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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Club will need to face a number of issues in the coming year.

There is a good possibility that the issue of allocating the uncontracted water in Prineville Reservoir is coming to an end. Congress is scheduled to take up the compromise language this February. This battle has been going on for many years with a wide range of views and positions. From my perspective, no one got everything they wanted; everyone compromised. Hopefully, we can all move on and get back to fishing.

The potential for fish passage through Bend is another issue. Two of the irrigation diversion dams are scheduled to be retrofitted for fish passage. That leaves the PP&L Dam, which creates Mirror Pond, as the only barrier to fish passage. The City, Parks District, and a cast of thousands are looking at options since PP&L announced they plan to stop generating power at the dam. COF has not taken a position, but we may at some point. If you have an opinion, let someone on the Board know. Yancy Lind raised the issue at the last general meeting, but we need to hear from all of you.

– Dave Dunahay ([president@coflyfishers.org](mailto:president@coflyfishers.org))



## GENERAL MEETING

Feb 19 | 6:00 P.M. | Bend Senior Center, 1600 S.E. Reed Market Road, Bend

### Floating and fishing the Koltuli River



John Squires, registered Alaskan guide, has been a fly fisher for over 40 years and has planned and executed wilderness fishing trips in California, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Canada, and Alaska.

John's company, Against the Flow Adventures, specializes in taking a limited number of

clients on wilderness float trips to some of the not-so-famous rivers in Alaska.

John will discuss floating and fishing the Koltuli River, a small river in the Bristol Bay watershed and ground zero in the Pebble Mine controversy. The program will cover the species of fish available, tackle, flies, fishing methods, as well as issues such as bugs, bears, and inclement weather.

### Where do you fish?

What kind of trips do you go on? Where do you go? Other members want to know. If you would like to give a five to ten minute presentation on one of your favorite fishing trips (nothing fancy required, PowerPoint optional), contact Mike Tripp [mtripp@bendcable.com]. We want to establish contacts so members can get to know each other and plan similar trips.

## OUTINGS

### Call for 2014 outings destinations and leaders

What destinations would you like to go to in 2014? If you are interested in leading an outing, no experience necessary, contact me at the monthly meeting, by phone [541-549-2072], or email [outings@coflyfishers.org].

– Eric Steele, Outings Coordinator

### Crooked River outing

Thank you to the 15 or so members who showed up at Jake's Diner on New Year's Day. Past president, Phil Hager made the trek over the mountains from Gresham. After the classic Jake's big breakfast, many of us headed to the Crooked River for a pleasant day of fishing. Richard Yates drove directly to the river from Burns. Jeff Grimm and Delores Marsh provided home-baked cookies to go with the hot chocolate and tea that everyone sipped when we gathered for a break.

## OUTINGS 2014

Month	Day	Destination	Leader
Mar	23-26	Owhyee River	Lee Ann Ross
May	3 or 10	Lower Deschutes R. float trip	Eric Steele
May	TBA	Davis Lake	Dave Semich
Jun	6, 7, 8	Prineville Reservoir	Betsy Brauer Mullong
Jun	19-25	Upper Rogue River	Eric Steele
Jun	20	Blitzen river	Richard Yates
Jun	TBA	Chewaucan River	Rick Sironen
Jul	TBA	East Lake	Quentin Stanko
Aug	19	Aspen Hall - BBQ	
Sep/Oct	TBA	Lower Deschutes River	Robert Gentry

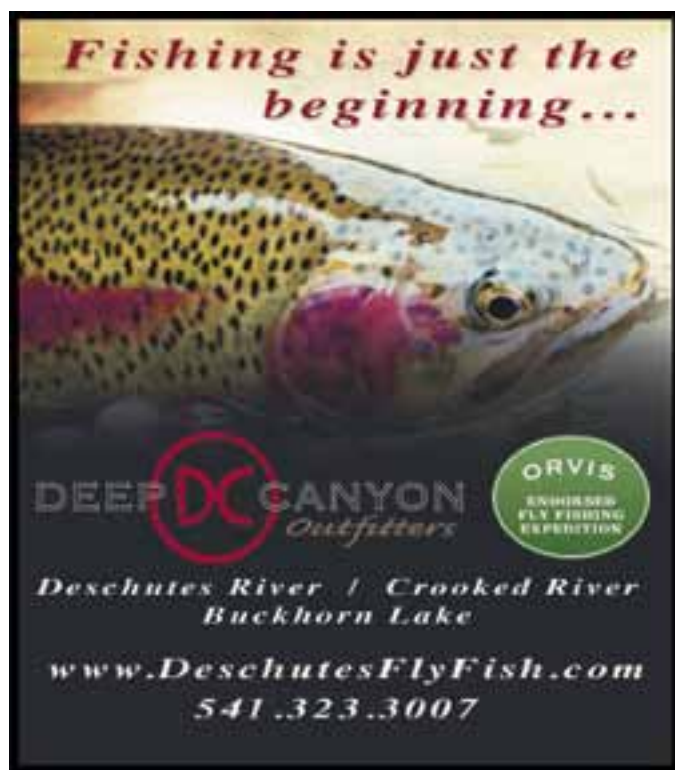
## EDUCATION

The next few months will be a busy time for COF education sessions.

- Winter fly-tying classes started in January. Bring your own vise and \$5 to cover the cost of materials. Tuesday, 6:00 P.M., Bend Senior Center
- The 2014 rod-building sessions are under way. Six members are building rods under the expert guidance of Harry Harbin and Dave Dunahay.
- Twelve people have signed up for the new net-building classes. March 1 & 8 and March 15 & 22

One future pre-meeting demonstration might include rod repair ideas. I'm also planning an introduction to bamboo rods.

– Steve Stevens [education@coflyfishers.org]





## Winter fly-tying series

The COF Winter Fly Tying Series continues every Tuesday evening through March 25 [Bend Senior Center, 6:00 P.M., \$5, Bring your vise, tools and thread.] Our classes have been well attended and participants are quickly filling their fly boxes.

I'd like to thank Pete Martin and Sherry Steele for teaching some great fly patterns in January. In addition, please thank Peter Bowers from The Patient Angler and Jeff Perin from The Flyfisher's Place for providing discounts for materials. Their generous support helps our club tremendously.

Instructors for February will be Jerry Criss, Peter Bowers, Mike Telford, and Wes Wada.

– John Kreft (503-559-3811 or [jckreft@gmail.com](mailto:jckreft@gmail.com))

## WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

### Fishing buddies registry

The Wild Women have put together a registry of 15 women who are interested in contacting each other when they want company on a fishing trip. It's not a lesson or a guide service, just pure camaraderie! If you are a women who is interested in joining our registry and have not yet done so, please let Kari know.

Our own Sherry Steele is an amazing tier of flies! She is leading a class for the Wild Women in February. Watch out. With these new flies, we will be deadly on the water!

The International Women Fly Fishers are always looking for new members. This wonderful group of ladies have organized trips all over the West. Find out more on their website ([www.intlwomeflyfishers.org](http://www.intlwomeflyfishers.org)).

– Kari Schoessler ([wildwomen@coflyfishers.org](mailto:wildwomen@coflyfishers.org))

## MEMBERSHIP

If you haven't yet renewed your membership, please look for the renewal form that was mailed to you in late October and send it back to the club's PO Box with your check for \$36. If you can't find that renewal form, go to the club website, click "Join," print the Family Membership form, fill it out, and mail it in with your check. If you can't remember whether you renewed, send me an email and I'll let you know.

– Tim Schindele ([membership@coflyfishers.org](mailto:membership@coflyfishers.org))

## Welcome New Members

David & Marti Abbott  
Curtis & Signe Patterson  
Tom & Janet Schmitt

Wayne & Peggy Lowry  
Houston Patterson  
John Tuttle

## NEXT CAST FLYFISHERS

### Next Cast Flyfishers spring activities

- There is a fishing opportunity at the Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show in Redmond, March 6-9. A fishing pond is loaded with trout for the kids to catch and keep!
- This year the NW Fly Tying and Fly Fishing Expo in Albany has a Family Fun Day scheduled for Sunday, March 9. Kids are welcome all of the days, but there will be special programs on Sunday. We hope to see you there!
- The Sunriver Resort Community Outreach program is the driving force behind efforts to establish a high school level Fly-fishing Education Program in La Pine. The program is in its infancy, but it is supported by La Pine HS and local veterans' organizations, including COVO, Band of Brothers, and Project Healing Waters. COF Next Cast Flyfishers will provide volunteer support and equipment as the new program gets established.
- We have completed the winter elective fly-tying classes with Tumalo Community School. Thank you to COF volunteers John Kreft, Pete Martin, Cliff Price, and Delores Marsh for all of the hours and expertise helping students tie flies. COF provided vices and

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tying materials each week for the students to tie a variety of flies for their fly boxes.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. Karen Kreft [503-409-0148 or [nextcast@coflyfishers.org](mailto:nextcast@coflyfishers.org)].

- Karen Kreft

## LIBRARY

### The Founding Fish



Have you ever read a book by John McPhee? This month's featured book is one of his most enlightening and entertaining. *The Founding Fish* is a delightful natural and social history of the American shad. "McPhee is a serious shad angler who brings to life the important role this fish has played in the development of America and, at the same time, shares descriptions of shad fishing adventures and the great pleasure/fun they provide. For example, he provides an answer to the question many of us have quietly ask ourselves many times, 'Why, when I am fishing next to someone and using the same flies, gear and technique, do they catch all the fish and I catch none?' McPhee's answer is, 'God is always watching and He is making the decisions.' So, if you see it as McPhee does, it is not our fault at all!"

"The back cover advertisement provides a more detailed introduction to the book. Lauded as 'a fishing classic' [*The Economist*] upon its publication in hardcover, John McPhee's twenty-sixth book is a braid of personal history, natural history, and American shad history, in descending order of volume."

"Each spring, American shad, *Alosa sapidissima*, leave the ocean in the hundreds of thousands and run heroic distances upriver to spawn. McPhee, a shad fisherman himself, recounts the shad's cameo role in the lives of George Washington and Henry David Thoreau. He fishes with famous ichthyologists and visits their

laboratories; he takes instruction in the making of shad darts from a master of the art; and he cooks shad in a variety of ways, delectably explained at the end of the book. Mostly, though, he goes fishing for shad in various North American rivers, and he 'fishes the same way he writes books, avidly and intensely. He wants to know everything about the fish he's after—its history, its habits, its place in the cosmos' (Bill Pride, *The Denver Post*). His adventures in pursuit of shad occasion the kind of writing—expert and ardent—at which he has no equal."

Stop by the library table, look over this and other newly added selections and check out any items that may interest you.

John Tackmier, Librarian [541-549-6252]

## OTHER NEWS

### Kid's fishing pond

March 6-9 | Deschutes County Fairgrounds | Sportsmen's Show

Every year COF volunteers run the kid's fishing pond at the Sportsmen's Show at the Deschutes County fairgrounds. We're looking for your help staffing this fun-filled event Thursday through Sunday, March 6 to 9. We need enough volunteers to cover nine shifts (about four hours/shift) across the four days.

There are at least four good reasons to volunteer for this event:

1. It's rewarding to help kids 12 and under catch trout.
2. It's fun to see kids catch their first fish.
3. Our club earns a \$1,200 donation.
4. You get free admission to the Sportsmen's show for the day.

Volunteer for a shift and then spend the rest of the day touring the show. If you've never done this before, give it a try. You'll be glad you did!

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We need a couple hundred bright, flashy bead head flies in size 10 or 12 for the kid's to use. If you can donate flies, please bring them to the COF February meeting. **For more information and to volunteer or donate flies, please contact Cliff Price [csp955@yahoo.com or 541-410-0670].**

### Fishing license sold in Alfalfa

While on your way to fish the Crooked River for the first time in 2014, if you remember that you need a 2014 fishing license, there's no need to drive all the way back to Bend. Stop in at the store in Alfalfa. The friendly folks will set you up with a license.

– Lee Ann Ross

### COF volunteerism

Congratulations! Last year 122 volunteers reported 3,006 hours and 21,745 miles traveled. That's a lot for a club our size, but quite a bit less than the 4,903 hours and 27,040 miles reported by 144 volunteers in 2012. Of the 1,900 hour difference, 700 hours were from loss of the U.S. International Fly Fishing Team national competition, which was held in Bend in 2012 but not in 2013. We know that some volunteer time isn't reported and we hope that's what accounts for the remaining difference.

Volunteer records can be very important when we apply for grants to maintain or improve programs such as Kokanee Karnival. Such records provide a measure of performance which helps donors decide whether to award a grant. We also use these records to award a prize to each member who has volunteered 30 hours for the first time.

With your help, I hope to record all the volunteer time in 2014. In recent years, the number of members who volunteer has trended upward, so let's keep it going. Here are the results for the past five years:

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Year	Hours	Miles	Number Volunteers
2009	2,914	8,711	83
2010	4,614	23,967	87
2011	3,484	13,260	91
2012	4,903	27,040	144
2013	3,006	21,745	122

### How to record your hours

- When a volunteer sign-in sheet is available** - Sign in and record your hours (work time and travel time to the destination and back) and round-trip miles. The event coordinator will submit the sign-in sheet for recording. If you're an event coordinator, include your preparation time.
- When a volunteer sign-in sheet is NOT available, or you forget to sign-in at a volunteer event** - Email the following information to me at Fishingfool.Olson@gmail.com: Your Name, Event Name, Event Date, Hours and Miles traveled (round trip)  
 If you don't have email, just write a note and give it me at the next meeting or call me [541-383-4412].

Thank you all for your efforts! You're the reason we have such a great club.

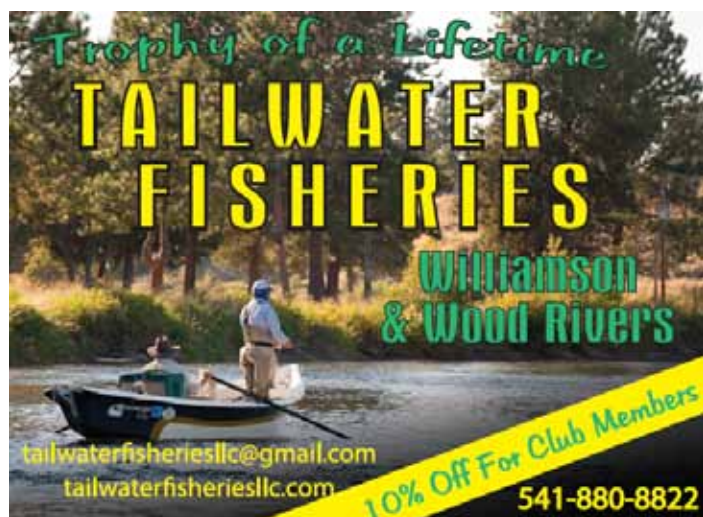
– Dick Olson

## ■ CONSERVATION

### Deschutes River fish passage

There are three artificial barriers blocking fish passage on the Deschutes between Wickiup Reservoir and Lake Billy Chinook. All three of them are in the City of Bend. The North Unit dam downstream from Mirror Pond is scheduled to have fish passage installed within five years. The Colorado Avenue dam will soon be rebuilt for safe floater passage, a whitewater park, and fish passage. This will leave the Pacific Power dam that creates Mirror Pond as the final artificial barrier to fish passage on the middle Deschutes.

Anadromous fish are not native to the middle Deschutes but native redband trout also migrate on rivers as conditions dictate in search of favorable habitat, cold



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water, protection from predators, better food sources, etc.

The issues around Mirror Pond are complex, highly contentious, and have been debated for years. The recent decision by Pacific Power to stop hydro power operations at Mirror Pond, however, is likely to provide some of the clarity needed for resolution.

While the larger Mirror Pond issues are outside the charter of Central Oregon Flyfishers, fish passage is not. There are scenarios where fish passage will be required by state law, but it is not a foregone conclusion. In fact, at the most recent Mirror Pond Ad Hoc Committee meeting it was implied that a solution that does not require fish passage be sought out. Presumably this is due to potential, although currently unknown, cost issues.

Here's the question: should COF ask that fish passage be incorporated into whatever Mirror Pond solution is agreed to? At the January COF meeting there seemed to be agreement that we should do so, but we would like your feedback. Please contact me, COF president Dave Dunahay, or any COF board member ASAP on this topic if you have an opinion as it will be a topic at the February COF board meeting. As always, all club members are welcome to attend that meeting.

Speaking for myself, I believe that a healthy Deschutes River, one that has a healthy fish population, is in the benefit of all Bend and Central Oregon residents, not merely anglers. In just a few years, the Deschutes River within Bend has been transformed from a holding pond for logs into a focal point for the entire community. It is no longer illegal to float and use the river as it was in many places. A shopping district, parks, walkways, an amphitheater, etc., now line the river and are points of pride and interest by residents and tourists alike. While costs must be taken into consideration, I believe that fish passage and the continued improvement of the river should be considered as one of the goals of current Mirror Pond deliberations, not something that should be avoided.

Let us know what you think.

## Crooked River update

As you know, for the past few years COF has been a key member of a coalition of fishing and conservation groups working with Ochoco Irrigation District, the City of Prineville, and Portland General Electric to negotiate a bill on a number of issues that impact the Crooked River. This has been a contentious and divisive issue. The agreement is a compromise in the truest sense: few parties to the agreement got what they want, but we believe that the bill will result in improved flows year round in the Crooked River.

An important step in this long process may be about to occur. Oregon Senator Ron Wyden is currently chair of the committee that must hear the bill prior to being introduced in the US Senate. Senator Wyden gives up the chairmanship of that committee in March, and he has stated his desire to get the bill through committee before that time. We'll keep tracking this closely.

The larger issue on the Crooked is the ongoing effort around anadromous fish reintroduction [salmon and steelhead] in the upper Deschutes Basin. This issue will be the topic of a longer column in the future, but the bottom line is that results so far are disappointing. In 2013 only 22 chinook, 25 sockeye, and 30 steelhead returned to the Pelton fish collection facility after origination in the upper Basin (Crooked, Metolius, or middle Deschutes/Wychus Creek).

The majority of the salmon will spawn on the Metolius. Two of the steelhead have gone up Wychus Creek, leaving 28 for the Crooked. Eight of those fish have moved up the river, the rest remain in Lake Billy Chinook.

A major issue is the lack of functioning fish passage at Opal Springs dam, just upstream from Lake Billy Chinook. A permanent passage facility is years away so a temporary system was put in place last year as a stop gap solution. Unfortunately, this system does not seem to be working. Only three steelhead and six chinook have been caught this way. The other five steelhead have actually been caught with dip nets in the pool below the dam.

Twenty steelhead remain in Lake Billy Chinook, searching for a way to get up the Crooked to spawn. This is not a huge number, but given the very low returns the genetic material in every one of these fish is extremely valuable. Out of the thousands of fish released into the river, these are the only fish that made it all the way to the ocean and back.

– Yancy Lind ([conservation@coflyfishers.org](mailto:conservation@coflyfishers.org))





## Kokanee Carnival Spring Classroom Electives

Call for Volunteers

### Angler Education

Kokanee Carnival has received the Angler Education materials from ODFW, so we are getting ready to start this elective program. Twenty-eight classes have enrolled. We need two volunteers for each class. The lead volunteer will be a Certified Angling Instructor. The other volunteer does not need to be certified. If you have never participated before, try it. It is a lot of fun working with the kids in the classroom. If you enjoy the experience, you can take the one-day certification course this fall. **To volunteer to help with Angler Education, contact Dan Pebbles (206-618-8917 or pebbles@ty-eentl.com).**

### Fish dissection

Fish dissection is another Kokanee Carnival classroom elective program. Thirty-three classes have enrolled. We need two volunteers for each class. Only the lead volunteer needs to be certified. ODFW provides a fish for each student, and Kokanee Carnival provides dissection tools. If you would like to help, please contact Jen Luke (541-633-1113 or Jennifer.A.Luke@state.or.us).

### Fish eggs to fry

We need several volunteers to deliver the trout eggs to classrooms. Cranebow eggs should be ready about mid April, and steelhead eggs in March. Twenty-eight classes will receive Cranebow eggs; seven classes will received steelhead eggs. No delivery date has been set. All eggs deliveries will be on the same day in March and April. Packets with 200 eggs in each packet will be available. Volunteers will be assigned between one to three classrooms. Volunteers need to prearrange an egg delivery time with their assigned teachers. A hand-out describing what to say to students when you deliver the eggs is available. Volunteers pick up the egg packets at ODFW, drive to the school and deliver the eggs. Pick up requires about 30 minutes, and each class delivery requires about 30 minutes. To volunteer for the eggs to fry program, please contact Jen Luke (541-633-1113 or Jennifer.a.Luke@state.or.us).

## TYER'S CORNER

This fly worked very well at East Lake last year. It is a variation of the 2013 Fly of the Month and seems to work much better. At least the fish think so. The white bead head creates the impression of gills and the nickel plating shines through the Ice Stretch Lace wraps to simulate a gas bubble or creates the transparency that many midges have when they are getting ready to hatch. I also like it in gray, red, and tan sometimes with a red hot spot on the bend of the hook.

- Mike Telford

### Crystal Snow Cone II



Hook: Alec Jackson's Chironomid (Hareline) nickel plated, sizes 10-14

Thread: clear nylon mono and black, size 8/0

Body: Ice Stretch Lace (Hareline), color of choice and Deer Creek Diamond Hard UV resin

Bead: white

1. Place the bead onto the hook.
2. Mount the mono thread on the hook shank and use it tie in the Ice Stretch Lace on top of the hook shank; wrap to the bend of the hook. Bring the mono thread back to the head and tie a half hitch
3. Wrap the Ice Stretch Lace evenly, with a space between the wraps, to the bead and tie it off.
4. Use enough diamond hard to make a uniform body covering the Ice Stretch Lace wraps. Use a u.v. light to cure the resin.



Rod-building class with Steve Stevens. PHOTO: Steve Stevens



## Central Oregon Flyfishers Upstream Events 2014

Date	Time	Activity	Location	Contact
<b>FEBRUARY</b>				
<b>Feb 6</b>	6:30 pm	<b>monthly board meeting</b>	Environmental Center	Dave Dunahay (president@coflyfishers.org)
<b>Feb 4, 11, 18, 25</b>	6:00 pm	<b>fly-tying series</b>	Bend Senior Center	John Kreft (jckreft@gmail.com)
<b>Feb 19</b>	6:30 pm	<b>general meeting</b>	Bend Senior Center	Dave Dunahay (president@coflyfishers.org)

### IN THE FUTURE

<b>Mar 6-9</b>	Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show, Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center
<b>Mar 7-9</b>	Northwest Fly Tying and Fly Fishing Expo, Linn County Expo Center, Albany, OR



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