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RANDOM CAST

I sincerely hope you enjoyed the holidays, and I wish you a Happy New Year! I'm certain this will be another great year for COF members. You're invited to join in as many activities as you like. As you look through this newsletter, jot down some dates on your calendar. There will be a broad range of events in 2010, such as fishing outings, educational classes and seminars, conservation-related activities, monthly meetings with well-known speakers, and our popular, award-winning, volunteer-driven Kokanee Karnival youth education program for elementary school kids. We also have special programs for ladies and a terrific banquet every spring. COF offers programs for all skill levels, from beginners to members who have advanced skills in the art of fly fishing.

My sixth year as a member of COF begins in 2010, and this year will be my fifth serving on the board of directors. I've enjoyed every minute. After being away from fly fishing for 40 years, I started again after an early retirement. It was like starting all over, but the programs offered by COF were extremely helpful. Experienced COF members gladly introduced me to the local waters. At first I often got skunked. That seldom happens anymore, but some of my fishing buddies still (always) catch more fish than I do. I still have a lot to learn, but I'm surrounded by a great bunch of people to teach me. It can be the same for you.

I'd like to thank the outgoing members of the COF board of 2009: Delores Marsh, Earl Rettig, Dave Dunahay and Dave Magaret. Please thank them personally the next time you see them. I also want to welcome new board members Bill Raleigh, Donna Hatheway, Frank Turek, and Bob Hammond. These people will help steer your club this year. As your President for 2010, I and the board hope to serve you well. If you see room for improvement or have a special interest that is not currently being met, please feel free to contact any one of us in person or via the club's Web site (www.coflyfishers.org). Your active participation is vital to the club's future success.

Volunteerism is what makes this club run. Look around; come to monthly meetings, fishing outings, educational and conservation events. Meet other members and ask questions. If you would like to volunteer, we can very likely find a spot that fits your particular interests. Please seriously consider volunteering – it's a great way to meet people, gain fishing partners and learn how the club functions. It's also a rewarding way to "give back".

– Dick Olson



GENERAL MEETING

January 20 | 6:30 p.m. | Bend Senior Center, 1600 S.E. Reed Market Road, Bend

Fly fishing the Owyhee River and South Fork of the Snake River

Learn how to fish the Owyhee River and South Fork of the Snake River with Wayne Johnson of Angler's Habitat in Caldwell, Idaho. Wayne will give a "how to" program on these rivers: where to fish, when to fish, impact of water levels, hatch seasons, time of day, choosing the right fly, and more. This information will help members prepare for the Owyhee outing scheduled for March 18 to 21.

Wayne owned a fly shop in Alaska for 10 years before moving to Caldwell where he works for Angler's Habitat, the largest fly shop in the Pacific Northwest. A retired aircraft inspector, Wayne fishes the Owyhee every chance he gets.

OUTINGS

Outings for 2010

Let me know if there is a trip that you would like to lead. Outings require a minimal amount of organizing, and I can give you some tips on how to make things go smoothly.

- Yancy Lind, Outings Coordinator
yancy_lind@ml.com or 788-5514

New Year's Day Outing

The first outing in 2010 will be the club's traditional New Year's Day outing to the Crooked River. As in years past, meet at Jake's Diner (off Highway 20, west of Costco) at 9 a.m. We'll have a big breakfast and wander out to the river when we feel like it. Some people come just for breakfast; others try their luck regardless of conditions (snow and high water are common) just to get out on the first day of the year. Make sure to get your 2010 fishing license beforehand.

- Yancy Lind, Outings Coordinator
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The Other Metolius

Ever wondered what the Metolius is like below Bridge 99? You've probably heard about fast water, rapids, and lots of brush; which is all true. It is also true that there is excellent fishing if you are willing to brave the elements and do some hiking. These fish are big and strengthened by the fast current.

I'll lead a club outing to this part of the river on February 6. Yes, this is the middle of winter, but it is my favorite time of year on the Metolius. The crowds are gone, the big fish have moved into the river from the lake (redbands and bulls), and the water temperature is still good, even if the air temperature is below freezing.

Outings 2010			
Month	Day	Leader	Destination
Jan	1	Yancy Lind	Crooked River
Feb	6	Yancy Lind	Lower Metolius R. (below Bridge 99)
Feb	20	John Anderson	Crooked River
Mar	5	Yancy Lind	Upper Deschutes (between Bend & Benham Falls)
Mar	20-21	Lee Ann Ross	Owyhee River
Mar	27	Bill Seitz	Crooked River (mark spawning sites & outing)
Apr	17	Yancy Lind	Middle Deschutes (near Crooked River Ranch)
May	1	Dave Semich	Davis Lake (bass)
May	13	Mike Tripp	Lower Deschutes float trip (Warm Springs to Trout Creek)
May	13	Yancy Lind	Little Cultus Lake
Jun	5-6	Bob Mullong	Prineville Crappie Marathon
Jun	10-11	John Anderson	Diamond Lake
Jun	TBA	Dave Dunhay	British Columbia
Jun	29-30	Mike Tripp	Upper Williamson River
Jul	24-25	Bob Mullong	Cow Camp Dry Fly Challenge
Aug	TBA	Gordon Chandler	East Lake
Aug	27-29	Yancy Lind	Lower Williamson/Wood River
Sep	9	Jerry Criss	Fall River
Oct	7-10	Eric Steele	Deschutes steelhead
Nov	20	Bill Seitz	Crooked River Cleanup & Outing

Don't expect to back cast much during the day. You might find a spot to do so, but a good roll cast or single-hand Spey cast is what you'll really need. Don't expect to use dry flies. I have been in hatches and got some fish on the surface (even in nine-degree air temperature), but this will mostly be a bobber-fishing experience.

In exchange for the effort and braving the cold, you might have the good luck I often do with fish that don't see as many fishermen. I need to keep this trip small as most spots can only handle an angler or two at a time, and we'll need to spread out. **If you are interested in coming along, contact me at yancy_lind@ml.com**, and I'll give you information about equipment, meeting location, time, and other details.

- Yancy Lind, yancy_lind@ml.com

EDUCATION

Winter fly-tying series

Welcome tyers to the 2010 COF winter fly-tying series. We will tie every Tuesday night starting January 5, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Bend Senior Center. So far, 16 tyers have signed up. **If you would like to sign up, send me an e-mail (steelefly@msn.com) with COF tying in the subject.**

We will have lots of room for everyone. Please remember to bring \$5.00 (cash or check), your tying tools, and thread. All other materials will be supplied. You may attend any or all of the 13 classes. If you plan to attend a class, it is helpful, but not necessary to let me know in advance.

Prior to each class, you will receive an email with the program information and thread type and color you will need. Thanks and happy holidays,

– Sherry Steele (541-549-207)

2010 COF Winter Fly-tying Classes

Date	Host	Theme
Jan 5	Jerry Criss	Introduction & Planning Extended Body Mayfly
Jan 12	Bill Myers	Crooked/Lower Deschutes (spring/summer hatches)
Jan 19	Bill Myers	Crooked/Lower Deschutes (spring/summer hatches)
Jan 26	Sherry Steele	Donation flies for FFF Expo Fundraiser (Mar 12 & 13)
Feb 2	Jeff Perin	Metolius Dry Flies
Feb 9	Jim Fisher	(TBD) & confirm date available
Feb 16	Peter Bowers	(TBD) & confirm date available
Feb 23	Steve Light	(TBD) & confirm date available
Mar 2	Scott Robinson	(TBD) & confirm date available
Mar 9	Bill Seitz	(TBD) & confirm date available
Mar 16	Jerry Criss	TBA
Mar 23	Dave Roberts	(TBD) & confirm date available
Mar 30	Sherry Steele	Donation flies for COF Banquet Fundraiser (April 10)

Rod-building class

Have you always yearned for a little three-weight with a superfine grip and the zebrawood reel seat? For the past several years, Harry Harbin and Dave Dunahay have helped COF members build their own unique graphite fly rods – works of art at half the cost of commercial rods. If enough members sign up by the January 20 meeting, we will hold the classes at Dave's home over four evenings in February and March.

Pay your \$25 by January 20 to reserve your place in the class and buy the necessary general supplies. The cost of the rod blanks, reel seat, cork, etc., will be in addition to this \$25

fee and will vary depending upon the type of rod you choose to build. Dates for the class to be determined. To enroll, contact Bob Hammond (bobhammond@bendbroadband.com or 541-678-8535).

– Bob Hammond

Mike Lawson to present at the winter seminar 2010 – sign up now

Feb 17 and 18 | Aspen Hall

COF and Sunriver Anglers will jointly host the Winter Seminar February 17 and 18 at Aspen Hall in Bend. This year's presenter is Mike Lawson from the famed Henry's Fork area of Idaho.

We are very pleased to have Mike travel to Central Oregon for this two-day seminar. He will cover such topics as Spring Creek Magic, Fly Tying for Spring Creeks, Casting Instructions, Nymph Fishing from Top to Bottom, Techniques and Tactics for Difficult Trout, and Fly Fishing in the Upper Snake River Country.

Mike's knowledge, a lifetime of experience to share, and easy going style make him a most desirable presenter. He was born and raised in southeastern Idaho where he has fished the local streams and Yellowstone area, including the Henry's Fork, all his life. Mike graduated BYU in 1970, and while teaching school for several years, began tying flies commercially. Later he began working as a fishing guide in the area. In 1977 he and his wife, Sheralee, opened Henry's Fork Anglers Fly Shop, currently located in Island Park, ID. He lives in the area with his wife and two sons.

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Mike's experience is not limited to the Yellowstone area as he has flyfished all over the world. In 2003, Mike published *Spring Creeks*, a text book about how to fish spring creeks and tailwaters. In addition, he has written numerous articles for various fly-fishing publications and has been a member of the Sage Advisory Team. Mike will have his book and some DVDs for sale at the seminar.

The 2010 winter seminar will be held at Aspen Hall, February 17 and 18, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost for the two days is \$55 for Central Oregon Flyfishers and Sunriver Angler members, \$75 for non-members (lunch, coffee/drinks, and snacks included). You can register by mailing your check to: Doug Vakoc, 18160 Cottonwood Road PMB 259, Sunriver, OR 97707. For more information, contact Doug (541-598-2048 or Doug@Vakoc.com).

Register early! Hurry and reserve your spot. Space is limited, and we anticipate this seminar will be very popular.

– Doug Vakoc

Ladies fly-fishing class

COF will host a ladies-only fly-fishing class Saturday, May 8. Steve Light from Fly and Field Outfitters will be the instructor. Non COF members may enroll. If you or someone you know is interested in taking the class, please contact Bob Hammond (bobhammond@bendbroadband.com or 541-678-8535).

WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

Winter fishing in Central Oregon

Jan 14 | Fly & Field Outfitters (35 SW Century Drive, 318-1616) | 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

We have a terrific program planned for January. Local fly-fishing expert, Steve Light, will give a presentation about winter fishing in Central Oregon. Don't put away your gear just because it's winter! Thinking about a new pair of wading boots? Steve will talk about the benefits and disadvantages of felt and the new, sticky-rubber soles that discourage the spread of aquatic invasive species. Steve plans to cover a lot of information, so we're starting this meeting earlier than usual. Bring paper and pencil to take notes. **Steve said to plan on staying for three hours; bring munchies and a beverage!**

Please RSVP to Terri (tgrimm@sonatainc.com or 541-318-0567) so Fly and Field can make arrangements for seating. Handouts will be available for women who RSVP.

– Terri Grimm

CONSERVATION

Aquatic species prevention permit

Beginning January 1, 2010, you will need an Aquatic Species Prevention Permit for your drift boat, canoe or inflatable pontoon boat over 10 feet long. Permits are transferable to other non-motorized boats, but each boat on the water needs a permit. Permits go on sale December 1 wherever ODFW licenses are sold and online:

Oregon boaters will soon be on the front lines of a war against aquatic invasive species. Beginning January 1, 2010, operators of manually powered boats (paddle craft) 10 feet or longer and all registered boats (power and sail) are required by a new law to purchase an Aquatic Invasive Species Permit to fund prevention and control programs.

The environmental protection law, created by the 2009 Oregon Legislature, is designed to protect Oregon's waters from destructive invaders including the quagga and zebra mussels that are rapidly spreading across the nation, degrading water quality, depleting native fish and waterfowl populations and costing millions of dollars in maintenance of water and power facilities. The new program will be implemented by the Oregon State Marine Board and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

New Fees

- Registered boaters will pay an automatic \$5 surcharge as part of their boater registration.
- Out-of-state motorboat operators need to purchase an annual permit for \$22 (\$20 permit plus \$2 agent fee) through ODFW license agents, ODFW offices that sell licenses and on the ODFW Web site. Out-of-state permits will not be sold through boat registration agents or the Oregon State Marine Board.
- Non-motorized boat operators (canoes, kayaks, sailboats, drift boats, etc.) will need to purchase and carry an annual permit. Permits can be purchased starting December 1 at ODFW license agents, ODFW offices that sell licenses and on the ODFW Web site for a cost of \$7 (\$5 permit plus \$2 agent fee). Permits are required for both residents and nonresidents and are transferable to other non-motorized craft, but every vessel on the water must have a permit.
- Guides, outfitters, livery operations and boating clubs should purchase their permits directly from the Oregon State Marine Board.

The Oregon State Marine Board and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife are implementing the new Aquatic Invasive Species Program, which will include education outreach, voluntary boat inspections and decontamination of infected boats to stop the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species.

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For information about the new Aquatic Invasive Species Program, visit www.boatoregon.com/OSMB/programs/09LawsFAQs.shtml. To purchase permits online, visit ODFW's Web site, http://www.dfw.state.or.us/online_license_sales/index.asp

– Meg Kenagy, ODFW Communications Coordinator
(503) 947-6021

OTHER NEWS

Angler and aquatic education instructor training

Would you like to become a volunteer instructor for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Angler and Aquatic Education Program? As a certified Angler and Aquatic Education Instructor, you will be joining a team of volunteers committed to teaching youngsters the skills needed to enjoy a lifetime of fishing.

Instructor training will be held Saturday, March 6, 2010, 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Deschutes Watershed District Office (61374 Parrell Road, Bend).

Training will cover the Angler Education Program, core curriculum, and several hands-on activities. The majority of training will be indoors. However, training for the casting activity will be outdoors, weather permitting.

Contact Bob "Capt Caddis" Mullong (541-389-4372 or capt@bendnet.com) for pre-registration.

– Bob Mullong

Membership news

COF will finish 2009 with 244 members. Already, we have received 146 renewals for next year, including 39 donations to KK totaling nearly \$2500.

We need someone who can help distribute newsletters once a month for a couple of hours. Also, if you are interested in managing membership records, the membership chair position will be available next year, and I will be happy to train a replacement this year. Please talk to me at the entrance table, or email me at membership@coflyfishers.org.

– Craig Dennis, Membership chair

TYERS CORNER

Jerry Criss is taking a break this month while he prepares for winter fly-tying classes. He'll be back next month with another fabulous pattern.



Kokanee Karnival seeking volunteers

The Kokanee Karnival Spring Angling Clinic will be held at Shevlin Pond, April 26 to 30 and May 3 and 4. We will need volunteers to help with the four stations in the morning and fishing in the afternoon. Your generous donation of time helps to make this program a success. Volunteer for one or more days or for as little as one hour and make a difference for the kids. Volunteer training is available.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Frank Turek (318-7507 or waldo1ft@msn.com).

It's Coming

Annual COF Banquet and Fundraiser

Saturday • April 10, 2010 • Broken Top Club

Theme for 2010 is Conservation!

**For more information, contact Eric Steele
(banquet@coflyfishers.org or 549-2072).**

Have ideas to improve the banquet? We have assembled a banquet committee for 2010, and we are asking for your suggestions. If you have an idea that you would like us to consider concerning food, fun, prizes, raffle items, program/entertainment, timing of events or anything else that may entice more members to participate, please contact Eric Steele or one of the banquet committee members.

Chairman – Eric Steele (549-2072 or steelefly2@msn.com)

Cleanup – Rick Gillespie (549-1228 or rickgillaspie@yahoo.com)

Decorations/Food Services/Set Up – Delores Marsh (382-7595 or ladyd@bendcable.com)

Donations/Raffle/Auction – Donna Hatheway (633-7468 or donations@coflyfishers.org)

Membership/Print Material – Craig Dennis (548-1689 or membership@coflyfishers.org)

Program – John Anderson (385-8693 or programs@coflyfishers.org)

Central Oregon Flyfishers Up-Stream Events 2010

Date	Time	Activity	Location	Contact
JANUARY				
Jan 1		OUTING - Crooked R.	Meet at Jake's Diner for breakfast (9:00 a.m.).	Yancy Lind (yancy_lind@ml.com)
Jan 5, 12, 19, 26	6:00 pm	Winter fly-tying	Bend Senior Center	Sherry Steele (541-549-207)
Jan 14	5:00 pm	Wild Women of the Water	Fly & Field Outfitters	Terri Grimm (tgrimm@sonatainc.com)
Jan 20	6:30 pm	general meeting	Bend Senior Center	
IN THE FUTURE				
TBA		Rod-building class	Bob Hammond (bobhammond@bendbroadband.com or 541-678-8535)	
Feb 6		OUTING - Metolius R.	Yancy Lind (yancy_lind@ml.com)	
Feb 17 & 18	TBA	WINTER SEMINAR	Aspen Hall, Lee Ann Ross (rossleeann@yahoo.com)	
Feb 20		OUTING - Crooked R.	John Anderson	
Apr 10		ANNUAL BANQUET	Eric Steele (steelefly2@msn.com or 549-2072)	
May 8		Ladies fly-fishing class	Bob Hammond (bobhammond@bendbroadband.com or 541-678-8535)	
NON-CLUB ACTIVITIES & FYI				

2010 COF Board Members: Dick Olson PRESIDENT Lee Ann Ross VICE PRESIDENT Susan Telford TREASURER Bill Raleigh SECRETARY John Anderson Programs Eric Steele Banquet, Fund raising Dennis Rockwell Past President/Outings Craig Dennis Membership Bill Seitz Conservation Bob Hammond Education Frank Turek Kokanee Karnival Donna Hatheway Raffle

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