

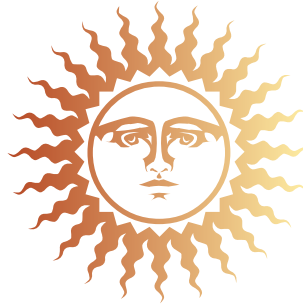
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## President's Message

### SUMMER



*is finally here and the heat has been turned up. The lakes are starting to fish well. It seems like the hatches are a little late due to the big winter we had. I have had lots of luck on ants and Griffith gnats up on East Lake. I find most*

*anglers are very willing to share what is working for them so if you are having trouble figuring out what to throw, ask a neighboring angler.*

**Picnic:** The club picnic will be held at Aspen Hall on August 15. That is a TUESDAY. We would love to have all of you attend and we would especially like to see the Next Cast members and their families. I you would be willing to help out, please contact Herb Blank at [hblank@yahoo.com](mailto:hblank@yahoo.com).

**Outings:** While the club has many outings and classes I want to remind members that there are lots of great instructional opportunities offered by the local fly shops throughout the year. Check out the shops' web sites to see what they have going.

**New Members:** We have lots of new members. If you are looking for a fishing partner or help on how to fish the local waters, reach out at one of the meeting or outings or educational events and ask for some help. I know it can seem intimidating but there really are lots of members willing to help, just ask us.

~Lee Ann Ross




Above: images from last year's picnic.

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An Active Member Club

**O**ur speaker is **John Shewey**. An avid steelhead fly fisher and fly tyer, he is editor-in-chief, Northwest Fly Fishing, Southwest Fly Fishing, and Eastern Fly Fishing magazines, and author of Classic Steelhead Flies, Spey Flies & Dee Flies, etc. **His presentation:** “Confessions of a Swinger: Fly Fishing for Summer-run Steelhead”.  From May through the end of autumn, depending on specific run timings in specific rivers, summer steelhead are on the move in the Pacific Northwest, and anglers claim their share of a legacy that spans decades, a legacy of pursuing these noble fish with flies. The art and passion that enshrouds steelhead fly fishing afflicts countless devotees, forming an addiction that borders on religion. In his most popular program, longtime steelhead angling enthusiast John Shewey takes you on a stirring journey of discovery, delving into the techniques and flies and rivers and attitudes that compose this regal sport. **Pre-Meeting at 6:15:** “What fish are eating—tools to find out” Taught by Dalton Miller-Jones.



## OUTINGS

### Yakima Planning

#### Alert!

There will be a final planning meeting of the Fall Yakima Trip (Friday Sept. 29 through Sunday October 1st) at 6:00pm prior to the July COF monthly meeting. Final planning, rosters and deposits will be needed. At this time, please contact Allen Caudle at [ascaudle@gmail.com](mailto:ascaudle@gmail.com) for more information.

~Allen Caudle

### Cottonwood Canyon Smallmouth Outing

#### August 5th-6th

Tim and Renee Schindele are hosting an outing to Cottonwood Canyon State Park ([http://oregon-stateparks.org/index.cfm?do=park-Page.dsp\\_parkPage&parkId=195](http://oregon-stateparks.org/index.cfm?do=park-Page.dsp_parkPage&parkId=195)) on the John Day River to wade fish for smallmouth bass. The dates are Saturday and Sunday, August 5-6. This is tentative because it will depend on river conditions. If there is a thunderstorm somewhere in the drainage that drops a lot of rain just before the outing, the river can muddy up quickly. If that happens,

## OUTINGS CALENDAR 2017

MONTH	DAY	DESTINATION	LEADER
August	5-6	John Day River/Cottonwood Canyon	Tim Schindele
August	10-13	Williamson River (FULL - WAITLIST AVAILABLE)	Yancy Lind
August	19th	Three Creeks Lake	Steve Armentrout
Sept/Oct	TBD	Owyhee River	Lee Ann Ross
Sept-Oct	29-1	Yakima River	Allen Caudle
October	TBD	Beavertail Steel Head	Robert Gentry
Oct/Nov	TBD	Eagle Lake	Charlie Schillinsky

To sign up for an outing, please contact the outings leader directly with a cc: to the outings coordinator at [outings@coflyfishers.org](mailto:outings@coflyfishers.org). Email addresses and phone numbers are available on our website [coflyfishers.org](http://coflyfishers.org). Due to the nature of the water, some outings will have a limit on participation. Sign-ups will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

it isn't worth trying to fish. So, I'll be monitoring the weather and river flows and make the call if it is a GO or NO-GO a few days before. Cottonwood Canyon State Park has a decent newer campground, Lone Tree Campground, with pit toilets, but no running water, electricity or dump station. It is dry camping. There also isn't a stick of shade, as this new park is trying to get shade trees growing but it won't happen in my lifetime. There are plenty

of back-in campsites in the campground with space for truck/camper rigs and trailers, at \$10 per night, plus \$7 for an extra vehicle. If you can't come for the weekend or only want to fish one day, just come up on Saturday or Sunday for the day. There are miles of river to wade from either bank, so there will be room for all. In August, you'll get strikes with small poppers, bug-gers and leach patterns and wet flies on just about

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## OUTINGS

*Cottonwood Canyon Outing continued from page 2*



every cast. The fish you catch will mostly be smaller, in the 5-inch to 7-inch range and there are larger ones lurking in the deeper slots and pools. It's really good in the early morning before the sun hits the water, and in the evening before dark, but there is action all day long. If you want to sign up for the outing or just want more information, email me at [tjsfishes@bendbroadband.com](mailto:tjsfishes@bendbroadband.com). I'll have an information sheet prepared that I will email back to you. There is no food service at the park, and the closest food and lodging is back in Wasco or Biggs.

~Tim Schindele

## OTHER NEWS

### Annual August Picnic

The Annual August Picnic is **TUESDAY AUGUST 15** and replaces the August general meeting. Bring the family and enjoy the evening 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. The festivities get underway at 6:00 pm.

Enjoy a warm summer evening and share some fish stories. We will have our usual monthly raffle and a raffle of a custom made rod by Charlie Schillinsky. This is a great opportunity to meet each other in a social setting so we really hope

that new members will attend. 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 mile and a half, 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.

As usual we need volunteers to make this happen. Herb Blank will have a sign up sheet at the July meeting or contact him at 541-312-2568 or [hblank@yahoo.com](mailto:hblank@yahoo.com)

~Herb Blank

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## CONSERVATION

### Update

**Volunteer Opportunity: Whychus Creek Sampling Aug. 12**  
The Upper Deschutes Watershed Council's 9th annual Whychus Creek sampling day is August 12th. This is a great way to see Whychus Creek, learn about the macroinvertebrates who live there, help with the ongoing study of the creek, and generally have a good time. Anyone and everyone is invited. The restoration of Whychus Creek is a success story due to the collaboration of government agencies and non-governmental organizations like the Deschutes Land Trust who buys the land, the Deschutes River

Conservancy who brokers water rights, and the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council who manages the restoration work.

If you have not participated in one of these fun and informative events I highly encourage it. Sign up by contacting Lauren Mork, Monitoring Coordinator, [lmork@restoredeschutes.org](mailto:lmork@restoredeschutes.org), 541-382-6103 x39. Unfortunately this is the same time as my Williamson River outing so I can't make it this year.

### Suction Dredge Mining Reform Bill

It does not happen often, but our state legislature actually did the right thing for fish and anglers last month when they passed the Suction Dredge Mining Reform Bill. COF officially supported this reform bill. Suction dredging is a highly destructive form of mining that sucks up river bottoms, passes the material through screens, and then deposits the sediment back in the rivers. This process directly kills fish eggs and macroinvertebrates, destroys spawning beds, and disperses silt over wide areas. [http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/51245/t/0/blastContent.jsp?email\\_blast\\_KEY=1352018](http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/51245/t/0/blastContent.jsp?email_blast_KEY=1352018)

### More Dams on the Crooked River?

Preliminary approval has been granted by the Oregon Water Resources Department to build three new dams on the Crooked River upstream of Prineville Reservoir. Waibel Ranches LLC applied for a dam on the North Fork of the Crooked as well as two tributaries of the North Fork. One of these dams could create a 10,80 acre foot reservoir, larger than Haystack Reservoir between Redmond and Madras.

This is a significant development. COF sent a letter in opposition to the dams to OWRD, excerpted below. ODFW also *Continued on page 4*



submitted comments in opposition. Obviously, this is extremely concerning and we will continue to monitor.

Our letter reads:

*“For decades, flows out of Bowman Dam into the Wild & Scenic Section of the Crooked River have been problematic. Alternating between lethally low and disastrously high, the flow regime has had a disastrous impact on the fish. Between 2015 and 2016, ODFW sampling indicated an 87% decline in rainbow trout and a 45% decline in whitefish. This was largely due to the low winter water release of about 37 cfs. The fishery in the Crooked has often struggled so we were encouraged by the establishment of a dedicated pool of “fish water” by the Crooked River Collaborative Jobs and Security Act of 2014. We continue to request that the Bureau of Reclamation release that fish water for the “maximum biological benefit” of the fish as called for in the legislation.*

*Waibel Ranches applications R-88384, R-88385, and R-88386 endanger that “fish water”. Simply*

*put, any restriction of flows into Prineville Reservoir reduce the available pool. Accordingly, we oppose these applications in the strongest terms. We find it absolutely unacceptable that after years of fighting for water for fish below Bowman Dam, and achieving legislation providing that water, that new upstream water rights be granted reversing these gains. Agricultural interests already have most of the water in the Crooked River Basin, fish and wildlife need some as well. Finally, fishing on the Crooked River brings positive economic benefits to the community through tackle, guide days, lodging and gas purchases.”*

#### IWRS Revisited

Last June the Oregon Water Resources Department held a meeting in Bend to solicit public feedback on their Integrated Water Resource Strategy. I was highly critical of the plan as presented at the meeting. It gave clear targets for water use and growth for municipal, industrial, and agricultural uses but omitted targets for environmental and recreational needs. Following that meeting an email was sent to COF members asking you to submit your comments on the IWRS.

In September 2016 the results

of the online survey were made public. A large percentage of all comments were from Central Oregon residents who expressed the desire for additional water in our lakes and rivers. [http://www.oregon.gov/owrd/LAW/docs/Online\\_Survey\\_Results\\_web.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/owrd/LAW/docs/Online_Survey_Results_web.pdf). Last December Oregon’s Secretary of State also agreed that OWRD needs to do more to restore and protect streamflows, watersheds, and groundwater. <http://sos.oregon.gov/audits/Documents/2016-33.pdf>.

The latest version of the IWRS is now out for public review. I found it to be more of the disappointing same. In my opinion they continue to only give lip service to instream needs, essentially saying that they should be considered and little more. They continue to have pretty clear discussion about current consumptive uses and projected growth but only state that they need to “further define” and “understand” instream needs and perform “place based” studies. Paralysis by analysis in my view. We can study a problem forever and watch it get worse or take action now. You can read the strategy at [http://www.oregon.gov/OWRD/pages/law/integrated\\_water\\_supply\\_strategy.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/OWRD/pages/law/integrated_water_supply_strategy.aspx). You can provide comment until July 19 by emailing [waterstrategy@wr.d.state.or.us](mailto:waterstrategy@wr.d.state.or.us).

**I strongly encourage you to email your comments.** As you can see from the item above concerning OWRD granting preliminary approval to additional dams on the Crooked River, OWRD continues to favor consumptive uses over instream needs thereby negatively impacting anglers and the environment.

~Yancy Lind, Conservation Chair,  
[conservation@coflyfishers.org](mailto:conservation@coflyfishers.org)



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## NEXT CAST FLYFISHERS

### Update

This is our favorite time of year!! Everyone is hitting the lakes and rivers and the fish are cooperating!

As this newsletter goes to print, we are holding our fifth, 3-Day Fly Fishing Camp! The camp has become a huge success and has developed some terrific fly fishers!

Each year we partner with Bend Parks & Recreation to put on a fly fishing camp for 10–14 year olds. We teach all aspects of fly fishing, from aquatic insect collection and identification, wearing waders in Tumalo Creek—to fly tying, rigging a rod, tying knots, and being able to land and release fish. Our goal is for the participants to put together a rod and reel, string it up and tie on tippet and a fly, allowing them to be independent fly fishers.

We have had many new fly fishers in each camp, but we have also had several participants return year after year!



Fly rods ready for action!

Once we are done with this camp, our advanced club members are headed to East Lake for an overnight fishing outing! We are putting the final details in place, coordinating COF members as mentors to assist the Next Cast Flyfishers on the water. This year, in addition to fishing from boats, we will also have some pontoons and float tubes to try out!

Again, our goal is for the participants to learn and practice techniques allowing them to be independent fly fishers. As they learn what opportunities are available to them, we want them to be success-



Branson with a trophy!

ful and safe in all fishing situations!

The Next Cast Flyfishers program provides opportunities and coordinates activities for young fly anglers in the area. We offer fly fishing instruction through classroom 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, [nextcast@coflyfishers.org](mailto:nextcast@coflyfishers.org),  
503-409-0148

## 2017 National Youth Fly Fishing Championship

Joey Pattee, one of our young Next Cast Flyfishers, is in North Carolina this weekend for the National Youth Fly Fishing Championships! The four member teams will fish general water, trophy water, and beats on the Nantahala River in Cherokee, North Carolina.

To be considered for selection



Joey (far right) and his team heading out for practice.

for the team, anglers must attend clinics and sponsored events, finishing in the top 12.

Just as important as the fishing, is the camaraderie and the cross-cultural connections that are made through the events. Team members are also involved in a number of other areas of fly fishing such as guiding, offering fly fishing tying clinics, participating in watershed preservation projects, and promoting environmental stewardship.

Good luck Joey!



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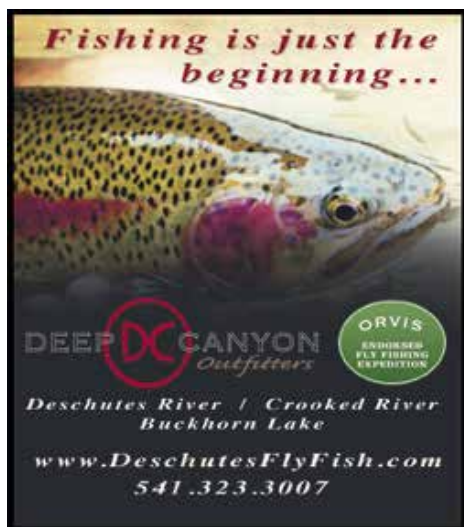
Do you have photos from your latest fishing outing, fishing reports, or information you'd like to share on the COF Facebook Page? Send them my way! This doesn't only help the club out, but it's also a great way for us to show the community how active our members are.

If you haven't already connected with us on Facebook and LinkedIn, make sure you do so! **Links are listed on page 1, under the index.** Until next time!

~Molly Vernarecci, COF Social Media Coordinator, [socialmedia@coflyfishers.org](mailto:socialmedia@coflyfishers.org)

## EDUCATION

We have had many educational classes so far this year from both our meeting presenters and seminars or classes and outings. Topics covered have ranged from ODF&W changes in regulations and focus of their program of work, net and rod building, organizing your fly box, casting skills, everything you wanted to know about nymphing with Dave Hughes, identification of hatches, and how to fish lakes in general including our upcoming outing at East Lake. Get involved and sign up for a class or outing!



If you have an idea for a class we should offer, please contact [education@coflyfishers.org](mailto:education@coflyfishers.org). We have many skilled and talented people in the club who are very generous with their time and knowledge to share those skills. Thanks for your helpfulness!

We are also very fortunate to have the great Sponsors of the club and local Fly Fishing shops who are also able to provide the skills, guided trips and information you are seeking. Ask to get on the local shops newsletter mailing list to keep up on their offerings.

Look for our offering of upcoming sessions with no date yet:

- 1. How to fish from a boat:** Safety items, anchors, oars, motors and batteries, secure your rod to the boat, types of boats etc.
- 2. Fishing the Crooked River:** Since

the river was flooded when we did the clean-up, we weren't able to fish, so we will try to have an on the water fishing demonstration.

If you would like to share your skills with the club, teach something or have an idea for a session; either a 30 minute informal show and tell during the monthly COF pre-meeting or a session where it might take longer, please contact [education@coflyfishers.org](mailto:education@coflyfishers.org)

~Debbie Norton

## MEMBERSHIP

*Welcome New Member*

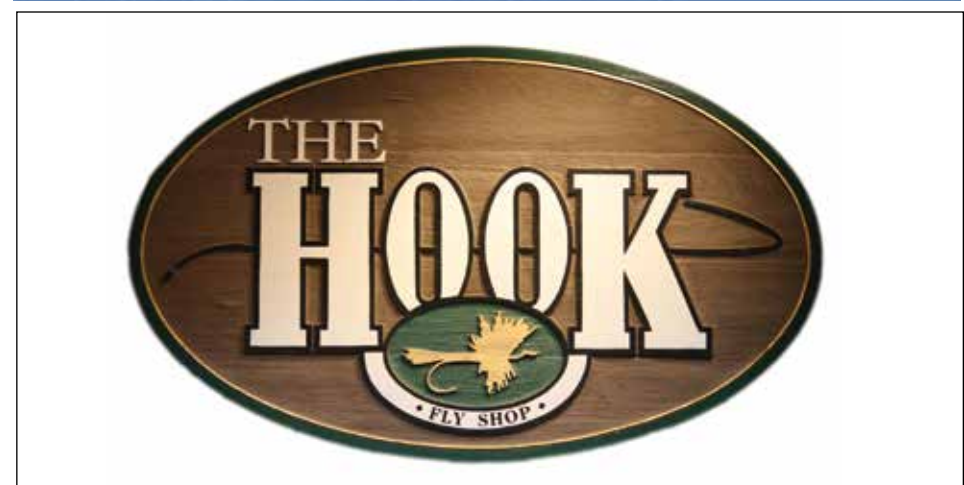
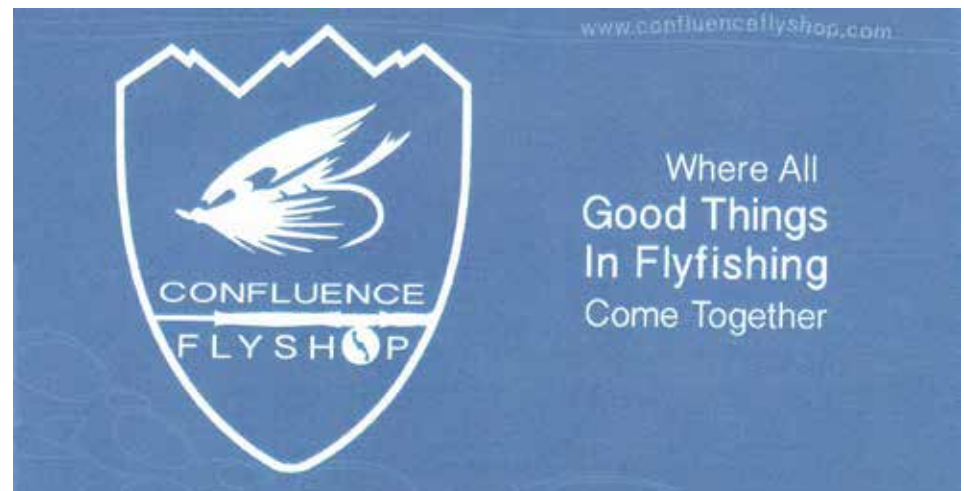
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~Sue Coyle, [membership@coflyfishers.org](mailto:membership@coflyfishers.org)



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## WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

### Update

**A**s I am writing this, the sun is out, the trailer is packed and we are soon off to the Yakima River to meet friends for a weekend of fishing. YES, it is very hot and YES, the fish don't like it when it is so hot! But, what a wonderful excuse to get out into nature and experience all that there is! We probably won't catch too many fish, but that is beside the point. We will have a great time seeing old friends, catching up on the latest gossip, drinking a beer or two and communing with the outdoors. What a great weekend! Here's a great quote from Charles Kuralt: "Often, I have been exhausted on trout streams, uncomfortable, wet, cold, briar-scarred, sunburned, mosquito-bitten but never, with a fly rod in my hand, have I been in a place that was less than beautiful!" Don't you agree? Enjoy!

~Kari Schoessler



Kate loves to czech nymph!

### CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale: Scadden Outlaw X5 pontoon boat and Big Tex 30sv utility trailer. Trailer has a marine carpeted cover and vinyl floor to safely transport pontoon boat and float tubes, mounted spare tire and is licensed to April 2019. X5 includes: aluminum oars, carbon fiber oars, anchor and rope, raised and swiveling seat, standing bar, stripping basket, NRS tie down buckle straps, oar holders,

wheel system for transport and a Minn Kota Endura 30 trolling motor. All items always stored indoors and are in excellent condition. \$2,150.0, [rjtackmier@gmail.com](mailto:rjtackmier@gmail.com)

For Sale: Two Scientific Anglers System 2 Large Arbor Spools—\$100 for the pair. Used, but in like-new condition. Spools are for the SA LA 8-9-10 reel. These spools retail for over twice as much as I'm asking. They aren't

made anymore, so get 'em now if you need them for your reel! Tim Quinton, [cgtimq@gmail.com](mailto:cgtimq@gmail.com), 509-392-3516

For Sale: Used Simms G3 waders, Men's Large, foot size 9-11, \$100. Get these for a backup pair of waders, they don't leak, and I just washed them for you! New G3's go for \$500. Tim Quinton, [cgtimq@gmail.com](mailto:cgtimq@gmail.com), 509-392-3516

For Sale: Two TFO BVK 10 ft, 4 pc, 6 wt rods. \$150 each or both \$300! This is half price. [casrods47@gmail.com](mailto:casrods47@gmail.com), 541-213-6121

*Members: Got a fishing related item to sell? Ads run one month then can be resubmitted if not sold to [classifieds@coflyfishers.org](mailto:classifieds@coflyfishers.org).*

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### July Raffle

July's fly rod raffle will be for a 4 piece, 9ft, 4 wt rod.

~Charlie Schillinsky

### Monthly Rod Raffle, With A Twist



Phil and James with winning rod.

Each month, COF member Charlie Schillinsky donates a hand wrapped rod for the monthly raffle. This month, he offered a custom version, a choice of a 4 wt or 6 wt made to the winners specs!

The fly rod raffle winner was COF member Phil Martin. However, Phil immediately handed over his new rod to James Duvall, one of our Next Cast Flyfishers! James chose the 6 wt version and is looking at lime green wraps!!

Big thanks to Phil for supporting our young anglers! James is thrilled and very appreciative! We'll report on the fish caught!



## TYER'S CORNER



BROWN LOCHMADDY

It is time to face the facts summer might be here as this goes to print, but right now the weather is really dictating the fishing. The wind is just not fun, but there are worse things so get out and try.

The fly this month is one from the UK, Flyfishing and Fly Tying, a magazine that I highly recommend. It is a versatile fly that can be fished dry or as a wet fly anywhere in a string of 3 for below the surface. The attractor on the fly comes from the Opal Mirage wound in the middle of the peacock herl body parts. This is something that is quite interesting because you can change the center color to anything you want and it really changes the look when wet because of the length of the hackle coming back over it. It so far has worked in this color on Lava.. So give it try and if you want to read the article, it is May 2017, take a look and maybe you will hooked on the magazine also.

### Materials:

**Hook:** Standard dry fly hook #16 to #10 (1x long works if you are having trouble with the proportions)

**Thread:** Black 14/0

**Body:** Rear, 2 peacock herls;

Middle, white dental floss  
overwrapped with Opal Mirage

**Hackle:** Hen feather black, and Hen feather furnace or Brown with length that reaches back to the barb of the hook

**Head:** Tying thread

### Tying Instructions:

1. Lock in the thread just above the hook point and tie in the rear peacock by the tips and wind thread rearward laying down a thread base on the hook shank, while tying in the herl.
2. Twist the herl around the thread and wrap the twisted section forward to the hook point and

tie off the herl. Now take the thread forward laying a base for the floss and mirage tinsel stopping where the front body section will be tied in.

3. Tie in the mirage and floss and wind it towards the rear of the hook laying down another layer of thread while tying in the floss and mirage tinsel.
4. Take the thread forward to the tie in point and then bring the floss forward tying it off, then the mirage tinsel and tie it off.
5. Tie in the last 2 peacock herls and like the rear body section wind the herl around the thread and wrap that body section forward stopping behind the eye with enough space for the hackle, ( It might take a couple of tries to get the proportions right).
6. Tie in the 2 hackles by the tips and wind them forward together as one stroking the hackles back as you wind 3 to 4 wraps of hackle will do the job.
7. Finish with a nice neat head of tying thread.

*Good Luck and Good Hunting!*

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## UPSTREAM EVENTS July 2017 *(Also see Outings Calendar on page 2)*

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	CONTACT
6th	6:30 PM	COF Board Meeting	Environmental Center	-
19th	6:15 PM	Pre-meeting Education: “What Fish Are Eating—Tools To Find Out”	Bend Senior Center	Dalton Miller-Jones
19th	7:00 PM	COF Meeting	Bend Senior Center	-

## In the Future

Aug. 15th, 6:00 PM, COF Annual BBQ/Picnic, Aspen Hall, Shevlin Park, Contact: Herb Blank



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