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President's Message

I recently fished the McKenzie River near Vida. It really requires a boat or raft to fish effectively but is a beautiful place to check out if you've never tried it. The guide I used was third generation on this river and his grandfather helped design the McKenzie River drift boat we see all over the country. There's lot's of great scenery and history to go along with the fishing.

Remember that the July general club meeting will be held a day earlier than usual (Tuesday, July 16th) and at Shevlin Park. In August, the club will hold it's annual BBQ again at Shevlin Park. Hopefully we will be back in our regular place come September.

Lee Ann Ross, Outings Chair has indicated that she is recruiting for leaders to host outings for the club. If you are willing to share a spot with fellow club members for a few hours, contact her.

Hope everyone is having a great summer and catching some big ones!

"The best time to go fishing is when you can get away."— Robert Traver

- Allen



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The poster features a central illustration of a charcoal grill with two steaks cooking on it. The grill is set against a teal background with stylized white clouds, a line of evergreen trees, and several birds flying in the sky. The text is in a mix of red, black, and white fonts.

BARBECUE

JOIN OUR ANNUAL PARTY

August 20th at 6:00pm

The Annual August Barbeque is Tuesday August 20th and replaces the August general meeting. Bring the family and spend the evening with old friends and new at Aspen Hall in Shevlin Park. The kids might want to do some fishing in the pond or bring a rod and practice your casting skills.

Enjoy a warm summer evening and share some fish stories. We will have our usual monthly raffle and there may be a special raffle for new members. This is a great opportunity to meet each other in a social setting so we really hope that new members will attend. We hope the Next Cast kids will be there as well.

WHAT TO BRING

Showcase your cooking skills! Bring a dish to share (side dish, dessert, salad or appetizer, NO chips), plus adult beverages, in moderation. The club will supply eating utensils, soft drinks, our famous tri-tip, burgers, chips and condiments.

WHERE

Aspen Hall is in Shevlin Park. From downtown drive west on Newport through all the traffic circles, Newport turns into Shevlin at Mt. Washington. Keep going another 1.5 miles, down the hill and cross Tumalo Creek at Shevlin Park. Aspen Hall is on the right, look for parking either on the Aspen Hall side or opposite.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE JUNE OR JULY MONTHLY MEETING.



This month we are pleased to have James and Kait Sampsel from The Humble Heron Fly Fishing & Fine Art of Grants Pass come and give a presentation on steelhead fishing the Rogue River. James and Kait started their operation in the fall of 2016 and have guided rivers all over the west and Central America collectively for almost 24 years. Their focus is on the Zen of the swung fly to the illusive steelhead. They passionately guide guests on many of Southern Oregon’s premier rivers but consider the Rogue River their bread and butter river.

“To be found by a steelhead and chosen is nothing to be taken lightly. We are honored and graced by each steelhead encounter.” – James

“Fishing for steelhead is about the moment and time in the river. Feel your cares lift away and the river flow through your soul. If we’re lucky we might bump into one.” – Kait

James and Kait take pride in facilitating “whole” river experiences. With years of instruction and work with the industries top names they leave no stone unturned. Their attention to their guest’s experience sets The Humble Heron apart from other guide services. Beyond seeking and catching a fish, the hunt for a steelhead can leave one charged forever. Locked in memory and replayed time and again, a day on the water with James and Kait will leave one whole and connected.

NEXT CAST FLYFISHERS

As we hit mid-summer the fishing opportunities are endless! Remember, Shevlin Pond and the new fishing pond at Camp Sherman are for kids only! They have both been stocked and you may find a big one in there!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

COF Annual BBQ—August 20, 2019, Shevlin Pond/Aspen Hall, Bend, OR. The BBQ is open to all COF members, including Next Cast Flyfishers and your families. Please RSVP and bring a side dish or dessert to share. See details in the newsletter.

The Next Cast Flyfishers program provides opportunities and coordinates activities for young fly anglers in the area. We offer fly fishing instruction through classes and activities, fly fishing summer camps, ongoing COF events, and individually through mentorship and teaching.

Providing these opportunities, young anglers will be exposed to fly fishing and increase their interest and level of involvement.

Please contact me directly if you have questions.

- KAREN KREFT, 503-409-0148
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WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

June was a great month for Wild Women. I have heard many reports of lake fishing and on the river exploring. A few of us met at Greg’s Grill in June for a fun gathering and we welcomed Wild Woman Debbie Norton back home from Mexico for a few weeks before she returns

to Baja where she will be fly fishing for Dorado. Ahhh Retirement! I've got 1 year and 11 months, but who's counting!

A great upcoming event you may want to look into is the Fly Fishers International Expo 2019 in Bozeman Montana, July 23-27. Be sure to look at the FFI Women Connect education opportunities at the Expo.

Not familiar with FFI? Fly Fishers International (FFI) has been an organized voice for fly fishers around the world since 1964. They represent all aspects of fly fishing – from the art of fly tying and casting, to protection of the natural systems that support healthy fisheries and their habitats so essential to our sport. Today, their mission is to ensure the legacy of fly fishing for all fish in all waters continues by focusing on conservation, education and a sense of community. Please see their web site and consider becoming a member. FFI is an important and valuable resource for the fly fishing community.

Be sure to look at their web site under Education Overview and Learning Center. Great videos are available. See their website: <https://flyfishersinternational.org/>

- SUE COYLE
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OUTINGS

Yes, we will have outings this year. No, I don't have a great schedule worked up. We had a house fire last year and we are still not settled in our house as yet. I will announce outings in advanced via email blasts. If anyone is willing to host or lead an outing, please let me know. I am planning a Hosmer outing in July but I don't have an outing date as yet.

- LEE ANN ROSS

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BOARD BITS

(a review of last month's COF board meeting)

June 6, 2019

- Mary Barron is our webmaster. She answered questions, reviewed class set ups, etc. Please report your volunteer hours to volunteerdata@coflyfishers.org Every board and volunteer position has a coflyfishers email, so people can change, but the email does not.
- The Crooked River powerhouse proposal was discussed. Is it too early to endorse this when we don't know all the facts? LeeAnn will write a letter and run it by Dave Dunahey. It will say that we support the investigation into the process of the Crooked River proposal.
- The general meeting has changed to the 3rd Tues and will be held at Aspen Hall because of the Senior Center remodel. There is no BOD meeting in July and August. There are general meetings only.
- We need replacements for retiring BOD members for 2020. Please volunteer.
- The library has been stored until the September meeting because of the Senior Center remodel.
- Our membership is 390ish.
- Our June program is Brian Quick on the lower Sacramento.
- The education committee would love any new ideas. They are reorganizing the rod building classes.
- The outings committee is working on parking issues for outings at most places.

- The Wild Women had a great Map Night function. They are seeing lots of new faces. They are creating a Facebook page. A Lake of the Dunes trip is planned for the Fall.
- Conservation –
- ...our tui chub money has changed a little - \$1500 will come from the state IFFF, the rest from the national IFFF.
- ...the Warm Springs hatchery is requesting chinook help in the Fall.
- ...the Plain View Ditch on Wychus Creek proposal is seeking public comment. Tom will send out an email to all.
- The Welcome Committee group visited the Bend Fly Shop to tie salmon flies.

LIBRARY

The COF library is in storage. The library will be on hiatus, when meetings are on the road during the Senior Center remodel. Please hang on to your books until the library is back in action. Thank you.

- HELEN GUERRERO-RANDALL
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Sandy Smalley – Eugene

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COF CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: Fish Cat 4 Deluxe Float Tube, weighs 14 pounds. Great for packing into high lakes. V bow, open stern, above water foam seat, foam back rest, 2 large cargo pockets, behind seat storage, stripping apron, back pack straps, air pump. \$120, Contact Bob Burke 541 401 0723 or chironobob@gmail.com

FOR SALE: Classic Accessories Wilderness Pontoon Boat, 108' long, 50' wide, very comfortable hard seat, 2 big pouches, 4 small pouches, gear holder with electric motor mount behind seat, anchor system, rod holder, \$150, 541 815 4540 or csrochelle62@gmail.com

And finally, COF member, Tim Quinton, can provide you with contact information for the seller of partial ownership of a house in Maupin. The seller is not a COF member so I declined to run the ad in the COF classifieds. Recognizing this opportunity may be of interest please contact Tim for more information.

MEMBERS: Ads are free and run for one newsletter. If the item is not sold the ad can be resubmitted for the next month's newsletter. Submit ads to classifieds@coflyfishers.org

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CONSERVATION

Steelhead Falls Update

On April 20th while COF cleaned up the Crooked River below Bowman Dam, FAN (Friends and Neighbors of the Middle Deschutes Canyon) had a work day in the area of Steelhead Falls. Their group was divided into three teams. One team did litter patrol in the area. A second team planted native bunch grasses to rehabilitate areas impacted by overuse. A third team did trail work to reduce erosion from on the many side trails from the main Steelhead Falls trail. This year COF donated funds to assist in this project. Next winter a trail crew will be hired to place large boulders (size of 2 basketballs each approximately) in the trail to reduce erosion and create steps on the steep grades. Above is a group picture of the total work crew for the day. - **THOMAS SHUMAN**



◀◀ The flats of native bunch grass were planted in open areas and protected by deer tubes. Volunteers agreed to haul water to the native plants to help them get established in the next couple months.



TOP LEFT The trail crew pulled limbs broken off the adjacent juniper trees and used them to block erosion gullies where water from the existing trail concentrates and causes problems. Side trails that access kayak access points and areas where fishermen access the stream were left open. Erosion gullies that lead to thick patches of willow brush that would prevent kayak or fishermen access were blocked to reduce the erosion impacts.

TOP RIGHT & BOTTOM Typical erosion gullies blocked by juniper limbs.

LEFT A typical fisherman/kayak access trail left open for recreational use.



CALLIBAETIS CRIPPLE (SOFT HACKLE)

Materials:

Hook: Daiichi 1710 size 14-16

Thread: Body-rusty dun (8/0 uni), head-black (8/0 uni)

Tail: Mallard dyed wood duck

Body: Rusty dun thread, Semperfi micro chenille uv beige or pale blue dun

Thorax : Nature's Spirit Emergence dubbing-Callibaetis

Hackle: Mallard dyed wood duck

Tying Instructions

This fly is designed to fish in the film during or after a Callibaetis hatch. Use Frogs Fanny to keep it in the film or fish it without floatant to let it sink slowly. It can also be fished as a dropper behind a dry fly.

1. Start your thread $\frac{1}{4}$ of the shank behind the eye and wrap to a point even with the barb.

2. Tie in 8-10 mallard barbs approximately the length of the hook shank to form the tail
3. Wrap the rusty dun thread over the feather butts back to the point where the thread was tied in and back to the point the tail was tied in. Use the thread to cover the hook shank and to create a smooth body.
4. Tie in the straggle string and twist it until the UV fibers splay and then loosely palmer it forward making 4 or 5 wraps to the original tie in point of the thread. Half hitch the thread and switch to uni black
5. Dub a thorax using the emergence dubbing
6. Use a distribution wrap to create the soft hackle from the dyed mallard and whip finish.

A short YouTube of Craig Matthews demonstrating the distribution wrap www.youtube.com/watch?v=7DCYT7NR-m4

- MICHAEL TELFORD

**WIN
ME!**

JULY ROD RAFFLE

I'm sorry and I have to apologize for not having the 3 weight rod done for June. I was overtaken by unforeseen circumstances and was unable to complete it. It will be done for the July meeting. After remeasuring it I discovered that is actually a 4 piece 3 weight and 8'9" long.

- CHARLES SCHILLINSKY



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JULY 2019 UPSTREAM EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	CONTACT
July 16	General COF meeting, 7pm	Aspen Hall	

In the Future

DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	CONTACT
August 20	COF BBQ	Aspen Hall	hblank@yahoo.com



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