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## President's Message

**W**e've experienced some amazing growth in the club. With over 380 members, we have to be one of the biggest clubs around. We had upwards of 130 people attend Nate Brumley's excellent talk at the November meeting. The club has a copy of his book in the library as well as a number of his excellent CD's.

**Winter Seminar:** The winter seminar is coming up Jan 21 and 22 at the SHARC center in Sunriver. COF and the Sunriver Anglers have been sponsoring these two-day seminars for more than 10 years now. The winter seminar is designed as an in depth education opportunity. Kelly Laatch from British Columbia will be the featured speaker this year. Many of you might know Kelly, as he is regular speaker at the Redmond Sportsman show each March. He is a gifted speaker and I am really looking forward to learning a great deal of applied fishing techniques. I know his talks will be of interest to both the novice and experienced angler.

**Board of Directors:** The COF Board of Directors was elected at the November monthly meeting. Most of the current board members are staying on in their positions. I want to welcome Susan Coyle who will be taking over membership and Allen Caudle who will be the new vice president. More importantly, I want to thank our outgoing membership chair Tim Schindele for all the work he has done modernizing and streamlining the entire membership system. Tim will continue to help us out with the banquet. I'd also like to thank our outgoing raffles chair, Roger Vlaach. The raffles have become a real highlight of each meeting. If anyone would be interested in taking over the job, please contact Lee Ann at [rossleeann@yahoo.com](mailto:rossleeann@yahoo.com).

~ Lee Ann Ross



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Please join us at the upcoming **Holiday Meeting**. It is a potluck to celebrate and socialize the holidays with your fellow Central Oregon Anglers. Please bring your favorite snacks and treats or beverages to share for the holiday gathering. 🐛 **There will be Fly tying demonstrations:** a great opportunity to mix and meet while picking up tying tips. In addition to the fly tying, we'll have a table where you other anglers organize their fly boxes. In addition, there will be a table for you to learn about winter gear maintenance for reels and line cleaning. We will have a gear swap table. Bring your gear labeled with your asking price and name. Leave on the table and the prospective buyer will connect directly with the seller.

## NEXT CAST FLYFISHERS

### Update

#### Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all the Next Cast Flyfishers!

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.

#### Upcoming events include:

- **COF December monthly meeting:** The December 21 meeting will feature fly tyers, items for sale by owner, and holiday snacks! All Next Cast Flyfishers and their families are invited to join us and tie flies, we will have vises and materials for you to use. There will also be other club members tying for you to watch. This year, Next Cast will be selling some fly rods that have

been donated to our program; the proceeds from the sales will be added to our funds for more activities next year. We would love to have you join us! Let me know if you plan to attend and if you would like to tie some flies! Or stop by and say hi and have a cookie!

- **Christmas Stocking Stuffers:** A gift certificate for a 2017 fishing license is always a great idea and much appreciated by your young anglers! Remember everyone 12 years and older require a license! Also, leaders and tippet, floatant, and even hooks (if you have a fly tyer) are all great gifts and something they'll use!

Let me know if we can help you select anything! I love to shop! Please contact me directly if you have questions.

~Karen Kreft, [nextcast@coflyfishers.org](mailto:nextcast@coflyfishers.org),  
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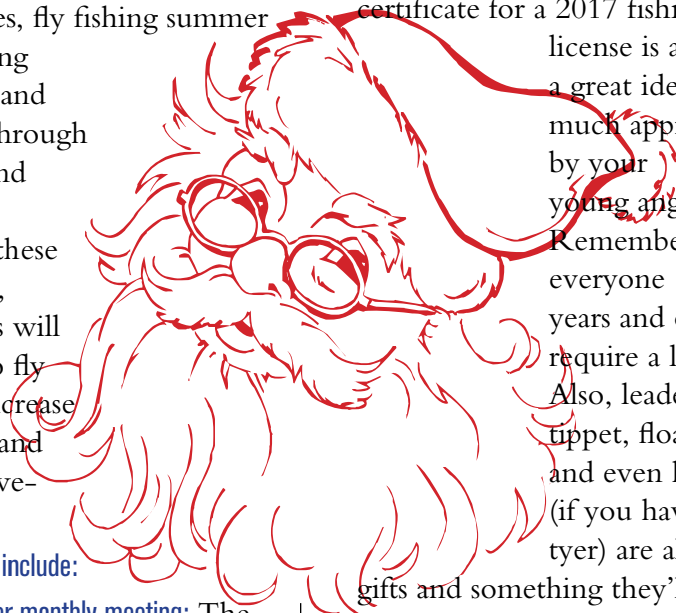
## CONSERVATION

### Update

After first mentioning it months ago, ODFW finally released their

report on Crooked River health. Smartly titled "Effects of a modified flow regime on the fish populations of the Crooked River below Bowman Dam", this report documents the devastating impact recent releases from Bowman Dam have had on fish populations. The report is now posted on the COF website ([coflyfishers.org](http://coflyfishers.org)). In 2016 redband trout populations dropped from 1,382 trout/kilometer to 185 trout/kilometer, a decline of 86.6%. The report provides scientific rigor around what is obvious to any angler: fish in the Crooked River need the right amount of water at the right time. The Bureau of Reclamation working with Ochoco Irrigation District have not released water as directed by recent federal legislation authorizing water releases for the maximum biological benefit of fish. Flows have been too low in the winter, eliminating habitat for trout and macroinvertebrates, and too high in the spring, introducing gas bubble disease from nitrogen super saturation.

The report is highly detailed and discusses other potential issues along with flow regimes that are optimal for fish. We hope that the BoR accepts the validity of this report and incorporates it into their future management plans. We want to thank local ODFW *Continued on page 3*



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biologists Tim Porter and Brett Hodgson for producing the report.

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

## OUTINGS

### Update

#### Plan for 2017 Outings and Adventures!

We had a fun year of outings and we would like to keep the momentum going for 2017. Our annual planning meeting for outings will be at 6:00 pm on the 21st in the adjoining room to our usual meeting room at the Senior Center. We would like to hear from our many members as to what destinations you would like to go to. We did have the month of August that had no outing commitment and we are seeking members who are willing to offer their valuable experience to organize and lead COF outings during the upcoming new year. Experienced trip leaders are encouraged to again volunteer their valuable and much appreciated services to the club membership. Our club would really appreciate the help of club members that have the knowledge and skills to introduce others to a new fishing destination. If you are interested in sharing your ideas and acting as a 2017 outings leader, feel free to attend the planning meeting on the 21st.

### COF WINTER FLY TYING

It's almost time! COF's Winter Fly Tying begins January 3 and will run through March 28. We meet every Tuesday night at the Bend Senior Center at 6:00 pm. This is an opportunity to re-stock your fly box with effective, fishy flies. Each session will be led by

an experienced fly tyer who will teach a couple of flies. There will be enough materials available to tie several of each pattern. Please be sure to renew your membership, as COF Winter Fly Tying is a benefit for our members and not open to the general public. Guests are welcome their first night and must join COF to participate further.

I've started a new mailing list this year, so please contact me to

be sure you receive the weekly fly pattern sheets. Many have already responded to the earlier email I sent to last year's participants.

Bring your vise, tools, thread and \$5 per session to offset the room and materials. This is not a beginning fly tying class so you will need to know the basics of fly tying. Hope to see you in January!

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





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## WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

### Update

Thank you to Molly for the great info that she shared in November about in-town fishing. And thank you to Susan for hosting us at her home. It was a VERY fun event!

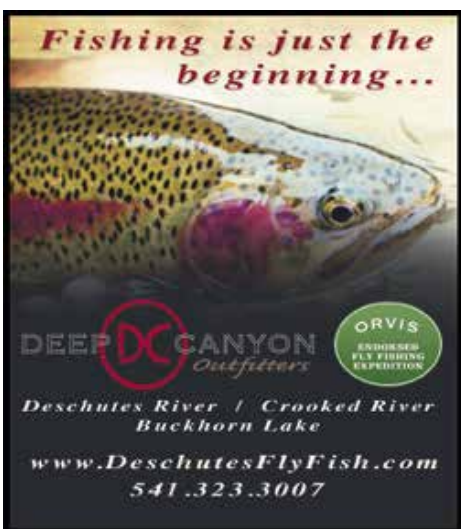


Wild Women Nov. meeting: Molly, Terri & Coral Ann

Our big December event is, of course, our Wild Women of the Water Holiday Party, Dec 9th, 6:30 PM at Lee Ann's house. We have SO much fun every year! Don't forget a "fishy" gift. We'll send out directions and what food to bring for the potluck later.

We've had quite a few new "Wild Women" joining lately. We are planning beginning and advanced beginning classes for the spring. If you have ideas, please let me know. We'd like to involve our experienced members as well as the fly shops. We'll keep you posted!

~Kari Schoessler, wildwomen@coflyfishers.org



## MEMBERSHIP

### Update

We're in our membership renewal period currently. You can renew online and pay by credit card using PayPal, or mail your check to the club's PO Box 1126, Bend OR 97709. You can also pay in person by bringing your check or cash to the monthly meeting. If you renew before January 1, the cost is \$35; after January 1, the price goes to \$41. If you're an Out of the Area (Associate) member, your renewal rate is always a low-priced \$23. You also have an opportunity to make a donation to Kokanee Karnival by credit card, by mail to the PO Box or in person. If you have any questions about the renewal process

or about the Wild Apricot membership management system, please contact me.

#### Welcome New Members

Karen Bleicher  
Bruce Gaudette  
Josh Rust  
David Sewell  
Cynthia Vernarecci  
Patty Violet

~Tim Schindele, membership@coflyfishers.org

## CLASSIFIED ADS

The board has decided to institute a classified ad section in the newsletter.

Ads run for one month and can be resubmitted if the item has not sold. Ads should be fishing related. Submit ads to Pete Martin at [pcmartin@bendbroadband.com](mailto:pcmartin@bendbroadband.com)



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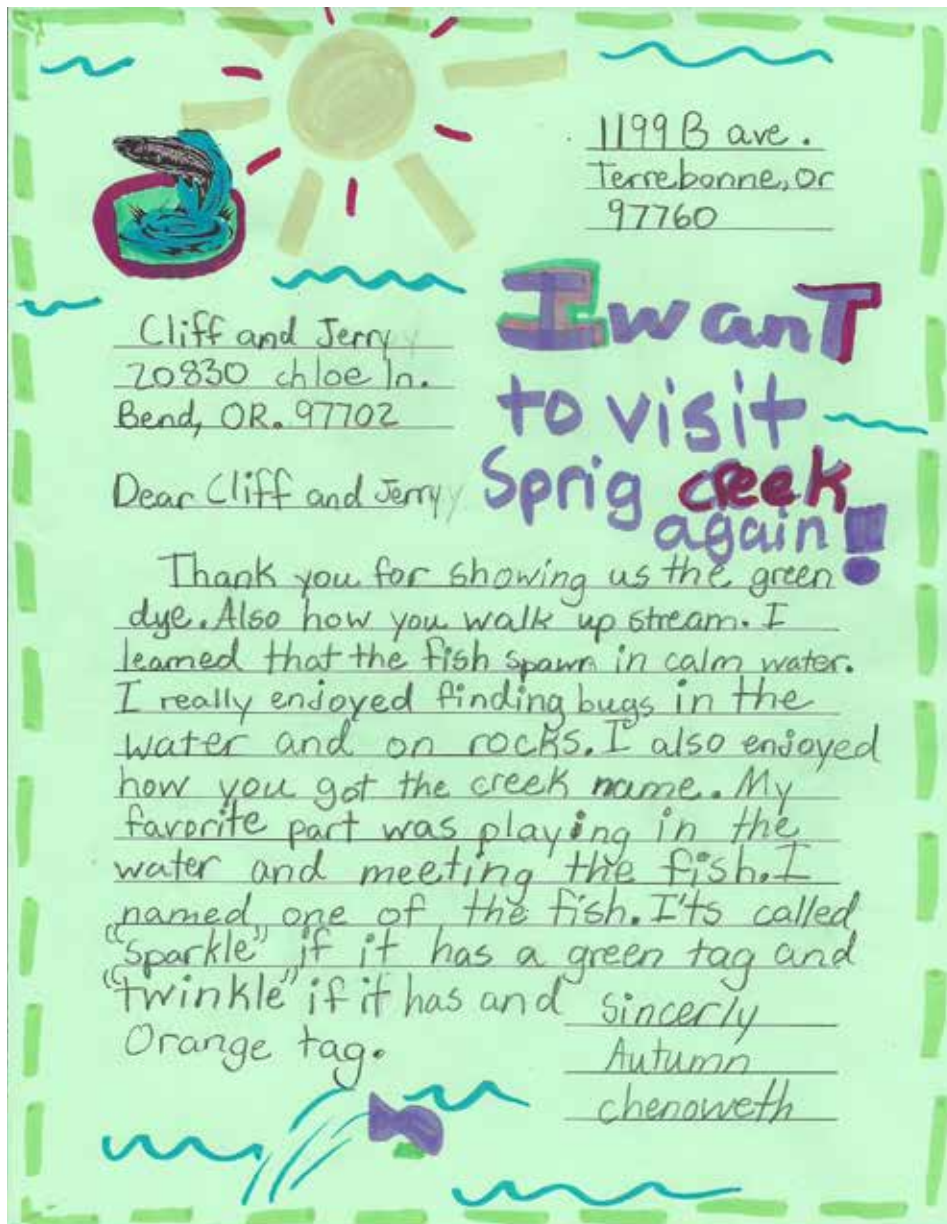


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## KOKANEE KARNIVAL STUDENT LETTER



## OTHER NEWS

### December Raffle

The December Rod raffle will be for a 9 foot, 4 piece, 8 weight Rod built on a Dan Craft FT blank.

This rod is well suited for casting bass poppers and larger streamers/flies. I have used this blank to build a rod for fishing for baby tarpon in Mexico, steelhead in Northern California streams and Stripers in the California delta. It casts steelhead tapers for swinging flies very well, shooting heads for numerous

applications and it will be a valuable asset to anyone's arsenal.

Keep buying raffle tickets to win this Rod. Monies raised will assist the COFF in supporting various activities and projects!

~Charlie Schillinsky

### Sunriver to host Jan. Fly Fishing Seminar

Sunriver Anglers and Central Oregon Flyfishers are pleased to present a two-day seminar on Fly Fishing Area Rivers and Lakes, January 21-22 at the SHARC, by renowned Fly



Fishing expert – Kelly Laatsch.

Perfect for the beginner to advanced fly angler, the seminar will cover all aspects of fly fishing rivers and lakes that will include proper terminology, gear, fly patterns, effective strategy, tips, and techniques for each type of water and season. With numerous fly patterns to his credit, Kelly will also provide a brief demonstration of newer fly tying concepts for improved results in almost any freshwater fishing condition.

An esteemed fly fishing expert and well-known presenter throughout Canada and the United States, Kelly has been fly-fishing and tying flies for over forty years and guiding professionally for over twenty years. He grew up in Alberta, learning the art of fly-fishing on both local rivers and lakes. He and his wife Karen own the St. Mary Angler Fly Shop in Cranbrook, British Columbia where they guide the Upper Columbia River out of Rossland and the famous cutthroat waters of the East Kootenays on the Elk, St. Mary, and Bull Rivers.

Kelly has fished most of the major trout streams in western Canada and the U.S. including *Continued on page 8*





**W**inter has arrived and in my last few trips to the river, I've found fewer mayflies to imitate. What else should I try? Well, midges are available to the trout all year-round and I thought perhaps I should tie up a few more and give them a try.

Part of my reason for tying this Peg's Midge was a video I found on YouTube from Tightline Productions. They produce great fly tying videos.

I know what you are thinking...I can't tie small flies! For many years, I shied away from tying smaller flies, but the more flies I tie, it seems like size 20 flies are no big deal. My wife heard me years ago say "If I need flies size 20 and smaller, I'll buy them!" I recall being very adamant with that

statement. Well, that has changed.

Tightline Productions tied this fly in a size 26. I looked at my hook supply and found a box of size 24. I was up for the challenge!

I really would like to encourage you to try tying a few midges, so here are a couple of tips for success:

Start with a hook size you are comfortable with and tie up 1/2 dozen or even a dozen. Maybe that's a size 20 or even an 18. Once you get the rhythm and proportions, go progressively smaller with your hooks. Trust me, it works.

The other secret is most small flies use very few materials. In fact, many midge patterns use thread for the body. How simple is that?

And speaking of thread, pick up a spool smaller than the 8/0 you probably have on the tying desk. You'll be amazed how strong Veevus 12/0 or even 16/0 thread is. Smaller diameter thread will not build up bulk on those small flies.

Another trick is to find a hook that uses an oversized eye so you can actually thread tippet materials through the eye! You might give the Daiichi 1100 or 1110 a try.

Matt's Midge is another simple midge to try because the body is your tying thread. Head on over to my website for tying instructions.

Lastly, if you fish the Crooked River, be sure to check out the flies Bill Seitz recommends, For a list of his flies, check out the Crooked River Fly Box ([www.johnkref.com/fly-patterns/crooked-river-flies](http://www.johnkref.com/fly-patterns/crooked-river-flies)) on RiverKeeper Flies.

**Materials:**

**Hook:** Daiichi 1100, Dai Riki 320 or TMC 100 #20 – 26

**Thread:** 16/0 Veevus black or brown

**Tail:** Cream hackle fibers

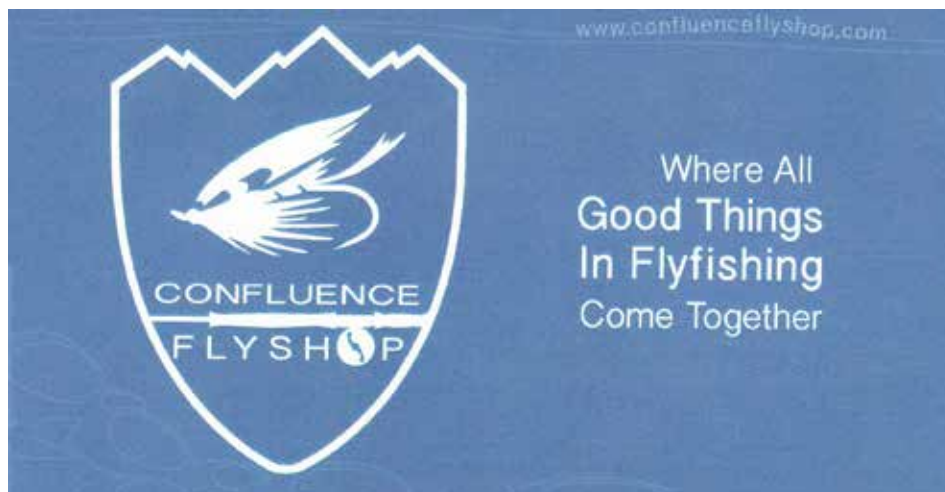
**Body:** Peacock herl

**Hackle:** Cream hackle

**Tying Instructions:**

1. Attach thread to hook, leaving small space behind hook eye and cover hook to 50% mark.
2. Select a 3-4 hackle fibers from a large hackle for the tail. Tie on fibers and wind back ending at hook barb.
3. Select one peacock herl, trim about 1" off tip and tie in at hook barb and move thread forward to point two hook eyes behind eye.
4. Wind peacock forward with touching turns to thorax.
5. Tie in hackle and wind forward to hook eye with three turns. Tie off hackle.
6. Whip finish.

~ John Kref, 503-559-3811, [jckref@gmail.com](mailto:jckref@gmail.com)



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the San Juan River in New Mexico, the Madison, Bitterroot and Gallatin in Montana, the rivers of the Olympic Peninsula and Utah's Green and Provo Rivers. He is also experienced in fishing our Central Oregon waters that include the Fall River, the Deschutes (both Upper and Lower), the Crooked River, and the Metolius. His experience with lake fishing is also extensive including our ever popular Crane Prairie Reservoir, Wickiup Reservoir, East, and Paulina Lakes, with a significant background fishing the quality lakes of the Kootenays and Kamloops-Kelowna region of B.C. to the high desert lakes of New Mexico, Arizona and Washington State. We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to share Kelly's wealth of knowledge and expertise toward helping to increase our success and

enjoyment of fly fishing all of our local waters.

The seminar is open to all and will be held at Benham Hall at the SHARC, 9:00am to 4:00pm both days (Jan. 21 & 22). The total cost for the two days is \$95, or \$85 if you are a member of the Sunriver Anglers Club or Central Oregon Flyfishers Club. Snacks, refreshments, and catered lunches are included. For more information and to register, contact Chris Breault at SunriverFlyFishing@gmail.com, or by calling 541-593-0355.

~Lee Ann Ross

### Crooked River Cleanup

On short notice a dozen COF members enjoyed a cold and windy, but sunny and dry Friday doing our club's fall cleanup along the Crooked River. Even Toby, the dog, came along for the ride.



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We found more litter than expected. Also unexpected was the finding of a full bull elk carcass dumped at milepost 18, near Poison Butte. Killed somewhere else, the elk had been gutted and cleaned, skinned, hooped, and the head was missing.

We found the bull elk carcass Friday morning, 11/18/2016, at about 9 am. The Oregon State Police, (dispatch 541-388-6300) is interested in any information related to the wanton waste of this animal.

~Peter Martin

### UPSTREAM EVENTS December 2016

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	CONTACT
1st	6:30 PM	COF Board Meeting	Environmental Center	-
9th	6:00 PM	Wild Women: Holiday Party	Lee Ann's House	Kari Schoessler
21st	7:00 PM	COF Meeting	Bend Senior Center	-

### In the Future

January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; 6:00 PM; Winter Fly Tying at the Bend Senior Center; Contact: John Krefit
January 21-22; Kelly Laatch; Winter Seminar; Sunriver SHARC
April 8th; 2017 COF Annual Banquet & Fundraiser; Riverhouse Convention Center



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