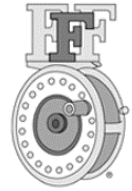




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TUESDAY FLYTYING

November 4, 11, 18 & 25
6:30-8:30PM
Bend Trap Club
61400 Brosterhous Road

METOLIUS REDD **COUNTS**

November 26
December 3, 17, 31
January 14, 28

GENERAL **MEMBERSHIP** **MEETING**

Nov. 19, 6:30-8:30PM
Central Oregon Board of
Realtors

RANDOM CASTS

Among the many pleasures of my participation in COF this year was the recent journey to Seaside on the Oregon coast to attend the FFF conclave and set up a Central Oregon Flyfishers information booth. I, along with Bob Griffin, Carl and Koreen Sanders, Tom Philiben and Phil Hager, managed to talk to a lot of fly fishing folks that included not only the general public and members of other clubs throughout the state, but many manufactures and suppliers of equipment and fly tying materials. It is amazing, this sport of ours, for no other reason than the diversity and quality of people involved in the sport. For example, a new company called Backcast Products from Nampa, Idaho was showing their line of products which included a dubbing pick, brush, and dubbing loop spinner, all in one tool, where the brush and loop are stored in the handle of the tool, all for \$21.00, that was just wonderful quality and a perfect weight. I could not resist replacing my old dubbing needle, and the company gave COF a prototype to use in our raffles, which was very generous. If you would like to look at their product line, they can be reached at backcastproducts@yahoo.com. You will be impressed with the quality of the products they offer. The Wrightway Sports Company was offering a line of foam materials for fly tying that was very exciting. I bet that in the future more and more flies are going to be tied using foam as a part of the material list, and this company has the wildest colors and shapes you can imagine that are so perfect for tying those "unsinkable dries". When we start our fly tying at the Trap Club this year (watch for announcement in this newsletter), I'll bring the catalog along and we can put in an order and have the best fly foam known to man.

You have probably gathered that it was a feast for the eyes to attend the conference with all the different equipment and materials, but I would be remiss in not sharing that the rod and reel manufactures were there in force, and inviting you to try out their equipment. I bet I cast more rods than is legal, but what fun. Among the most exciting was the opportunity to try out the spey rods. Those are the ones that allow you to cast 100 feet or more with a roll cast. What

amazing pieces of equipment they are, and, of course, I don't have that equipment, but Christmas is coming, and Santa, I'm sure, will know how very good I have been?

To sum up, the FFF Conclave was a wonderful event with such notable speakers as Brian Chan, Jim Schollmeyer, Phil Rowley and a host of other top-notch speakers. It was too bad that the event was not closer to home so that more of our members could attend, but the five hours of drive time each way is a little daunting. As Carol and I were driving home, we got to talking about how wonderful it would be to host the next event here in Bend. We could have fishing before, during and after the event, and white water rafting to mention just a few of the possibilities. The next event will be in 2005, and maybe COF could act as the host club? It makes the ideas just swim in one's head. So a little group of folks are going to do some fact finding and preliminary thinking to check out the possibilities. If you have any ideas, do not hold back, and let me know your thoughts. It could be a lot of fun, and financially rewarding for our club.

Your Pal, Dan

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Last week I was wearing shorts and getting warm walking along the river, Today I am looking at forecasts of a 0 degree wind chill. It seems that it really is time to talk about winter fishing in Bend.

To get us going, Scott Cook, with Fly and Field Outfitters, will be presenting a program entitled "Winter Fishing in Central Oregon" at this month's membership meeting. For those of you new to the sport or new to the area, we are very fortunate to have great winter fishing in a number of tailwaters and spring creeks in the area. If you are properly prepared with clothing and equipment, it can be some of the best and least crowded fishing of the year. If you plan to be in Bend this winter, you need to attend this program.

2004 COF ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The October newsletter announced the call for nominations for 2004 COF officers and directors, and the Nominating Committee has nominated the following individuals to serve:

OFFICERS: (one year term)

President - Neal Buxton

Vice President - Dave Dunahay

Treasurer - Frank McKim

Secretary - Lyle Kearns

DIRECTORS SEEKING RE-ELECTION: (two year term)

Ron Anderson

Harry Harbin

Lyle Kearns

DIRECTORS FOR THREE VACANT POSITIONS: (two year term)

Max Johnson

Carl Sanders

Frank McKim

The election of officers and directors for 2004 will take place at the November general membership meeting. Additional nominations from the floor are permitted.

COF President Dan Driskill will move to ex-officio status next year with the Board, and Gene McMullen and Phil Hager will be completing their Board terms. Let's give our thanks to these three individuals who have provided many, many hours of service and leadership for COF.

For new members not familiar with the COF election process, which is similar to that of most nonprofit clubs, it is important to remember that this is not the California Governor's race (thank goodness!) with a selection of candidates for each position. Most of these folks have been asked by the nominating committee to give a great deal of their time in the upcoming years, and there are not large numbers of people willing or able to step up to these jobs. As stated above, nominations from the floor are welcome, but the person nominated, if any, should be willing to commit the time necessary to complete the duties of officers and directors of the club.

FALL STREAMSIDE FOR KOKANEE KARNIVAL

The 2003 Fall Streamside is over, and now it's time to take a look at some names and numbers.

First, the recipients of what the program offers: Eight schools, 218 students, 51 adults with the students, and several "visitors" that stopped by to see what it was. Some of the comments: "You guys really made this a great day!" "I learned a lot today!" "Even though the fish weren't running it was still really fun to be here!" These, and many more, from the adults that were there with the students! Ask those in attendance about the comments from the kids.

Second, the volunteers providing the opportunity to learn more for the students: COF members like:

4 days: Dave Dunahay

3 days: Mark Reisinger, Bob Griffin, Phil Hager

2 days: Tom Walker, & Nate Dachler (both DNF), Dick Stentz, Hank Sailor, Max Johnson, Jen Bock (ODFW)

1 day: Paul Powers, Jerry Honl, Eleanor Sailor, Gene McMullen, Dennis McMahon

One person, not listed above, was there all 4 days and provided a primary part for all of us. A special "Thanks" to Len Swanzy for being the "camp cook" for all 4 days, fixing coffee in the morning, having lunch ready for us the minute the morning class left, and cleaning up after us while we took on the next group. Len, pass on the thanks to Betty for doing all of the shopping.

Finally, another "Thanks" for all of the folks from the Sun River Anglers that spent time at the hatchery providing all of the information there for the same 8 schools. You are greatly appreciated.

Now it's time to begin planning the Fish Eggs to Fry program, Fish Dissection classes and the fun one, the Kid's Angling Clinic in April of next year. We'll keep you updated as these events approach so you can plan ahead to help out.

Total hours: 254

Total miles: 3183

Thanks all involved for another great Fall Streamside.
Phil Hager, KK Chair for COF

OCTOBER 2003 FISH EGG DELIVERY

As school budgets are slashed, teachers rely more and more on resources outside the classroom to help students reach their educational goals. The Fish Eggs to Fry program is one example of an outside resource that many local teachers use.

Thanks to the COF members listed below, the October 2003 egg delivery went smoothly. Volunteers picked up eggs at the Oak Springs Hatchery and delivered the eggs to 11 local classrooms and 16 schools in Eastern Oregon. Many thanks to Ron Anderson, Bob Griffin, Jeff Grimm, Phil Hager, Lyle Kearns, Alex Page, Emil Seidel and Bob and Tommie Speik.

If you would like to help with this program, contact Terri Grimm (318-0567 or sonata@teleport.com). The next egg delivery will occur in February 2004.

LOWER DESCHUTES BOATING PASSES AVAILABLE ONLINE

For those wishing to buy a one day pass for the lower Deschutes they can go to: www.boaterpass.com, purchase it with a credit/debit card, and print it out on their printer. Another location for information on the Wyoming Whirling Disease problem is located at: <http://www.billingsgazette.com/index.php?ts=1&display=rednews/2003/10/18/build/wyoming/30-whirling.inc>

Phil Hager

THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY

Why is it
The one that got away
Is always
the biggest,
the best fish of the day?
A day may be filled with fish,
caught and released,
so numerous that they lose significance.
Under bright blue sky,
with a towering green canopy
gracing the water's edge.
The constant drum of water
racing over the very boulders
that house the elusive catch.
A serenity fills one with
joyous peace.
Yet,
There was that one...
You never really saw it close-up.
But you felt the tug,
And heard the whirl of line as it raced
downstream,
and upstream,
and then jumped high into the air,
out of its river home,
transforming time into a
clip of film in slow motion.
And then - gone!
That's the one that
Lingers in you mind,
and has you thinking,
planning your return.
So next time,
it won't be the big one
that got away.

Dee Anderson

FIRE EFFECTS ON BULL TROUT STRONGHOLD

Fisheries biologists counted a record number of spawning Metolius basin Bull Trout in September, although the B and B Fire burned through much of the river's headwaters. The area is also important Redband trout habitat.

Mike Riehle, Sisters Ranger District fish biologist, is still concerned the river could have increased flows and sediment because the fire burned hot through First, Brush, Abbot and Candle Creek drainages. The creeks are tributaries of the river, and have a natural resiliency to sedimentary damage because they are predominately spring-fed, according to Riehle. "But, those first rains are pretty important," he said. Fall and winter precipitation will present the greatest risk of run-off danger to the endangered fish.

In addition, Riehle is concerned water temperatures will increase where the fire killed riparian vegetation along stretches of Candle and Jefferson Creeks, and the river itself. Contact Riehle at 541/549-7702 for information on how the fire affected one of the west's most important Bull trout fisheries.

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VOLUNTEERS

WE NEED YOUR HOURS!

One of the things COF is best known for is the strength of its volunteer program. Last year we recorded over 2200 hours! These hours help keep our Tax Exempt status; they allow ODFW to leverage federal dollars for needed programs; and best of all you may be able to write off your mileage on your taxes.

Sooooo- all of you volunteers who have not submitted your miles and hours (Kokanee Karnival hours have been reported), please email them to Phil Havens at pdh@bendcable.com or drop in the mail to him at 20650 Coventry Circle, Bend, Oregon 97702.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A special welcome to new members! Look for board members with their green and white nameplates at the next meeting if you have any questions or special interests, and look up Delores Marsh, our Member Services committee chairperson at the back of the room if you have any membership issues, and to pick up your membership packet.

Jack & Helen Hogan Tom McLaughlin

METOLIUS OUTING REVISITED

So you went on the outing. You listened to the lecture. You went on the tour. Then everyone strings up their rod and heads off to go fishing, and you wonder - did anyone catch any fish after all that?

This is what I know.

After we completed the Metolius outing tour, I ate my lunch, assembled my gear, and went to the Idiot Hole above the hatchery. With 32 members attending the outing, there was already a crowd at the hole, and only a

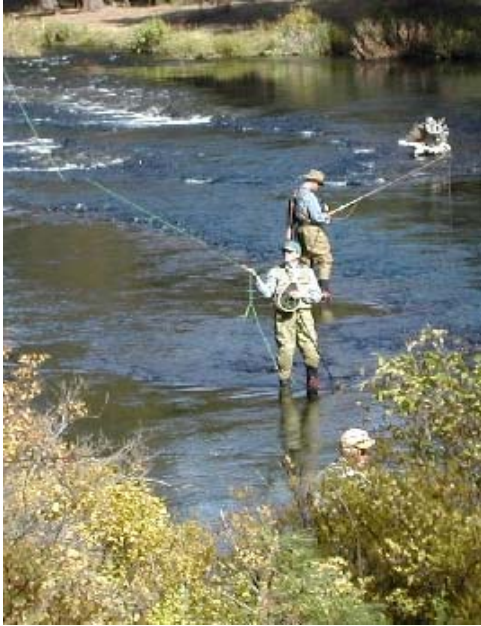


few rising fish under a small hatch, not at all like it had been the Wednesday before when heavy clouds really got the hatch going.

I walked to the far upstream end of the hole, and after about 20 casts did manage to hook a good fish on a size 18 PMD dry fly. Unfortunately, he headed straight into the swift water in the blue slot and after 30 seconds or so he pulled loose.

With such a big crowd, I decided to move upstream and stick to the old trail right next to the river instead of moving up to the hiking trail as I usually do. As I moved along, I wound up playing "hopscotch" with Ron Anderson who had the same plan. Ron caught a white fish fairly quickly, and we could see fish in small back eddies next to the bank, but the brush made the cast next to impossible. I eventually came to a section of very swift water and fierce rapids with few fish visible. The brush closed in and had to be pushed aside to make upstream progress.

After a mile or so, the water finally became more placid and a hatch of PMD mayflies showed up about 2:30PM. I passed several spots where you could walk out on a thigh deep shelf and peer down into a beautiful clear blue pool that looked about twenty feet deep, although it probably wasn't that deep. I eventually came to a shallower pool and did land a 17-inch fish with a PMD dry fishing over rising fish.



COF METOLIUS OUTING

As I moved up to the next pool, I ran into John Armoskus with COF and his friend Bill from Lake Tahoe. John and Bill had both landed nice rainbows on a #18 March Brown, and John had missed a couple of more strikes. Bill caught a white fish with a #18 beadhead red squirrel. For those of you who have trouble landing fish in the swift current of the Metolius, John has a new technique. Drop the reel off your rod in about three feet of water while fighting the fish, stick your arm down in the 46-degree water and retrieve it, screw it back on and land the fish. Oh well, it works for him!

Right past John and Bill I came to the point about $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile above the hatchery where the hiking trail comes down to the water and rejoins the shore trail. As I crossed the intersection, I met a fellow with about a 13-year-old son who had just landed a good rainbow. At the next pool I also met a couple fishing over rising fish that had also landed one.

I finally found my own pool with rising fish about 3:30PM. The mayflies had almost quit hatching, and I thought I was fishing over egg laying caddis like we had seen early in the day. After a period of trying with no success, and thinking that the caddis were flying more "smoothly" than they usually do, I finally took my own advice, got out the aquarium net and captured one of the bugs. To my surprise, I had a little green stonefly with a ball of eggs on her abdomen, almost chartreuse, about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch long overall with a $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch body. I took out a green elk hair caddis, cut off the hackle and

thinned the wing and proceeded to hook three rainbows and land two before they disappeared. If only I had sampled sooner!

As I walked out, I met Sharon Burchett at the Idiot Hole who had hooked but not landed several fish. She reported that Marie VanDaveer had landed a nice one in the same location, and that she thought Max Johnson had landed a couple.



MARIE VANDAVEER WITH METOLIUS RAINBOW ON A DRY FLY

Steve Sheldon reports that he caught several white fish at the location where the outing began, but only had 30 minutes or so before he had to leave for an appointment. Vivian Rockwell returned the next day and caught two fish in the hole above Camp Sherman on nymphs (one she tied herself) before spending frustrating time fishing over a lot of rising fish below the Allingham Bridge.

That is the facts as I know them. Not a bad day considering the fact that the tour didn't end and the fishing begin until after noon.

Harry Harbin

THE LITTLE GREEN STONEFLY

It turns out that the little green stonefly that I found on the Metolius is a fairly important insect on smaller streams. It is not too available as a nymph since it crawls to shore to hatch, but does show up to lay its eggs to the applause of the trout. If you would like to

know more about this insect, and are a "computer person", I recommend that you go to Scott Richmond's great website, www.westfly.com click entomology, and then select the Little Green Stonefly under the stonefly table. This is also a great place to look up river and reservoir levels, as it seems to list every gage in the state of Oregon.

EZ ALLOPERIA



- Hook: Dai Riki 300 size 12-16
Thread: Chartreuse 8/0
Butt: Two wraps of red dubbing
Body: Chartreuse-green dubbing
Wing: Chartreuse CDC

Uses:

Matches adult green stoneflies. Green stoneflies are common in small and medium sized streams; hence those anglers who flock to the big rivers--and big stoneflies--that are frequently written about in magazines and books, often miss them.

This uncomplicated pattern is sufficient for most small streams. Why mess with hackle, parachutes, deer hair, and other froo-fraw when a simple fly can be cheaper and faster to tie--and more realistic? Plus, the innocent trout of the small streams frequented by green stoneflies are not very discerning.

The red dubbing on the butt matches the eggs carried by female green stoneflies when they return to the river to oviposit.

How to Fish:

Use standard dry fly tactics. Most of the action will be within ten feet of the river bank.

Tying Instructions:

1. Tie on thread.
2. Make two wraps of bright red dubbing at the end of the hook shank.
3. Dub a thin chartreuse body.
4. Take two chartreuse CDC feathers and match the tips up so they extend 20% longer than the hook shank. Tie in.
5. Build a small head with chartreuse thread, or dub a small head of chartreuse dubbing.
6. Whipfinish and cement head.

Pattern by Jeff Morgan, Used By Permission From Scott Richmond, www.westfly.com

IN MEMORIUM

COF Member Wilber T. "Scotty" Scott passed away on October 16, 2003.

His daughter Wendy Scott writes, "Over the past year, I have been reading him highlights of The Central Oregon Flyfisher, and he was always interested in what you were up to, even while living here in Vancouver, WA. To the end, he hoped for one more fishing trip. I saw to it that he held the stub end of his most memorable rod (a broken Hawaiian fiberglass deep sea Marlin fishing rod) in his final moments."

TUESDAY FLY TYING

Last week, after I discovered Little Green Stoneflies on the Metolius, I had half a dozen fair imitations in my fly box by the next morning. How can fishermen who don't tie their own flies react to a situation like this? I always take great pleasure in responding to a fly fishing challenge by using materials that I already have in my fly tying kit, and have done this many times since learning to tie flies.

If you don't know how to tie your own flies, you should at least give it a try. I can't tell you that it will be cheaper, but it will add a whole different dimension to your fly-fishing. There is no fly shop in the world that would have all the flies that I now have in my boxes. And as I get more experienced, it is not long between the time that someone shows me a new fly that is catching fish, and the time when I have some in my hand straight from my vice.

For all of you experienced tiers, I also know that this is the time of year when you have the largest gaps in your fly box, and you need a little motivation to get you going to fill them up again. To add a little interest for experienced folks, Phil Havens will be holding a little class on tying flymths on November 4, followed the next week by Harry Harbin with soft hackle wets, and the next week by Phil Hager with sculpins.

Don't put it off. Plan to show up this coming Tuesday evening, November 4, 6:30PM, at the Bend Trap Club. There is no cost, although we do sometimes pass the hat for the Trap Club. Bring your vice, tools and materials if you have them, but COF has just received some fly tying kits from the FFF that can be used by beginners to learn how, also at no cost. Bring a table light and magnifier if you want, the Trap club is not too well lit. Also, bring a short extension cord for your light and we will set up plug strips for your use.

If you are a beginner, we will be tying flies from the book "Fly Tying Made Clear and Simple" by Skip Morris, 1992. It has the clearest instructions and pictures that we have been able to find. We will have several copies on hand, but if you plan to pursue fly tying actively, then you might want to go ahead and obtain one for yourself. List price is about \$20.00.

To get to the Trap Club, drive south on 3rd until you cross Reed Market and come to Brosterhouse at the next light. Turn left (east) on Brosterhouse, follow the road as it curves slowly right and then takes a hard left. The Trap Club is on the left in about 300 yards. Since the members are more interested in trap shooting than watching the road, the building faces away from the road and is not too well lit in the rear, but you can find it. It is a simple one-story building with white siding I hope to see you there. Contact Phil Havens, Harry Harbin or any other board member for more information.

METOLIUS REDD COUNTS

Did you enjoy seeing all those fish in the Metolius last month? Would you like to learn a little more about those fish, maybe spend a day with a biologist? See where and

how they spawn, see how many there are, and how big they get?

Scott Cotter, Fishery Biologist with the Sisters Ranger District has contacted COF once again requesting volunteers for the winter and spring redd counts on the Metolius and Lake Creek, an upper tributary. You need the ability to travel some distance in your waders and wade some of the moderate flows in the river. If you can assist with one or more of the surveys, contact the biologist directly or contact Gene McMullen or Phil Havens until the end of the year when our new conservation committee chairmen are in place.

Nov.	26	Calibration for brown trout redds
Dec.	3?	Ted Wise , 388-6363 Ted.D.Wise@State.or.us
Dec.	17	Scott Cotter, 549-7725, sacotter@fs.fed.us
Dec.	31	Ted Wise , 388-6363 Ted.D.Wise@State.or.us
Jan.	14	Nate Dachtler, 383-5720, ndachtler@fs.fed.us
Jan.	28	Ted Wise , 388-6363 Ted.D.Wise@State.or.us
Feb.	11	Scott Cotter, 549-7725, sacotter@fs.fed.us
Feb.	25	Ted Wise , 388-6363 Ted.D.Wise@State.or.us
Mar.	10	Nate Dachtler, 383-5720, ndachtler@fs.fed.us
Mar.	24	Ted Wise , 388-6363 Ted.D.Wise@State.or.us
Apr.	7	Scott Cotter, 549-7725, sacotter@fs.fed.us
Apr.	21	Ted Wise , 388-6363 Ted.D.Wise@State.or.us
May	5	Nate Dachtler, 383-5720, ndachtler@fs.fed.us
May	19	Ted Wise , 388-6363 Ted.D.Wise@State.or.us
Jun.	2	Rock pick-up/barbeque



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FULL NAME (S): _____
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