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President's Message

Monthly Meeting: This month our meeting is geared towards holiday cheer and enjoying each other's company. As is our tradition, we will have several club members tying flies. Even if you are not a tyer, it is really useful to stop by a tying station because the tyer can tell you how and where to fish the flies. We will also have educational tables that are not tying related.

Board: I want to thank everyone who has served on the board this year. Jill Bazemore will be leaving the board and Ron Kaye will join to take over her role as outings chair. Allen Caudle has stepped up to take over the presidency, Warren Snyder has volunteered to serve as VP, Fred Cholick has joined the board as a director at large and Art Agnew will be managing programs. I also want to thank Helen Guerrero-Randall who has volunteered to take over managing the library.

Winter Fishing: the whitefish should start to spawn pretty soon and fishing can be a blast on the Crooked when this happens. It is a great time to get out there and enjoy catching a bunch of fish in a day. My all time favorite winter



fishing aid is the Ketchem Release tool. With this little gem you can release fish without ever having to touch the fish and, more importantly, never having to get your hands wet in the ice cold water. The tool comes in three sizes but I just use the big one for all my fishing. You can find it at most of our local shops. Don't put your rods away just because it is winter.

~ Lee Ann Ross



An Active
Member Club

Please join us for the upcoming **Holiday COF Meeting**. This will be a potluck to celebrate and socialize the Holidays with your fellow Central Oregon Anglers. Please bring your favorite snacks or treats or beverages to share for this gathering. There will be fly tying demonstrations: a great opportunity to mix and meet while picking up tying tips. In addition to fly tying, we will have a table where you and other anglers will share tips on how to organize your fly boxes. There will be a table for you to learn about winter gear maintenance for reels and line cleaning. There will also be a gear swap table. Bring your gear labeled with your asking price and name. Leave on the table and the prospective buyers will be able to connect directly with the seller. 🐟 Come and Have fun!

OUTINGS

New Year's Day Outing - At The Crooked River

**Jan 1 | Meet at Jake's Diner
2210 NE Highway 20 | 9:00am**

Start the New Year out with some fun! The first outing of 2018 will be the annual New Year's Day trip to the Crooked River. Meet at Jake's Diner (we have reserved the back room) on the East side at 9 A.M. Have breakfast with fellow COF members, and decide if the trip to the river that day is for you? If there's minimal snow, temperatures are not too cold, and the roads are clear, the trip is on! Be sure to get your 2018 fishing license before hand. (If you forget, you can pick one up at the Alfalfa Store on the way to the river).

After breakfast, meet at Big Bend Campground between 11:00 and 11:30 A.M. and fish for a few hours. Bring something hot to drink and your lunch. Around 2:00 o'clock let's all meet and have our lunch together. Looking forward to a year filled with exciting fishing adventures and new friendships.

Any questions please contact, Ron Kaye, Outings Coordinator. ronkaye@gmail.com

OUTINGS CALENDAR 2018

MONTH	DAY	DESTINATION	LEADER
January	1	Crooked River	Ron Kaye

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.

NEXT CAST FLYFISHERS

Next Cast Flyfishers members have been busy!

Several members joined forces on the Deschutes River to help with the annual fish relocation project. The team, also participants in a Summit High School fly club, partnered with Mt Hood Environmental, to net and haul fish to the main river channel. They captured some monster brown trout. I'm sure they'll note where these fish were released and be back in the Spring to stalk them!



Two new Next Cast members also attended the beginning fly tying classes. Madison and Josephine both joined Next Cast recently and have been rocking the fly tying classes!



Anders Korman Isaac Korman Brown Trout



Madi tying flies

Josie tying flies

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Keep up the great work and keep posting your pictures!! Check out Instagram #nextcastflyfishers

Upcoming activities:

Net Building, January 2018. Details coming soon! This is the opportunity to hand make a landing net. The frames are all put together, you will sand the frame to a perfect sheen, then apply many coats of finish to make it beautiful!! Net baskets are tied into the frame and it is ready to fish! COF membership is required!

NW Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo—March 9 & 10, 2018; Albany, Oregon. Several Next Cast Flyfishers have been invited to the Expo as demonstration tyers. Additional members are encouraged to attend the Expo to see tyers, vendors, classes and demonstrations. Check out NW Fly Tyers and Fly Fishers Expo at www.nwexpo.com.

3-Day Fly Fishing Camp—June 18, 19, & 20, 2018 at Shevlin Pond. This camp is for all beginners and newer fly fishers (age 10–14), you don't have to be a Next Cast member to sign up! Registration is through 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! COF membership is not required!

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,

Oregon Youth Fly Fishers Train In New York

The US Youth Fly Fishing Team held a “New York” Clinic, the fourth in a series of clinics held throughout the United States. The main purpose for holding these clinics is to introduce young anglers to the exciting sport of competitive fly fishing.

The clinic was held September 29–October 1, 2017 at the Olympic Training Center, Lake Placid, NY.

Next Cast Flyfishers members Isaac Korman, Joey Pattee, and Anders Korman all attended the clinic, taking advantage of an opportunity to fly fish and learn more about the competitive side of the sport.

The boys also have a fly fishing club at Summit High School and very supportive families to transport them to fly fishing locations across the country!



Team Picture



USA Banner

~Karen Kreft, nextcast@coflyfishers.org, 503-409-0148

Joey Pattee Competes In North American Loch-Style Championship

Next Cast Flyfishers member Joey Pattee, as a member of the Fly Fishing Team USA (Youth), attended competitions in British Columbia

and New York State.

Late in September, Joey and his team members, joined fly fishers from across North America and around the World for the prestigious, international loch-style fly fishing championship. Members of the Canadian, British, and U.S.A. National Fly Fishing Teams, and competitors from Europe, the United Kingdom, and North America competed for the team and individual titles, medals, and the highly-coveted NALSFFC Cup.

Joey led the competition after two rounds, then remained in the top ten through the middle rounds. He placed 14th overall and the youth team was ranked 5th.

A total of 12 teams registered and fished 5 lakes in 3 hour sessions for rainbow trout. Each lake produced a 23” fish, with the biggest over 27.5”! The total number of fish caught per lake were between 180–280!



Joey and Fly Fishing USA youth team



Joey with one of his rainbows

~Karen Kreft, nextcast@coflyfishers.org, 503-409-0148

CONSERVATION

Update

Wickiup Fishing Regulations

According to an ODFW press release, “Fishing regulations are changing at Wickiup Reservoir beginning in 2018. The ‘bonus’ bag limit for kokanee will change from 25 to 5 and the Deschutes River Arm will close Aug. 31 (one month earlier than in 2017). The new approach is intended to

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protect naturally reproducing fish populations and sustain quality recreational fishing opportunities into the future.”

ODFW will discuss the changes in a public meeting, Dec. 6 from 6-8 p.m. at Central Oregon Community College, Room 190 in the Health Career Center building. “During the meeting, ODFW will also provide insight on how current water management in the upper Deschutes River impacts the reservoir fishery.”

Bend Bulletin Letter to the Editor

You may have seen my November 11th letter to the editor in the Bend Bulletin last month. I regret that they mentioned my affiliation with COF without also stating that the letter expressed my personal

views, which I made clear in my submission. COF has not taken a position on the actions of the US Fish & Wildlife Service in regards to restoring flows in the upper Deschutes.

I wrote the letter as I believe the restoration of the upper and middle Deschutes is important for anglers in Central Oregon. While the Deschutes in Bend may look healthy it is actually choked with silt and is largely dewatered at various times of the year above town (upper Deschutes) and below (middle Deschutes). The upper and middle Deschutes used to be an angler’s dream with constant flows and abundant fish. If flows were restored it could quickly regain status as a blue-ribbon trout river with fishing from a boat as well as more access from the bank than any

other local river.

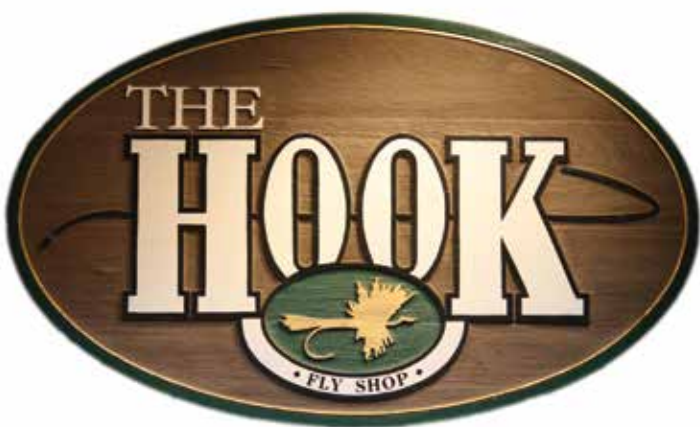
Crooked River “Live Flows”

One of the goals of the Federal Crooked River Jobs and Security Act of 2014 (aka the Crooked River legislation) was to get more water in the Crooked all the way down to Lake Billy Chinook. While the bill directed the Bureau of Reclamation to start releasing water for fish, the state water right had to be amended to allow it. ODFW and WaterWatch were able to get this done over the objections of Ochoco Irrigation District, North Unit Irrigation District, and the City of Prineville in late 2016. See my November 2016 column for more.

The current effort is to obtain a new water right to be held by ODFW for the released water keeping the “fish water” instream. While the right for water in Bowman Dam was changed to allow releases for fish, once released that water is considered “live flow”. Water right holders downstream of the wild and scenic section can capture that live flow and potentially divert all of it away. By creating a new water right owned by ODFW the live flow can be protected. The irrigators and the City of Prineville are currently objecting to this new right being granted. A decision is expected in the next few months.

FFI and the Snake River

As you know, COF is an affiliate of Fly Fishers International. (FFI was founded as FFF, the Federation of Fly Fishers.) Last summer I spent some time on the Snake River and its tributaries in the northeastern corner of Oregon. One day I struck up a conversation with an angler on the Snake who was targeting northern *Continued on page 6*



Custom Built Bamboo Fly Rods
and
Bamboo Rod Building Classes

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a bamboo fly rod. The hand is positioned on the right side of the frame, gripping the handle. The rod extends diagonally across the frame towards the left. The background is dark and out of focus.

Bamboo
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EDUCATION

December 20th COF General Meeting 6:15, Bend Sr. Center

This is the fun, Holiday social, general meeting designed for folks to share their fly tying skills; knot tying skills; organize your fly boxes; learn how to do winter gear maintenance. We will also hold a gear swap sale for those items you aren't using. Please bring items pre-priced with your name and phone number on them so you will be able to collect the money directly. Come bring your favorite treat to share the holiday spirit.

Beginning Fly Tying Class

A big thanks goes to Cliff Price, Pete Martin and the rest of the team who hosted and taught another successful beginning fly tying series for COF club members during November. We received a few requests asking if COF will be holding another beginning fly tying session. We are recommending people who missed the COF beginning tying classes contact all of the local fly fishing shops to see what they might be offering. Many are having formal

instruction for both beginning and intermediate tyers.

Net Building Class

The club will be hosting another net building class January 24th and January 31st, 2018 from 6-8 pm. There are openings for 2 more individuals and then we will start a waiting list. If you are interested at all in building your own beautiful wood net, please send us a note at education@coflyfishers.org. The cost is \$40 per person to cover all supplies.

Rod Building Class

The club will be holding another rod building class if there is sufficient interest. The class would be held over 4 weeks in March/April 2018. The first session would cover ordering all of the materials. Once the materials come in the rest of the classes would resume. If you are interested in building a rod, please send education@coflyfishers.org a note.

Please Contact Debbie Norton or Dalton Miller-Jones at education@coflyfishers.org if you have more ideas for education classes or pre-meeting education sessions this winter.

~Debbie Norton

WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

Update

Great camaraderie, yummy food and "fun and fishy gifts"! What a super holiday party we Wild Women of the Water always have! Following are the details for this year's event:



Tuesday, Dec 12, 5:30pm

Lee Ann's house - 3062 NW Underhill Place
(Awbrey Glen)

Call Lee Ann if you get lost - 541-312-2568

Please bring:

favorite appetizer, salad or dessert

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fishy gift under \$25

Please email Kari for questions and to RSVP.

schoessler.karivan@gmail.com

~Kari Schoessler, wildwomen@coflyfishers.org

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MEMBERSHIP

Check your November 1st email, as your annual membership renewal invoice will have been sent to you. You will be able to renew online and pay by credit card using PayPal. You do not need a PayPal account, you can sign in as a guest to make your renewal payment. The email also makes note of the club PO Box address if you prefer to mail a check. You can also bring checks to the monthly meeting and save a stamp. If you renew before January 1, the cost is \$35; after January 1, the price goes to \$41. Out of area folks renewal is \$23. Remember, under 25 years old, membership is free. You will also have an opportunity to make a donation to Kokanee Karnival by credit card using PayPal, or mail your check to the PO Box. If you have any questions about the renewal process or about the Wild Apricot membership management system, please contact me, Sue Coyle 541-668-3565 or spcwww@outlook.com.

Welcome New Member

John and Diane Butler
Charlie Hickson
Eric White
Josie Crosbie (Youth)

~Sue Coyle, membership@coflyfishers.org

On Our Web Page

Members can now load a photo and it will show in your profile page.

To do this:

1. Login to the website.
2. In the upper right click on your name.
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5. Choose your picture.
6. Click on Save.
7. Click on My Directory profile in the upper left to see your work.

To look someone up:

1. Login to the website. Member pictures can ONLY be seen by members and only if the member has added one.
2. Upper right hover over MEMBERS AREA.
3. Slide down and click on Club Roster.
4. Type name in the search box.
5. Click on name.

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pikeminnow to pass the time and for their bounty to supplement his retirement income. (The top pikeminnow angler in 2017 made

\$83,877! (<http://www.pikeminnow.org/>)

He gave me a book he had written called “Steelhead Fly Fishing Nez Perce Country”. (You can find it on Amazon.) It was about the history of fly fishing for steelhead on the Snake and its tributaries and their decline after dams were built. It had interviews with many local anglers along with fly fishing icons who visited the area during its glory days and bore witness to its decline.

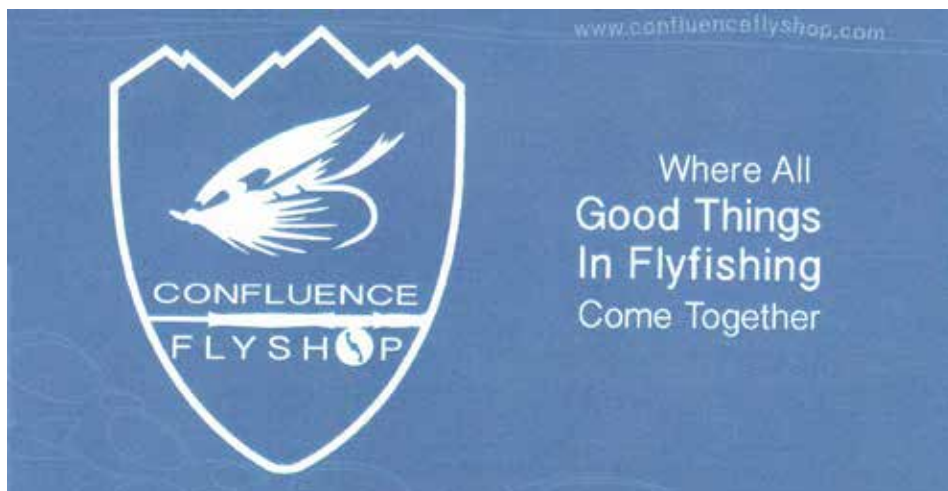
The part I was surprised to read was that FFF was conceived of by some of these visiting anglers. They would camp on the banks of the rivers, drink whiskey, and talk about how to do something about the dams being built. One of them, Bill Nelson, started the McKenzie Flyfishers Club in Eugene with the specific goal of creating a national network of clubs that could band together to take action to protect fish and the sport they loved.

(mckenzieflyfishers.files.wordpress.com)

The Osprey

On the subject of FFI, I’m a fan of The Osprey, the newsletter from the FFI’s Steelhead Committee (www.ospreysteelhead.org). It’s a worthwhile read if you like science articles. The current issue of The Osprey has a review of the next book I need to read and is where I first discovered that The Conservation Angler (www.theconservationangler.com) is now run by two Oregonians well known in the angling conservation world: Dave Moskowitz (co-founder of the Deschutes River Alliance) and Bill Bakke (founder of Native Fish Society).

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



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Winter has arrived and there are a lot fewer mayflies to imitate. Sure, you'll see Blue Wing Olives on occasion, but what else is available to trout? Midges!

Here is a new fly pattern I found recently from Rene' Harrop. Tie them in sizes 18–26...yes, they are small!

Here is a tip to tie small flies. Start with a hook size you are comfortable with and tie 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.

Small flies also use fewer materials. In fact, tie the body of this fly with only your working thread. I doubt the fish will care.

And speaking of thread, pick up a spool of smaller diameter thread to tie this fly. 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 a try.

For more midge fly patterns, check out my RiverKeeper Flies

website (www.johnkreft.com/midge-fly-patterns/)

Enjoy...go fish!

Materials:

Hook: Daiichi 1100 or any dry fly hook, size 18–26

Thread: 16/0 Veevus to match body color

Tail: Small grizzly hackle tip

Body: Muskrat gray TroutHunter Pro dubbing

Legs: Dun CDC fiber tied center of body

Wings: Dun TroutHunter CDC cupped over body

Tying Instructions:

1. Start thread behind eye of hook and wind halfway down hook shank. Attach grizzly hackle tip extending backward about a hook shank length and wind thread to hook barb. Wind thread back to 50% mark and trim butt end.
2. Select small CDC feather or CDC puff. Holding the butt end over the hook eye, pull fibers backwards and place on top of hook. Take wraps back to hook barb.
3. Trim butt end at hook eye. These ends will make legs. Separate so legs extend along side of fly with equal amounts. Trim excess fibers on top.
4. Attach dubbing or use working thread to create body. Wind forward with touching wraps, ending at tie in point of CDC feather. Pull legs back and continue wrapping in front of legs. Leave an eye length clear to tie off wing.
5. Fold CDC feather forward loosely between split wing (legs) and tie off. Whip finish and trim thread.
6. Lift and trim excess CDC fibers to create a small head.

~John Kreft, RiverKeeper Flies (www.johnkreft.com)

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For Sale: 7 1/2' two piece aluminum North Fork oars with oar rights. \$15 Call or text Jan 406-360-6699

For Sale: Fishing Artwork. Antique bamboo fly rod mounted on live edge maple slab. Can be hung horizontal or vertical, Really cool—Photo available—\$250 call or text Jan 406-360-6699

For Sale: Generator, Yamaha EF1000, perfect for RV dry camping at your favorite lake or stream, call or email to agree on a value, Peter Martin, pcmartin@bendbroadband.com, 541-388-8956

Free for your \$20 donation to Kokanee Karnival: Mr. Heater infra-red portable heater with a 5-gallon propane tank, (what west-side Steelheaders carry in their drift boat to stay warm), Peter Martin, pcmartin@bendbroadband.com, 541-388-8956

Members: Got a fishing related item to sell? Ads run one month then can be resubmitted if not sold to classifieds@coflyfishers.org.

OTHER NEWS

COF Annual Meeting Report November 15, 2017 Election Results

Members elected to the board of Director:

President.....	Allen Caudle
Treasurer.....	Renee Schindele
Outings Chair.....	Ron Kaye
Program Chair.....	Art Agnew
Kokanee Karnival.....	Frank Turek
Wild Women.....	Kari Schoessler
At Large.....	Fred Cholick

- Mary Ann Dozer will mentor Art Agnew for the first year
- Lee Ann Ross will continue on the board as past President
- Jill Bazemore has completed her term and is leaving the board.

Directors remaining in their positions thru 2018:

Secretary.....	Corol Ann Cary
Conservation.....	Yancy Lind
Education.....	Debbie Norton/ Dalton Miller Jones
Next Cast.....	Karen Kreft
Banquet Chair.....	Tom Wideman

~Corol Ann Cary

COF Winter Fly Tying

COF's Winter Fly Tying begins January 9 and will run through March 27. 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 instructor who will teach a couple of flies. There will be enough materials available to tie several of each pattern. Just bring your vise, tools, and thread. The Board has decided not to charge the \$5 per session this year. Because this will be a FREE class, be sure to renew your COF membership, as the class is a benefit for being a club member. Guests are welcome (\$5 fee) for the first class and then asked to join COF. This is not a beginning fly tying class so you will need to know the basics of fly tying. I'm creating an email list of participants, so let me know if you are interested. I send out pattern sheets early so you can see who the instructor is and the featured flies.

Hope to see you in January!

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

Thank You Crooked River Cleanup Volunteers!



Fourteen COF members braved icy roads and met Sat-

urday morning, November 11, at Big Bend for our club's fall cleanup along the Crooked River Highway. The cold morning quickly changed into a beautiful day and we found less litter than last fall. For those who took advantage of the drive that meant more time for fishing.

Thank you volunteers and stay tuned for our big Crooked River cleanup and barbeque in the spring.

~Pete Martin

November Raffle

Very sorry that I was unable to complete the November Rod due to a severe fall on ice. That Rod, a three piece, 9 foot, 5 weight will be completed in time for the December meeting.

~Charlie Schillinsky

Flies Needed

The Redmond Sportsman Show is coming up March 1-4. COF staffs the kids fishing pond and we need flies for the kids to use. We can use size #10's or 12's, especially beadhead or weighted flies, barbless (barbs are the natural enemy of kids), in bright colors. If you have any extra flies as you clean out your fly boxes this winter please pass them on to Frank Turek.

~Lee Ann Ross

UPSTREAM EVENTS December 2017

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	CONTACT
7th	6:30 PM	COF Board Meeting	Environmental Center	-
12th	-	WWW Christmas Party	-	Kari Schoessler
20th	6:15 PM	General Meeting	Bend Senior Center	Lee Ann Ross
1/9- 3/27	6:00 PM	Fly Tying	Bend Senior Center	John Kreft

In the Future

January 1st; 9:00 AM; New Years Day Outing; Jake's Diner; outings@coflyfishers.org
January 24 & 31; 6:00 PM; Net Building Class; Contact: education@coflyfishers.org
April 14th; 2018 COF Annual Banquet & Fundraiser; Riverhouse Convention Center; 503-330-5505, tom@widemans.com
March 1-4 Central Oregon Sportsman Show, Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center, Redmond OR
March 9 & 10, NW Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo, Linn County Expo Center, Albany OR
May 18-20, Sandy River Spey Clave, OxBow Park, Sandy OR
June 18, 19, & 20, 3-Day Fly Fishing Camp, Shevlin Pond, nextcast@coflyfishers.org



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