch for details in upcoming newsletters. These sessions are for intermediate+ tyers, please let us know if you have any questions. *Must be a COF/Next Cast Flyfisher to participate.*

The Next Cast Flyfishers program provides opportunities and coordinates activities for young fly anglers in the area. We offer fly fishing instruction through classes and 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, 503-409-0148
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OTHER NEWS

Membership Renewal for 2019

Watch 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:

Central Oregon Flyfishers, PO Box 1126, Bend, OR 97709. You can also bring checks to the monthly meeting and save a stamp.

If you renew before January 1st, the cost is \$35. Please use the renewal discount code: Redband2019. After January 1st, the membership renewal increases to \$41. Out of area folks renewal remains at \$23. Re-member, those under 25 years old, membership is free.

You will also have an opportunity at this time to make a donation to Kokanee Karnival by credit card using PayPal, or mail your donation check to the PO Box.

Please go to the COF website and review your membership profile to be sure your contact information is correct.

If you have any question about the renewal process or about the Wild Apricot membership management system, please contact me.

- SUE COYLE, 541-668-3565
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Crooked River Cleanup Outing

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10,
2018 AT 10:00 AM. MEET
AT THE BIG BEND CAMP-
GROUND**

November 10th is the date for our annual 2-mile November fitness walk along the Crooked River Highway.

Well OK...this walk does include carrying a litter bag and picking up garbage along the way but regardless, it is a beautiful walk!

Most of us fish the Crooked River all winter and our cleanups make the roadside look nice. Also COF is obligated to a cleanup twice a year under our Adopt A Highway agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation. I really like seeing our COF name on those signs at each end of our adopted segment, don't you?

In the fall we just clean the highway shoulders so the task goes quickly. We have just over 7 miles of highway divided into 5 segments so your round trip walk is a little over two miles. We need at least 10 people with 2 people per segment.

Bring your gloves, lunch and drinking water, and meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Big Bend C.G just downstream from Bowman Dam. I will bring the litter bags, garbage grabbers, and tend to the ODOT litter patrol signs.

We should be done with the cleanup by lunchtime which leaves the afternoon to fish if you desire.

RSVP please.

- PETER MARTIN
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Three Creeks Lake Outing

Saturday was a glorious, sunny fall day. Ten of us took advantage of the beautiful weather at Three Creeks Lake. Most of us arrived and were on the water by 10:30. We all took a break for lunch together, swapped intel and enjoyed the company. As of lunch, Betty had 6. The rest of us were determined to catch up after lunch and chocolate chip cookies (baked fresh by Renee). In attendance, Randy Wilson, Eric Steele, Herb Blank, Lee Ann Ross, Betty Rentz, Tim and Renee Schindele, Greg and Sandra Stumpf, and Sue Coyle.

THANK YOU To Kokanee Karnival Fall Streamside Volunteers

I want to thank all the volunteers who helped make our Fall Stream-

side successful. We held our 2018 Kokanee Karnival Fall Streamside September 24 through 28. 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. It was one of the best we ever had. Many of the students told me how much they enjoyed Kokanee Karnival and how much they learned. 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. The weather was spectacular, warm and sunny. The Kokanee cooperated too. Lots of fish in the rivers for the students to see. At the Spring Creek site we saw rainbow trout behind the Kokanee looking for a free meal. The students got to see a predator in action. We also need to thank ODFW for all the improvements made to the Spring Creek site as a part of the

new Youth Fishing Pond.

This year we had a total of 32 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 433 hours of time and 3,788 miles.

Allen Caudle
Allison Dobacha
Angela Sitz
Anne Gilmartin

Art Agnew
 Bill Lincoln
 Bill Raleigh
 Brick Street
 Carol Ann Cary
 Dan Burkhalter
 Dave Millhouse
 Dick Olson
 Frank Turek
 Fred Cholick
 Herb Blank
 Jen Luke
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 Kevin Gilmartin
 Jaym'e Schiker
 Jeff Nakae
 Jerry Criss
 Jim Payne
 John Howard
 Mike Quan
 Mike Taylor
 Quinton Stanko
 Rynie Quan
 Terry Shrader
 Tim Quinton
 Tom Walker

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
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Memorial to Gene McMullen on South Fork Crooked River

Former COF member and conservation chair Gene McMullen passed away two years ago, leaving a record of enthusiastic advocacy, leadership and work in numerous organizations and causes. It seemed that he was most passionate about restoration of native trout to the South Fork of the Crooked River, and he devoted much time and labor to that cause. Friends who worked with Gene felt that he should be remembered in a special way, and have placed a memorial rock on Little Rattlesnake Butte above the South Fork. The butte, about 60 miles SE of Prineville, is on the property of Otto Keller, who has encouraged restoration of the fishery and personally devoted much time and resources to that end.

Useful Android Fishing Apps & Websites



Dark Sky - Provides super local weather and wind data. I have it set for Paulina Lake as well as Crane Prairie.



US Topo Maps - If you select FS Topo Forest Maps you will be able to

find the channels on Crane. It is GPS enabled so you can see where you are on the map.



Oregon Trip Check - you can check the road cams to see what is going on.



Mt Bachelor Nordic - Under conditions you can click on the "View Weather Graphic" and see wind speed on each of the lifts, even in the summer. Gives you a better idea of what is going on wind wise.

US Bureau of Reclamation, Pacific Northwest Region Major Storage Reservoirs in the Deschutes Basin. This is a website, not an app but if you click on the three little buttons on the top right of the web page and select "add to home screen" you can add a button for it on your phone (at least that is how it works in Android). This site gives you river flows and reservoir levels. The site is often referred to as the Deschutes Basin Teacup. USBR.GOV/PN/HYDROMET/DESTEA.HTML

- LEE ANN ROSS
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WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

Add To Your Calendar! It's already November, the fishing has slowed down and it's time to think of our Wild Women Holiday Dinner. LeeAnn has once again graciously offered her house for our get together. She is in a rental house this year, while her house is being remodeled. It is in the Valhalla neighborhood, not far away. She has lots of parking in the neighborhood. We would love you to please RSVP, so we

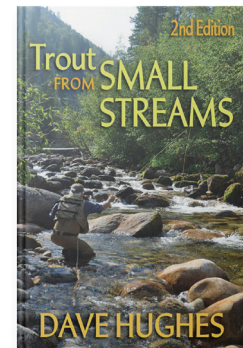
know how much to supply for our main dish and drinks. Here are the details...

- Wild Women of the Water Holiday Dinner & Gift Exchange
- Dec 5, 5:30 PM
- LeeAnn's house - 2110 NW Marken St
- Main dish and drinks will be supplied
- Please bring: appetizer, salad or dessert to share
- Also..... a wrapped fish inspired gift of less than \$20 for our gift exchange

Please RSVP.

- KARI SCHOESSLER
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LIBRARY



TROUT FROM SMALL STREAMS

By Dave Hughes

Does Central Oregon have small streams? Some may say it's not the size of the stream, but how you fish it. Just ask fans of Whychus Creek, Fall River, Ochoco Creek, Tumalo Creek, or one of our sweet cascading mountain streams. What defines a small stream? For Dave Hughes, it's not size but "that sense of intimacy" you get when you can observe the whole stream and "feel that you're a large and integral part of it." Hughes draws on his years

of experience to teach you everything you need to know about fishing small streams, from choosing rods and flies to reading the weather and water. Hughes knows that successful fly fishing is more than just catching the most or the biggest fish. Small streams provide the opportunity for exploration and discovery—in addition to the fish.~

If you are a club member and would like to peruse the library and/or check out one of our books, just look for the rolling bookcase at the club's general meeting. The librarian arrives at the meeting early to give members extra time to look for books before the meeting starts. Sign in on our website <https://coflyfishers.wildapricot.org>, click on Members Area and select Library to see a list of our books. If you have any questions, comments, or new book suggestions, email Helen, the club librarian.

- HELEN GUERRERO-RANDALL
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MEMBERSHIP

Please reach out to our new folks at our next meeting.

Craig Bramscher - Bend

Linda Hutt - Wilsonville

Don Hutt - Wilsonville

Questions? Contact Sue Coyle.

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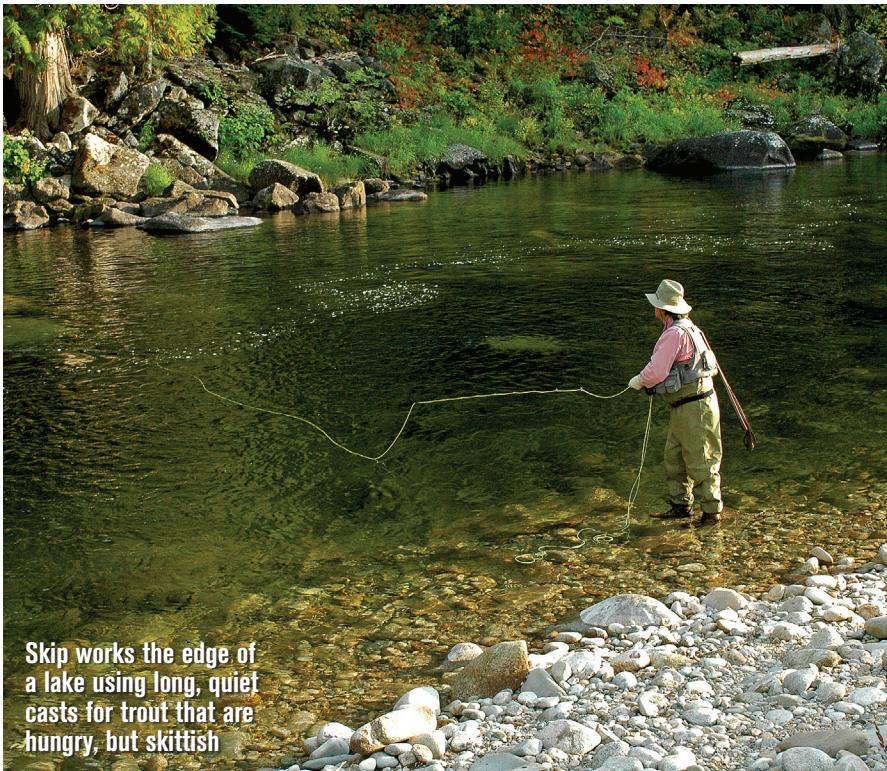
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EDUCATION

Winter Seminar

As we reported earlier we are extremely fortunate to be able to host Skip and Carol Morris as our *February 8th & 9th, 2019 Winter Seminar Presenters!!*

Skip Morris brings to us a wealth of knowledge about the Northwest's waters. He has written 18 books on fly fishing and fly tying over the past 25 years (among them, *Fly Tying Made Clear and Simple*, *Western River Hatches*, *Trout Flies for Rivers*, and *Morris & Chan on Fly Fishing Trout Lakes*) along with over 300 magazine articles. He's served as one of the hosts of a national fly-fishing television show and on several instructional DVDs. The spring 2014 issue of Fly Tyer magazine announced Skip as a winner of the magazine's lifetime achievement award!

As a speaker, Skip has presented in California and Arizona, Michigan, Iowa, Texas, and Alabama, and other states, three Canadian provinces, as well as Internationally! Did I mention that Skip is also quite a Guitar Player?

Carol Morris has also received acclaim as a presenter and as a photographer! She has provided the photographs in Skip's work and all the illustrations. She will be providing important insights about the bugs trout eat- "Fly Fishing Entomology 101" and *Lessons from the Water: Tips and Tricks About Techniques & Strategies for finding and hooking fish!*

They live on Washington's lush Olympic Peninsula with its myriad opportunities for both fresh and saltwater fly fishing.

We have secured a truly terrific venue for the Winter Seminar: The Unitarian Universalist Church

Deschutes River Basin Water – Wickiup Reservoir

As many of you no doubt have observed, Wickiup Reservoir was forced to drain to its lowest level ever recorded! The water was even below the out flow grate at the dam!!

COF has endeavored to provide

information in our Newsletters and to bring speakers to discuss the conditions and management of the Deschutes River and its drainage system. As part of this an ongoing effort to keep you informed, we were invited to attend a meeting last September 25, 2018, sponsored by the Coalition For the Deschutes, to discuss what happened to Wickiup Reservoir this year with the Irrigation Districts and other stakeholders.

Representatives attended from three of the largest Irrigation Districts that built the dam and that legally "own" all the water in the reservoir: North Unit manager, Mike Britton; Central Oregon Irrigation Districts, Craig Horrell; Swalley Irrigation District representative: and Kyle Gorman Oregon Water Resources Department.

Briefly, we were told that each spring, before irrigation releases, the irrigation managers meet to discuss and plan how much water can be released over specific time periods, given how much water in acre/feet is currently stored and available together

with estimates of how much water could be expected from "Natural Flows", i.e. rainwater and water table run offs. Well, this year their projections were very much off the mark. The year before they recorded about 90,000 acre/ft from these natural flows, this year they got 10,000 acre/ft [acre foot= amount of water to cover one acre at a depth of one foot]. We received much less recharge from these water input sources.

The Irrigation DIstricts explained that in the past they were able to balance out any short falls in their calculations with water stored behind Crane Prairie [CP] Reservoir.

However with the Spotted Frog law suit ruling the irrigators were not allowed to draw down CP below levels specified by the legal agreements in order to keep Wickiup more full.

The meeting went into fairly detailed discussion of how the State, i.e. the Governor, decides to issue a Drought Emergency which demands irrigators reduce their water consumption. The bottom line is:

1. The irrigators realize we have to be far more conservative in regulating water withdrawals from the Deschutes River System. Using new Water Marketing Strategies promise to reduce water withdrawals from the river

2. The irrigators announced that they have a several million dollar grant to help pay for the installation of piping water in the leaky irrigation canals which will significantly conserve substantial amounts of water in the Deschutes. The Farmers Conservation Alliance Swalley Watershed Plan proposed and received funding for a project that will pipe 16.6 miles of canals and laterals over the next seven years to improve water conservation, water delivery reliability, and public safety. The Natural Resources

Conservation Service (NRCS) developed the Draft Plan-EA in partnership with Swalley Irrigation District, the Deschutes Basin Board of Control, and Farmers Conservation Alliance.

You can read more about the plans for the Deschutes River system by [clicking here](#).

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COF CLASSIFIEDS

I am looking for a good, used, 8 weight rod for the fall and winter seasons. Even better if it comes with a reel and line. All offers considered. Benoit Gateau-Cumin
310-435-1220

- Two DAVE SCADDEN ZOO COUGAR PONTOON BOATS -both used on just 5 outings - One has fixed seat, aluminum oars, anchor rope/anchor, two fabric compartments, rear aluminum deck and two fabric compartments -- \$500 -- the second has a raised seat which swivels, carbon fiber oars with oar holders, anchor rope/anchor, two fabric compartments and a rear aluminum deck -- \$600, Both are in "like new" condition. rjtackmier@gmail.com
- Brand New TFO 7 wt. BVK 4 pcs. 9' 0" ROD, factory new-never used, includes blank warranty card, \$279 new, I am wanting \$200 even for it, Contact John Sherry 541-306-3300, jes@jesherry.com
- SMOKER CRAFT BOAT, \$5,330, 1990, 16.2 feet includes 2014 EZ Loader trailer; Johnson 48HP motor; Johnson 6 HP motor and fabric

cover. Cuddy Cab with 4 seats and bench front seats. Craft was stored inside and is in great shape, Jane McEldowney, 541-385-6789

- CAROLINA PERCEPTION KAYAK, \$500, 14 foot, includes paddle, Jane McEldowney, 541-385-6789
- WILDERNESS PONTOON BOAT, \$500, includes oars & electric trolling motor Jane McEldowney, 541-385-6789,
- THREE PAIR - WADERS, each are size 13, Calf style (\$25); Hip Style (\$35); and Chest style (\$50), Chest waders are Neoprene...or Buy all three for (\$75), Jane McEldowney, 541-385-6789

MEMBERS: Got a fishing related item to sell? Ads are free and run for one newsletter. If the item is not sold the ad can be resubmitted.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Would the person who donated the Rexfly vest to the raffle please contact Lee Ann at rossleeann@yahoo.com.



**NOVEMBER
ROD RAFFLE**

Charles Schillinsky is building a 9 foot 4 piece 5 weight. Purchase your raffle ticket(s) at the next COF meeting. Tickets cost \$5 each, no limit of number that can be purchased. All proceeds go to benefit the club and members.

- CHARLES SCHILLINSKY

NOVEMBER 2018 UPSTREAM EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	CONTACT
3	Board Retreat		
10	Crooked River Cleanup	Big Bend Campground	Peter Martin
28	Monthly meeting. THIS IS A DATE CHANGE!!	Bend Senior Center	

In the Future

DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	CONTACT
February 8-9	Winter Seminar		Dalton Miller-Jones
April 14	2018 COF Annual Banquet & Fundraiser	Riverhouse Convention Center	503-330-5505



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