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President's Message

Happy April Flyfishers! Spring is officially here - temps are rising, the bugs are getting more active, fish are rising more and biting a little better, the golf courses are greening up, and oh yeah, we have a pandemic to deal with! I sincerely hope everyone is staying healthy by whatever means you decide for yourselves - the guidance from the CDC and WHO are good sources of info. Me, I'm going fishing and golfing as much as possible - can't catch it in the great outdoors! With everyone hoarding toilet paper I expect to see a spike in bidet sales!

Speaking of the COVID-19 Coronavirus, that little bugger has forced us to cancel or delay a lot of our planned activities: the last 3 advanced/ intermediate fly tying classes, our March and April general meetings, spring Kokanee Karnival, Angler Education classes, our April casting classes with Jeff Perin, and our April Banquet, not to mention the FFI Expo and the Central Oregon Sportsman's Show were all cancelled. We may have to cancel or at least delay other classes until further notice. We'll send out an email blast to everyone as soon as we know exactly what's going to happen with each of these events.

As for the Banquet, we have a bunch of donations from our generous supporters in the area, and we are going to see if they want them back or if they want us to keep them and auction them off at our monthly meetings. We are fine with either choice, and if we do keep them they will still be used to support our club and all the outstanding activities we support.

On a more pleasant note, our Librarian, Helen, has got our library going again, although on a somewhat limited basis. She will be available to bring books to our meetings (when they resume), or the book/DVD you want may be in the coffee closet at the Senior Center and she can get them immediately. See the update in this newsletter for more details.

A new feature of the newsletter you'll see this month is the Fly Shop Corner. We started this to highlight activities at our local shops and advise our members of what's going on. It supports them and advises us, so it's a win-win all around!

Cool video of the month: Small Stream Trout Behavior (https://www. youtube.com/watch?v=gTa9RTp1ldk). Excellent look at how trout behave in a stream, shows holding lies in places you might not expect to see fish.

As always, thanx for being a part of this great Club, and feel free to let me (or any board member) know if you have ideas for improvement. Get out and fish!





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GENERAL MEETING: APRIL MEETING IS CANCELED DUE TO COVID-19, HOPE TO RESUME COME MAY! STAY TUNED.





NEXT CAST FLYFISHERS

I contacted the Redmond Park and Recreation and they were very excited to partner with COF/Next Cast in a three day fly fishing camp. The format will be the same as previous years. Casting techniques, fly and knot tying, bug identification, water safety, and regulation. The dates will be June 15th, 16th and 17th. The location will be at the Metolius pond near Camp Sherman. In May I will call for volunteers to help with the three day fly fishing camp.

I was contacted by Jamie Brock, the outdoor teacher at Summit High School. Jamie has a class of 28 students interested learning about fly fishing. I visited with the class and they are interested in casting techniques, bug identification and several are interested in fly tying. I will be setting up dates in April to provide instruction on casting techniques. Next Cast will provide the rods, fly line and reels. I will provide the dates, times, and location as soon as possible. As with many of the COF activities I will be requesting 2 or 3 volunteers. The plan is to take the class to Shevlin Pond for a fishing experience in May.

All Next Cast plans are contingent on Coronavirus status.

- FRED A. CHOLICK (785) 410-1866, FCHOLICK@GMAIL.COM

WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

Our Wild Women book club was a success not only in attendance but taking what we learned onto the water. We studied Dave Hughes book, Hand Book of Hatches. Look at this beautiful fish caught by Kate Eng on the Metolius. She took the time to study the bugs on the water and then choose the pattern to match. A big thank you to Liz Jones for leading the book study. Spring is almost here and summer is around the corner, we Wild Women will be on the water!

- SUE COYLE 541-668-3565, WILDWOMEN@COFLYFISHERS.ORG

EDUCATION

New Process Concerning Payment For Classes And Events

Please be advised that fees for all Education classes, seminars and events must be paid by the COF monthly meeting prior to the scheduled event. Payments not received and processed by the prior COF monthly meeting will mean forfeiture of your reservation, and the slot will open up to those next in line on the wait list.

Options for paying include paying on the website via PayPal, paying at the monthly meeting, or mailing a check, made payable to COF, to PO Box 1126, Bend OR 97709.

Please clearly write on your check the name and date of the event. No payments will be taken at the class, seminar or event. Thank you for your cooperation!

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Tim's Tips #2: The Non-slip Mono Loop Knot

I learned this knot back in the 90's from Lefty Kreh's excellent series "Lefty's Little Library of Fly Fishing" in the book "Fly Fishing Knots and Connections". It is easy to tie, has excellent knot strength, can be used in any diameter line from 8x up to 150 lb test (even in braided wire), and allows the fly to move more freely than the standard clinch-style knots that snub up against the hook eye. Notice too that the tag end when it is clipped off points downward towards the fly, which will collect less weeds when pulled thru the water. It is better than the Uni-knot for a loop; it will not collapse against the hook eye under strain. If tied correctly it will test at full line strength (according to Lefty). I've used this knot on everything from trout to tarpon and it works! Denny Rickards uses it, so it must be pretty good.

Several notes about this knot:

- You must pass the tag end back thru the loop (both times) the same direction that you passed it thru to make the initial overhand knot. If you don't it weakens the knot considerably.
- 2. Although the original recipe calls for 4 turns around the standing part of the line, the number depends on the diameter of the line you are using. For full strength Lefty recommends the following: for 8x 4x use 7

turns, for 3x - 1x use 5 turns, from 15 - 40 lbs use 3 turns, 50 - 60 lbs use 2 turns, over 60 lbs you can use 1 turn. I've used a few less turns than he recommends and haven't had a problem.

For demonstrations or diagrams do a Google search of the knot – there are lots of them out there!

- TIM QUINTON CGTIMQ@GMAIL.COM

FLY SHOP CORNER Stillwater Fly Shop

At Stillwater Travel Company, we just plain love to fish. In fact, we have been involved guiding clients on fishing trips for decades. Now we are taking those clients around the globe with us. When things settle out with the world and the environment is safe to travel, Anglers will once again want to explore the world and fish all it's wonderful places.

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Let us at Stillwater Travel Co. answer all of your questions and more. Let us help put you in the right place, at the right time, with the right guides, and the right lodging.

OTHER NEWS

Kokanee Karnival Canceled

In view of the current virus conditions and the canceling of events throughout Central Oregon, Kokanee Karnival is canceling the Spring Angling Clinic. The proposed dates were April 20, 21, 23, 24, 27 & 28, 2020. The CDC is recommending not attending events with 50 or more people and we typically have 80 people per day at our event. In addition almost all our volunteers are in the "high risk" category and it was recommended that this group avoid gatherings of 10 or more. We are canceling to help protect the health, safety and welfare of the students, teachers, parent chaperons and the volunteers. We are looking forward to starting our Kokanee Karnival activities in the next school year.

- FRANK TUREK (541) 381-7507, WALDO1FT@MSN.COM

IN MEMORY

James Reece Ramsey

January 5, 1932 - February 26, 2020

With sadness, the family of Jim Ramsey shares that he passed peacefully in his sleep on February 26, 2020. Despite recent health challenges, Jim enjoyed his favorite pastimes and retained his sharp wit and sense of exploration until his last days. Jim was born January 5, 1932 in Bend, Oregon, to Augustus and Wilma Ramsey. Raised on the four-generation Ramsey family ranch north of Madras, Jim's early schooling was at the single-room New Era schoolhouse on the Agency Plains. At Madras High, he played sports and was active in FFA.

Early on, Jim took up fly-fishing, eventually acquiring legendary status throughout the Pacific Northwest. His love for the outdoors also extended to climbing, often with his brother Jerry, with whom he co-authored the first climbing guide to Smith Rock. In 1961, he free-climbed The Awl at Smith, which at the time was one of the hardest free climbs in America. Later, serving on the Oregon Recreational Trails Advisory Council, Jim helped increase access to the state's most beautiful natural areas, including Smith Rock.

At the University of Oregon, Jim was president of the Kappa Sigma fraternity, received a bachelor's degree in history—and fell in love with Diane Stout. Jim and Diane celebrated their 64th anniversary in September 2019. After college, Jim served in the Navy. He moved back to the family ranch in 1958 with Diane and their daughter, Julie, to raise cattle and farm with his father. Later, Jim joined the Central Electric Co-op in Redmond as consumer relations director. He retired in 1987, but avidly continued fly-fishing, exploring new places on road trips with Diane, crabbing, clamming, and mushroom hunting. The only thing he enjoyed more than the outdoors was sharing his favorite outdoor pursuits with good friends and family, especially his grandchildren.

Jim served on numerous boards of directors, including those of COCC, the Northwest Public Power Association, the Museum at Warm Springs, and the Deschutes River Conservancy.

Jim is survived by his wife, Diane; daughter, Julie Talbot, son, Bill, daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Tim Goss; grandchildren, David Talbot and his fi ancé Sarah Szuhay, Maxwell Goss, and Claire Goss; brother and sister-in-law Jerry and Dorothy Ramsey; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins; and a cadre of fi shing buddies. All will miss him dearly.

A celebration of life will be held at the Museum at Warm

Springs, Sunday, April 26, at 1 p.m.

Donations in Jim's memory may be made to the Central Oregon Fly-fishers, the Museum at Warm Springs, or the Ramsey Memorial Scholarship via the Jefferson County Scholarship Association.

Although Mr Ramsay wasn't a member, he was a lifelong fly fisherman and listed **COF** for donations in memoriam in his obituary. What a nice gesture!

BOARD BITS

(A REVIEW OF LAST MONTH'S Board of Director's meeting)

March 5, 2020

Members present: Tim Quinton, Renee Schindele, Bob Shimane, Frank Turek, John Howard, Susan Coyle, Kari Schoessler, Corol Ann Cary, Tom Wideman

The minutes were approved, the treasurer's report was approved.

A discussion took place on whether or not we should do a background check on a new treasurer. We still don't know who that would be, but never the less, would it be prudent or not? The discussion was tabled.

Library – All dvds and some books are now in the coffee closet at the Senior Center.

We need help with clean up of the coffee after each monthly meeting. Any volunteers?

Newsletter – the change from 3 columns to 2 columns looks great. A Fly Shop Corner column will be put in our newsletter. Local fly shops that have monthly news and events can put an article in. Tim will curate the content. We would like to support and promote our local fly shops. A discussion ensued about paid advertisements in the newsletter. We have had only 2 in the past. We decided that there would be no paid advertisements in our newsletter.

The following awards will be presented at the dinner/auction....Fly Fisher of the Year, Life Time Achievement, Special Recognition. John will procure the awards. Fly & Field has given us six \$50 certificates for the auction, awards, monthly raffle or however we would like to use them. We decided to use them in our monthly meeting raffles. LeeAnn will handle it.

Monthly meeting projector – we have no place to store the projector at the Sr Center. Many presenters have their own

equipment, but we must have our equipment available. It was decided that the monthly program chair needs to be in charge of it.

Membership – Susan and Bob Shimane are working together with the intent of Bob taking over membership eventually. Things are going well.

Education – Liz & Jeff We have had no shows for some of our classes. That is not fair to those on the waiting lists. A new policy was discussed. There will be no money taken at any class. All classes must be paid for by the monthly meeting before the class. An email blast will go out. MaryAnn is doing an Effective Fly Presentation class on June 13. Cost is \$15. An FFI Bronze Casting Skills Challenge will take place May 30 with MaryAnn...free at the Old Mill. There may be another rod building class

Outings – Tim will host a euro nymphing trip on the Crooked River in June or July. The Owyhee River trip is coming up.

Adjourned at 8:15

- KARI SCHOESSLER SCHOESSLER.KARIVAN@GMAIL.COM

LIBRARY

Dear members, as you may know we are no longer able to have all of the COF library collection available at our monthly meetings. We have recently acquired a smaller storage space that enables us to store a portion of our collection at the meeting site. We already have our DVD collection there and will be including some books, as well. Additionally, you can find a book on our website's library collection list https://coflyfishers.wildapricot.org, and email the librarian to bring it to the next meeting library@coflyfishers.org.

These services will begin once our monthly meetings restart.

The librarian arrives at the meeting early to give members extra time to look for items 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 or comments, feel free to email Helen, the club librarian.

- HELEN GUERRERO-RANDALL Library@coflyfishers.org

MEMBERSHIP

New Members

Steven Goldberg - Bend
Kenny King - Bend
Tom Majchrowski - Redmond
Ron Mundt - Sunriver
Rachel Rhyme - Bend
Brandon Russell - Bend
Jeff Stanton - Redmond

U Wynne-Parry - Bend

If you haven't done so lately, take a minute to review and update your profile, especially contact information. Thanks.

- SUE COYLE 541-668-3565, MEMBERSHIP@COFLYFISHERS.ORG

COF CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

Riversmith 4-tube Roof mounted Riverquiver Fly Rod Carrier, see at https://riversmith.com/, used only one season, excellent condition, includes all the mounting brackets etc., lockable and has a plastic lining in the aluminum tube to protect the rods during transport. \$400, contact Robert J Tackmier, RJTackmier@gmail.com

All of the following items are for sale by Tim Quinton: contact Tim Quinton by phone at 509-392-3516 or email, cgtimq@gmail.com

Patagonia Men's Micro Puff Jacket, size Large (fits snug), color Carbon (this is kind of a dark green). New, never worn outside. \$125 (Retail is \$249). Check out the Patagonia website for more info: CLICK HERE

Redington Original model Dually 4 wt switch rod.

This is a great 4 wt trout switch rod, casts large drys or heavy nymph rigs with ease. This rod is new, never been cast; it is 10'9" long, 4 piece. Asking \$150, retail is \$250. This is NOT the new model Dually.

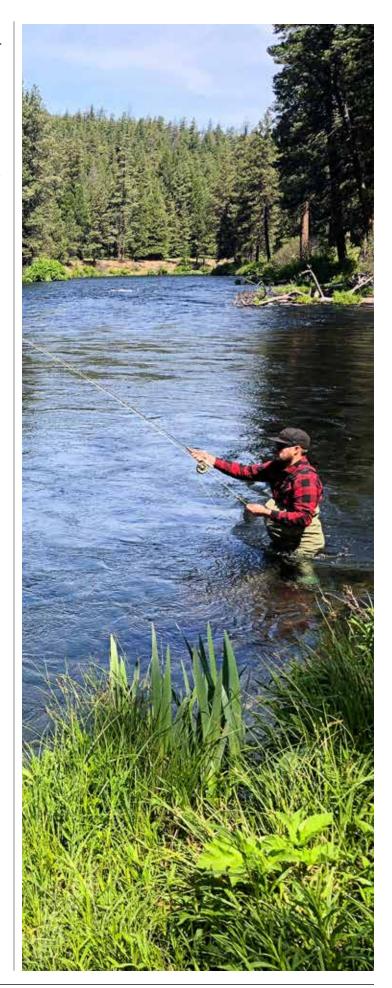
Patagonia Rio Gallegos Zip-Front Waders, men's large. These are Patagonia's top of the line waders, less than 1 year old, and in excellent condition. Men's large, foot is 9 - 11. See Patagonia website for sizing info.

Minimal signs of wear. I washed them so you have a nice clean pair of waders. Zipper is particularly nice for ease of entry and when nature calls! Asking \$325, retail is \$600.

RIO In Touch Chucker 5 wt (for a 5wt switch rod); line has been used once and is in pristine condition. Asking \$40, line retails for \$100.

MEMBERS: Got a fishing related item to sell? Ads are free and run for one newsletter. If the item is not sold please resubmit the advertisement for the next month's newsletter. Submit ads to classifieds@coflyfishers.org before the middle of each month.

- CLASSIFIEDS@COFLYFISHERS.ORG





Ye been dreaming about fishing the March Brown mayfly hatch on our local rivers and I'm checking my fly box to see if I have tied all the flies I need.

While I fish a lot of Sparkle Dun flies, having an option of a fly with hackle will help float the fly when you fish a run with choppy water. The Mayfly Cripple fly will sit higher on the water and allow you to see the fly easier.

Another option is to tie a March Brown Parachute, but I really think cripples and emergers are more effective.

If you're looking for more ideas on effective flies to use during a March Brown mayfly hatch, be sure to check out my *RiverKeeper* Flies website.

Materials:

Hook: Daiichi 1182 or any standard dry fly hook #12

Thread: 70 denier Danville brown (6/0)

Tail: Zelon – mayfly brown

Body: Superfine dubbing – March Brown

Wing: EP Trigger Point Fibers – light or medium dun

Hackle: Medium brown dry fly hackle

Tying Instructions

- Attach thread to hook behind hook eye and wind backwards about halfway.
- 2. Tie in Zelon and hold upwards and on top of hook while continuing to wrap thread to hook barb.
- 3. Add dubbing to thread and wind forward until 2/3 point.
- 4. Tie in wing material, allowing materials to extend over hook eye. Wrap tightly as materials are slick. Cut rear section and leave small tuft.
- 5. Tie in hackle. Place 3 wraps behind wing and lift wing material up and place 2 wraps in front. Tie off hackle and cut excess.
- 6. Whip finish.
- 7. Trim tail 2/3 body length.
- 8. To trim wing, pull wing back and trim at end of body.
- 9. Trim hackle bottom even with hook point to allow low profile in water.

Enjoy...go fish!

JOHN KREFT

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APRIL 2020

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APRIL 2020 UPSTREAM EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	CONTACT
April 18	Trout Opener Celebration	Confluence Fly Shop	Confluence Fly Shop
April 25	Crooked River Cleanup	Meet at Big Bend Campground	pcmarin@bendbroadband.com

In the Future

DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	CONTACT
June 15-17	3 Day Fly Fishing Kids Camp	ODFW pond on the Metolius	Fred Cholick - fcholick@gmail.com

