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President's Message

I sincerely wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season this year.

For our Christmas meeting this month we'll have several fly tyers exhibiting their skills and patterns. If you're not an accomplished tyer, but have a pattern you like for Central Oregon, don't be shy - come out and tie! We're also bringing back our "Gear Swap" like we did pre-Covid. Bring any old/new/excess fly fishing gear you have, put your price on it, and prepare to haggle with the members! If you don't sell it at the meeting, please consider donating it to the April 2023 Banquet Auction/Raffle. Just fill out the banquet donation form available at the meeting (see Tim or Renee Schindele) and leave your item(s) with us!

We are in dire need of volunteers for several leadership positions in the Club: Education, Outings (see the article in this newsletter), and Monthly Meeting Raffle Coordinator. These events don't happen without the people to run them, so if they matter to you, please consider volunteering!

This is my last column as President, and I'd like to thank the COF Board and all of the other volunteers that have worked so hard to keep us up and running during these last 3 years. I would not have been able to do this without them! My term was particularly challenging due to the Covid pandemic that reared its ugly head after only 2 months into my term, but I'm really happy we were able to return to in-person meetings earlier this year. I'll be staying on the Board for the next year (as the Past President), so feel free to let me know your thoughts about the Club. I am turning the reins over to Fred Cholick on 1 Jan, and you can rest assured that the Club will continue to be in good hands with Fred!

Thanx for being a part of this great Club, and feel free to let any Board member know if you have ideas for improvement. Also, please think about how you can add value to this club - by volunteering for leadership positions or helping with our various programs.

And I'll leave you with 2 of my favorite fly-fishing quotes:

"A Trout is a moment of beauty known only to those who seek it" – Arnold Gingrich

"Many go fishing all their lives without knowing that it is not the fish they are after." Henry David Thoreau

Get out and fish!

Tim Quinton, President COF



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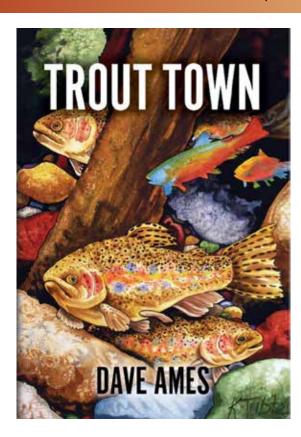
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GENERAL MEETING | DECEMBER 21ST

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here's no presentation at our December meeting, but here's a review of a book you can get at the meeting. A couple of months ago Dave Ames contacted me and offered to send a copy of his most recent book, "Trout Town". I had never heard of Dave, but his previous two books had good reviews on Amazon, so I agreed to provide a description and put the book in one of our monthly raffles.

It's important to understand that I am not the right person for this task. I am an avid reader, but rarely of fiction. With that caveat, Trout Town was an easy, quick read that helped me enjoyably pass the time on a couple of recent plane flights. At its core, it's a crime mystery set in a fly fishing community. Layer on top of that a variety of themes including military service, PTSD, geopolitics, election meddling, cults, domestic terrorism, genius hackers, and more, and you have a real smorgasbord of a book.

The storyline was somewhat contrived for my palate, but there were just enough tasty side dishes of fly fishing and fish biology offered up to keep me reading to the end. If you like fly fishing and whodunnits, Trout Town might be for you. Learn more at www.trout-town.com.

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EDUCATION

COF in person Fly Tying 2023

BASIC SKILLS CLASSES - Registration is now open via the Central Oregon Flyfishers website under Calendar & Events -> Upcoming Events -> Register. Limited to 15 tiers, first come, first served. Classes provided for free by COF and volunteers.

- The goal of these 4 classes is to provide very good learning opportunities so that interested newer tyers can learn the skills that will serve them well to tie their own fish catching flies. Possibly to join in Winter Fly Tying meetings or to tie from YouTubes, etc. Classes will be held at Larkspur Community Center, Bend, on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 8:30 in Classroom 2, beginning Jan 3, 2023 (ending Jan 24th). Use the entry off Reed Market to get to the closest door, and turn left past Information.
- COF has 12 sets of vises and tools to use for IN Class participants (not to take home). Participants who have their own vises and tools will do well to bring them and practice with them in class and at home.
- Since we have limited numbers of volunteers for in class help, participants are strongly encouraged to also look on the COF website -> Members Area -> Tips/Techniques -> Fly Tying Skills -> Basic Skills CLASS Intro and Tools
- Beyond that PDF, also take a look at the "Some Basic Fly Tying Info & Techniques" in the same section of the Web page. In the open PDF, you'll need to scroll down to get to the individual technique videos. The ones in Bold Type are the most specific to the Basic Skills CLASS, and will absolutely help you get the most out of the class!!

WINTER FLY TYING CLASSES - Registration for Winter Fly Tying Classes will open in early January, via the Central Oregon Flyfishers website under Calendar & Events -> Upcoming Events -> Register.. Classes will be held at Larkspur Community Center, Bend, on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 - 8:30 in the Multipurpose

Room, \$5.00 materials fee per class. Please bring exact change if at all possible. (COF is paying \$1245.00 for the new increased room rental fees) Bear straight, look right for the Multipurpose room when using the Larkspur entry closest to Reed Market.

First class will be on Jan 31st, Ron Romeis presenting a "Coachman Variant" soft hackle and a PT Emerger. John Kreft, Jeff Perin, Jerry Criss, Ed Linker, and two tiers (TBD) from Confluence Fly shop also scheduled, later. General format will be each Presenter demoing two flies, with 2 of each being tied.

You must provide your own vise, tools, & thread. Improved room lighting, but you might want to bring your own battery powered tying light. Pattern/materials sheets will be emailed to registrants about a week ahead of classes to provide insights (for thread selection and pre class heads ups). COF website -> Members Area -> Tips/Techniques -> Fly Tying Skills -> Some Intermediate & Advanced Tying Skills might well provide some refresher videos, as well as a substantial inventory of other technique videos.

Contact John Howard for questions

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WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

Happy Holidays to all our fantastic Wild Women!
We have our annual Holiday Gathering, Sunday Dec.
4th. This is a great time to gather, share great food, do a fun gift exchange and share fishing plans for next year.
We will also be scheduling zoom gatherings for the winter months. We have many out of area women and our zoom gatherings are a way for them to connect as well. Our first zoom gathering will be in January. Mary Ann Dozer will offer education on rigging. So mark your calendars, January 9th, 6pm.

I am already making plans for 2023. Let me know what you would like to do, education possibilities and fun gatherings.

Happy Holidays to all!

- SUE COYLE WILDWOMEN@COFLYFISHERS.ORG

CONSERVATION

Ochoco Preserve Work Party

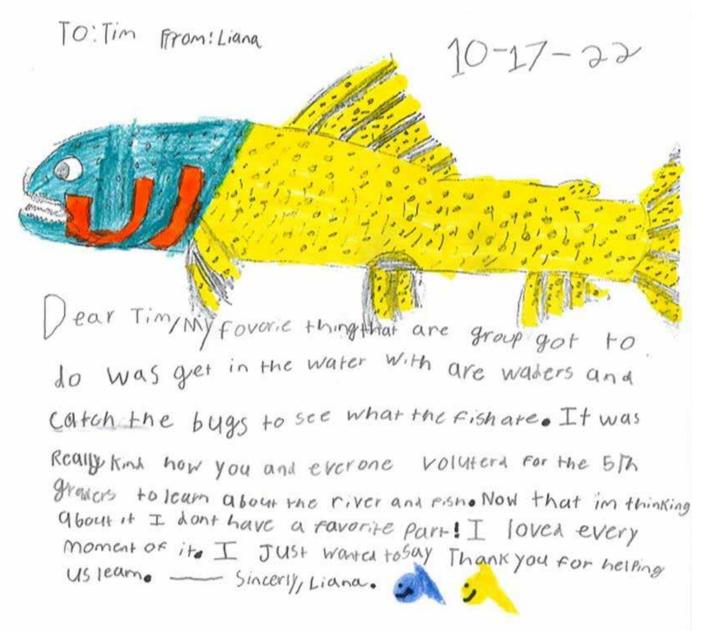
Thanks to the COF'ers who braved a bright blue, sunny day at the Ochoco Preserve planting seedings! We had 9 people participate in the restoration project along McKay Creek. Pretty nice for the first time working with Deschutes Land Trust. Our leaders, Peter and Gabriel were impressed – we planted 500 seedlings in just over 2 hours! Not bad.

Below are a couple of photos of the area before the restoration....and after. It was very impressive to see the difference





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OTHER NEWS

Volunteers are needed for these fun activities!

The Kokanee Karnival (KK)steering committee met to discuss the future of the programs. The following programs were discussed:

- 1. Spring Angling Clinic to be held on April 24, 25, 27, 28, and May 1 and 2 at the Shevlin Pond.
- 2. Angler Education (classroom program) Dan Pebbles has retired as coordinator.
- 3. Fall Stream programs at Spring Creek and Sheep bridge/Fall River Hatchery.
- 4. Fish Eggs to fry.
- 5. Salmon-trout Dissections

Jen Luke will contact the schools regarding the Spring Clinic and the Angler Education programs. Fred Cholick will contact the volunteers for both programs. These are great opportunities for COF members to volunteer and educate youth (5th graders) on the fishing techniques, water safety, and experiencing the joy of seeing kids catch fish. Above is a thank you letter from a student from the Terrebonne School.

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BOARD BITS

COF BOD MEETING 12/1/1022

Steve Williams proposed the Old Mill District Fly Casting Course Improvement Project. He is requesting funding to refresh/revitalize the Old Mill District Fly Casting Course. Steve is a COF member and FFI certified casting instructor. He would like to work on the existing 5 out of previous 18 stations to more align with the FFI (Fly Fishers International) Skills Fly Casting Skill Development Program. An FFI grant could potentially fund the project. The BOD approved of the concept. Steve will report on his progress at a future meeting.

2023 Banquet & Auction – Tim & Renee Schindele gave an update. The banquet/auction will be held at the Elks Lodge on April 29. We have put revenue of \$5,000 in the 2023 budget. 80–100 attendees should create a break-even situation, covering the meal and administration costs of the auction (paper, printing, postage, registration materials, etc). Renee & Tim will send out the auction solicitation letters. They need help with solicitation follow-up. Yancy will take on the fly shops. An awards committee needs to get together to present yearly awards at the banquet. Elks Lodge deposits must be made...\$150 for the facility and \$150 for the dinner.

2023 Budget – Liz – before finalizing the 2023 budget, we added 3 items... 1. Adding \$5,000 revenue from the banquet 2. Adding \$200 expense for food for the Crooked River Clean Up 3. Adding \$500 expense for food at the summer BBQ.

Programs – Yancy – We chose to have Jeff Courier's March presentation cover Warm Water Fishing. He had many presentations to choose from. J. Michell's canceled Nov presentation, on Sea Run Cutthroat, will take place over ZOOM in the future.

Facebook – we would like to reorganize our Facebook page. Tom agreed to work on it.

Outings – Eric – traditionally, members have met on Jan 1 for breakfast at Jake's, and an outing to the Crooked River. It is not advised to fish the Crooked River at this time because it is so low. Eric will organize Jake's for breakfast and socializing.

Newsletter – it was decided not to print the monthly newsletter for distribution to the local fly shops. We would like our brochure and business cards to be updated and distributed instead. Bob will look into this. \$500 was allocated.

Sportsman's Show Fishpond – Danny – March 9-12. We need volunteers. That is also the weekend of the Albany Expo...March 10 & 11. Sherry Steele is heading that up.

FFI - Sue Coyle will take over from Tim Quinton as the COF rep for FFI effective Jan 1.

Kokanee Karnival – Fred – KKK and COF financial accounts have been combined. Fred and volunteers will move their storage unit into the KKK trailer after the first of the year. Any leftovers will be combined with the COF storage unit. The KKK committee met and approved the Spring Clinic in April and May. Angler Ed, a comprehensive class room presentation, will take place in 11 schools in the Fall. Mary is consolidating KKK into the COF website.

Fly Tying – John – Beginning Fly tying takes place on the first 4 Tuesday nights in Jan. The limit is 15 participants and we have 6 so far. Sign up through the website. Winter Fly Tying for intermediate tyers starts Jan 31 and goes for 9 Tuesday nights.

This was Tim's last meeting as president. Thank you, Tim, for all you have done for COF!

COF 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION RESULTS

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Tim Schindele - Banquet/Auction

Tim Quinton - Past President

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MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to Our New Members

Cathy Schroeder - Redmond

Cliff Schroeder - Redmond

As of November 29, 2022, Central Oregon Flyfishers has 316 members.

Renewal notices were sent to all members in mid November. Please keep an eye open for them and renew promptly. For those of you who pay by check, it can take up to a week for payment to reach us even though mailed locally.

If you have friends, family or neighbors who are thinking of joining COF, please let them know that by joining now their memberships are paid through 2023.

- ROBERT SHIMANE MEMBERSHIP@COFLYFISHERS.ORG

COF CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: KORKERS WADING BOOTS DEVIL'S CANYON. Men's size 12. BOA lacing system. Comes standard with felt and Kling On soles, also Included are Korkers Triple Threat soles with aluminum discs. Used 30 times. \$100, Robert Shimane, 408-314-0645, andylily99@gmail.com



FOR SALE: ABEL BIG GAME 3N REEL WITH SPARE SPOOL AND LINES. Interchangeable with Super 6. Used about 30 times on Oregon coastal streams. Excellent condition. Lines are 8wt floating

and sink tip. \$450, Robert Shimane, 408-314-0645, andylily99@gmail.com





FOR SALE: SIMMS WATERPROOF WAIST

PACK. Roll top design like a dry bag. Includes shoulder strap, three interior and one exterior pocket. Used four days on the Kenai Peninsula in 2019. Excellent condition. \$75, Robert Shimane, 408–314–0645, andylily99@gmail.com



FOR SALE: SIX RIO SKAGIT MEDIUM MOW

TIPS: The Medium MOW Tips feature T-11, with a sink rate of 8" per second, for the sinking material. Each of these tips has either a light green floating section, or if full sinking is a dark green color, for easy identification. The Medium MOW Tips are designed for heavily weighted flies and are ideal for Skagit lines between 475 and 575 grains. There are six unique tips that make up the series. Each tip is 10' long, with the exception of a 12.5' full sink tip. The tips area: 10' Float, 10' (7.5' float, 2.5' T-11 sink), 10' (5' float, 5' T-11 sink), 10' (2.5' float, 7.5' T-11 sink), 10' T-11 sink, 12.5' T-11 sink. These tips are all in excellent condition; retail price is \$205. Asking \$100, Tim Quinton (509-392-3516), cgtimq@gmail.com). More photos are available on request.







FOR SALE: THIS IS A PAIR OF WELL USED SIMMS MEN'S WADERS, SIZE L (9-11): They

have been patched several times, might have a few small pinhole leaks, but are in pretty good condition overall. The seam tape is intact both inside and out. Purchased in 2002, but stored and used with care. This is the older model that does not have attached gravel guards. Washed and ready to use! \$50, Tim Quinton (509–392–3516, cgtimq@gmail. com). More photos are available on request.



FOR SALE: LIKE NEW, SAGE MODEL ONE 7116-4 SWITCH ROD. 11'6", 7 wt., 4-piece, sock and tube, \$550, comes with Rio Scandi Shooting Head, 420 gr. and Rio Powerflex Shooting Line, rod and lines fished perhaps twice, original total cost \$955, Peter Martin, landline, 541-388-8956, pcmartin@bendbroadband.com

COF MEMBERS: Got a "fishy item," (broadly defined), to sell, find, or giveaway? Ads are free and run for one newsletter. If the item is not sold, please resubmit your ad for the next month's newsletter. Submit ads to classifieds@coflyfishers.org by the end of the third week of each month. JPEG photos are useful.

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SAWYER'S KILLER BUG

Have you ever tied a fly with wire instead of thread? Years ago, I was just below the Loving Creek confluence removing my sparkle dun from a rainbow and a shiny object caught my eye. It was a nicely tied Frank Sawyer's style Pheasant Tail stuck in the fish's jaw. Mike Lawson includes the Sawyer Pheasant Tail Nymph in his deadly dozen saying "it is still the best mayfly nymph imitation for spring creeks ever developed" Flyfishing Guide to the Henry's Fork.

Returning home from that trip I watched videos of Davie McPhail, Sunriver Angler's Phil Fischer, and Hans Weilenmann tying the Sawyer Pheasant tail. McPhail appears to use a Tiemco large diameter (black) bobbin holder while both Fisher and Weilenmann use a loose length of wire.

Davie McPhail Pheasant Tail: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gw7HfXtIuLk

Phil Fischer Pheasant Tail: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ab5yoHFZ7Mw

But this month's tyer's corner isn't about pheasant tail nymphs. While watching McPhail tie the Sawyer's Pheasant Tail, up popped the link for Sawyer's Killer Bug. What fly tyer can resist trying something called the Killer Bug!

I understand Frank Sawyer (1906–1980) was the Riverkeeper on the River Avon for over 50 years. He is known for flies including the Pheasant Tail Photo: Frank Sawyer tied Killer Bug using Chadwick's 477. Photo from Davie Mcphail's video, actual flies tyed by the famous angler river keeper Frank Sawyer. COANERS

nymph, Gray Goose nymph and the Killer Bug. The Killer Bug was developed as a means of controlling grayling and the bug was named by his friend, Lee Wulff. It is believed to imitate a shrimp or a sedge. The original Killer Bug was tied with a wool yarn called Chadwick's 477 which is no longer available. Jamieson's Shetland Spindrift yarn in Oyster (290) has become the substitute for Chadwick's 477 yarn. At the time of the video, I was reading Ann Cleeves' series of Shetland Island mysteries so I had to find some wool yarn from the Shetland Islands.

KILLER BUG MATERIALS:

Hook: Nymph hook

Wire: Small copper wire

Original Body: Chadwick's 477 yarn

Alternative body: Jamieson's Shetland Spindrift Yarn in Oyster

Alternative body: Semperfli Chadwick's 477 substitute yarn

McPhail Killer Bug video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jt61pj90nU8

TYING INSTRUCTIONS:

This simple pattern can be easily tied with thread. If you chose wire you may wish to cut a length of wire rather risking damage to your bobbin holder.

Start the wire at the hook eye, wind down halfway, then back to the eye, and back to the center forming a thorax. The wire provides some weight and shape to the nymph.

Tie in the yarn and wind over the yarn back to the hook bend.

Wrap the wire forward to the eye then back creating the underbody. Leave the wire back above the hook barb and coat the wire wraps with super glue.

Let the glue dry then wind the yarn to the hook eye and back to the rear. Tie off the yarn with the wire, and trim the yarn. Whip finish or half hitch the wire. Apply a drop of head cement or super glue to the wire wraps. If the wire breaks at any point just restart it. The wire will be covered by the yarn body. Due to the variety of colors in the yarn no two flies will look the same.

Free Yarn: I will mail 3 yards of yarn to the first 20 COF members who email me their mailing address. I had to buy a skein of Jamieson's which is more than I need. I bought my skein at The Websters in Ashland years ago.

Tying with wire has challenges as the wire can easily break while it is twisted. I have found the Killer bug works well in the lower Deschutes. In Sawyer's time, his copper wire would be tarnished, rather than shiny like today's coated wire. I believe Copper Brown UTC wire simulates the color of tarnished copper wire if you wish to be more authentic.

There are many other patterns you can tie with Jamieson's Shetland Spindrift in Oyster. Search "Killer Bug" on YouTube and a number of videos will appear. Tim Flagler uses Oyster and thread, to tie a Cranefly Larva in a Tightline video. Flagler says "he almost feels guilty fishing these things but the guilt doesn't last long". You will also find videos for variants including bead heads, soft hackles, jig flies, and the Utah Killer Bug.

Yarn Sources: A source for fly tying lengths of Jamieson's yarn is flytyingyarn.com, where the co-owner also hosts a YouTube channel called *Tenkara Addict. Semperfli* markets a card of Chadwick's 477 Substitute Yarn in the pages of the J. Stockard Fly Tying Catalog. The historic Killer Bug seems to have caught on today as The Webster's website writes, "*Shetland wool... traditionally used for Fair Isle knitting but is also frequently sought out by anglers who make ties for fly fishing. Oyster in particular is popular for making the Utah Killer Bug.*

Don't forget to request your free yarn-

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DECEMBER 2022 UPSTREAM EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONTACT
December 4	WWW Annual Holiday Gathering from 3-6pm	Sue Coyle, wildwomen@cofyfishers.org.
December 21	Monthly Member's Meeting, 7:00pm @ the Elks Lodge	

In the Future

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONTACT
January 1	New's Year Day COF breakfast at Jake's Diner @ 7:00 AM	Eric White, whitehaus692@gmail.com
January 9	WWW meeting with Mary Ann Dozer	Sue Coyle, wildwomen@cofyfishers.org.

