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President's Message

Can't believe it's already February. Where did January go? Anyway, lots of opportunities are coming up to get involved in COF.

Several fishing trips are being planned for this winter and spring; check out the calendar to keep up to date.

The Central Oregon Sportsman's Show is just around the corner in early March. Our club provides volunteers for the kids fishing pond. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow club members and help local kids catch their first trout. Ron Giaier is leading this project and needs about 50-60 volunteers for the 9 shifts we staff. In addition to helping out a lot of kids we receive \$1500.00 for the club. This is our second largest fundraiser of the year. Volunteers also get free admission to the Sportsman's show!

Winter fly tying is in full swing. John Kreft has a great program each week to learn how to tie 2-3 local favorites taught by club members and local guides and fly shop owners.

Coming up this spring is our Kokanee Karnival. Frank Turek leads this one of a kind program partnering with local schools teaching about twenty-five 4th and 5th grade classes about stream ecology, conservation, local fishing, lifecycle of salmon and trout and many other aspects of the local streams and rivers. He needs volunteers for several days in various locations in the region.

Lastly for this month is a heads up for all club members to get acquainted with the Upper Deschutes River Basin Study. Our club has Dave Dunahay keeping tabs on this very important piece of work, which will do a lot to determine the future fishing, water flows and cleanliness of the water in the Upper Deschutes River. The COF board is trying to keep abreast and will be providing updates and links to the various civic and government agencies involved so members can be informed and make up their own minds on this complicated subject. The results of this process, over the coming months and years, will be one of the most important factors in determining the quality of angling in the Upper Deschutes River basin.

Thanks for your interest in our club. Let any board member know of your suggestions or concerns. We will discuss all of them at an upcoming board meeting.

Hope you can rip some lips in the coming weeks.



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Our program for this month will be presented by Brett Hodgson of the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife. This is ODFW's annual visit to COF, and Brett will update the membership on changes in regulations, current projects, and other activities slated for 2018 by the department. Pre-Meeting at 6:15 Outing Chairman Ron Kaye will discuss the British Columbia Trip.

OUTINGS

Great attendance and the ideas were flowing at our pre-meeting gathering. As a result you can look forward to many trips for 2018 being announced and formalized in the coming months. Here's some of what was discussed. Owyhee River March 28-31 Lee Ann Ross, April 1 Crooked River Clean up Pete Martin, Lake In The Dunes April 26 (trip is Full) Ron Kaye, Central Washington/Columbia Basin Tim & Renee Schindele, British Columbia Lake Fishing June 17 to 26, East Lake June 29 & 30 Eric Steele, John Day River Tim & Renee Schindele, Lower Sacramento River Mike McClean. All this and more to come! Thank you,

Ron Kaye- Outings Coordinator

Owyhee River Outing

March 28-31

This year's outing is scheduled for March 28-31. This coincides with Idaho spring break and we have found that this week is a bit less busy than normal. Winter flows have been stable a 37 CFS all winter which should mean awesome fishing. The Owyhee River downstream from Lake Owyhee Dam is a gem. Think the Crooked River on steroids. Instead of rainbows and whitefish, think browns, big browns. A 15-incher is a small fish. The trip is timed to hopefully coincide with the skwala hatch. If we are lucky, there will be spectacular top water action as the fish smash your skwala pattern.

OUTINGS CALENDAR 2018

| MONTH | DAY | DESTINATION | LEADER |
|-------|---------|---------------------------|--------------|
| March | 28-31 | Owyhee River Outing | Lee Ann Ross |
| April | 7th | Crooked River Cleanup | Pete Martin |
| April | 26th | Lake In the Dunes- | Full Trip |
| May | 18-21 | The Lower Sacramento Trip | Mike McClean |
| June | 9th | Captain Caddis Crappie | Betsy |
| June | 17-26 | British Columbia Trip | Lee Ann Ross |
| June | 29-Jul1 | East Lake, 2-Nights, BBQ | Eric Steele |

Sign up or more info!
outings@coflyfishers.org

Other than skwalas, use the same flies and rigs you use on the Crooked. Don't forget the small stuff either. Size 18-22 midges work well too. To get a better idea, watch Brian Huskey's video of the Owyhee at: <http://vimeo.com/5327229>.

It takes about five hours to get to the Owyhee. Travel on Hwy 20 from Bend, via Burns to Vale. Towards the end of town, turn right at the Cenex Gas Station onto Glenn Street. Glenn Street becomes Lytle Blvd. Go for about 14 miles. Turn right just behind the little store, then take the first left. Turn right on Klamath and then left on Norwood, right on Owyhee Ave and left on Owyhee Lake Road. Sound confusing? Not really; there are a lot of signs to Owyhee State Park. If you make a mistake, any of the roads will get you there. You basically need to go southwest from the store. Check it out on Google maps.

Take Owyhee Lake Road up towards the dam. There is a bridge just below the dam with a sign to the irrigation department. Cross the bridge and you're at a campground with an outhouse and trash service. There is no cell service. There is WiFi at the museum on the irrigation department property.



There is no password so you can just hangout on outside the museum

and use the wifi. Water is available. You have the choice of camping at the campground, camping along the river, or staying at a motel in Vale or Ontario.

Unlike the Crooked, there are no developed campgrounds along the river. If you choose not to stay in the campground, you can just pull over and set up camp anywhere you like. The 10 miles of fishing below the dam to

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Snively Hot Springs is the best fishing

Dry Fly Innovations has an excellent blog at: <http://www.dryflyinnovations.com/blog>. There are tons of archived reports on the site. Unfortunately, it is now a paid site so you will have to decide if it is worth it to you to go back to last March to see how the hatch was a year ago. Their stoneflies are killer. I am making an order now so that I will have a dozen or so ready for this trip.

All are welcome on this outing. There is no limit to how many can come, but please let me know if you plan to attend so I can get a rough head count for the campground.

If you are pulling a big rig, please park just OUTSIDE of the campground proper along the river and leave the camping area for tenters and small trailers.

The camping area runs on donations. The campground doesn't open until April but they make an exception for us. We make a donation to the Owyhee Irrigation Department to thank them for making the camp area available. We donate \$10 a head per night. Last time I ran this trip most folks did not pay. If you don't plan on helping to pay for the campground, please don't come.

- Lee Ann Ross

rossleeann@yahoo.com.

The Lower "Sac" Outing

May 18-21

Just a 5 hour drive from Bend to Redding, California. That's where you'll find 50 miles of river with wild rainbows and fishing from the boat.

Hire a guide or bring your drift boat and experience. Controlled water flows and a very temperate climate make the Lower Sac a blue ribbon fishery. We invite you to join leader Mike McClean on this COF outing.

Logistics will be solidified based on the interest from the club members. The Best Western Hilltop is a nice and reasonable place to stay if you're not camping. It provides good meeting place for end of the day fish tales! This is a great way to meet fellow COF members and perhaps a future fishing buddy? Let's see if we can make these 2 days of fishing happen?

Contact Mike:

mikebendmcclean@gmail.com

Thank you,

Ron Kaye, Outings Coordinator

British Columbia Trip

June 17-26

The club is considering hosting our annual lake fishing trip to the lakes in the Kamloops area of British Columbia. We have tentatively scheduled the trip for June 17 to 26, 2017. June 17 and 26 would be travel days with June



18-25 for eight days of fishing. British Columbia offers an eight day non resident license. We will miss the June monthly meeting as we need to time to trip so that we are out of the camping area before the July 1 weekend which is the big Canada Day (think July 4th) vacation weekend.

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If you are interested in this trip, please go to the COF website and read the two presentations on the trip which you can find under the "newsletters/presentation" button on the website. Please read all the information, as it should answer 95% of your questions. If you are interested in the trip and you can meet the conditions for participation laid out in the two documents, please send me an email and I will put you on a list. I will host a discussion session on the trip starting at 6:15 the multipurpose room at the Senior Center prior to the February monthly meeting to answer any questions you may have.

~Lee Ann Ross

rossleeann@yahoo.com

NEXT CAST FLYFISHERS

Early in March, hundreds of fly fishers from all over the country will be in Albany Oregon for the annual NW Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo. This show features fly fishing professionals, instructors, vendors, and lots of folks that just love fly fishing. It is the biggest fly fishing show west of the Mississippi!

The fly tyers are a feature of the show, with over 75 tables of demonstration tyers scheduled for two entire days. Tyers are invited from around the country and represent a variety of styles and technique. While these tyers are demonstrating their specialties, show attendees are able to sit down in front of the tyers to watch and ask questions. This year, seven

Next Cast Flyfishers are included in the show as demonstration tyers! Forrest Franklin, Branson Broderick, Kincaid Smeltzer, and Joe Grover will return for their second year, and they will be joined by Isaac and Anders Korman and Joey Pattee. Be sure to check the schedule for these tyers! They'd love to have you stop by their tables and say hello (they may even give you a fly)! They will all be tying on Saturday.



New Next Cast members

Welcome to our new Next Cast Flyfisher members! We continue to add a few new members each month and we can't wait to meet all of them. There are some volunteer opportunities coming up soon. These dates provide a chance to meet other fly fishers and volunteer to help others.

Central Oregon Sportsman's Show—March 1-4, 2018;

Each year COF runs the trout pond for kids under 12. We provide volunteers to help the kids, along with providing flies to fish with. Our Next Cast members run a shift from 3:45-8:00 on March 1st, let me know if you want to help us and I will add you to the volunteer roster. Email: nextcast@coflyfishers.org

NW Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo—March 9 & 10, 2018;

Albany, Oregon. Seven 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.

Crooked River Clean-up—April 7, 2018

Big Bend Campground, Crooked River. Join COF members for the annual river and campground clean-up and barbeque. If the water level is good, we will fish once the work is done! Mark your calendars, more details to come.

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
(503-409-0148)

WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

We are looking forward to our Spring Wild Women of the Water Fly Fishing 101 classes...March 11,18,25, culminating with an outing to the Crooked River on April 8th. Our schedule is as follows:

- MARCH 11 – 1-3PM –
DAVE MERRICK @ FLY & FIELD...“WHAT EQUIPMENT DO I NEED?”...INTRO TO RODS, REELS, LINES, WADERS AND OTHER MISC EQUIPMENT
- MARCH 18 – 1-4PM –
MARYANN DOZER (COF BOARD MEMBER & GUIDE @ THE FLYFISHERS PLACE)... “FISHY BUGS”...IDENTIFICATION AND LIFE CYCLES OF WHAT FISH EAT.
- MARCH 25 – 1-3PM –
TYE KREUGER & TOM WIDEMAN @ CONFLUENCE FLY SHOP...“PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER”...STRINGING UP YOUR ROD, REEL, LINE & FLY...KNOTS... CASTING... READING THE WATER.
- APRIL 8 – 9-NOON -
OUTING TO THE CROOKED RIVER – ALL WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER ARE INVITED!

Cost is \$10/Wild Women member
April 8 – 9-noon - Outing to the Crooked River – all Wild Women of the Water are invited!

\$40/non member...3 classes and outing
Maximum is 10 ladies
Please send an email to Schoessler.karivan@gmail.com and let me know that you are interested or if you have questions. Send a check, made out to COF to 2512 NW Brickyard St, Bend, OR 97703. I need your check to hold your spot in the class

To all the Wild Women – we would love your help in a few very important places!!

...can you donate some flies to our newbies? Do you tie flies or have you cleaned out your boxes and would like to donate to our newbies? MaryAnn could use your donations on March 18

...are you available on March 18 to help with identifying flies with our newbies and putting them in their new fly boxes?

...are you available on April 8 to fish with us all on the Crooked River? Perhaps you could take a newbie under your wing?

Happy Fishing!!!
Kari Schoessler



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MEMBERSHIP

Membership renewal has been busy over the past 2 months. If you renew before January 1, the dues are \$35; anything post marked after January 1, renewal dues revert to \$41. For our 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 Carnival by using PayPal, or mail your donation and renewal check to COF at PO Box 1126, Bend, OR 97709. 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 Members

Kage Kossler Youth
Sylas Phallon Youth
George Chladek Youth
Chuck Burley
Cheri Hatfield
Duane Hatfield
Al Munson
Max Robertson
Bruce Schroeder
Jeanne Royce
John Stewart
Judy Taylor
Geri Wildenberg

-Sue Coyle membership@coflyfishers.org

RETIRING PRESIDENT- LEE ANN ROSS RECEIVING
A THANK YOU GIFT FROM THE CLUB.



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.
3. Click on Edit profile in the upper left.
4. Scroll down and click on Choose File next to Member Photo.
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.

HOW TO ACCESS THE COF MEMBER DIRECTORY

If you would like to contact a fellow COF member, you can find members' emails and phone

numbers in the member directory. Just sign into the COF website. If you have never signed in before, click on the "Login" button into upper right of our screen. On the next screen click the "Forgot Password" button on the lower left of the screen. After logging in, go to the members area then click on the club roster.

LIBRARY

FISHING THE FOUR SEASONS
-DAVE HUGHES

Most people who go fly fishing for trout practice the sport in the spring and early summer, when most waters in North America offer their most prolific hatches of insects, and the weather is pleasant. In *Fishing the Four Seasons*, Dave Hughes shows you that trout anglers need not limit themselves to such short seasons, and indeed that fine fly fishing for trout can be had all year long. In this groundbreaking volume, Hughes shows you: opportunities to take big trout even in the dead of winter;



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how to prepare yourself and your equipment for cold-weather fishing; why lakes and ponds can offer some of the best trout fishing available in early spring; how to catch trout in streams swollen with snowmelt; the best flies to use for early, mid-, and late summer fishing; why autumn, though often overlooked, can offer some of the year's best opportunities for taking trout on flies.

If you are a club member and would like to peruse the library and/or check out one of our books, just look for the rolling bookcase at the club's general meeting. The librarian arrives at the meeting early to give members extra time to look for books 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 Guerrero-Randall, the club librarian:

library@coflyfishers.org

EDUCATION

Net Building Class

The Net and Rod Building Classes are full for this year. Thank you for your enthusiastic participation. If you expressed an interest to attend but were unable to, we will keep your names and contact information for the next time a rod building or net making class is possible. If you didn't contact us but are interested in one or both of

these classes be sure to let us know at

education@coflyfishers.org.

Casting Class

Beginning, Intermediate/Advanced & Spey {both single and two-handed} Casting Classes are getting organized. Stay tuned for dates and times. We hope to be able to offer these to COF Club members free as part of your membership dues.

Winter Seminar 2019

The COF club will be hosting the bi-annual Winter Seminar in February 2019. Please let us know about anyone you think you'd like have give a presentation/seminar for the Central Oregon FlyFishers and Sunriver Anglers Clubs. We are still looking for help with the logistics for this event, including help with correspondence, developing spread sheets and budget tracking, selling tickets, ordering meals, facility logistics, advertising etc. This would take approximately 5-20 hours over the next year. If you are interested in helping out, please contact education@coflyfishers.org. Dalton Miller-Jones is leading this effort and coordinating with the Sunriver Anglers to make this a successful event.

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.

Fly Tying Classes

Intermediate to Advanced Fly Tying Classes are happening every T

Tuesday evening 6-8:30 PM at the Bend Senior Center. Classes are free this year as a benefit for you in the COF Club. Bring your vise and tying tools, materials for the flies being tied will be provided. Contact John Kreft at: jckreft@gmail.com if you are interested in attending any of these classes as space is sometimes limited and we need to know how much material we need to provide.

COF Winter Fly Tying

COF Winter Fly Tying continues this month. Each session is held at the Bend Senior Center on Tuesday nights through March 27. We begin at 6:00 pm. 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. COF Winter Fly Tying is a benefit for our members and not open to the general public. The Board decided this year to forgo the \$5/night fee. Guests are welcome their first night (\$5 fee will apply) and must join COF to participate further.

Bring your vise, tools, and thread and I'll supply everything else. This is not a beginning fly tying class so you will need to know the basics of fly tying. A special "thank you" to Peter Bowers of The Patient Angler and Jeff Perin of The Flyfisher's Place for providing discounts for our fly tying materials. When you stop by their shops, be sure to say thanks!

John Kreft (503-559-3811)
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TYER'S CORNER



MIDGE PERDIGON

Several years ago, perdigon fly patterns showed up on the international fly fishing competition scene. The members of National Fly Fishing Team from Spain developed the patterns to be suggestive of many “aquatic bugs” and to sink quickly in the water column. Perdigon means “pellet” in Spanish. The patterns were quickly adopted by competitors from other countries. Why? They catch fish; a lot of fish. The main characteristics of the perdigon patterns include a straight shank hook or jig hook, copper or gold tungsten beads, Coq de leon tail fibers, a body of krystal flash, a hot spot collar, and a black wing case. In

July 2017, I started experimenting with several perdigon patterns on the Crooked River and in Montana. I finally settled on four variants. Because I use the “drop shot” method of nymphing, I use brass beads. Coq de leon feathers are relatively expensive and not totally durable so I substitute tails made with midge krystal flash or fluorofiber material (many of you know that I don’t use much natural material in my nymph patterns). Also, I incorporated some of the triggers from well known nymph patterns in my variants.

During 2018, I will share my four perdigon patterns. All have accounted hundreds of

fish in 2017 in central Oregon waters and Montana. First up is Tim Flagler’s Midge Perdigon. Year round, midges are the most abundant aquatic macroinvertebrate (bugs) in the drift of the Crooked River. Basically, it is a “midge river”. When fishing nymphs on the Crooked River always start with a midge pattern. If mayflies are present, add a size 18/20 mayfly nymph to your rig but keep the midge pattern. Fish can’t pass up a midge larva or pupa even during a blue winged olive or pale morning dun hatch.

Since August 2017, the Midge Perdigon has accounted for over several thousand rainbows and mountain whitefish on the Crooked River. During most of the irrigation season (April 15-October 15) on the Crooked, I use size 18 nymphs. In September, I shift to size 20 patterns. Why? The midge and mayfly nymphs get smaller in late summer, fall, and winter by at least one size. The key to fishing success with this pattern (as well as other nymphs) is to present the fly near the stream bottom at a speed at least one half the speed of the surface current. If you fish with an indicator, the indicator should drift slower than the bubbles on the surface.

My pattern is variant of Tim’s pattern. I replaced the Coq de leon fibers with two strands of pearl midge krystal flash. On the size 18 pattern, I use a 2.0 mm nickel bead. On size 20 pattern, I substitute a small silver lined glass bead. Also, during the winter, you may want to use extra small silver wire and an extra small white bead.

MATERIALS

Hook: Size 18 and 20 straight shank nymph hook or curved scud hook

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BEAD: SIZE 2.0 MM SILVER BEAD OR SMALL SILVER HI-LITE GLASS BEAD
 THREAD: BLACK ULTRA THREAD (70 DENIER)
 TAIL: 2 STRANDS OF PEARL MIDGE KRYSAL FLASH
 RIB: SMALL SILVER WIRE FOR SIZE 18, EXTRA SMALL SILVER WIRE FOR SIZE 20 HOOK
 BODY: BLACK THREAD
 COATING: SALLY HANSEN'S HARD AS NAILS OR A UV RESIN

GENERAL DIRECTIONS

1. PLACE BEAD ON A DE-BARBED HOOK
2. START THREAD ON HOOK BEHIND THE BEAD.
3. SLIP 1" PIECES OF PEARL MIDGE KRYSAL FLASH UNDER THE THREAD THEN ADVANCE THE KRYSAL FLASH AND THREAD DOWN THE SHANK. THIS CREATES A TAIL OF 2 STRANDS OF KRYSAL FLASH. TAIL LENGTH IS 2 TIMES HOOK SHANK LENGTH .
4. ADVANCE THREAD BACK TO BEAD AND ATTACH WIRE RIB. STICK THE WIRE RIB UNDER THE BEAD AND SECURE.
5. ADVANCE THE THREAD BACK TO TAIL TO SECURE THE RIB THEN MAKE A TAPERED BODY. SEE PHOTO.
6. SPIRAL WRAP THE RIB FORWARD AND SECURE RIB BEHIND THE BEAD. WHIP FINISH.
7. COAT THE FLY WITH A UV RESIN OR CLEAR FINGER NAIL POLISH.

Sportsmans Show

TROUT POND- MAR. 1-4, 2018

Mark your calendars for March 1st (Thursday) through March 4th (Sunday). COF provides the volunteers for the Central Oregon Sport's Show annual Kid's Trout Pond. This is a great family event. Kids, parents, grandparents and guardians all have a good time, and it is a privilege for us to have the opportunity to help a youngster catch what is often their first fish.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR A (ROUGHLY 4 HOUR) SHIFT. WE NEED BETWEEN 6-10 VOLUNTEERS FOR EACH OF SEVERAL SHIFTS ON THESE DAYS:

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, MARCH 1ST
 11:45 AM TO 4:00 PM;
 3:34 – 8:00 (STAFFED BY COF NEXT CAST)
 FRIDAY, MARCH 2ND
 11:45 AM TO 4:00 PM;
 3:45 PM TO 8:00 PM
 SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD
 9:45 AM TO 1:00 PM;
 12:45 PM TO 4:30 PM;
 4:15 PM TO 8:00 PM
 SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH
 9:45 AM TO 1:00 PM;
 12:45 PM TO 4:00 PM

Beyond helping a kid catch a fish, you help COF – we get a large donation for running the Kids Pond – and you get free admission to the Sportsmen's Show. Please contact Ron Giaer at rongiaier@gmail.com or call 908-400-2680 for information or to volunteer – you'll be glad you did We need flies for the kids too (300 of them!). If you can tie up some bright, flashy bead-heads (or otherwise weighted) flies in size 10 & 12 they will be much appreciated. AND please mash down any barbs. Bring any flies to the January & February monthly meeting, or to a Winter Fly Tying Class, where we will gratefully accept them. Thank you in advance! Ron Giaer

USA Fly Fishing

The 2018 Nationals will be held in Bend. Scott and Sarah Robertson will be managing the event and they will be looking for volunteers to help out. COF has helped out at previous events and I think everyone really enjoyed it and learned a lot. There will be 60 competitors.

Event dates: May 31, June 1 & 2.

Venues:
 Crane Prairie -
 Loch Style Venue - Motor Boat
 South Twin -
 Loch Style Venue - Row Boat
 Lava Lake -
 Loch Style Venue - Motor Boat

Upper Deschutes -
 Above Crane Prairie
 Upper Deschutes -
 Below Benham Falls

Loch Style venues will be from a boat. One controller per boat, Controllers on South Twin need to be able to row.

Approximately 80 volunteers will be needed for varies positions including controllers, sector judges, group organizers, gear shutelers, and other misc. duties. Volunteer signups will open early February at flycomps.com. If you need any further information, please call Scott Robertson at 541-410-3500 or send an email to sagebrushocean@gmail.com.

CLASSIFIED ADS



For Sale: Fish Cat 8' Pontoon Boat, Great for lakes and easy rivers. Nearly new & includes; oars, anchor, dry bags, motor mount, battery case, pump, two rod holders. Just add



your rods and start fishing, \$300.00. Call Debbie Norton, 503-510-2767

Debbiejhn54@gmail.com

FOR SALE: Yamaha EF1000 Generator, 1000 watts, perfect for RV dry camping at your favorite lake or stream, \$200.00, Peter Martin, pcmartin@bendbroadband.com, 541-388-8956

ISO: Looking for two carry-on sized suitcases with wheels in good condition. We transport fly tying vises, lamps, and materials to classes and need new/additional cases. Contact: nextcast@coflyfishers.org

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

COF BANQUET NEWS

2018 COF Fundraising Banquet & Raffle

RIVERHOUSE CONVENTION CENTER | APRIL 14, 2018

Banquet Registration is Open! Check out the banquet flyer in this month's newsletter then go to coflyfishers.org to register. Your payment can be made via PayPal, credit card, or mail your check to COF Banquet, P.O. Box 1126, Bend, OR 97709.

Registering online correctly enters all your information: name, guest, meal choices, bucket raffle tickets advance order, and date registered (for the early bird drawing) into a handy spreadsheet for the registration crew.

DONATE SOMETHING!

Please bring your donations to the February 21st or March 21st COF meetings (3rd Wednesday of each month). Tom Wideman (503-330-5505; tom@widemans.com) will have a table set up to receive your donations. A donation form for your items is in this newsletter and on the COF website. 2018 COF Donation Form.pdf

Do you have some good fishing equipment you no longer use? Are you a crafter making creations you are proud of such as a quilt, wood- turning project, or a bird-house? Host a club member for a day's fishing trip. COF is non-profit organization so you can claim your donation on 2018 taxes.

Tie a dozen or two fishing flies. Fishing flies are popular in the bucket raffle. I don't grade or frame them—bidders just want to fish them. COF will even supply the fly box.

Banquet Volunteers

The COF Annual Fundraising Banquet will take place on April 14th, 2018 at the Riverhouse. 133 Donation Requests and donation forms have been sent out and businesses must be visited to pick up donations. To keep things manageable, we will need a dozen volunteers, folks who won't mind showing up more than once to catch that elusive owner. If you want to help the club in that necessary task, please contact me.

~Tom Wideman, 503-330-5505, banquet@coflyfishers.org

Ochoco Creek Clean-up February 24, 2018

"I try to fish every stream in Oregon every year", a fly fisher told me last spring as I was picking up trash along Ochoco Creek. "I'm sad to say this creek is the trashiest waterway in Oregon."

That statement just broke my heart.

Since that time, a few Prineville residents and I do regular cleanups of the banks, 'fishing' what trash we can out of the Creek. However, we are not capable of doing the entire job, and the annual Earth Day Cleanup occurs too late in the year to catch the trash during low water. This means there still lots of trash flushing downstream to the Crooked River or catching up in bushes along the streamside into extremely difficult to remove, unsightly bundles.

We need your help! Volunteers are needed to do a thorough instream and bankside cleanup on February 24. Our reach of Ochoco Creek to clean up is the 3rd Street Bridge to Gardner Street, within the city of Prineville. More volunteers mean we may expand our reach outside of the City. Following the cleanup, we'll meet at Ochoco Brewing Company to celebrate our success. There will be complimentary finger foods and happy hour pricing on the brews.

If you would like to join us, here are a few things to know:

- Registration will begin at noon at Pioneer Park (next to the Court House on 3rd Street), and clean up work will start at 1:00 p.m.
- Volunteers will work in teams of four, with two people staged on the bank in support and safety of those working in stream.
- Each team will be assigned a section to focus on. We anticipate it will take about 2 hours to thoroughly clean a section.
- Trash bags and gloves will be provided.
- Bring rubber or other boots with traction for muddy and wet bank conditions, waders for those doing instream work, warm clothes, sunscreen, hat, eye protection/sunglasses, walking or wading stick for support.
- Be prepared for changing conditions, including winter weather and varying water levels. An alternate date of March 24 is scheduled if needed as a fallback.

If you are interested in helping out to clean up this creek, please send an email to Carol Benkosky at carolbenkosky@gmail.com. I would appreciate having names of volunteers and email addresses so I have a way to contact everyone if we need to change the date due to poor conditions. Please respond by February 19th.

Thank you for caring about Ochoco Creek and our community. Carol



**2018 Central Oregon Flyfishers Fundraising Banquet
April 14, 2018
Donation Form**

(Please include this form with your donation)

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Donation Description: _____

Retail Value of Donation: \$ _____

Note: If your donation is a guided trip or other service, please include your contact information, when the service is available, how much notice is required and any other limitations. If you have a gift certificate please include it along with this form. If you do not have a certificate we will prepare one for presentation to the successful bidder at the banquet.

Your donation will be acknowledged on the bid slips and auction list the day of the event. Please contact me by March 31, 2018 so we have time to include your donation on the advance raffle list sent to attendees prior to the banquet.

Please retain a copy of this form for your records. Your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by current IRS guidelines. Central Oregon Flyfishers is an IRS approved 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization (Federal ID # 93-0881830) so your contribution of merchandise, equipment, service, cash, gift certificate, etc. is fully tax deductible. As always check with your accountant.

Please mail your donation and this form to:
Central Oregon Flyfishers, P.O. Box 1126, Bend, OR 97709

Or contact me to pick up your donation:
Tom Wideman, Banquet Chair, banquet@coflyfishers.org, or phone 503-330-5505

Thank you for your donation.

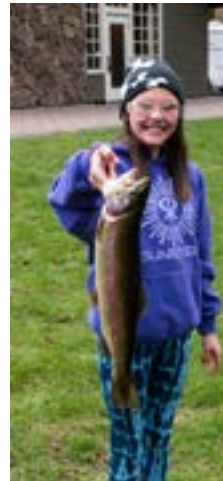
Central Oregon Flyfishers

Annual Banquet & Fundraiser



Saturday
April 14, 2018
5:30 P.M.

Riverhouse
Convention
Center
Bend



Attend COF's primary fundraising event to support the Kokanee Karnival Youth Education Program, Next Cast Flyfishers program for older youth, conservation programs, habitat restoration efforts, club activities, and membership services. Join the fun and dine on fine, delicious food. Have an exciting time with the raffle, pick up some high-quality flies or unique family items in the silent auction, and bid on great opportunities at the live auction. Take advantage of the early bird registration; save \$5 and be automatically entered in the early-bird drawing. You may purchase raffle tickets in advance using the registration form (six tickets for \$5).

Menu

Entrée: Your choice of chicken OR grilled top sirloin OR seasonal vegetarian ravioli.

All entrees include salad, rolls with butter, chef's selection fresh vegetable medley, chef's pairing of potato or rice, dessert, coffee and tea.

No host bar will be available. Please note that you may not bring your own wine.



BEFORE March 15 - \$45 per person & automatic entry in the early bird drawing

March 15 to April 9 - \$50 per person (no dinner sales after April 9)

Questions? Contact Tom Wideman (503-330-5505 or banquet@coflyfishers.org).

Please register online at coflyfishers.org.

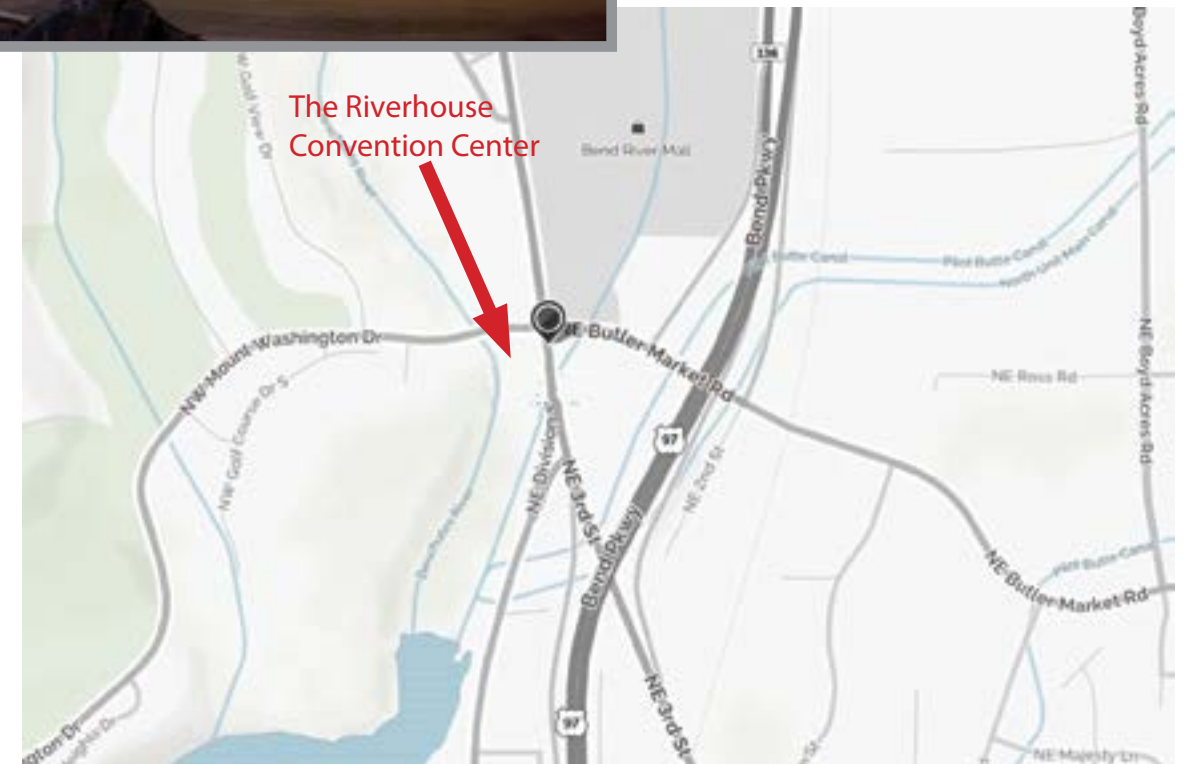
Pay via PayPal, credit card or check.

No Internet access? See registration form on the other side.



The Riverhouse
HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER

3075 N. Hwy. 97, Bend, OR 97701 • 541-389-8810



PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE at coflyfishers.org. Payment via PayPal, credit card or check.

For those with no Internet access, mail completed form (indicate dinner choice and raffle ticket amounts) and your check (\$45/person **BEFORE Mar 15** • \$50/person **Mar 15 to Apr 9**) to COF BANQUET, P.O. Box 1126, Bend, OR 97709.

PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____ Steak ____ Chicken ____ Veg. Ravioli ____

Spouse/Guest(s) _____ Steak ____ Chicken ____ Veg. Ravioli ____

Guest(s) _____ Steak ____ Chicken ____ Veg. Ravioli ____

Raffle Ticket Total Enclosed (\$5 increments • \$5 = six tickets) = \$ _____

Email _____

Telephone _____

Amount enclosed (circle one): \$45 or \$50/person **BEFORE March 15** - \$45 per person & Automatic entry in the early bird drawing **March 15 to April 9** - \$50 per person (no dinner sales after April 9)

UPSTREAM EVENTS February 2018

| DATE | TIME | ACTIVITY | LOCATION | CONTACT |
|--------------|---------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 17th | 6:15 PM | General Meeting | Bend Senior Center | Allen Caudle |
| 1/9- 3/27 | 6:00 PM | Fly Tying | Bend Senior Center | John Kreft |

In the Future

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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