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COF BBQ, Aug 2013, PHOTOS: Todd Carey

RANDOM CAST

The new website for Kokanee Karnival is up and running. Check it out (http://kokaneekarnival.org). It is a wonderful place for someone to learn about the program, and it is a great reference tool to help volunteers plan and prepare for any of the positions at any of the events. Check out the history section and watch a video of Frank Turek on Good Morning with Central Oregon discuss the program. A big thank you to Frank Turek, Jen Luke, Dan Pebbles, Terri Grimm and all of the players involved in making this major improvement.

On behalf of the 108 people at the August BBQ, a big thanks to Herb Blank and his crew of volunteers. Everyone had fun. Please contact Herb if you have ideas for improvements next year. Thank you Karen Kreft for organizing a program for the youth at the BBQ. It was refreshing to see these new, smiling faces.

The summer is fading away, and fall is on its way. Some aspen trees are starting to yellow here and there. Kids are going back to school already, and families are settling in to the next routine. Remember to take some time and go fishing. Get outside, walk the stream, float the lake, throw some line, and appreciate the finer things in life that nature provides. Our household ended the summer by spending two weeks watching the bald eagle, osprey, and great blue heron hang out at our campsite at different times every day.









GENERAL MEETING

Sep 18 | 6:30 P.M. | Bend Senior Center, 1600 S.E. Reed Market Road, Bend

Dry fly approaches

Nate Brumley is the owner of dryflyinnovations.com, an online fishing company out of Meridian, Idaho. The only bugs sold at his company are dry flies, and he has mastered the use of them in every season of the year. Nate's tying sessions and presentations are some of the most sought after events in the industry at present, and his knowledge of dry-fly fishing is truly phenomenal. It has been said that one hour with Nate is like gaining ten years of experience on how to fish a dry fly—it will change the way you dry fly fish forever!

Nate will address the importance of how to approach the water where you fish. Learn dry-fly fishing in stealth mode, and when you reach your position, how to deliver the perfect dry fly that catches that big fish. It's an essential lesson in principles that we, as fishermen and women, take for granted, and it is oftentimes the reason we don't hook adult fish. This might be the most important fly-fishing presentation you ever attend! Presentation uses still and video shots.

Nate's prior presentation to the club was a huge success. This program would be a great opportunity to introduce the club to your friends.

Thank you everyone

Thanks to all who participated in the August picnic at Aspen Hall. So many people, more than we can mention, helped with the setup, cooking, and cleaning, as well as those who contributed the tasty dishes. We had a great turn-out; about 108 people attended.

Hope everyone had a good time and went home stuffed. If you have suggestions for next year's picnic, please let me know. Herb Blank (541-312-2568 or hblank@yahoo.com).

OUTINGS

Final outing of the season

On October 6 through 9, Robert Gentry will lead the last COF outing of the 2013 season to the Lower Deschutes River. This multi-day camping and fishing trip is the annual COF trip to Beavertail Campground. All interested members are encouraged to attend. See the article in this newsletter for details and contact information. Organize your steelhead gear, make your arrangements, and have a great early fall fishing experience.

OUTINGS 2013					
Month	Date Leader Destination		Destination		
Oct	6-9	Robert Gentry	Lower Deschutes Steelhead		

During the late fall and early winter months, a significant number of COF outings are discussed and tentatively scheduled. If you have an outing you might be willing to lead, please let us know. If you are a first-time leader, we can guide you through the process and get you on next year's schedule. Remember, if members don't volunteer to be outings leaders, there will be no COF outings!

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

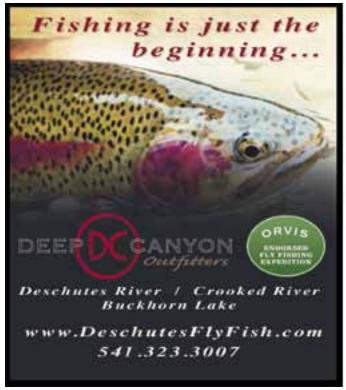
Deschutes River steelhead trip

Oct 6 to 9 | Beavertail campground

The COF annual steelhead trip to the lower Deschutes River will be Sunday, October 6 through Wednesday, October 9. Plan to camp at the large camping area at Beavertail campground. To ensure space at the campground and have shuttle support for your boat, you must sign up in advance.

There is a \$25 per night camping fee for the group campground, and the cost will be shared among campers. Everyone is responsible for their own meals, although a group potluck on Monday or Tuesday night would be in the cards for those interested. If you will be floating the stretch down to Mack's Canyon, please plan to help car pool shuttle (14 miles round trip) each night. This is a great

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opportunity for folks with a boat or if you want to fish off the road, great access can be had!

For more information or to sign up, please contact trip leader Robert Gentry (driftboater1@gmail.com or 541-233-611).

Note: Guide service may become available for this trip, please contact trip leader if interested.

MEMBERSHIP

To join, go to coflyfishers.org to print a form. Current rosters are available by request, so please contact me at the next meeting or send email to membership@coflyfishers.org with ROSTER as the subject.

> - Gary Meyer, Membership Chair

EDUCATION

Techniques

In September, the pre-meeting education sessions will continue. September's topic will be "reading water"—river water.

Education sessions begin at 6:00 P.M., just before the general meeting, and last about 30 minutes. Discussions are aimed at beginners, but everyone is welcome. It's a good time to socialize, talk about fishing, and help beginners. Hope to see you all there.

Rod-building class

A rod-building class is in the planning stages. Our instructor and assistants are working out the schedule. If you're interested in building a rod, think about the size and type of rod you'd like to work on.

If you have questions or comments, or would like to get involved in education, please contact Kathleen Schroeder (education@coflyfishers.org).

- Kathleen Schroeder (education@coflyfishers.org)

Welcome New Members

Kyle Schenk Gary, Rachel and Julia Griffin-North

NEXT CAST FLYFISHERS

COF BBQ and Next Cast Flyfishers

Several young fly fishers showed off their fly-tying and fishing skills during the COF BBQ. We set up fly-tying vices and had tiers cranking out woolly buggers before the food service began.

Once the anglers finished their meal (along with cookies and cupcakes), we practiced casting, then took over Shevlin Pond where they hooked and landed several fish—a couple of keepers and some small fry that could barely eat the fly.

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This special outing provided a refresher course for our young fly fishers. Participants included former students from our REALMS classes, a recent Fly Fishing Camp attendee, kids of newly-joined COF members, and some new-to-us anglers. Having the kids at repeat events helps them practice their skills and helps us to build that rapport and continuity for youth fly-fishing activities.

Thanks to everyone for making the kids and their families welcome and helping with our casting and fly tying. We will continue to formalize activities to focus on the young anglers. If you would like to volunteer to assist with Next Cast Flyfihsers or have any questions, please contact Karen Kreft (503-409-0148 or NextCast@COFlyfishers.org).

OTHER NEWS

Share photos on Facebook

The COF Facebook page is up, running, and looks great! The only thing missing are pictures of everyone! I'll take anything:

- you sitting down tying flies
- flies you've tied
- fish you've caught
- your cute grandkids holding the fish you've caught
- old pictures of fish you've caught
- basically anything fish related.

Just send the photos as an attachment to my email, and I will gladly put them up with any information you'd like me to post with it. I want people to realize what an awesome club this is, and the best way to do that is to show how talented and knowledgeable our members are. We have a lot of knowledge to share with the community about fishing, and we can have a huge impact on teaching the youth and Central Oregon community important lessons on healthy and fun fly-fishing practices. I will always try

to post information about upcoming COF outings, photos from outings, and other related fly-fishing news. Think of the COF Facebook page as a public place for you to ask questions, post comments, and see what other people are saying about fly-fishing in Central Oregon! The link to the COF page is: https://www.facebook.com/CentralOregonFlyfishersClub

- Molly Venarecci (Mollster2002@aol.com)

LIBRARY NEWS

Take the library survey

At the September general meeting, a library survey sheet will be available at each table. Please take a moment and complete the survey by indicating the type of materials you would like COF to add to the library in 2014. As in the past, materials showing the greatest interest will be purchased, highlighted in the newsletter, and added to the library throughout the year.

Library list available online

Updated lists of the COF library holdings are now available on the COF website (www.coflyfishers.org). The lists are sorted by author, type of media, and title.

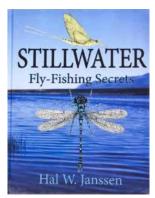
There are over 250 titles on the list, and COF will add approximately 15 to 20 new items next year. Members have checked out 153 items between June 2012 and June 2013.

Library materials are available to all members. Just select an item from the mobile cabinet and check it out at the library table. Keep items for one to three months; return items during a general meeting.

> - John Tackmier, Librarian (outings@coflyfishers.org or 541–549–6252)



Stillwater Fly-Fishing Secrets by Hal Janssen



Brad Jackson, co-founder of The Fly Shop in Redding, CA, describes Janssen's book as follows: "In *Stillwater Fly Fishing*, Hal Janssen reveals a treasure trove of indispensable methods, flies, insights and experience that will captivate beginners and experts alike. The recognized masters' master on lakes, ponds and reservoirs, Janssen distills tens of thousands

of hours of research and on the water experience into a remarkable text that captures a massive amount of Stillwater inside information. This invaluable book includes 48 of the author's proven, go to patterns - including tying instructions and gorgeous watercolor drawings – that cover every conceivable aquatic food organism. Learn Hal's refined methods that finesse the most wary trout – and proprietary observations and advice that will amaze and enlighten the most sophisticated angler. Janssen sheds light on ecosystems, trout behavior and vision, and astonishing nuances about aquatic insects, their life histories and emergence patterns. He reveals never previously published, must have information on equipment, fly lines, water temperature, and weather influences. If you fish Stillwater or want to learn how - whether you are an advanced angler or are just getting started - you must read this comprehensive book. Don't skim; read every word. It is destined to become the Angler's Bible on how to catch trout – quality trout consistently - in Stillwater."

WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

Wild Women have a devilish good time on Devil's Lake

Wild Women of the Water experienced a great day at Devil's Lake on Aug 27. Everyone caught fish, and the total catch was around 30 fish! Float tubes, pontoon boats, and an SUP toured the beautiful, green lake. Stop by the next time you are near Mt. Bachelor, instead of speeding by. It is well worth it!

Wild Women a

New Wild Women of the Water hats will be available at the September meeting. Get a fantastic new look for only \$15.

> Kari Schoessler (wildwomen@coflyfishers.org)





TOP: (left to right) Linda, Corol Ann, Joyce, and Kari. BOTTOM: (left to right) Corol Ann, Linda, Lee Ann, and Joyce. PHOTOS: Kari Schoessler

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Kokanee Karnival Fall Streamside Program

Second Call
for Volunteers

September 23, 24, 26, 27, 2013

The Kokanee Karnival fall streamside program will be held September 23, 24, 26, and 27, 2013 (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday). This year there will be no classes on Wednesday, September 25.

We are preparing the schedule of volunteers to help at Spring Creek and Browns Creek. Several COF members have contacted me about volunteering, but we do not have enough volunteers to adequately staff the program. We need COF members with experience to lead a station and several to assist the leaders. Fall Streamside is rapidly approaching

New volunteers are welcome and will be teamed with a volunteer with experience at Browns Creek and Spring Creek. The information we teach students is not complicated, and the information is easy to learn. We provide an outline of the information for each station at Browns Creek and Spring Creek.

To Volunteer, Contact:

Frank Turek (waldolft@msn.com or 541-318-7507) OR Jen Luke (Jennifer.a.luke@state.or.us or 541-633-1113)

Or sign up at the COF general meeting.



TYER'S CORNER

Blue midges revisited

At all times of the year, midges make up a majority of the drift in the Crooked River below Bowman Dam. In the March 2013 COF newsletter, I discussed midges and highlighted the blue Miracle Midge. This month, I present the Deep Blue Poison Tung. This is a Charlie Craven pattern (http://www.charliesflyboxinc.com); he provides excellent directions on how to tie the pattern on his website. It is a simple, but very effective pattern to tie, and it uses only a few materials. Even though blue midges work well in the winter months, John Anderson has used this pattern on the Crooked this winter, spring, and summer with great success for rainbows and mountain whitefish. John was a controller for one of the contestants in the USA Fly Fishing Team competition last fall. His contestant used three deep blue poison tungs on his line to catch a large number of fish on the Crooked. I like a size 18. Charlie uses a 2 mm silver tungsten bead, but I like a small, silver lined hi-lite bead by Spirit River. (Patient Angler carries the beads.) I also add a flashback of medium pearl flashabou for the off color of the Crooked. The fly imitates a midge pupa, so I fish it as my top fly on a two-fly rig. This summer my bottom fly has been a size 16 pale morning dun (PMD) imitation. (I use Rick Haefle's PMD nymph, but a bead head pheasant tail, hare's ear, or black AP nymph will do.) When the PMD hatch slows down this month, I will switch to a blue Miracle Midge on the bottom location. Also, don't forget to take a few Ray Charles patterns in gray and tan. Remember, tie more than one "poison" bug so your fishing partners will be able to catch fish.

- Bill Seitz

Deep Blue Poison Tung



Hook: TMC 2487 #16-20, scud

Bead: 2mm silver tungsten (I prefer a small, silver-lined hi-lite glass bead or size 11 glass pearl bead.)

Thread: Uni-Thread, gray, 8/0 (70 denier)

Rib: blue Lagartun wire, fine or small, blue Uni-wire

Body: tying thread

Collar: Ice Dub, UV gray

- 1. Pinch the barb and place the bead on the hook; slide it up to the hook eye.
- 2. Start the thread just behind the bead and wrap just enough thread to secure it.
- 3. Tie the wire in just behind the bead and wrap back over the wire with the tying thread to about halfway down the bend of the hook. Make only one layer of thread as you go back.
- 4. Wrap the thread back forward to just behind the bead.

- 5. Spiral wrap the wire forward over the thread body. Tie the wire off at the front of the body.
- 6. Dub a sparse collar of Ice Dub.
- 7. Whip finish and place a drop of head cement on the knot.



Debbie Norton and Sandy Duncan at the raffle table, COF BBQ 2013. PHOTO: Todd Carey

Central Oregon Flyfishers Upstream Events 2013

Date	Time	Activity	Location	Contact
SEPTEMBER				
Sep 5	6:30 pm	monthly board meeting	Environmental Center	Eric Steele (president@coflyfishers.org)
Sep 18		general meeting	Bend Senior Center	
IN THE FUTURE				
Oct 6-9		OUTING	Deschutes River Steelhead	





Dave Torrance (left) and Dan Pebbles (right) on the outing to the Williamson River, August 2013.

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