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President's Message

Happy New Year to everyone!

Well, it's Christmas Day, and I'm taking it easy around the house in this cold, sometimes snowy weather. I really should be checking out the fishing in the Metolius or the Crooked, or maybe try my hand at some last-minute fishing on the Lower D at Mecca - maybe next week. So far, it looks like we'll still be able to meet at the Elks Lodge on the 19th for our first in-person monthly meeting since Feb 2020. The Elks Lodge requires masks indoors, but there are no other restrictions to our meeting. I would recommend that everyone who shows up is vaccinated (and boosted!), as this Omicron variant is a highly contagious little bugger who doesn't play well with others. Only a very small percentage of the current COVID patients in the hospital have been vaccinated (the vast majority have NOT), and the numbers clearly show that vaccination is the best defense against it. If you have questions or concerns check out one of the many sources of info on the Internet.

Be sure to check out the FFI Corner in this issue, I have an excellent winter fly pattern for you in there. In the Tim's Tips column, I review a website from a couple that some of you will remember from their videos that have been featured in this column - the Jensen's.

Videos of the Month: If you're looking to tune up your Euro-nymphing skills, this one from the Tactical Fly Fisher is good. It asks the question: "Are you Euro nymphing deep enough?", and gives several ways to determine and control depth. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FfshLa4NYf8>

I hope everyone is enjoying this holiday season, and as always, 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 MEETING | JANUARY 19TH

NEW LOCATION! ELKS LODGE | 63120 BOYD ACRES ROAD, BEND, OR 97701



It's pretty hard to be an angler without water for fish. In the Deschutes Basin most of our rivers and many of our lakes (reservoirs) are controlled and managed primarily for irrigation. The needs of fish and wildlife are beginning to be partially addressed in a few places, but our water remains over appropriated for consumptive uses. Kate Fitzpatrick, Executive Director of the Deschutes River Conservancy, is one of the most knowledgeable people in Central Oregon when it comes to how our water is stored, allocated, and managed, along with plans for the future. Over many years of activism for fish and water, I have found Kate to be patient, helpful, friendly, and informative. I'm sure everyone in the club will learn something from her presentation.

Kate assumed the Executive Director position at DRC in 2021 after 16 years at the organization managing and directing programs to collaboratively restore streamflow in the basin. She came to this work with a BS in geology from Colgate University, five years of experience in wilderness education, and a MS in environmental studies from the University of Oregon. Kate also brings a firm belief in both rivers and in the power of community to work together to find solutions to potentially divisive natural resource issues.

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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

CONSERVATION

Kokanee vs Sockeye

Lake Billy Chinook contains both Kokanee and Sockeye salmon. A kokanee is just a sockeye salmon who spends their entire life span in fresh water. At the 2021 PGE fish conference it was noted that the SWW facility only transfers the smaller size sockeye smolts downstream in the spring and the larger sockeye smolts are considered kokanee and returned to the reservoir. One of the participants questioned this procedure and felt transferring the larger migrating fish would result in a greater return

of adult Sockeye salmon. I will try to explain what I am observing about this issue.

Kokanee fishing in Lake Billy Chinook has been an important recreational activity over the past many years. My children learned to fish for kokanee in Lake Billy Chinook. Two excel tables show the downstream migration numbers for 2018 and 2021.

This second table includes all the hatchery adults captured by PGE below Lake Billy Chinook.

2018 UPPER DESCHUTES ONLY

	Naturally Reared Smolts	Hatchery Smolts	Naturally Reared Adults	Hatchery Adults	Total Smolts	Total Adults	Ratio in % Adult/Smolts
Steelhead	2,595	6,246	11	6	8841	17	0.192%
Chinook	11,480	10,151	1	4	21631	5	0.023%
Sockeye	46,311	0	40	0	46311	40	0.086%

This first table does not include the number of hatchery adult steelhead and chinook collected by PGE below Lake Billy Chinook.

2021 HATCHERY AND UPPER DESCHUTES BASIN ADULTS

	Naturally Reared Smolts	Hatchery Smolts	Naturally Reared Adults	Hatchery Adults	Total Smolts	Total Adults	Ratio in % Adult/Smolts
Steelhead	1900	14500	85	735	16419	820	4.994%
Chinook	8000	20000	52	600	28000	652	2.329%
Sockeye	32845	0	35	0	32845	35	0.107%

The tributary streams above Lake Billy Chinook naturally produce a large number of small Sockeye smolts each year without the cost of a hatchery operations. Adding these smolts to the downstream migration of steelhead and chinook increases the number of smolts migrating out of the system. The added numbers of the inexpensive sockeye smolts should increase the survival of the more expensive steelhead and chinook smolts raised by ODFW in the hatcheries. The survival of the sockeye smolts

in the lower Deschutes and Columbia River and ocean migration is poor at the present time. Keeping the larger kokanee collected in the SWW facility is believed to protect the valuable recreational fishery for kokanee in Lake Billy Chinook and provide the large number of low cost naturally produced sockeye smolts each spring.

The increase in number of hatchery smolts produced in the recent years should increase the number of returning adults to the Deschutes River.

This means the hatchery programs for steelhead and chinook should have adequate adults to continue the present level of production for many years. Continued improvement in stream habitat and water quantity in stream should increase the number of naturally reared smolts in the upper Deschutes streams. Goals for the next few years should be to increase the naturally reared smolt production and maintain a strong kokanee population in the area above Lake Billy Chinook.

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My September 2021 on TNC's Silver Creek Preserve

In the August Tyer's Corner I presented Al Troth's Gulper Special fly pattern, and wrote that I was getting my boxes ready for Silver Creek. The Gulper Special treated me and two friends from Pennsylvania and Tennessee very well last September. That month marked my 11th September as a volunteer for The Nature Conservancy (TNC) on the Preserve. I count myself lucky to have been fishing the Creek since 1989. You might like to give the Preserve a visit to fish, bird, or hike. I get questions from COF members and since we haven't been together for a while, I'm going to provide some answers.

Directions to the Silver Creek Preserve are easy. From Bend, take Hwy 20 east for about 450 miles and turn right on the Kilpatrick Bridge Road. Hwy 20 is the scenic route across the state leaving the freeway at Mountain Home. Highway 20 takes you to Yellowstone Country past other fishing opportunities including the South Fork of the Boise, the Big Wood, the Big Lost River, and the Henry's Fork. There is even a recent DVD, "The Rocky Mountain Fly Highway", about fishing waters along Hwy 20.



Just like Central Oregon conditions last summer the U.S. Drought Monitor classified the Wood River Valley as in extreme or exceptional drought. Due to low stream flow, high water temperatures, and low dissolved oxygen levels TNC closed fishing access to Silver Creek on their property on July 3rd. This closure lasted until August 11th when access was allowed from 9 a.m. until sunset. Water temperatures and DO levels improved enough by September 3rd to return back to standard sunrise to sunset hours. All the Preserve regulars and guides I talked with fully supported TNC's access closure to protect fish. Silver Creek waters downstream of the Preserve remained open but with 70-degree water temperatures fishing would have been unconscionable in my opinion.

The Nature Conservancy owns the 881-acre Silver Creek Preserve and protects another 12,000 acres along the stream thru conservation easements. The Preserve is open to the public and visitors are required to register daily with a suggested donation of \$10.00/day. While Silver Creek is a spring creek it is dependent on snowfall in the Wood River Valley. Water levels are also affected by groundwater irrigation pumping. The surrounding area is agricultural with fields of barley, alfalfa, and potatoes.

The Preserve hosts an abundance of wildlife and bird populations. Spring and early summer birding on the Preserve is exceptional and you will find their extensive birding list posted on the TNC website address below. Mayflies abound so you can leave your caddis and stonefly boxes in the car.

There have been some recent changes so you will want to note the following:

Designated Access Points. TNC has designated fishing access points, FA1 – FA26, (see access map) along the banks of Silver Creek and four access points, S1 – S4, into Sullivan Lake. **Anglers must enter and**

exit at one of these designated points. The access points are designated by a 4x4 numbered post in the ground that correspond to the designated access map below. Most access points have installed a steel ramp with handrail for easy access and exit. Access and trail maps are on their website.

Floating Tubing. Access points were created to protect the habitat from visitor disturbance and erosion. **A float tube is still required from the S-curves (T 4) downstream to the Kilpatrick Bridge Road.** Idaho fishing regulation define a float tube as **“a floating device which suspends a single occupant, from the seat down, in the water, and is not propelled by oars, paddles or motor”**. Silver Creek regulars use the “donut” style float tube. You do not use fins in Silver Creek as you are able to touch bottom in most parts of the creek and upper Kilpatrick Pond.

Suffice to say Silver Creek is not a bank fishery. You must enter and exit the creek at a designated access point whether walking and wading or float tubing. In most years the water is cold and you’ll want waders. I wore two pair of long johns under my waders late September when float tubing. Rubber wading soles are best, you don’t need metal on your wading boots, and I find felt soles slippery both on trails and in the creek.

Designated Trails. To protect the Preserve’s eco-

system, trails have been named, signed and mapped. **You are required to stay on a marked trail.** See the TNC website for the trail map.

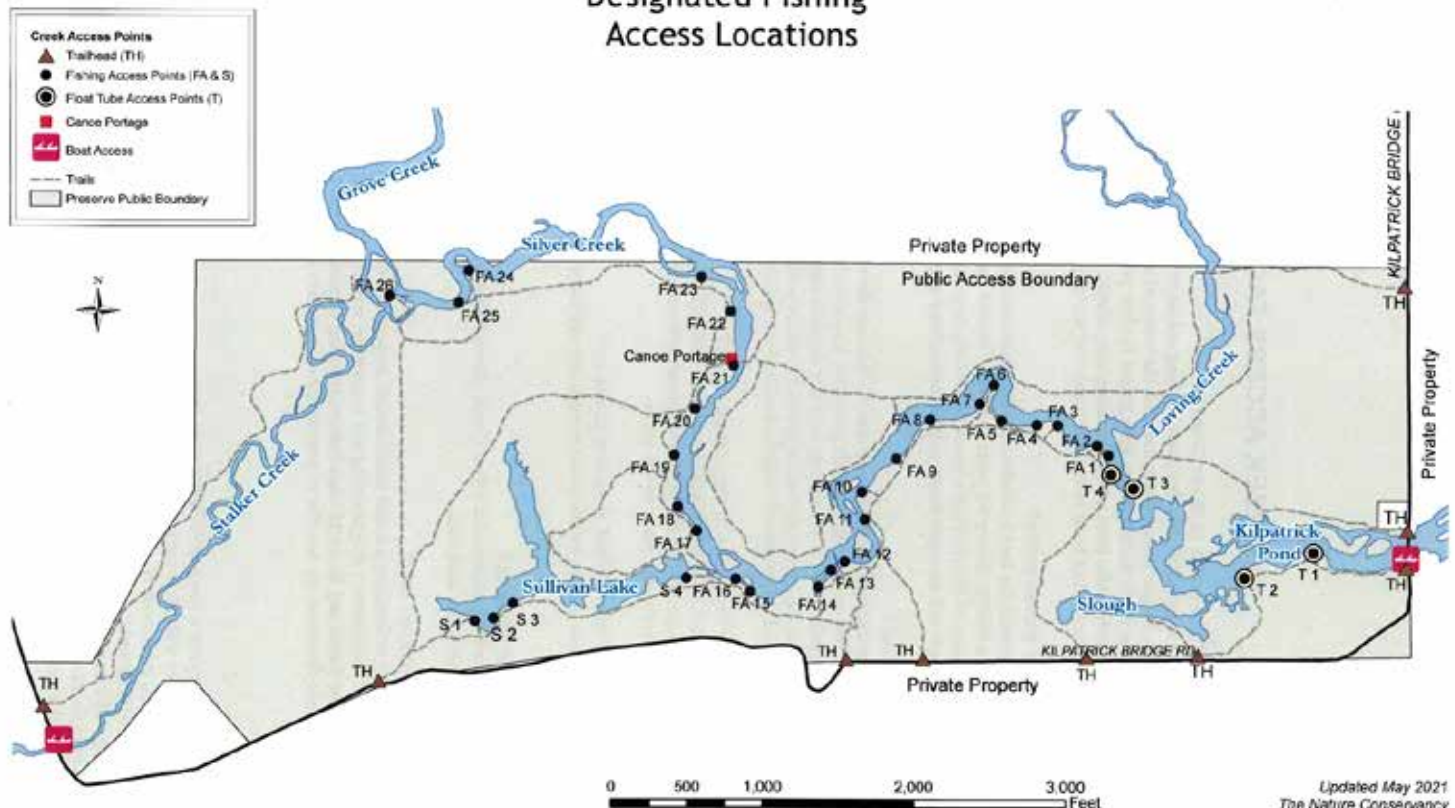
Other Preserve Rules Include.

- No dogs are allowed on the Preserve.
- No motorized boats are allowed on Silver Creek.
- No overnight camping and no campfires.
- Flyfishing, catch and release and single barbless hooks only.
- Foot travel only on Preserve trails.
- Access is free but a donation of \$10 per day is suggested.

Nearby Camping. There are several options if you are camping. On the north side of Highway 20 and just west of the Kilpatrick Bridge Road is the Hayspur Fish Hatchery. The hatchery operates a campground (10-day limit) with potable water, picnic tables, pit toilets, shade trees, a donation box, and a family fishing pond. Hayspur and the fishing pond can be quite popular at times.

There are two additional Idaho Fish & Game campgrounds downstream to the east; West and Point of Rocks CGs. These campgrounds have pit toilets and

Silver Creek Preserve
Designated Fishing
Access Locations



tables but no potable water and little shade. I seldom fish off the Preserve but a Hayspur campground host told me there are Caddis at Point of Rocks. This is the portion of the creek where the Brown Drake hatch occurs for several days in late May or June. The Brown Drake hatch is easier to describe with photographs. If you subscribe to Catch magazine, photographer and fishing guide, Nick Price, has a photographic Silver Creek article in issue 70. There you can see the brown drake hatch and other Silver Creek photos.

Several miles east of the Preserve on Hwy 20 is the Picabo community which has a small RV park operated by a combination convenience store/flyshop/post office/gas station. Motels are available up the Wood River Valley in Bellevue, Hailey, and Ketchum.

Accessible Fishing. Kilpatrick Pond is formed by an irrigation dam downstream on the private RR Ranch (Picabo Livestock Company). The pond extends above the Kilpatrick Bridge Road onto the Preserve and is part of the float tube section. **An accessible fishing platform** is located on the northeast corner of the Kilpatrick bridge courtesy of the Silver Creek Alliance, Higher Ground Sun Valley, Picabo Livestock Company, TNC, and Idaho Department of F & G.



Unlike some accessible platform locations, there are fish at this location. The bridge is a popular fish viewing location as there are always fish below the bridge within casting distance from the platform. Drivers pause here to look at the fish or check out the bug hatch on their way to the trailheads.

TNC recently installed an accessible toilet on the Preserve just southwest of the bridge and fishing platform. I watched the excavation last September and they were just waiting for delivery of the prefab build-

ing. This will replace the old Kilpatrick toilet.

Visitor Center. For ten Septembers I staffed the Silver Creek Visitor Center. I also work on trails, signs, fences, birdhouses, litter and other duties as assigned. This September I spent my visitor center time talking to visitors from underneath a canopy on the side of the road. A generous donation is building a new, larger and more accessible visitor center. Center opening is predicted for Spring 2022. There will be solar panels on that sloping roof line on the right which faces south. Several stream restoration projects are in the planning stages.

The Silver Creek Preserve can be popular at times. In the visitor center I've met people from around the world. I remember one 2019 morning when my first visitors were from Australia, and my second couple from Great Britain. It has a worldwide reputation as a spring creek fishery.



Fishing. Silver Creek contains rainbows and browns. Fishing season on the Preserve opens Memorial Weekend and closes the end of November. Regulations downstream vary by section and are described in the Idaho Fishing Seasons and Rules Pamphlet. I've fished every month except November. I suggest avoiding the opening weekend due to the number of visitors. Springtime is run-off season so Silver Creek often offers the better fishable water in early June.

I mentioned Kilpatrick Pond in the accessible fishing platform information. The portion of the pond downstream from the bridge is on private land. Under Idaho law, the pond is publicly accessible, but the banks are closed so you must stay in the water. To get back to the bridge you must remain in the pond and walk or fin back upstream. You might want to find a local to follow and fish with below the bridge. The pond below the bridge is not shown on the map as it not part of the Preserve.

As a volunteer, I usually work a morning to early after-

noon shift, so my fishing times occur in the afternoon and evenings. I fished every day during my volunteer month. I fish with a long leader and a long tippet of 6X going to Trouthunter 6.5X or 7X when necessary. In the evening or if the afternoon wind is strong, I may drop to 5X. I fish surface patterns; emergers, cripples, duns and spinners. I don't fish multiple flies as I believe they adversely influence each other's drift. Fish in Silver Creek can be difficult. When times are rough take a break and spend time observing. I find this a good time for a candy bar.

Terrestrials can be good searching patterns although I fish the hatch if there is one. I like to hunt and cast to feeding fish. Hatches can vary within short distances so I move around. Once I find a hatch and feeding fish I'll likely be there for hours. I like to cast across and downstream into the feeding lane, and let the fly drift well past before picking up for another presentation. Unless you cast like Lefty Kreh, casting upstream to fish is a great way to spook them. Hoppers can be a big deal in September but this year there were no hoppers. Not even the guides had their clients' fishing hoppers. Speaking of guides, many first-time visitors hire a guide, and there are a number of outfitters in the area in Hailey and Ketchum. You can't beat the knowledge of local fly shops. If you want to fish the nearby Big Wood River, I recommend talking (and shopping) a local shop about access points and patterns.

Mayflies on the creek are often small—most of my Silver Creek patterns are #16 or smaller. This September I fished #18 Callibaetis and #22/24 Baetis in several colors. Fall Baetis on the creek often increase to as large as #20, but all were smaller during my month. Baetis colors ranged from various shades of olive to yellow to pistachio. On a couple days-off mornings I found good Trico spin-

ner action. Prime Trico season is July and August but I've found it continues sporadically into September. Note that the 2021 Preserve closure coincided with Trico season. Mahogany duns, #16, usually show up in late September but I saw only a few this year. They become more prevalent in October.

Silver Creek Preserve information, maps, and brochures are available at: <https://www.nature.org/en-us/get-involved/how-to-help/places-we-protect/silver-creek-preserve/>

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WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

Happy New Year!

To all our Wild Women, welcome to the New Year! We ended 2021 with a fun holiday gathering at the home of Lee Ann Ross. A long tradition for the Wild Women group and we were glad to be able to safely gather. As we look to 2022 we will begin to once again put together zoom events and outdoor Wild Women education opportunities. Do you have something you are particularly interested in learning or improving this year? Don't hesitate to contact me and we can begin to create something to address it. I am looking ahead to 2022 with hope and excitement for the fishing possibilities! See y'all on the water soon!

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NEXT CAST FLYFISHERS

Fly Tying Material Donated

Mike Coughlin donated fly tying material to COF for youth fly fishers. See attached picture. The material will be used for the Basic Skills fly tying classes in January 2022, as well as future Next Cast events.

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EDUCATION

Tim's Tips #13: Jensen's Website and Courses

Some of you may remember the YouTube videos I've linked in the newsletter from Dave and Amelia Jensen of Alberta, Canada. Their videos are nothing short of amazing, both in the beauty of their camera skills and the knowledge they pass on in some tough fishing situations. In addition to their YouTube videos, they also have a website that offers video courses in small stream fly fishing, spotting trout in undercut banks and other subjects. Some are free and others cost, but if their YouTube vids are any indication of the quality and amount of info you receive, then they should be pretty darn good! <https://www.jensenflyfishing.com>

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FFI Corner

This fly pattern is from the December issue of the FFInsider (Vol 1, Issue 12), and it's called the Copper Zebra Midge. "The Zebra Midge is one of the most prolific midge pupa patterns available to trout fishers. This upgrade on the classic, tied by Tim Flager of TightLineVideo on YouTube, has several improvements on the original that can increase your success rate. The Copper Zebra Midge can be tied in a variety of colors and sizes to meet any winter fishing scenario. This is a pattern you'll want in your box in the coming months!" I would add that this pattern mainly imitates the emergent stage of the midge, so fish it later in the hatch than the standard Zebra Midge, after you've seen either shucks or adults on the surface. The video also has some really good tips for handling materials for small flies.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7OWkv5bJYIs>

FFI has a Fly Tying Video Library on their website; it has over 1,000 fly tying videos from notable tiers featuring flies for cold water, warm water, saltwater and steelhead. You can also find videos on techniques and general instruction. Check it out and find something new to tie this winter! If you are already a member of FFI you'll get these periodically.

As your FFI rep, please let me know if you have any questions about this fine organization. <https://www.flyfishersinternational.org>

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OTHER NEWS



Volunteers Needed – Kids Trout Pond

SPORTSMEN'S EXPO IN REDMOND,
THURSDAY, MARCH 10 - SUNDAY, MARCH 13

COF volunteers manage the KIDSTROUT POND at the Expo every year. Please volunteer for a (roughly 4 hour) shift. We maintain the equipment, help young anglers, net fish, safely release or bag fish for those who want to keep their catch (we don't clean the fish for them). Signup sheets will be available at the January and February meetings and at the Winter Fly Tying classes. We are requesting volunteers be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Approximately 6-10 volunteers are required for each 4 hour 15 minute shift. Shifts are:

- Thursday, March 10th: 3 shifts, 9:30-11:45 (set up), 11:35-4:00 and 3:45-8:00
- Friday, March 11th: 2 shifts, 11:35-4:00 and 3:45-8:00
- Saturday, March 12th: 3 shifts, 9:45-1:00, 12:45-4:30 and 4:15-8:00
- Sunday, March 13th: 2 shifts, 9:45-1:00, 12:45-4:30

FLIES! We need some bright, flashy bead head flies, size 8-12. Please crimp the barbs. Adding a 10-12 inch leader with a loop connection saves our volunteers time rigging and repairing equipment for the kids.

Beyond meeting new friends and helping a kid catch a fish, you will be helping COF - We receive a \$1,500 donation for managing the pond.

In addition to helping the club you get FREE admission to the show.

Please bring any fly donations to the January or February monthly meeting or to a Winter Fly Tying Class. You may contact me directly to volunteer or donate flies!

- DANNY KARA
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COF Election Results

Thank you to all who voted in our December election for our officers and Board of Directors for 2022. We still need volunteers for an Education chair and a Banquet chair. Please contact Tim Quinton, if you are interested. Following is your leadership team:

- President – Tim Quinton
- Vice President – John Howard
- Treasurer – Liz Jones
- Secretary – Kari Schoessler
- Bob Shimane (Membership)
- Frank Turek (Kokanee Karnival)
- Fred Cholick (Next Cast)
- Yancy Lind (Programs)
- Education....vacant
- Banquet....vacant

Winter Fly Tying

We are making a change in Winter Fly Tying, in February and March. Attendees will be expected to provide All their own tying materials (COF used to provide all materials, but due to a combination of massive increases in room costs and lack of volunteers willing to step up, this is just no longer practical). Classes are planned for 5:30 - 8:30, every Thursday evening in February and March at Larkspur Community Center, Bend. Classes to be held in person, in the Multipurpose Room, same place and format (except for materials) as previous years. Registration required on the COF webpage, coflyfishers.org, under Calendar and Events, Upcoming Events, so that you can receive pattern and materials sheets two weeks ahead of individual classes.

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MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to Our New Members

Nathaniel Atkinson - Bend

Stephen Brown - Powell Butte

Todd Hyrn - Redmond

Ron Romeis - Redmond

Jeff Whiteside - Bend

Chris Zobkiw - Redmond

Membership renewals were sent in mid-November, and you can make payment by either credit card or check.

Our club postal box is checked at least once weekly during the renewal period, but please remember that checks, even those mailed within Central Oregon, take five to seven days to reach us. We anticipate resuming in person meetings and classes in January 2022. As of December 24, 2021 COF counts a total of 331 members. We look forward to your continued support.

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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.

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COF CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: DAVE SCADDEN OUTLAW RENEGADE---FRAMELESS PONTOON BOAT - ASKING: \$650. Great fishing craft for the Deschutes River or Cascade Lakes. Outlaw Renegade frameless pontoon in excellent condition. Rows very well. Plenty of room for storage. No patches or leaks. Includes side storage bags and oars. Dave Scadden is known around the world for producing the finest quality pontoon boats in the industry. Call Ted Fowler at 541-408-1174.



FOR SALE: WINSTON BIIX 710-4 - \$400. Excellent condition Winston - 7 wt, 10 ft, 4-piece rod. Very minor blemishes, this rod looks almost new and casts line like a dream. Good rod for steelhead or casting large indicator rigs on rivers or lakes. Has been gently used only a few times. Call or email if you have questions or want to look at it in person.
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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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CRIPPLED MIDGE

It's COLD and the snow has come at last, 8" on the ground at my place in La pine. With the late snow it gives a hint that next year; we could see the same low water conditions that hampered fishing this year. Cross your fingers and toes let's make the snow fall, and stick.

Some sad news came my way from a friend that we lost, John Matthews and great pin-stripper, from the Valley. If you see a hand painted fly pattern on a truck or SUV in Bend it was probably put there by John. If you ever went to Albany to see the Oregon FFI, Fly Tying and Fly Fishing Expo. You, would have seen his rig parked at the front door, where he would paint under entrance. John tied for the Expo as well and could tie a steelhead fly with the best of them; we already miss you John.

The fly this month is the "Crippled Midge" by: Tom Bird, UK. It is mostly used as a midge dry fly fished on the surface or just under. It depends on how you dress it, either soak the whole fly in "Flyagra" or dress just the hackle. It fishes very well in rippled water when fully dressed and in flat to water either way works. Use it close to underwater weed growth, with a muddy bottom. This fly brought fish to the surface

towards the end of the season when no fish were showing. It can be also fished with a bead-less buzzer dropper, with some flash.

Materials:

Hook: #12 to #16 Fullingmill FM50 65 5065 Czech nymph black nickel, any light wire scud hook will work. I like this hook a lot; with the large gap it holds fish well.

Thread: Veevus Red 10/0, or match the hatch

Body: Red seal fur, I used a blended rabbit. or match the hatch

Rib: Pearl Mylar, small

Post and Breathers: White or pale dun, Ep trigger fiber or antron, or a small foam strip can be used

Hackle: Red/Brown dry fly hackle 3 to 5 turns. I have been using a Sandy dun

Head: Tying thread.

Tying Instructions:

1. Lock in your thread at the eye wrapping back 2 eye widths, then tie in the post material and build the post. Note: leave it long because you going to bring it forward over the hackle and tie it off behind the eye at the end.
2. Now tie in the Mylar rib, and continue to about mid-way down the hook bend.
3. Dub the thread with the body material forming a tapered noodle and wind forward to just behind the post.
4. Now bring the rib forward with about 6 to 7 even wraps and tie off at the post.
5. Tie in the hackle and make 3 to 5 wraps around the post and tie off
6. Pull back the hackle from the eye, making space for post material and bring it forward over the eye and tie it off, making sure you take a few wraps under what is now the breathers and finish the tie off there.
7. Cleanup the hackle area by massaging the hackle forward for a clean look.

“Good Luck and Good Hunting”

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JANUARY 2022 UPSTREAM EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONTACT
January 19	COF General Members' Meeting @ 7:00 - Elks Lodge	
January 28	BOD Meeting Zoom @ 6:00 PM, location TBD	

In the Future

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONTACT
March 19	Kokanee Outing	Eric's Mail, whitehaus692@gmail.com
April 14-17	Owyhee River Outing	Eric's Mail, whitehaus692@gmail.com
May 8	South Twin Lake Outing	Eric's Mail, whitehaus692@gmail.com
June 15	Crane Prairie - Quinn River Outing	Eric's Mail, whitehaus692@gmail.com
July 15-17	John Day Outing	Eric's Mail, whitehaus692@gmail.com
August 15	Three Creek Lake Outing	Eric's Mail, whitehaus692@gmail.com
September 5	East Lake Outing	Eric's Mail, whitehaus692@gmail.com
October 8	Crane Prairie - North End Outing	Eric's Mail, whitehaus692@gmail.com



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