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President's Message

Happy February Flyfishers!

Well, we've been foiled again by our little friend the Covid bug, my eternal optimism is being sorely tested! We had to cancel our Winter Fly Tying classes, and we are back to Zoom monthly meetings for Jan and possibly Feb. The Elks Lodge is waiting for us when we can go there, and we even have our Library moved in there now. And wasn't that a quick winter? A couple of weeks of snow and now it's all gone. Hopefully this direct challenge to Ma Nature will result in some more of the cold white stuff for Central Oregon - we sure need it!

Be sure to check out the latest issue of Flyfisher Magazine, the official publication of Fly Fishers international. Travel the world with Jeff Currier, get a perspective on Photography from Val Atkinson, follow along on the pursuit of a Cuttcatch Project and so much more. https://issuu.com/flyfishersinternational/docs/fly_fisher_fall-winter_2021-web

The digital version of Flyfisher is available to all, and members will be receiving their paper copies later this month. Flyfisher Magazine is just one of the many great benefits members of FFI receive. Not a member? Click here to learn more: <https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Join-Renew>

Videos of the Month: Here's another one from the Tactical Fly Fisher titled "How to adjust your sink rate and depth when Euro-nymphing". Good advice and very effective! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UIJB15HKNPi> And if anyone wants to see where Yancy and I fished in Chile last week, check out this one from the Jensens (we were at the same lodge they stayed at): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oeN1dF04LK0&t=3s>

Thanx for being a part of this great Club, and feel free to let me (or any board member) know if you have ideas for improvement.

Get out and fish!

- *Tim Quinton*

Tim Quinton, President COF



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GENERAL "ZOOM" MEETING | FEBRUARY 16TH
MEETINGS WILL BE VIRTUAL! LOOK FOR AN EMAIL TO COME THAT EXPLAINS THE DETAILS.



February Zoom Presentation: Jeff Perin

I primarily fish the Metolius River in the winter. I know it's better in the summer, but there are so many other great places to fish then and the Metolius can be good year round. I have cast to fish rising for mid-day blue wing olive hatches when the air temperature was below freezing but the water was 50 degrees. The added bonus was there was no one else around. This month Jeff Perin will give a Zoom presentation on fishing the Metolius, he may even touch on winter fishing. I can think of no one more qualified to give this presentation. Jeff is owner of The Fly Fisher's Place in Sisters, a Central Oregon native, and long time friend of COF. It must have been about 15 years ago when I took his advanced casting class offered through COF. The Belgian double haul has served me well since then.

- YANCY LIND
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2022 COF

Outings Calendar

MARCH 19

KOKANEE

Winter fishing spot, at Lake Billy Chinook, for school of shallow feeding kokanee. Great opportunities with a flyrod. School can be located slightly above high bridge on Crooked River arm.

APRIL 14-17

OWYHEE RIVER

Meet at the Owyhee Dam camp ground.

MAY 8

SOUTH TWIN LAKE

Meet at launch at 8:00. Noon lunch at resort
No motors allowed

JUNE 15

CRANE PRAIRIE - QUINN RIVER

Meet at Quinn Launch at 7:00am. On - Water Noon lunch at the Quinn Channel Buoy

JULY 15-17

JOHN DAY

More information to come

AUGUST 15

THREE CREEK LAKE

Launch at 7:00 Shore lunch - North side of lake - at noon

SEPTEMBER 5

EAST LAKE

Launch at 2:00 at the Hot Springs and fish the East shore.

OCTOBER 8

CRANE PRAIRIE - NORTH END

Meet at the Crane Prairie Resort launch at 9:00am.

Notes: Review the COF "How to" Crane Prairie - North End

WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

We have great events scheduled for the months ahead! Here is a calendar of events. Be sure to save the date! And remember, is there something you want to do, share, experience? Let us know!

- February 7th, 5:30pm – Basic Casting Zoom Workshop with Mary Ann Dozer – for beginning anglers.
- March 2nd, 5:30pm – Bugs 101 and Building a Successful River Fly Box Zoom Workshop with Liz Jones – for beginning anglers.
- March 8th, 6:00pm – Christine Elder & Nature Sketching
- April 3rd, 10:00am – 3:00pm - Flyfishing 101 Workshop - \$10.00 – registration required.
- June 11th – 18th – East Lake Outing (come for one day or stay as long as you like) East Lake Campground or Cinder Hill Campground reservations needed for overnight camping. I will be at East Lake Campground and host.
- June 22nd – 24th – Grand Rhonde Float Trip (full)
- Wild Women will have a fantastic guest presenter, Christine Elder, science educator and virtual artist. Often, I am on the water and the natural beauty surrounding me grabs my senses. I imagine I am like many of you who hear the voice in their head “you are not an artist, you can’t capture that!” Are you all aware we have many women in our group who are talented nature sketchers, watercolorists, photographers, journaling and multi-media creatives who use their skills to capture their experiences in nature? Christine Elder, a local Bendite, will share her years of teaching nature journaling and sketching with us on March 8th. You can find more information about Christine and sign up for her free weekly nature sketching tips at her website: <https://christineelder.com/media/>. I am so excited about this event and we will be hosting and sharing this great opportunity with FFI Oregon Women Connect.

Looking ahead to spring fishing with you all!
Sue Coyle

- SUE COYLE

WILDWOMEN@COFLYFISHERS.ORG

Womens's Flyfishing 101 Class

BY THE WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022 - 10AM-3PM

THE LODGE AT ELKAI WOODS (WIDGI CREEK HOMEOWNERS CLUBHOUSE)

60540 SEVENTH MT. DRIVE

COST: \$10

Our class includes:

- An intro to equipment (rods, reels, lines, waders, boots, clothing)
- Explanation of bugs and the flies to imitate them
- Casting with your fly rod (we have rods to use, if you need one)
- Reading the water, knots, regulations, etiquette and anything else that we have time for
- An outing to the Crooked River at a later date with help from members of the Wild Women of the Water

For more info or to sign up, please email Kari (schoessler.karivan@gmail.com) or Sue (susancoyle13@gmail.com)

- SUE COYLE

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EDUCATION

Request For A Volunteer

We're still looking for someone to fill the Education lead position for COF. Yancy Lind was kind enough to give me his ideas about the position when he took it over a few years back, and I've included them here. If you think you may be interested in this fun position, please let me know as soon as possible. Now that it's looking like we may be able to meet in person a lot more in 2022, this position will be even more important. You can find the description of duties in the Board Book (on the website), and feel free to contact either Yancy or myself if you need more info. —Tim Q

Subject: You Could Be A Great Education Chair!
I moved to Central Oregon in 2004 and quickly joined COF. At 44 years old I was probably the youngest member at the time. Back then the club was a lot smaller and I was quickly recruited to join the board as the education chair.

I had been fly fishing for almost 20 years but was not particularly skilled at it and thought this was an excellent opportunity for me. I quickly put together a year-round education program where I got to take all the classes I wanted to. I learned how to cast a lot better, how to fish lakes, interesting river techniques (there are a ton of ways to nymph), streamer fishing, steelhead fishing, and where to go fishing all over the state. It was great.

I have been a COF board member off and on for 10 years, with stints as president, vice president, outings chair, and conservation chair, but that first stint as the education chair was clearly the most useful in terms of learning how to fly fish.

If you are new to Central Oregon, or even new to fly fishing, the education chair could be a perfect role for you. All it takes is a desire to learn our sport and some simple organizational skills. It's an important and rewarding role. Think about taking it on. - Yancy

- TIM QUINTON
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NEXT CAST FLYFISHERS

3-Day Fly Fishing Camp

The dates for the 3-Day fly fishing Camp have been set. Please save the dates – June 20, 21 & 22. The tent raising party will be on June 19, 2022 at the Metolius Pond. As in the past volunteers will be needed for: casting, fly tying, insect identification, knot tying, water safety and assisting the youth fishing. I'm requesting a minimum of 12 volunteers.



Daryl and Nan Loveland donated 2 float tubes for youth in the Next Cast program. Thanks for the donation!

- FRED A. CHOLICK
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BOARD BITS

COF BOD MEETING – 1/27/2022

BOD has declined to pursue air quality monitors in the Cascade lakes area.

The Feb general meeting will be a ZOOM meeting. It is hoped that the March meeting will be in person at the Elks Club. The Elks Club has a mask mandate that we must follow. Masks will be made available if members forget.

Tim Shindele has agreed to be our 2023 treasurer. Education chair is still open.

Membership chair, Bob Shimane reported 149 renewals and 217 active members. Discussions are ongoing about COVID and ZOOM meetings and lower membership.

Wild Women of the Water chair, Sue Coyle discussed activities on ZOOM. We will hold a Women's 101 Flyfishing class on Sunday, April 3. Sign up with Sue or Kari.

Next Cast chair, Fred Cholick is working on the 3 day Flyfishing Camp with Redmond Parks & Rec...June 20-22, Metolius Pond, ages 10-16, max of 12 students, \$60 per child. Volunteers will be needed for the camp and to raise the tent on June 19. Club members, Daryl & Nan Loveland donated 2 float tubes to Next Cast. Thank you!!! We now have 5. Fred is planning an outing to East Lake for the kids.

Conservation chair, Tom Shuman shared future ODFW plans. This will include a \$1500 request for chub removal. They may also need volunteer help on the Crooked river, Camp Polk, Metolius pond and/or McKay creek.

Kokanee Karnival chair, Frank Turek has cancelled the 2022 Spring Angling Clinic. The 2023 Spring

Clinic is scheduled for April 24-28, May 1-2.
Frank is working on the insurance requirements.

Web Master, Mary Barron is always available for support to the BOD and membership. Let her know if you have thoughts or questions.

BBQ chair, Herb Blank is working on the 2022 BBQ. Frank has generously volunteered to pay for catering. Thank you!!!

- KARI SCHOESSLER
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OTHER NEWS

Kokanee Karnival

We did go forward in January with the Fish Eggs to Fry part of Kokanee Karnival with trout eggs for those classes who opted to participate. We may have additional steelhead eggs in March for other classes. However, we have canceled the April 2022 Spring Angling clinic after discussions with school districts. They are facing driver shortages and with the Covid surge will not be conducting field trips the rest of the school year. Most of our volunteers are retired and in the higher risk category and we are concerned that we may not be able to get 10 volunteers each day. We did reserve Aspen Hall and Shevlin Pond for our April 2023 Angling Clinic. The dates reserved are April 24 thru 28 and May 1& 2, 2023.

- FRANK TUREK
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COF Volunteerism 2021

For the past two years, COVID-19 has canceled virtually all our events, including the Banquet, our largest fundraiser. In 2020 only **28** members reported a total of **1,939** volunteer hours and kept our club functioning remarkably well given such a huge obstacle. Board members shouldered most of that burden and deserve tremendous appreciation from every member. In 2021, **51** volunteers reported **1,869** hours (and 6,321 miles), so hopefully the growth in our volunteer base can continue to climb toward our pre-COVID 5-year average of **137** volunteers.

If you volunteered, THANK YOU! It takes a village to successfully run a club with the range and quality

of events COF provides. If you didn't, please volunteer this year and enjoy the experience.

Volunteer records can be very important when we apply for grants to maintain or improve programs like Kokanee Karnival. Such records provide a solid measure of performance that donors consider when awarding grants, so these numbers can have real impact. We cite these numbers in the annual club request to donors for items to be raffled at our annual COF Banquet – the very items you can win with a successful bid. The COF Banquet is our largest fundraiser, so let's hope COVID eases enough to have our Banquet and also some kid's events in 2022.

We also use these records to award a prize to each member who volunteers 30 hours or more in a year. With any luck, we may hold some events in 2022, so I need your help to capture all our volunteer data. Here are our results for recent years:

Year	Hours	Miles	# of Volunteers
2015	6,164	32,071	139
2016	4,259	27,490	134
2017	4,885	25,998	137
2018	4,065	29,942	157
2019	4,063	21,567	119
2020	1,939	1,487	28
2021	1,869	6,321	51

When there's a **volunteer sign-in sheet** at an event, please sign in and enter your hours (including travel time) and your round-trip mileage. The event coordinators submit the sign-in sheets to me for recording. If you're a coordinator, don't forget to submit your preparation time and mileage for the event.

If there's no sign-in sheet, or if you forget to sign-in at a volunteer event, just email the following information to me at Volunteers@flyfishers.org: **Your Name, Event Name, Event Date, Hours and Miles traveled (round trip)**. Or just call me at 541-420-1325.

Thank you again. Your participation really makes a difference.

- DICK OLSON
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MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to Our New Members

Cody Johnson - Bend

Rick Killingsworth - Bend

Jane Lewis - Redmond

Lenka Moor - Bend

Sam Rath - Bend

Gary Stock - Redmond

Jennifer Sypher - Bend

- ROBERT SHIMANE

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LIBRARY

COF library services will resume January 19, 2022 at our first in-person meeting at the Elks Club. DVDs and books, will be available for checkout.

Sign in on our website <https://coflyfishers.wildapricot.org>, click on Members Area and select Library to see a list of our books and DVDs.

- HELEN GUERRERO-RANDALL

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COF CLASSIFIEDS

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FOR SALE: SCADDEN OUTLAW RENEGADE FRAMELESS PONTOON BOAT IN EXCELLENT CONDITION. Signature Series, asking \$600 or best offer. Includes two side storage bags and two oars. Bladderless. Great for lakes and rivers, easily travels in the back of my F-150 pickup with topper. Approx. 9' x 4', weight 26 lbs., carrying capacity 800 lbs., Dave Scadden lifetime warranty. Location: Bend OR. Call Ted Fowler, 541-408-1174.



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BILL'S BROWN BUG

This fly pattern, a Hare's Ear variant, has been a very successful fly for me on the Crooked River for the last 3 years. I have given a few club members this fly and they have had good success in high country lakes, especially Crane Prairie. It imitates the two important mayfly species in river – blue winged olive (BWO) and the pale morning dun (PMD). I tie 3 versions of this fly to cover the spring and fall hatches of the BWO and the mid-summer and fall PMD hatches: (1) a nymph with a hair abdomen, (2) a nymph with a thread body abdomen and hair thorax, and (3) a perdigon nymph. Most of the time I use size 16 perdigon version with a copper bead. However, when the spring BWOs hatch, I will also use the thread body version in sizes 18 with a copper bead. When the PMDs hatch in mid-July, I will often switch to a size 16 hair body version with both black and copper beads. I am more successful when I switch to black beads on all the patterns I use in August. In September, I start with the size 18 in all versions with copper bead. So, as a tier, you can be successful with any the 3 versions in size 16 and 18 with copper and black beads. A size 16 version serves as a passable salmon fly nymph.

Materials:

Hook: straight shank nymph hooks or jig hooks size 16 and 18

Beads: brass 2.3 and 2.0 mm, tungsten 2.8mm or 2.3 mm

Thread: Ultra thread 8/0 in dark brown

Tail: Coc de Leon fibers or 4 black kystal flash fibers

Rib: small Ultra wire golden olive or Sulky metallic silver thread

Abdomen: dark brown hairs'ear dubbing (hair version), dark brown thread (thread-body and perdigon version)

Wing case: Medium mirage opal tinsel

Thorax: thread on thread body and perdigon versions, hair dubbing of hair version

Note: there is no colored collar on the perdigon version

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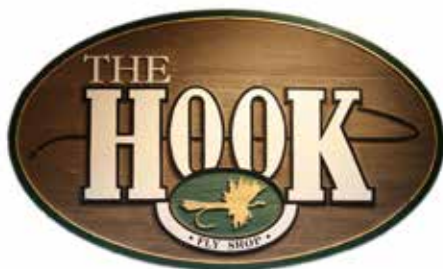
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FEBRUARY 2022 UPSTREAM EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONTACT
February 7th	Basic Casting, Wild Women only	wildwomen@coflyfishers.org
February 16th	General Meeting Zoom @ 7:00 PM	
February 24th	BOD Meeting Zoom @ 6:00 PM	

In the Future

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONTACT
March 2nd	Bugs 101, Wild Women only	wildwomen@coflyfishers.org
March 8th	Nature Sketching, Wild Women only	wildwomen@coflyfishers.org
March 19th	Kokanee Outing at Lake Billy Chinook	Eric's Mail, whitehaus692@gmail.com
April 3rd	Wild Women of the Water - 10:00am - 3:00pm - Flyfishing 101	Kari, schoessler.karivan@gmail.com or Sue susancoyle13@gmail.com
April 14-17th	Owyhee River Outing	Eric's Mail, whitehaus692@gmail.com
May 8th	South Twin Lake Outing	Eric's Mail, whitehaus692@gmail.com
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June 15th	Crane Prairie - Quinn River Outing	Eric's Mail, whitehaus692@gmail.com
June 22nd - 24th	Grand Rhonde Float Trip (full), Wild Women only	wildwomen@coflyfishers.org
July 15-17	John Day Outing	Eric's Mail, whitehaus692@gmail.com
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