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President's Message

Thank you for the vote of confidence. I will do everything in my power to be a good President of the Central Oregon Flyfishers. I have been a member of COF for nearly 7 years and believe in its mission and goals.

COF Mission—To promote the preservation and conservation, for future generations, of Central Oregon's watershed and its fisheries through education, the practice of stewardship and the art of fly fishing. One of the ways we meet this mission statement is through volunteering and supporting the activities of COF.

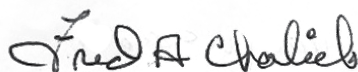
Liz Jones, Eric White, and Corol Ann Cary have completed their terms on the COF board. Each has made significant contributions to the COF board and COF. On behalf of the COF membership I want to thank each of them for their leadership. If you get a chance, I would request that you also thank them for their contributions. Tim Quinton is stepping down as the COF president after three years of great leadership. Tim will remain on the COF board as past president.

In the past newsletter, Tim has highlighted the need for members to provide leadership for critical positions. At this time we need individuals for the following positions – Education leader, Outing leader and board member at large. I realize that everyone has numerous commitments on their time, but COF also needs you to support the organization.

COF is your organization, therefore; please commit time to make it an outstanding organization.

The Redmond Sportsman Show is March 9-12, 2023. This event is a fundraiser for COF and an excellent opportunity to volunteer. I have volunteered for the Sportsman Show several times and found it to be a lot of fun. In addition, all volunteers receive free admission to the Sportsman Show. Danny Kara has agreed to coordinate volunteers for the Sportsman Show.

Looking forward to 2023, please feel free to provide me with your thoughts and suggestion to enhance COF so that it has greater value for you.



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Tim with a brown trout in Chile, January 2022.

Sea Run Cutthroat and Fly Fishing Travel Tips

This month we get two presentations. Our November presentation was cancelled due to a broken water pipe shutting down the Elks club, but J Michele Swoop has agreed to give the presentation over Zoom on January 4 at 6 pm. Check your email for the Zoom link and the November newsletter for more on the presentation.

Our regular meeting will feature Tim Quinton, immediate Past President of COF. Tim has been fly fishing for over 50 years, and thanks to a 33-year career in the US Coast Guard, was fortunate to live in or near some excellent fishing destinations in the US. In addition, he has fished for both fresh and saltwater species in Belize, Argentina, Chile, Christmas Island and New Zealand.

Tim will present on the fly-fishing travel experience, whether you're going on a float down the Deschutes or flying to Patagonian Argentina to catch monster rainbows in Jurassic Lake. Gathering info from his personal experiences and "Professor Internet", this presentation will give you some ideas about how to

prepare (packing lists, important questions to ask, etc.), how to select a guide/lodge, and what to expect when traveling for your trip.

- YANCY LIND
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EDUCATION

COF Winter Fly Tying Classes

BASIC SKILLS CLASSES - In person classes are scheduled for the first four Tuesday evenings, beginning Jan 3rd, at Larkspur Community Center, in Classroom 2. Meeting to run 5:30 to 8:30. COF to supply all needed tools and materials, though people that have their own vises and tools are strongly encouraged to bring their own. We currently have 10 signed up, and adequate helpers. If you'd like to mask up, no problem at all, and not a bad idea.

WINTER FLY TYING CLASSES - Is scheduled to go Tuesday evenings, from Jan 31st to March 28th, in the Multipurpose room at Larkspur. Meetings to run 5:30 to 8:30. We have a full slate of high quality Presenters lined up. Registration to open up very shortly, via the Central Oregon Flyfishers web page for members under Calendar and Events, Upcoming Events, and follow directions. There will be a \$5.00 materials charge per attendee, per class (Please try to bring exact change). COF will provide materials, attendees to provide their own vises, tools and thread, and if desired, a battery powered light. Note that Larkspur has upgraded their lighting since last we met there. Might be adequate for many. Masks, no problem either way. (No politics)

- JOHN HOWARD
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CONSERVATION

Social Media?

If you type Central Oregon Flyfishers into a web browser you get three choices. One will direct you to a Portland based club that charges twice our annual dues and seems to mostly post pictures of their members holding large fish.

The second site is Central Oregon Flyfishers of BEND. This is our official club facebook site. It will give you access to renew your membership and has most of the recent newsletters posted on this site. It is managed by Molly Vernarecci who monitors the posts for appropriate content. Content posted here is available to anyone with internet access to facebook.

The third site is the Central Oregon Flyfishers.org web site managed by Mary Barron. This is a much larger site than the facebook page and has a section added for current Central Oregon Flyfishers members only. To access the members only section you will need to login with your e-mail address and password by pressing the button on the right side top of the screen. After logging in you will be granted access to the "Fishing Tips", "Presentations", "Tips/Techniques", "Fly Patterns" and "Trip Report" sections. These sections were added when the board noticed some of our members were not attending meeting during covid and the board wanted to give the membership some value for their club dues.

Spending some time looking over these sections will give you something to do this winter. It seems there are about 100 fly patterns used by club members to review and maybe tie up a few flies before spring fishing season starts.

The "fishing tips" section gives you help on learning some of the local waters and how to effectively fish the local areas.

Take some time to review this site with it's members only portion and give any board member feedback on how to improve this site.

- TOM SHUMAN
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OTHER NEWS

Killer Bug Addendum

Free Killer Bug yarn still available. In the December Tyer's Corner I offered free Jamison's Shetland Yarn

for the Killer Bug to 20 COF members. About ten packages remain, so if you email your mailing address to me, I'll mail you a package.

More about wire. Shortly after I submitted my Tyer's Corner Killer Bug article, Davie McPhail posted a video titled, "My Top 2 Nymph Patterns in Rivers and Small Lochs". In this video McPhail ties a black Sawyer's style Pheasant Tail nymph and his Killer Bug variant which he calls "The Bug." McPhail provides information I've not seen in prior videos about tying with wire. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q3lzO25y4ic>

Cheers,

- PETER MARTIN
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MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to Our New Members

Lou Degregorio - Redmond

Ann Laferriere - Bend

Glenn Zinkus - Corvallis

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

- ROBERT SHIMANE
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WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

Wild Women of the Water came together for our annual holiday get together at the home of Lee Ann Ross. Great food, a lot of laughter and fun was had by all.

Wild Women are welcoming the New Year in style with two opportunities for fun and connection. We will gather at High Desert Chocolates in Sisters for an afternoon of indulgence on January 22nd and we will have an educational Zoom event with Mary Ann Dozer on January 9th. Mary Ann will lead us through all there is to know about rigging for a more successful

outing on the water. All Wild Women will receive an email blast to register for each event. I encourage you to bring along a friend who might be interested in fly fishing, show her how much fun we have!

Looking forward to connecting with all of you in 2023!



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COF CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: LIKE NEW, SAGE MODEL ONE 7116-4 SWITCH ROD, 11' 6", 7 wt., 4-piece, sock and tube, \$550, comes with Rio Scandi Shooting Head,

420 gr. and Rio Powerflex Shooting Line, rod and line fished perhaps twice, original total cost \$955, Peter Martin, landline, 541-388-8956, pcmartin@bendbroadband.com

FOR SALE: POWELL SIGNATURE 256-8 LTSH (LIGHT STEELHEAD MODEL) ROD, 9 1/2', 7/8 wt. 2-piece graphite, with original sock and case, \$175, excellent condition, Peter Martin, landline, 541-388-8956, pcmartin@bendbroadband.com

FOR SALE: THIS IS A PAIR OF WELL USED SIMMS MEN'S WADERS, SIZE L (9-11). They have been patched several times, might have a few small pinhole leaks, but are in pretty good condition overall. The seam tape is intact both inside and out. Purchased in 2002, but stored and used with care. This is the older model that does not have attached gravel guards. Washed and ready to use! \$50, Tim Quinton (509-392-3516, cgtimq@gmail.com). More photos are available on request.



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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TLF SOFT-HACKLE PHEASANT TAIL

BY JERRY CRISS

Wow!!!, Its a NEWYEAR people, and with that it is time to start filling your fly boxes for the new season ahead. This time of year, leans itself to time to search out new patterns that match your particular hatch and look like they can be helpful in certain situations. For me that is soft-hackle flies, I am either finding them online or just playing on the tying bench with different color combinations and textures of materials. One thing that can help any fly pattern is to mix your own dubbing colors. By taking old flies apart that I found mostly in estate or garage sales, the dubbings were a mixture of colors to achieve the color the tyer was after. If you go back into the early times of the craft, there wasn't 5 different colors of, let's say olive, hanging on a rack in the fly shop. In fact; most dubbings were either dyed fur or more commonly it was yarns of different colors stolen from the wife's collection of left-over yarn from knitting. To help with mixing colors an artist color wheel is your best option. They can be found at art stores or craft shops. Pick one up and just read the directions on the wheel that will get you started on what colors cause a change in your base color. Have fun!!!

The fly this month is new, (Soft-Hackle Pheasant Tail). I fished it last year and it worked really well, in the rivers and in stillwater. It is built like a normal Pheasant Tail, except for the tail; where I like moose body (it lasts longer than pheasant tail barbs) and uses a soft-hackle feather wound at the head of the fly. I still use a wing case, which is the butt ends of the moose body pulled over and uv resin is applied to protect it. Natural brown or dyed burnt orange partridge hackle is used as well as other colored hen feather that you might have. If you want it weighted, use 6 wraps of # 10 lead in the thorax area, (see note at end of tying instructions).

MATERIALS:

Hook: Nymph hook, #16 to #12 and weight of hook is your choice.

Thread: Brown or dark orange 14/0

Tail: 8 to 10 moose body hair pieces, stacked. Make sure that they are long enough to make the wing case. If you would rather use pheasant tail barbs that is your choice.

Body: 2, 4 or 6 natural or burnt-orange pheasant tail barbs tyed in by the tips.

Rib: Fine copper wire

Thorax: Burnt-orange dubbing with a little ice dub mixed in.

Wing Case: Pulled over butt ends of the tail material.

Hackle: Partridge natural or burnt-orange 2 to 3 wraps.

Head: Tying thread.

TYING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Start the thread just behind the eye and wrap back to the bend of the hook tying in the tailing material as you go. When you reach the half way point tie in the copper rib keeping it on the bottom of the hook shank. Do not cut off the butt ends of the tail, they are going to be the wing case.
2. Tie in the pheasant tail barbs by the tips, and bring the tying thread forward leaving about 1/3 of the hook shank showing between thread and hook eye. If weighted, tie off just behind the lead wraps.
3. Wrap the pheasant tail barbs forward making sure they stay flat and not twisted and tie off at the threads stopping point. Cut off the butt ends.
4. Bring forward the rib wrapping it counter to the body material, 4 to 5 even turns, tie off at the body ending position.
5. Add dubbing to the thread, wind it in making the thorax, leaving at least 2 hook eye spaces for tying off wing case and the hackle.
6. Bring the butt ends of the tailing material over the thorax making sure the ends are not twisted and laying flat and tie them off. If you want to add UV resin to the wing case, do that now before winding in the hackle.
7. Tie in the hackle feather by the tip and wind in 2 to 3 turns and tie off with a small clean head.

Note: Whatever you use for the weight, use 6 wraps leaving at least 1 1/2 eye gap between the weight and the hook eye. Do not make ramps at either end, that helps keep the proportions of the fly in good shape.

“Good Luck, Fun Tying and Good Hunting”

- JERRY CRISS

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JANUARY 2023 UPSTREAM EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONTACT
January 3, 10, 17, 24	Fly Tying Basic Skills class-Larkspur, 5:30-8:30 PM	John Howard
January 4	J.Michele Swoop Zoom on "Sea Run Cutthroat", 4-6 PM	
January 9	WWW meeting with Mary Ann Dozer	Sue Coyle, wildwomen@cofyfishers.org
January 18	Monthly Member's Meeting, 7:00pm @ the Elks Lodge	
January 26	BOD Meeting @ 6:00 PM at the Deschutes Junction Pizza Grill Taphouse	
January 31-March 28	Winter Fly Tying class - Larkspur, 5:30-8:30 PM	John Howard

In the Future

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONTACT
March 9-12	Sportsman Show	



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