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President's Message

Hi again, for the last time.....

I had several opportunities for great fall fishing on the lower Deschutes due to our wonderful Indian Summer. Practiced some of the "euro-nymphing" techniques I learned the past several months at our club meetings and they really work! Had a lot of success on red bands but steel-heading is very slow. The steelhead situation throughout the North West continues to be of extreme concern. I can only hope our state and national leaders can figure out how to bring these runs back to there historic levels.

Our December meeting is traditionally a "pot luck" event where members gather with Holiday cookies, cakes and beverages. Several fly-tiers will be exhibiting their skills for us amateurs to see. If you have a special fly you'd like to share consider setting up a table. Plan on an evening of fun, food, learning and camaraderie.

Our new President, Tim Quinton, will be accepting the gavel come January 1st. Please join me in welcoming him and give him all of the support and help you extended to me. Thanks again for allowing me to serve the past two years.

Our annual fly tying program ramps up next month. We meet every Tuesday evening at the Senior Center at 7:00. All materials are provided; you just need a vise and your tools. It's free to club members. Another reason to renew your membership. Contact Ron Gaiier for more information.

Lastly, Hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and a piscatorial 2020!

- Allen



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Please join us for the upcoming Holiday Central Oregon Flyfishers Meeting. This will be a potluck to celebrate and socialize with your fellow members. Please bring your favorite snacks, treats, dishes, or beverages to share at the gathering. There will be fly tying demonstrations providing a great opportunity to mix and meet and pick up some great tying tips.

In addition to fly tying we will have a table where you will learn about winterizing your rods, reels, and lines. There will also be a swap meet. Bring your fly fishing gear labeled with your asking price and name. Leave it at the Swap Meet Table and prospective buyers will be able to contact directly with the seller.

Happy Holidays!



WELCOME

Good day and WELCOME, to new members, renewing members and long timers, over 408 Central Oregon Flyfishers!

We have just completed our annual Board of Directors Retreat and much of the time was spent on planning of everything necessary to draw members closer to the club: speakers, education, activities, outings, groups within the club, conservation oriented activities, our annual banquet and fundraiser, Kokanee Karnival and Next Cast to name a few. The stage has been set. Follow your newsletter and get involved!

Personally speaking, I travelled to the Owyhee and found 20" success, volunteered for the Kokanee Karnival Fall Streamside (my first time) and had a GREAT time helping educate a number of groups of schoolkids, eager to know about nature and fish. The river cleanups were an opportunity to find a new fishing partner while beautifying the Crooked River Canyon and the Banquet? Great flies, food and FUN!

I will be calling around again to reactivate "Fishers Without Partners". It was a modest success last year and one worth repeating for those interested. And, of course, I'll be available at COF General Meetings for any questions about activities, the club in general and involvement that benefits you.

- TOM WIDEMAN
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PARTNERSHIP CORNER

Rimrock Ranch and Whychus Canyon Preserve

Last month I talked about Camp Polk Meadow Preserve and the stream restoration project completed by the Deschutes Land Trust, a non profit organization. In addition to Camp Polk Meadow property the Land Trust has two properties downstream where they are working on stream restoration. Rimrock Ranch and Whychus Canyon Preserve are part of a six mile stream restoration project that has begun to improve habitat for fish and wildlife. The first mile of stream restoration was completed in 2016 at Whychus Canyon Preserve (see photo above). Some of our club members have already joined this organization and I would encourage anyone to get involved in this organization if you have the time to work for the enhancement of the fisheries in Whychus Creek. The website for this organization is located at: <https://www.deschuteslandtrust.org> Click on the far right tab "Get Involved" The following link gives you information about the Whychus

Canyon Preserve open to the public. <https://www.deschuteslandtrust.org/protected-lands/whychus-canyon-preserve>

Rimrock Ranch is a privately-owned ranch and access is limited to special tours. The following Land Trust page gives information on the ranch. Rimrock Ranch is downstream from the Whychus Canyon Preserve and was conserved by the Land Trust in 2006.

<https://www.deschuteslandtrust.org/protected-lands/other-conserved-lands/rimrock-ranch>

- THOMAS SHUMAN

CONSERVATION

Fish Counting Structures in the Deschutes Basin

Several permanent structures exist to count adult and juvenile fish in the Deschutes river basin. The lowest structure is operated by ODFW at Sherars Falls. This is a traditional fishing location for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and you can still find a few Indian fishermen using traditional hoop nets and platforms at this site. This fish ladder samples only a portion of the fish migrating up the



Deschutes River at this location. It appears the table for adult fish has a mistake. It seems Coho adults may be in fact Sockeye as identified in the PGE trap at Pelton Dam. Historical counts for the Sherars Falls fish ladder are found at the following web site: https://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/fish_counts/sherars_falls/

Further up stream all fish in the river are gathered below the Pelton Dam at a fish trap operated by PGE. Fish counts for this site may be found at the following web site: <https://www.portlandgeneral.com/corporate-responsibility/environmental-stewardship/water-quality-habitat-protection/fish-counts-fish-runs/deschutes-daily-fish-counts>

The Warm Springs River is the location of a National Fish Hatchery for Chinook salmon. Adult counts for these fish can be found at the site below for the years from 1975 to 2008. Notice the large number of hatchery adults, and Jack Salmon and low numbers of Wild Adults. The large number of jack salmon is possibly due to raising too large of smolts increasing the percentage of early

returning adults. The low number of wild fish indicated the streams are not producing large numbers of quality smolts. Current management for fisheries has concentrated on increasing the productivity of the spawning streams thru expensive habitat improvement projects and controlling the size of the smolts to reduce jack salmon returns. <https://www.nwcouncil.org/sites/default/files/200831100.pdf>

The tribes also operate a fish weir on Shitike Creek to monitor the production of adult steelhead and Chinook salmon. The site left shows the facility and includes some pictures of various animals passing thru the video camera section of the facility. <https://fisheries.warmsprings-nsn.gov/2017/09/fish-weir-on-shitike-creek-provides-information-to-biologists/>

A few years ago the Selective Water With drawl facility was built on Lake Billy Chinook to allow for downstream migration of salmon and steelhead around the three dams preventing salmon and steelhead from returning above the dams. The club has toured this facility. A large report on the effects and timing of fish migration can be found at this website. https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/file_list.asp?document_id=14770011

Finally this year a new fish ladder was constructed at the Opal Springs site to allow adult fish to migrate out of Billy Chinook up the Crooked River. This site is a modern state of the art fish ladder providing data on fish runs for fisheries managers. The following web site is a KBND story on the new project. It will be interesting to learn what data this site will provide in the future. The picture below shows the dam at Opal Springs. The new fish ladder is under construction and is located

at the bottom of the picture. Final completion of the fish ladder will allow this spring run of steelhead to migrate from Lake Billy Chinook to upper streams in the Crooked River system. <https://kbnd.com/kbnd-news/local-news-feed/442316>

- THOMAS SHUMAN

EDUCATION

Hands on CPR

Free community hands-only CPR class for those of you looking to learn, or brush up on your CPR skills. Offered the first Wednesday of each month from 6:00pm - 7:00pm. Taught by Bend Fire and Bend Police. Class is limited to 20 participants.

Located at Fire Training Center, 63377 NE Jamison St., Bend, Oregon 97701

Call 541.322.6300 to register. As January 1, 2020 is the first Wednesday of the month, class may be moved to another day. Call to double check.



Accomplished Fly Tiers wanted.

There are one or two evenings available during the COF Winter Fly Tying Classes for accomplished tiers to demonstrate one or two of their best patterns. This is an advanced tying class and participants want to learn patterns that catch fish! Please let me know if you are interested.

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Beginning Fly Tying

**JANUARY 29TH, FEBRUARY
5TH & 6TH, 6 PM - 8:30 PM,
BEND SENIOR CENTER**

Learn the basic skills and techniques needed to tie easy patterns that catch fish. \$5 for the class. Materials for all flies are provided; but basic fly tying equipment is required (aka starter kit). The First session is an overview of equipment, materials, and what to buy or bring for your starter kit (required for last two classes). We will start tying in the second class but will focus on specific techniques. During the last class we will be tying some of my favorite flies. Class is limited to 15 COF members. Online sign-ups starting in early December. If you have any questions, please contact me.

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NEXT CAST FLYFISHERS

Happy Holidays! Remember the December COF monthly meeting is a fun night for everyone! There will be snacks!! There will also be members demonstrating fly tying and other members may have fly fishing gear for sale!

This is a fun evening and all members and your families are welcome to join us. Please let me know if you'd like to be a demonstration tyer, we'll set up a table for you! All levels are welcome.

The Next Cast Flyfishers program provides opportunities and coordinates activities for young fly anglers in the area. We offer fly fishing instruction through classes and 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, 503-409-0148
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OTHER NEWS

Crooked River Cleanup

OCTOBER 26, 2019

Sixteen COF members turned out on a sunny and gorgeous Saturday, 10/26, to pick up litter along the Crooked River highway. Richard Yates came from Burns and camped in his good looking restored '72 travel trailer at Big Bend Campground. After the litter pickup we enjoyed our sack lunches and good conversation around the picnic table. Volunteers included:

Richard Yates
Bill Hinchliff
Bruce Vernarecci
Richard Graham

Carol Ann Cary
Bill Raleigh
Dick Olson
Tim Quinton
Lee Ann Ross
Laureen Lampe
Herb Blank
Tom Wideman
Sue Coyle
Gary Davis
Tim Derry
Peter Martin

WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER ANNUAL HOLIDAY GATHERING

DECEMBER 15, 2019
3:00 PM - 5:00PM, HOME OF
LEE ANN ROSS, 3062 NW
UNDERHILL PLACE, BEND

We will once again gather at the home of Lee Ann Ross. Car pool with a friend to help with parking.

We will provide a light fare of appetizers, catering from Tate & Tate, from their Savory Bites Menu. Please bring your favorite salad, fruit dish, or dessert to round out the

buffet. Be sure to remember we have folks who are gluten free. As always, please bring your beverage of choice, perhaps enough to share!

Let's not forget our fabulous gift exchange! Last year was fun and wild! We encourage a wrapped gift of no more than \$20, something "fishy" if you please!

As always, our holiday gathering is a gift to you all, but please be sure to let us know you are attending and register through the COF website. This way we have a good guestimate for planning.

If you have questions, contact Sue Coyle

- SUE COYLE
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BOARD BITS

NOV 2, 2019...9am-3pm
ANNUAL COF BOARD OF
DIRECTORS' RETREAT

Yearly Committee Chair Reports

Membership – Sue Coyle
408 members. Renewals have been sent out. Sue is looking for a replacement.

Education – Jeff Jones
The survey was sent out, received back and calculated. We got 80 returns. A few numbers...50% felt they were intermediate fly fishermen, 50% fish both lakes and streams, 70% fish both dries and nymphs, 50% like short presentations, 40% would like to see technique classes. Jeff asked for \$1200 for his budget. Upcoming classes include beginning fly tying, intermediate fly tying, casting classes, net building, rod building, Rick Hafele seminar.



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He is working on 4 pre monthly meeting classes.

Programs – Art Agnew

All monthly meetings except July and Sept are scheduled. It was discussed that we might focus on something local. Art is working together with education and outings to coordinate events. Art led a discussion on what to pay members when they make a presentation. It was decided that if the presenter does not normally charge for their services, offer an honorarium of \$250 or a membership for 2 years. Art would like to reduce his program budget from \$4000 to \$3000.

Banquet – Pete Martin

The banquet is April 4, 2020. We have no chair at this time. It was suggested that we cut back on offerings... just a bucket raffle. Pete will make a schedule matrix and send it to the BOD. Each of the BOD members could volunteer for specific jobs. We still need a chair to pull it all together. Susan and Allen will make another pitch at the next Wed meeting.

Monthly Raffle – LeeAnn Ross

Raffles have been going well. LeeAnn tries to have a featured item that she buys for each raffle...something a little more expensive. It was suggested that non-fishing outdoor items should also be included.

Outings – LeeAnn Ross

LeeAnn organized 4 outings this last year...all on weekends. There was a low response. Possible outings were suggested...Owyhee, John Day, upper Deschutes, Lake Simtustus, the day float on the lower Deschutes, Fall River, Crane Prairie (Quinn river side), East Lake, town water. She will talk to Eric Steele about an East Lake trip next summer, since the

campgrounds are open again.

Conservation – Tom Shuman

Tom's news articles usually contain thoughts on fish counts and restoration of various waters. His "partnership corner" talks about what a specific organization is doing. Tom hopes that organizations will submit articles in the future. If he doesn't get anything after a year, he will discontinue the partnership articles. Tom is considered the liaison with ODFW. He will call them to check on the tui chub donation that we give every year. He will also see if they need anything else.

Kokanee Carnival – Frank Turek

KK started in 1996. They have a fantastic KK board. Not much has changed over the years. ODFW is putting on a certified angler clinic for volunteers. The next KK event is their youth angler clinic in March.

Wild Women of the Water – Susan Coyle

A Facebook page was started this year. A discussion was undertaken about where the women's Flyfishing 101 class should be – Education or Wild Women. It was decided to leave it with Wild Women. Sue asked for a \$600 budget.

Next Cast – Karen Krefl

Membership is 49 kids. Many of these have moved on in their fishing skill. We need to revitalize with younger kids in this next year. The budget will remain the same - \$1300. Karen is looking for a replacement.

Budget – Renee Shindele

Renee would like to find a replacement. She went over the proposed budget line by line... Some of the larger numbers included...

Income - \$9000 from membership

dues

\$9600 auction (perhaps we should cut this to \$5000 based on a possible limited event)

\$1500 Sportsman Show

Expenses-\$1500 ODFW projects

\$1500 OSU Cascades

scholarship (LeeAnn will

research with Matt (@OSU)

\$1500 running the club

\$2400 insurance

\$2200 storage

\$1000 Kokanee Karnival

\$3500 newsletter

\$1000 volunteer recognition

\$1000 contribution (Casting for Recovery)

At this point, taking everything into account, our budget is -\$13000. We decided to take out the \$5000 scholarship and revisit that after the banquet/auction. We'll see what the budget looks like then. Renee will tidy up the budget and submit it to the BOD.

Welcome Committee – Tom Wideman
Everything is fine!

Trout Pond – Frank Turek

We need a chair. Frank will make the announcement at the Nov meeting.

Board Book – Tim Quinton

Tim wanted some clarification on a few entries. Everyone needs to look at their sections and submit changes to Bill Raleigh.

Storage Locker – Tim Quinton

Carol Ann, as vice president, will be in charge of keys. LeeAnn and Karen went over what is in the locker.

Casting Challenge – Tim Quinton

FFI has a casting skills challenge that will be offered to our members. Tim will disseminate the information.



STARLING AND PURPLE

This month's fly is an old, but simple fly pattern, the Starling and Purple. I was reminded of this fly when a customer asked me to tie a dozen for him in size 16 last year. He lived in Sunriver and fished the Metolius quite a bit, but occasionally fished the Fall River. He stated the Starling and Purple was very effective for him when swinging through the current.

This fly uses silk thread for the body. Why use silk? The thread color changes when wet, so be careful when substituting regular nylon thread to tie the fly. YLI 100 Japanese silk thread is a great substitute for Pearsall's Gossamer silk, which is no longer

manufactured. Look for the YLI 100 #244 Eggplant color.

I plan on tying and fishing a few of these this winter.

Starling and Purple Materials:

Hook: Alec Jackson Soft Hackle #13 - 15 or Daiichi 1110 #16 - 18

Thread: Pearsall's Gossamer purple silk

Body: Working thread

Thorax: Peacock herl

Wing: Starling

Tying Instructions

1. Begin thread on hook behind eye and wind backwards and end halfway between hook point and barb.

2. Wind thread forward to thorax and tie in one peacock herl. Take 3 - 4 wraps of herl, tie off and trim herl.
3. Tie in starling feather by tip. Wrap 1 1/2 turns and bind down.
4. Whip finish.

For more fly patterns, be sure to check out my RiverKeeper Flies website (<http://www.johnkreft.com/fly-patterns/>). Enjoy...go fish!

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MEMBERSHIP

New Members

Carlos Alfaro – Bend
Jessie Creech – Bend
Chuck Delcambre – Bend
Jeff Grimm – Bend
Douglas MacAllister – Bend
Michael Sandiford – Bend
Heidi Sprenger – Bend
Ross Stratton – Bend
Anne Tully – Bend

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COF CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE by Gary Cima:

Fly Rods: TFO 11' 6 weight, Deer Creek Series switch rod, never used, includes warranty card, sock and tube case, \$250

-ECHO Ion 10' 8 weight, hardly used, includes ECHO lifetime warranty, \$125

-ECHO Dec Hogan Original Spey Rod, 13' 7 weight, includes ECHO lifetime warranty, \$300

-Colorado Pontoon Boat, \$150

-Bino Harnesses- Have 2, S4 brand, both are +\$75 new. \$40 each

-Eagle Brand Fish Finder for your boat, canoe, float tube or pontoon, \$30.00

-BOOKS- Some of the finest angling in print right here! Contact me and I will email you the list.

-Also selling a few of my custom fly tying material boxes at discount prices. You can see some of my work on my Instagram page- #thelivingriverstudio, four ready to go and they make a great gift! If interested in combining items, I will make

every effort to make you a great deal. May consider trade for good woodworking tools. Gary Cima, bigtroutchaser@hotmail.com, 541-610-3391



FOR SALE: CADDIS Navigator 2 Float Tube. Excellent condition, never been used, asking \$75, call or leave message for Mary at 541-815-5029.

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 by the 15th of each month.

- CLASSIFIEDS@COFLYFISHERS.ORG



DECEMBER 2019 UPSTREAM EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	CONTACT
December 2	Sunriver Anglers Holiday Party	Sunriver Resort, Great Hall	
December 3	Net Building, 6-8:00pm		education@coflyfishers.org
December 4	Free community hands-only CPR class	Fire Training Center, 63377 NE Jamison St	Reservations call: 541.322.6300
December 5	COF Board Meeting	Bend Environmental Center	
December 15	Wild Women OfThe Water Holiday Party, 3-5pm		Wildwomen@coflyfishers.org
December 18	COF Monthly Meeting - Holiday food, fly tying, swap meet	Bend Senior Center	

In the Future

DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	CONTACT
January 7	COF Winter Fly Tying	Senior Center	rongiaier@gmail.com
January 14	COF Winter Fly Tying	Senior Center	rongiaier@gmail.com
January 21	Beginning Rod Building		education@coflyfishers.org
January 21	COF Winter Fly Tying	Senior Center	rongiaier@gmail.com
January 28	COF Winter Fly Tying	Senior Center	rongiaier@gmail.com
January 29	Beginning Fly Tying, 6-8:30pm	Senior Center	
February 5 & 6	Beginning Fly Tying, 6-8:30pm	Senior Center	



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