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President's Message

Banquet: Our annual banquet and fundraiser is April 8 at the Riverhouse Convention Center. Many thanks to Tom Wideman and his team for all the work that goes into this event. We are SOLD OUT. Thanks to everyone who signed up early and enjoy the banquet!

Albany Show: I hope many of you had the opportunity to attend the Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo. Our very own John Kreft was awarded the 2017 Stan Walters Memorial Fly Tyer of the Year. John so deserved the award. Anyone who follows his blog "River Keeper Flies" (johnkreft.com) knows how much he has contributed to fly fishing education. We can't thank him enough for his continued willingness to chair the COF Tuesday night fly tying. I think he was the only person surprised that he won. Well deserved!

Additionally, hats off the Karen Kreft for taking the COF Next Cast kids to show and arranging to have four of them show off their fly tying skills. Finally, many of you may not know that Sherry Steele is the president of the Oregon Council of the IFFF and that she chaired the show this year. Great show. Already looking forward to next year.

River Flows: As all the skiers know, this has been a fabulous snow year. All that snow will melt and hopefully result in healthier rivers this summer. With any luck, the high flows with scour some of the algae off the rocks in the Deschutes. Right now though, the flows are so high that the Crooked is basically unfishable. The flows on the Owyhee are so high that we have delayed our outing until late April. If you would like to monitor the reservoir levels and the river flows, you can go to <https://www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet/destea.html> for the Deschutes Basin and <https://www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet/owytea.html> for the Owyhee Basin. If you would like to get a daily report of the river gauges you are interested in, you can go join West Fly and develop your own customized email report. Go to <http://west-fly-fishing.com>.

Fishpond: Last but not least, thanks to Allen Caudle and all the volunteers who assisted at the fishpond at the Redmond Sportsman Show. In addition to having tons of fun, the club earned \$1500 for our efforts.

~ Lee Ann Ross



An Active Member Club

Brian O’Keefe will be our presenter for April. Name a destination, name a fish—more than likely Brian has been there and caught that fish. Brian is well known in the fly fishing industry for both his fishing skills and photography skills. His presentation will be Central Oregon Stoneflies. He’ll use several sections of the Deschutes, the Crooked River and the Metolius River to show case the most popular six species. Timing of hatches (which are almost year ’round), imitations and fishing techniques are all discussed. Nymphs and adults are seen close up with some fun macro photography. **Pre-Meeting:** 6:15, TBD.



OUTINGS

Owyhee River Outing

April 20–23 | 2017 | Thur. to Sun.



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.

OUTINGS CALENDAR 2017

MONTH	DAY	DESTINATION	LEADER
April	17th	Lake of the Dunes	Ron Kaye/ Jeff Perrin
April	20–23	Owyhee River	Lee Ann Ross
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	Captain Caddis Crappie On a Fly, Prineville Reservoir Resort	Betsy: 541-389-4372 or Andy Smith (541-388-4346 or AndySmith@gmail.com)
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.

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. *Continued on page 3*

OUTINGS

Owyhee Outing

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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



High above the Lower Deschutes River

PHOTO: BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Springs is the best fishing.

Dry Fly Innovations has an excellent blog at: <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 tents 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 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

Lower Deschutes Float Trip

Warm Springs to Trout Creek
Saturday | May 20th

Considered by many to be the premier trout fishing trip in Oregon. We will drift the stretch from Warm Springs to Trout Creek. The famous Deschutes Redband Rainbow is the fish

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of choice this time of year.

Depending on water temperature and air temperature, it will be the beginning or Middle of the Salmon Fly Hatch, which Anglers come from all over the country to fish. Note that this is a drift trip, so a boat of some sort is required. Drift boats and pontoon boats are common. It is mostly flat with some minor rapids. I will be in my drift boat. If you have a boat and would be willing to row other club members, let me know. Beginning rowers should feel comfortable with signing up though I would strongly suggest you sign up for the May 7th class with Yancy Lind "Learn To Float "D" Warm Springs. You may not fish from the boat and must be able to wade fish, which means strong wading skills are needed. For fishing, I would rate this an intermediate/advanced skill level trip though I'm more than happy to teach beginning skills for those in my boat. For those signed up, I'll send out more info 2 weeks before the trip on what to expect along with gear & fly options. RSVP: steelefly2@msn.com or 541-549-2072.

~ Eric Steele, Outing Leader

Davis Lake Outing

We will have our annual campout at Davis Lake this year from Wednesday, May 3 thru Saturday, May 6th. We will again camp at the Lava Flow campground off of Cascade Lakes Highway. This campground is about 3 miles south of Wickiup Reservoir. The campground has only a bathroom so come prepared for your stay. You don't have to camp; you may come for any day or multiple of days, but in the past, fishermen have come on Saturday morning around 8. However, the past few years the wind has played havoc with us and some have not wanted to get the boats out. The past few years some of us have camped Wednesday thru Saturday and fished in the early mornings and/or evenings in order to increase our chances of catching fish. The past few years the lake has lost a lot of water so I'm not sure how this has affected the spawn.

If you plan on fishing Friday, we will have a get together at 4 in the afternoon and share our food. Charlie Shillinsky will provide a brisket for all. Please bring something to share with everyone. Usually we have around 10 to 15 of us fishermen.

The lake has mostly bass but also some really large rainbows. Both species have been tough to catch.

What To Bring:

- **Floating devices:** small boat and motor, pontoon boat, kayak, or pram (it is tough to fish from shore)
- **Rod:** 6 to 8 weights with floating and/or intermediate lines, sink tip, or fast sinking for the deep rock area
- **Leaders:** you don't need a long leader for bass but it needs to be strong. Many use 20lb maxima as a leader.
- **Flies:** Poppers, rabbit strips (purple, black, blue, olive), dragon fly nymphs, and anything large for bass
- **Stringers:** bass are excellent eating so bring a stringer for them
- **Limits:** no limit on bass but 2 fish per day for trout with a 10" minimum (last year's regs, don't know if you can keep trout this year)
- **Hooks:** all hooks must be barbless

Important:

If you know when you are coming, please send an email or phone call to Larry Godfrey before Wed, May 3. I'll be at the lake starting Wednesday. lgodfrey@bendbroadband.com 541-382-5860 home 541-306-0627 cell.

~Larry Godfrey

East Lake 2 Night Outing

Friday, July 7th – Sunday, July 9th
Outing Leader: Eric Steele, steelefly2@msn.com, 541-549-2072

This is a multiday campout at East Lake. The lake provides the perfect setting to fish

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OTHER NEWS

John Kreft Named 2017 Fly Tyer Of The Year



Once again, COF member John Kreft was recognized and honored for his dedication to fly tying and fly fishing. John received the 2017 Stan Walter Memorial Fly Tyer of the Year at the NW Expo.

This award is presented annually by the Oregon Council of the International Federation of Flyfishers, "in recognition of skills, teaching and innovation in the art of fly tying."

Of this award, John said, "I was shocked when my name was called, but humbled to forever be part of this elite group of fly tyers as the 28th person to receive the award." While John may have been surprised by the honor, every other person in the room and many of his blog followers and friends have extended their congratulations and say it is well-deserved.

Each year, the recipients of this award tie flies to *Continued on page 12*

KOKANEE KARNIVAL

Kokanee Karnival Spring Clinic

I want to thank all of you who have volunteered for the Kokanee Karnival Spring Angling Clinic. Due to the great response to our request for volunteers we have just enough folks to staff the stations.

However, if you want to volunteer please contact me at 541-381-7507 or waldo1ft@msn.com

. We can always find a spot for you. If you just want to see what we do with the students feel free to visit us at Aspen

Hall in Shevlin Park. We can always use extra hands after lunch when the students get to go trout fishing in Shevlin Pond. They usually begin fishing at 12:30. The dates of the Spring Clinic are April 24, 25, 27, 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. We clean up and are done by 3.

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.

Thanks for your help with the Spring Angling Clinic

~Frank Turek



Brooklyn Hadfield (4 1/2 yo) with her trophy 20 in. rainbow and brother Brady at the Sportsman show

CONSERVATION

Update

Lower Deschutes Fish Health

Last month ODFW completed their annual trout survey of the lower Deschutes, sampling from Trout Creek down to Jones Canyon. Once again, trout were abundant and healthy. In fact, electro-fishing catch rates were the highest so far. There remains some residual black spot disease, a non-harmful parasite, caused by the recent drought and also witnessed in waters not impacted by PGE/CTWS's Selective Water Withdrawal tower.

Crooked River Flows

As most of you are well aware, recently flows in the Crooked River have exceeded 3,000 cfs. This is well above the level that renders the Crooked unfishable, but more importantly is double the flow where nitrogen gas bubble disease has been observed in the past. Nitrogen gas bubble disease occurs in water supersaturated with nitrogen or oxygen. On the Crooked this comes from the turbulence created by high flows over the dam spillway. Fish breathe the supersaturated water and are unable to metabolize all the gas which exists their bloodstream and forms bubbles on their skin. In severe cases damage to organs, the brain, and death may occur.

The BOR has committed to managing flows in a manner more beneficial to fish, and I hope to see evidence of that in the future, but we need to acknowledge there are going to be high water years. High flows are natural and can provide the benefit of cleaning river beds and providing additional spawning areas. The problem is the design of the spillway which creates un-

necessary turbulence. Hopefully modifications will be required if a hydroelectric facility is added in the future.

Crooked River Signs



Some time ago I suggested to Brett Hodgson at ODFW that they install signage on the Crooked River educating anglers about steelhead and spring chinook reintroduction efforts and asking that adult anadromous fish not be harmed. ODFW designed the signs but had to wait for approval from BLM, who manages the land in the Wild & Scenic Section. I approached PGE/CTWS with an offer to split the cost with COF, but they generously covered it all. The signs are now being installed. Thanks to everyone involved.

Gillnets on the Columbia

Last month the ODFW Commission voted to modify but largely keep in place its controversial decision to abandon the previous agreement restricting use of gillnets on the Columbia River. This is an important issue for local anglers as endangered steelhead are killed as "by-catch" by the commercial gillnet fleet. The annual Columbia River Endorsement Fee we all pay was levied to subsidize the commercial fleet for potential losses as part of the previous, now abandoned, agreement. See last month's newsletter for more as well as: <http://nwsteelheaders.org/2017/03/16/odfw-commission-columbia-river-reform-results/>

Snake River Dams

The dams on the Snake River are controversial in the angling community. This is a complex subject

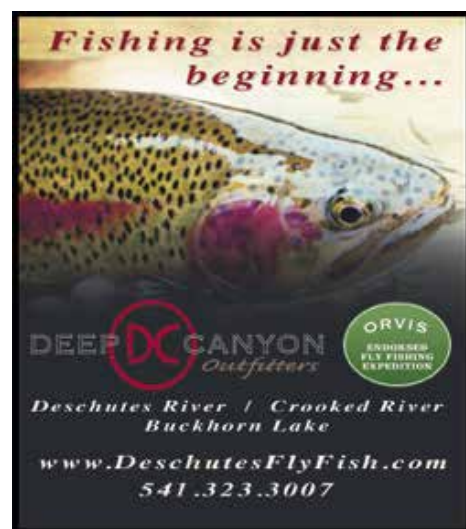
and COF has taken no position.

I recently watched a 30 minute documentary from 1971 on the building of the dams and thought it was fascinating. You might as well. Go to www.moldychum.com and search on "Struggle for the Snake". Among other things, I did not know that the State of Oregon sued to oppose the building of the dams but the US Supreme Court ruled that Oregon did not have standing (a legal right to bring suit).

ACOE and Oregon Hatcheries

For over 65 years ODFW has operated U.S. Army Corp of Engineers federal mitigation hatcheries in Oregon. A mitigation hatchery is required when a dam is built that impacts the ability of wild fish to migrate and spawn. Growing fish in a hatchery and then planting them in the impacted river is intended to mitigate the loss of habitat.

ACOE has now informed ODFW they will terminate their relationship and put management of these hatcheries out to bid for private operation. ODFW is to cease management on July 1 of this year. ACOE plans to close some hatcheries and have others operated at reduced levels. These changes will not impact Central Oregon directly, but several *Continued on page 6*



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nearby areas will be affected.

Hatchery trout will be stocked at reduced levels or may no longer be planted at all in Detroit, Foster, Cougar, and Middle Fork Reservoirs and in the McKenzie River. Chinook planted in the McKenzie could be reduced by 55%. Salmon and steelhead will be reduced in the Columbia and Rogue Rivers. ODFW does not have the funding to run these hatcheries without financing from ACOE.

This action will impact recreational trout fishing in some of Oregon's most highly used reservoirs. It will also significantly impact rural community economies through reduced tourism. On the other hand, planting hatchery fish in rivers where there are wild populations has been proven to degrade wild fish genetics and survival and is a controversial practice.

COF Board Actions

The COF board of directors sent correspondence in support of two proposals last month. The Oregon State Marine Board is considering a rule that would ban jet boats for 24 miles below Cole Rivers Fish Hatchery on the upper Rogue River. Some of you may be familiar with this stretch from an outing the club had not too long ago. This part of the river is narrow in spots and often filled with anglers. We wrote in support of the ban. Learn more at: <http://www.oregon.gov/OSMB/info/Pages/Rulemaking-and-Public-Notices.aspx>

We also wrote in support of 3 bills currently under consideration in the Oregon House collectively called "Smart Water Management, Ensuring reliable water for people, farms and fish". HB 2705 requires water "appropriators" (e.g., irriga-

tion districts and municipalities) to measure how much they are withdrawing. (Most are not currently required to do this.) HB 2706 requires water right holders to pay a fee to manage that water right. (Currently funded by taxpayers.) HB 2707 provides funding to measure existing ground water supplies. (We don't currently know how much groundwater we have.)

You can see the text of any proposed legislation here: <http://gov.oregonlive.com/bill/>. Just type in the bill number (2705, 2706, or 2707). Your board believes that as anglers we are stakeholders in the use of water and voiced our support for these bills. For more background read the Oregonian investigative report, "Draining Oregon: Water giveaway threatens livelihoods, wildlife". <http://www.oregonlive.com/>

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

MEMBERSHIP

Update

Welcome New Members

- Scott Robertson
- Gerry Nash
- Gary Putnam
- Terry Martin
- Dennis Alimena
- Diane Bradley
- Jennifer Dalton
- Joseph Dalton
- Tom Riopelle

~Sue Coyle, membership@coflyfishers.org



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NEXT CAST FLYFISHERS

Update

We kicked off March in high gear!

Several of the Next Cast Flyfishers ran a shift at the Redmond Sportsmen's Show and helped young anglers land some HUGE fish! This little girl came back to the pond to try for the lunker! I think she got it! There was talk of photoshop with the boys holding the fish for her!



Rainbow at the Redmond Sportsmen's Trout Pond

We had a great time in Albany at the NW Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo! Our four Next Cast Flyfishers were demonstration tyers and did a great job! We are so proud of them!



Joe and Branson watching the pros



Kincaid and Forrest tying their specialties

Next Cast Flyfishers Demonstration Tyers Speak About The NW Expo

The expo was fun and interactive. It was fun to watch other fly tiers tie different flies. I learned different techniques and walking around to the different booths was fun. I would want to go again.

—Joe G

I was nervous before the event, but I quickly learned that I do have the ability to tie fly (sic) in front of a huge audience! (Which I didn't think I could do). My biggest surprise is when Greg bought all the next cast fly tyers a tool of their choice. That was super nice of him! And one thing I would like to tell future fly tyers is, GO TO THE EXPO!! The amount of amazing fly tyers is CRAZY, and the goodie bag is AWESOME! I met a bunch of very nice people, and got really good at tying a "obi one chronabi". I definitely would like to go to the expo in future years! When I go back to the expo i would want to buy a Nore vise and make sure to do more casting practice, that was pretty cool!

—Branson B

I really liked how much there was, there were amazing tyers tying all different types of flies, there was a casting program, and tons of booths selling all different sorts of things. I learned so much from this event, I learned lots of good techniques for tying other flies, but I also had a couple people give me tips that could help me tie my fly. I was very surprised by the size of the event, I thought it would be about a quarter that size, I also saw some famous tyers that I recognized. I would tell other fly tyers that it is easily worth the drive from Bend, I had lots of fun there and would recommend it to any other fly fisherman. Given the opportunity I would definitely return in future years. If I did go back I would like to spend more time really looking at the flies others are tying.

—Forrest F

My favorite part about the expo is how everyone was willing to share their information they had to help others. Something I learned from the expo is better ways to create proportions on a fly as well as better use of dubbing. When I go back I would like to watch more fly tyers.

—Kincaid S

To wrap up the month, we joined ODFW to pit tag some Chinook smolts. Next Cast Flyfisher member Branson Broderick joined us and ran a tagging station. We tagged over 2,000 fish that will be released in the Crooked and Metolius Rivers, along with Whychus Creek.



Branson netting fish to be tagged

And what better way to wrap up the day than landing a couple of rainbows on dry flies!



Branson with rainbow

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.

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Upcoming events include:

★ **REGISTRATION IS OPEN** ★

3-Day Fly Fishing Camp: June 26, 27, 28, 2017

at Shevlin Pond. 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

[NOTE:

We returned to these dates following the Bend-LaPine calendar revisions for makeup of snow days.]

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!

- **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

EDUCATION

Update

Opportunities

- **April 3rd (Monday) Field Trip Tour of the facility at Round Butte dam on lake Billy Chinook.** Lisa Dubisar from PG&E will host a field trip to show the Selective Water Withdrawal facility (SWW). The SWW re-establishes the connection for anadromous Steelhead, Chinook and Sockeye Salmon 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 see adult fish moving as well as the juvenile sorting system. The tour is free to the first 15 COF members and starts at 9 am at the facility in Madras and takes about 2 hrs. Folks who sign up will receive an email with specifics of where to meet and carpool to the facility. Sign Up at education@coflyfishers.org. or contact: Dalton Miller-Jones: millerjonesd@gmail.com or Debbie Norton: debbiejhn54@gmail.com.

- **May 8 & 22 CASTING CLASSES** with **JEFF PERRIN**, owner of The Fly Fisher's Place in Sister's. Jeff has graciously agreed to teach 2 casting classes for the club this spring:

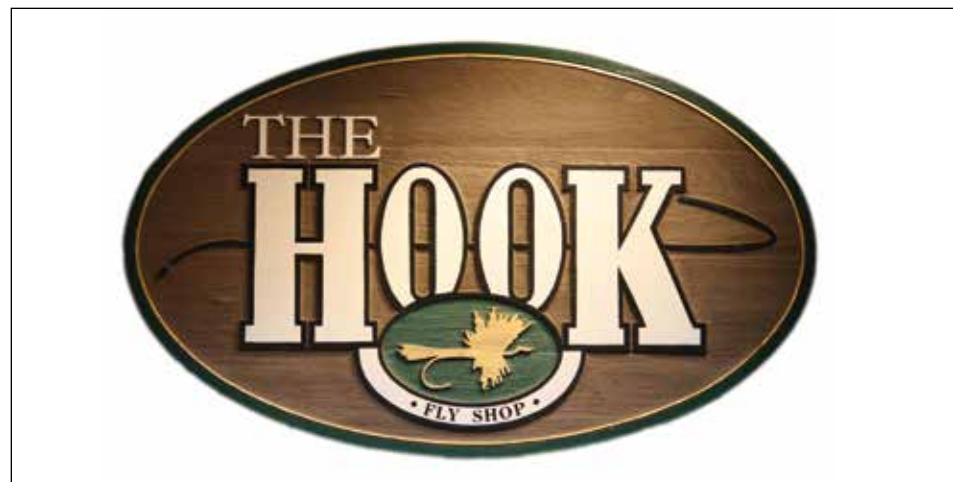
1. **A Beginning Class** (May 8) will cover Basic Planes, Arc, Timing & Tempo and teach the Pick up and Lay down, false cast and roll cast. There will be lots of individual attention.
2. **A Skills Class**, May 22, will start by talking about different planes for different results, Off shoulder casts, backhand casts, reach mending and parachute casts. It's a slightly different approach than previous skills class.

There is a limit to 12 people per each session. Start time will be 6pm. Location will be one of the parks in Bend. More information to follow for those who sign up. Even more experienced fly fishers can benefit from Jeff's outstanding instructions!

Fee: \$15 In Advance. COF members only. To Sign Up Go to COF Website: education@coflyfishers.org.

- **May 18th- Dave Hughes** will conduct a workshop (following from his COF Wednesday Presentation) on:

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EDUCATION

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- **Elements of Fly Fishing for Trout:** (a 4–6-hour workshop). Includes three 1-hour Powerpoint presentations, substantial time for questions and answers, plus a casting demonstration if space and weather permit on:
- **Reading Trout Water:** Learn to read water and find trout in creeks, streams, rivers. The initial skill in trout fishing is learning to focus your fishing in water where trout hang out, and to eliminate time wasted fishing water where they do not. Based on Dave's book *Reading Trout Water*.
- **Selecting Trout Flies:** Learn how to select the right type of fly—dry, emerger, nymph, wet fly, or streamer—for the situation you're in: the type of water you're fishing, and the naturals, or lack of them, that trout might be taking. Based on Dave's books *Handbook of Hatches*, *Trout Flies* and *Essential Trout Flies*.
- **Tactics for Trout:** Learn the most effective rigs, casts, and methods to present dry flies, nymphs, wet flies, and streamers to trout on moving waters. Based on Dave's books *Dry Fly Fishing*, *Nymph Fishing*, and *Trout Rigs & Methods*.
- **Casts That Catch Trout (optional):** Covers appropriate tackle selection and demonstrates practical fishing casts all types of trout fishing that actually catch trout!
Fee: For COF Members \$30, sign up at our COF Website: education@coflyfishers.org.

~Debbie Norton and Dalton Miller-Jones

WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

Update



Our Wild Women of the Water Beginning Ladies Flyfishing class has finished. We have 10 amazing ladies that are going to hit our rivers running!! It was such a fun time! Thank you to Tom from COF and Confluence Fly Shop, Dave from Fly & Field and MaryAnn from COF and The Flyfishers Place. They superbly taught our classes. The ladies were constantly exclaiming how wonderful their instructors were. Now, if the weather and the water levels will cooperate, these ladies can get out and hone their skills! Watch out fish!

~Kari Schoessler

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TYER'S CORNER



The Pontoon Caddis

Wow, what is about a few degrees warmer that make one feel like spring might be around the corner? Its coming so hang in there,

I know some of the larger fish food has started to show up, BWO, Black Caddis and some Stoneflies. Midges are still going strong so pay attention to what is on the water and give the fish what they want.

The fly this month is one from

Andre' Puyan's (The Pontoon Caddis), which can be tied in any color to match the hatch. It has simple materials and easy to tie and should be in every fly box. The secret to this fly is in the extension of the butt ends of the wing that are finished with a series of figure 8 warps that make them stand out to the side of the hook shank. This little move makes the fly ride with the wing upright and prevents the fly from rolling on its side as it drifts

along in the surface film. Notes: Wings, sizes #16 and smaller use 2 CDC feathers, #16 and larger use 4 CDC feathers.

Materials:

Hook: Standard dry fly hook #20 to #12

Thread: Black 14/0

Body: Black super fine dubbing. Optional, add a little tan ice dub for a little flash

Wing: Black CDC feathers, 2 to 4 feathers depending on the size (see above)

Head: Tying thread

Tying Instructions:

1. Lock in the thread about eye width from the eye and wind rearward laying down a thread base down the hook shank, stopping at the hook point.
2. Apply the dubbing onto the thread making a slim and tapered body and wrap forward to the starting point.
3. Take the CDC feathers and put them back to back and pinch them, pull the butt ends until you have the right length, (wing tips should be even with the end of the body). Now position the wings on top of hook shank and take 2 wraps of the thread into your pinch and pull down on the thread this puts the feathers in the proper position.
4. Take a couple of more warps, then spread the wing butt ends out to the side and make few figure 8 warps until the ends stay out to the side. Trim them so they are no longer than a ¼".
5. Finish with a nice neat head of tying thread.

Good Luck and Good Hunting!

~ Jerry Criss, 541-536-3581
lfly44@msn.com

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

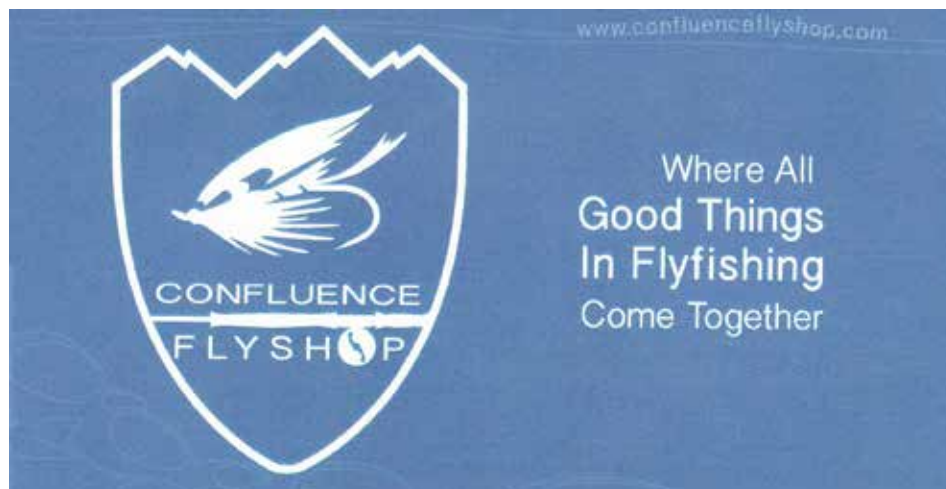
For Sale: REI Dome Tent, 82" x 92" footprint, 6.8 lbs., w/rainfly, never used-never set-up, \$155 new, ½ price, \$75. Pete Martin, pcmartinbendbroadband.com, 541-388-8956

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?

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if not sold to classifieds@coflyfishers.org.



OTHER NEWS

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be included in the "Legends Fly Plate" to be auctioned for benefit of OSU Advanced Degree in Fisheries scholarships, conservation and club grants via the Oregon Council of IFFF.

Additionally, in 2016, John was named the International Federation of Fly Fishers Federator of the Year and received the Oregon Council Award of Excellence from IFFF, as well as the 2016 COF Fly Fisher of the Year.

All of these awards recognize exemplary service to fly fishing through teaching, supporting conservation efforts, demonstrating a passion for fly fishing, and sharing knowledge and experience.

Go to the "About Me" page on John's website www.johnkref.com for more information about his fly fishing journey and volunteer work.

~Karen Kref

COF Winter Fly Tying

I'd like to thank all the COF fly tyers who participated in this year's Tuesday night tying sessions. Attendance averaged about 20 people per night.

Our talented instructors made this year's classes a success: Phil Fischer, Jerry Criss, Bill Seitz, Pete Martin, Peter Bowers, Mike Telford, Mike Tripp, and Jeff Perin. In addition, Tom Shuman and Cliff Price assisted during the technique night.

I was able to receive very generous discounts from the Patient Angler Fly Shop, The Fly Fisher's Place, and Confluence Fly Shop for materials and allowed me to keep the fees at \$5 per night. Please thank

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Peter Bowers, Jeff Perin, and Tye Krueger the next time you are in their shop.

Hope to see you next year!

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

COF Logo Hats Now Available



New COF logo hats in 6 colors will be available at club meetings beginning in April. Colors are navy blue, cardinal red, charcoal, driftwood, dark green and stone. The price is \$15 per hat. Cash or check, please.

~Tim Schindele

OUTINGS

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from boat, float tube or the shoreline. Boats are available to rent at East Lake Resort. The lake supports rainbow trout, brown trout and kokanee salmon. It is an ideal setting for multiple types of fishing including streamer, nymphing (great chironomid water), with the callibaetis hatch emerger & dry fly and top it off with Terrestrials. Go down into the cold depths or ply your dry fly along the weed beds and up close to the lake bank along the steep drop offs.

Food: Bring your own breakfast, lunch, snacks, and beverages. Bring your own CUP. There will be group dinners Friday at 5:30 and Saturday at 4:00. The fee to pay for the food & supplies is \$15. Main course, side dishes, salads, bread, & deserts, along with plates, bowls, and utensils will be provided. Volunteers will be needed to help with set up, cooking, and clean up for both dinners. The meals will be



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run out of my campsite #28.

Education: The COF monthly mtg. program on June 21st will include a 1 ½ hr. presentation on Central Oregon Lake fishing by Quentin Stanko.

Reserving a Campsite at Cinder Hill campground: Everyone is responsible for reserving their own campsite. For 2017, there are some logistics to make this successful. According to the web site "From opening dates through June 29, 2017, campgrounds will be subject to short term closures to allow for hazard tree management and forest restoration efforts adjacent to the campground. Accordingly your ability to reserve camp sites is affected." We currently have 28 people signed *Continued on page 15*



WATER SAFETY TIP:

When wading streams and rivers avoid stepping backwards, maintain forward progress whenever possible

Courtesy of your DCSO SAR
Swiftwater
Team

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

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	CONTACT
2nd	6:30 PM	COF Board Meeting	Environmental Center	-
3rd	9:00 AM	SWW Lake Billy Chinook Field Trip	-	Debbie Norton
8th	-	COF Annual Banquet & Fundraiser	Riverhouse Convention Center	-
15th	7:00 PM	COF Meeting	Bend Senior Center	-
24-28	-	Kokanee Karnival		Frank Turek

In the Future

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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up. If you plan to join us, I highly suggest that you make your campsite reservation now before they fill up.

Each campsite is for up to 6 people and can facilitate one RV/trailer and a couple of tents. Partner up with a fellow COF flyfisher and we can maximize the number of people in close proximity to the COF activities. There are non-reserve sites in this area as well. In addition, East Lake Resort has cabins and an RV site with power & water hookups. They are a very short drive away that enables you to join us around the meal table and the campfire ring.

Information on the campground and sites are at: <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/cinder-hill-campground/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=72092>

COF RSVP: Eric Steele, steelefly2@msn.com, 541-549-2072. Send Check for \$15 made out to "COF" and on notation line "East Lake Outing" to Eric Steele, 69077 Chestnut Place, Sisters, OR 97759.

~Eric Steele

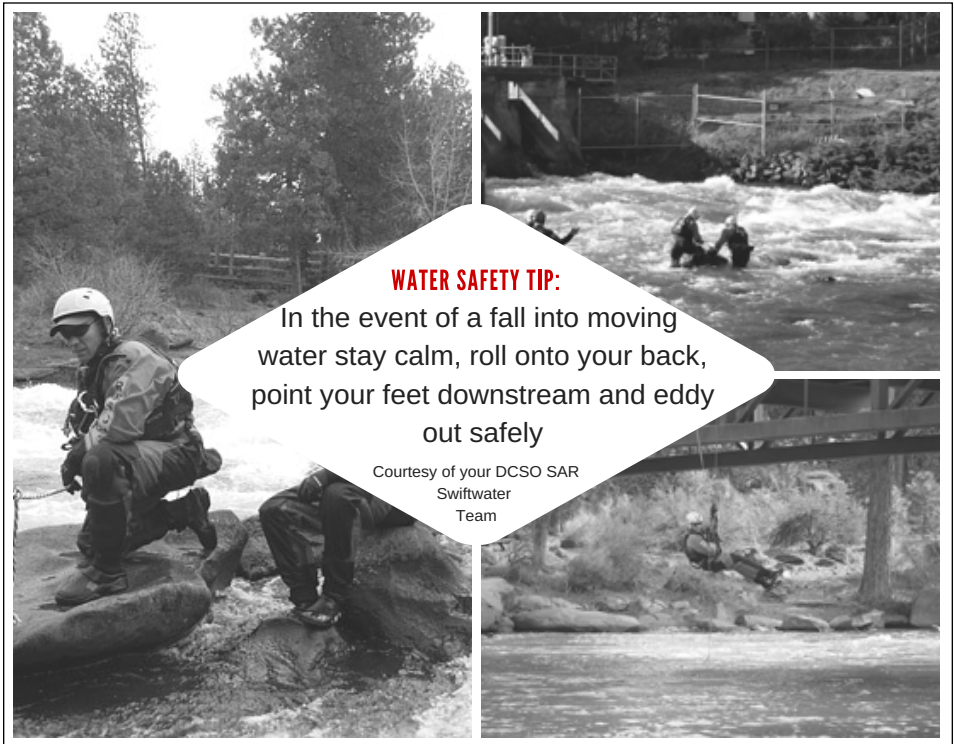
Pontoon Boat Outing

Learn to float the lower Deschutes in a Pontoon Boat.

The "day stretch" from Warm Springs to Trout Creek is close to Bend, is blue ribbon water, and an easy float. Good wading skills are required, however, as fishing from a boat is prohibited. This is an introductory trip for pontoon boat owners. While I often use my

drift boat to take people fishing, in my opinion the best way to fish the Deschutes is using a small pontoon boat, as it gives you the greatest flexibility. If you can row and wade you can do it as there are no rapids of any size. Limited to 5 boats. Contact me to sign up and I'll get you a lot more info. There is a \$45 shuttle fee which can be shared by 2 or more if you car pool.

~Yancy Lind, conservation@coflyfishers.org



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



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