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## President's Message

The salmon fly hatch is on in the Warm Springs to Trout Creek section of the lower Deschutes. The cooler weather in late May slowed it down a bit but there are still plenty of bugs and I expect that the hatch will continue into early June. If you haven't gone yet, try to get on out there. There are some big powerful reddsides waiting for your fly. Thanks to Eric Steele for organizing the campout at Trout Creek.

Bob Wolfe gave a great presentation in May on how to fish chironomids. He has designed a few killer chironomid patterns and we have posted one of them to the COF web site under the presentation button. Be sure to check it out.

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.

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.

Oregon Kids Fishing Day will be held at Caldera Springs in Sunriver on Saturday June 4 starting at 9:00. COF members are invited to attend, to bring their kids or grandkids and/or come on out and help. ODFW stocks some lunkers in the pond and the Sunriver Anglers can always use help with the fishing. I'll be assisting with the kids casting. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Rynie Misyashiro at 925-864-7844 or boulderific@yahoo.com. The Sunriver Resort provides a free lunch to all who attend.

~ Lee Ann Ross



Our featured speaker this month Chris Wharton of Stillwater Guide Service. Chris, owner of Stillwater Guide, service has over 40 yrs. of fly fishing experience and has been fishing the Reno/Tahoe and outlying areas for the last 32 years and guiding it for 18 years. Chris specializes in going after trophy trout on stillwater lakes and guiding and fishing the blue ribbon wild fish waters of the Truckee River. In Chris's presentation, he will get in depth on the nuts and bolts of techniques to land more and larger fish in stillwater. He will also speak to the world famous Pyramid Lake where his clients have landed Lahontan cutthroat over the 20lb. mark. As he puts it is not rocket science to catch fish at Pyramid but there are many little intricacies, that if learned will put more fish on the line. **Pre-Meeting:** at 6:15: Topic to be announced. An email blast will be sent out.

## OUTINGS

### Capt' Caddis Crappie On-a-Fly Challenge

June 10, 11, 12

Meet at Prineville Reservoir Resort



“Fins Up” fisherfolk. Plan now to join us on the high seas of Central Oregon for the annual Capt' Caddis Crappie on-a-fly Challenge at the Prineville Reservoir Resort, June 10, 11 and 12. Why fish for

- For more information or to RSVP, contact Andy Smith (541-388-4346 or [Andysmith-bend@gmail.com](mailto:Andysmith-bend@gmail.com)) or Betsy Brauer-Mullong 541-389-4372 (call before noon)
- For resort information (camp site reservations, boat rentals and all accommodations), contact Prineville Reservoir Resort (541-447-7468 or [Prinevilleresort@yahoo.com](mailto:Prinevilleresort@yahoo.com))

## OUTINGS CALENDAR 2016

MONTH	DAY	DESTINATION	LEADER
June	10-12	Capt. Caddis Crappie on a Fly Challenge Prineville Reservoir	Betsy Brower-Mullong/Andy Smith
June	16th-25th	British Columbia Trip	Lee Ann Ross
July	7th-9th	East Lake, 2 nights, BBQ	Eric Steele
Sept	15th-17th	Steens Mountain - Wild Horse & Fish Lake	John Tackmier
Oct	2nd-5th	Beavertail Steel Head	Robert Gentry

crappie? Because it's FUN! After fishing all day, we'll gather for a potluck Saturday evening. You'll need a float tube, boat, pontoon boat, kayak or other watercraft plus fishing gear.

### East Lake 2 Night Outing

Thur July 7th-Sat July 9th

This is a multiday campout at East Lake. The lake provides the perfect setting to fish from boat, float tube or the shoreline. Boats are available to rent at East Lake Resort. The lake supports rainbow trout, brown trout and kokanee salmon. It is a ideal setting for multiple types of fishing including streamer, nymphing (great chironomid water), and with the callibaetis hatch emerger & dry fly. Go down into the cold depths or ply your dry fly along the weed

beds and up close to the lake bank along the steep drop offs.

We will have an informational meeting before the COF June 15th monthly meeting starting at 6:00 in the game room area. We will discuss the logistics for camping and fishing East Lake, and options for a group meal. There will be a briefing to participants on the “how, when, where” to fish East Lake to include what to expect along with gear & fly options.

We have reserved eight campsites in the Cinder Hill campground. Each campsite is for up to 6 people and can facilitate RV or trailer. Partner up with a fellow COF flyfisher and we can maximize the number of people in close proximity to the COF activities. There is room for One RV/trailer and a couple of tents. *Continued on page 3*

## OUTINGS CONT.

East Lake 2 Night continued from page 2



The campsites reserved are #24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 6, & 4. Our Next Cast group will be in #25 & 27. One campsite available: #24. Once you claim one of these sites, you can adjust the dates. Contact Eric for one of the sites already reserved. Additional sites to reserve on your own: [http://www.recreation.gov/camping/Cinder\\_Hill\\_Campground/r/campsiteSearch.do?contractCode=NR-SO&parkId=72092&selectedSiteRb=283342](http://www.recreation.gov/camping/Cinder_Hill_Campground/r/campsiteSearch.do?contractCode=NR-SO&parkId=72092&selectedSiteRb=283342)

There are non-reserve sites in this area as well. In addition, East Lake Resort has cabins and an RV site with power & water hookups. They are a very short drive away that enables you to join us around the meal table and the campfire ring.

For those signed up we will have the briefing on June 15th and we will send out updates via email. RSVP  
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## EVENTS

### Old Mill Casting Course

#### Tuesdays at Old Mill Casting Course



COF members attend introduction to the Old Mill Fly Casting Course

June 7, 14, 21 & 28/July 5, 12, 19, & 26, 2016-6:00pm

Let's continue the fun and improve our fly casting! We're going to meet every Tuesday evening in June and July for casual, self-guided practice.

This is not a class, it's free and no RSVP required! Just show up and enjoy time with fellow fly fishers!

There won't be instructors, but we have many terrific casters amongst our group. Don't be afraid to ask for help!!

Meet at hole #10 (near Chico's) if you want to join others or head out on your own. Scorecards with the map are available at Confluence Fly Shop or at the Ticket Mill.

Questions? Contact Karen Kreft: [nextcast@coflyfishers.org](mailto:nextcast@coflyfishers.org)

For more information about the Old Mill Fly Casting Course see the COF May 2016 newsletter, page 10 (<https://coflyfishers.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/Newsletters/Archive/maynews/May16.pdf>).

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## KOKANEE KARNIVAL

### Review

The Kokanee Karnival Youth Education Program completed our Spring Angling Clinic held at Shevlin Pond in Bend for six days at the end of April and first days of May 2016. We had pretty good weather, heck we really lucked out with the weather, and the students, teachers, parent chaperones and volunteers all had fun. Students learned a lot as well. ODFW stocked the pond with trout twice and many were caught every day. One group got to watch the trout being released into the pond. Lots of smiling students and for many it was the first fish they ever caught. A few students caught several fish. We had about 330 students attend this year and it would not have been successful without the dedication of the following volunteers. We had 50 volunteers and these people donated 765 hours and 2,798 miles to Kokanee Karnival. This year many of the folks volunteered for 4 to 6 days and it really increased our efficiency at the stations and for daily clean up. Sorry if we missed someone but we got the names from the sign-in sheets.

Thanks for volunteering.

~Frank Turek

### Our 2016 Team of Volunteers

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Eric Steele	Todd Cary
Frank Turek	Tom Walker
Francis Patterson	Van Lewing

## SOCIAL MEDIA

### Update

**LinkedIn** When your on your  
**facebook** next outing, make sure you snap a couple pics and send them my way via email! It's great to show the community how active our club members are. I will be giving a quick talk at the June Monthly COF Meeting and will be covering some of the basics of our Facebook Page. This is a great opportunity for you to come to me with any social media related questions or concerns you may have! I'm looking forward to meeting some more of the new members...Come introduce yourself and get acquainted with COFs social media channels!

Per usual, make sure you connect with COF on Facebook and LinkedIn to stay in the loop with the latest club happenings.

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

## MEMBERSHIP

### Update

#### *Welcome New Members*

Donald & Susan Elsom

Victor, Karen & Philip Grandidier

Marc Grignon – Youth

Dean McNaught

John Olschewsky – Shop

John Runco – Youth

Mark Thibert

~Tim Schindele, [membership@coflyfishers.org](mailto:membership@coflyfishers.org)



## CONSERVATION

### Update

#### Upper Deschutes

The Basin Study Work Group (BSWG) held two public discussions in May, one in Bend and one in Sunriver, to discuss their activities and answer questions from the audience. There was far too much information presented to cover in this column, but below are some highlights from my perspective.

You can learn more at: <http://www.deschutesriver.org/resources/basin-study-work-group/>.

The study is a knowledge gathering exercise that is scheduled to conclude in late 2017. That data will then be used to plan for flow restoration in the upper Deschutes and other basin waterways. It is unknown how long it will take to develop that plan, how long it will take to implement, or how much implementation will cost. BSWG members have stated that it could cost a half billion dollars and take decades to fully implement.

A separate but related issue is the listing of the Oregon Spotted Frog as an endangered species by the US Fish & Wildlife service. ESA listing has a number of elements, one of which is a Habitat Conservation Plan. The HCP details steps that must be taken to protect the listed species as well as allowable "incidental take" (killing). Local irrigation districts were first asked to provide a HCP 8 years ago. The long delay in providing the HCP is what prompted the Center for Biological Diversity and Water-Watch of Oregon to file suit against the Bureau of Reclamation and the districts.

At the Sunriver meeting Bridget Moran, USF&W Field Supervisor

in the Bend office, stated that they will require the districts to deliver an adequate HCP by the fall of this year. This is excellent news from my perspective. The HCP should provide a roadmap for delivering water back into the upper Deschutes in the winter over the short term. This does not eliminate the need for the BSWG as the HCP will not address shortages in the middle Deschutes or the Crooked River.

#### Middle Deschutes

While the HCP provides some hope for the upper Deschutes starting next winter, events on the middle Deschutes are discouraging. The irrigation districts have started changing water releases out of Wickiup in response to the listing of the Oregon Spotted Frog but have simultaneously reduced flows in the middle Deschutes. The middle Deschutes is now in worse shape than it has been in the recent past.

Following the beginning of irrigation season this April, flows below North Unit Irrigation District's diversion dam in Bend have been reduced to as low as 65 cfs. This has caused environmental damage similar to that which occurs on the upper Deschutes in the winter. Plans

are to increase flows to a maximum of about 118 to 128 cfs for the summer season. This is well below the historical average and under the 150 cfs that has been present in the recent past.

#### Metolius Redband Redd Survey

Last month ODFW finished redband spawning surveys on the Metolius above from Camp Sherman. The good news is that they have counted over 1,000 redds (spawning beds), so the population looks healthy. The bad news is that there looks to be more algae in the water than at any time in memory. They have no idea on the cause of the increase in algae as the water temperature has not changed.

On the topic of algae, I have noticed an increase in the middle Deschutes this spring as well. I don't trust my memory on this too much, but there does seem to be more. It's total speculation on my part, but perhaps the past 5 years of record high temperatures are manifesting themselves in some way.

#### Camp Sherman Pond

At their May 20th meeting, ODFW's Restoration & Enhancement board approved the funds to create a kid's fishing pond next to Spring *Continued on page 10*

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## EDUCATION

### Update

We have had many educational classes so far this year from net and rod building, organizing your fly box, euro nymphing, chironomid leader building and fishing, to our new offerings of insect hatches identification and two handed casting. If you have an idea for a class we should offer, please contact education@coflyfishers.org. We have many

#### 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, please contact education@coflyfishers.org

skilled and talented people in the club who are very generous with their time and knowledge to share those skills. 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 and information you are seeking. Ask to get on the local shops newsletter mailing list to keep up on their offerings.

### Western Hatches and Streamside workshop – Presented by Rick Hafele

**July 21, 2016**

As a continuation of Rick Hafele's July program to the Central Oregon Flyfishers general meeting Wednesday night July 20th at the Bend Senior Center, Rick will also be offering a workshop the following day July 21, 2016. The workshop will be divided into two sessions, an AM session indoors with a slide/lecture program from 9–noon and a PM session on the water from 1–4pm.

In the AM session Rick will be discussing all aspects of identification of hatches and how to utilize this information for more successful fishing. There is no limit to number of participants. Fee for COF members will be \$10/person for AM session.

The afternoon session will include on the water habitat discussion and where and how to look for and collect insects. Location specifics to be announced in the July newsletter. Participants limited to 12–14 people. People need to have waders, a wading staff and nothing else. Rick will

have Rods and Flies to demonstrate rigging and presentation methods. Fee for COF members for entire day session is \$25/person.

Advance reservation and payment is required. If you are interested in either the AM session or the entire day session with Rick, please register at education@coflyfishers.org. For further information you may call Debbie Norton, 503–510–2767.

### Introduction to Two Handed Casting – Presented by Reed Tuescher of Fin and Fire

July 28 at Fin and Fire Shop and July 30th out on the Deschutes River. \$40 fee/person to COF members for entire class.

Have you ever wanted to learn how to do two handed casting for either Salmon or trout on rivers or streams, this might be the session for you. *Fin and Fire Fly Shop* in Redmond will be hosting for COF an introductory session. There is a limit of 10 people in the class. The class will be broken into 2 segments.

The shop segment will include terminology, all the different choices in choosing the right two handed equipment for you, technique and presentation. It will start at 6:30 pm on the 28th and should end around 8:30 pm.

The Saturday Segment on the Deschutes River July 30th will be broken up into two sessions, with a limit of 5 people per session. This will ensure you more one on one time with our instructors. First session is 8am–10am and second session is 10–noon. Participants may be able to demo equipment from the shop or bring your own equipment and gain more skills. You must wear your own waders and wading staff.

Advance reservation and payment required prior to class. For information and signing up contact education@coflyfishers.org or call Debbie Norton, 503–510–2767. Please let me know if you will be bringing your own equipment or need to borrow a gear from the shop.

~Debbie Norton

## NEXT CAST FLYFISHERS

### Update

The Next Cast Flyfishers program provides opportunities and coordinates activities for young fly anglers in the area. We are able to help provide fly fishing instruction through classroom activities, our fly fishing summer camp, ongoing COF events, and individually through mentorship and teaching.

We hope that by providing these opportunities, young anglers will be exposed to fly fishing and increase their interest and level of involvement.



The Next Cast Flyfishers joined ODFW for the family fishing day at Bend Pine Nursery. Our club members showed up in the cold, pouring rain to help little kids cast and catch fish in the pond. While most of us had to practice our spin casting, we got the hang of it and landed several fish.

As the event closed down, the fly fishers took over the pond and landed some nice rainbows. We all decided we'd rather tie on flies than thread worms on the hooks!

Thank you Next Cast members for volunteering at the pond!

Remember those big trout are still in the pond!! It's spring so get out fishing! We've heard great reports on the Deschutes right through town (Sawyer Park, Tumalo State Park and upstream from the Bill Healy Bridge), and as the temperatures warm up there will be Golden Stone Flies on the Upper Deschutes!



Photo: © RiverKeeper Files

#### Upcoming events include:

- **Old Mill Fly Casting Practice:** Each Tuesday, 6:00 pm in June and July, we will meet at the Old Mill to practice our casting. This is free, and a great opportunity to get pointers, practice those skills that need improved, and have fun with other fly fishers. Bring your fly rod and practice with us! (See the general notice on page 3)
- **Next Cast Flyfishers 3-Day Fish Camp**—June 20-22, 2016—Shevlin Park, Bend OR, this camp is coordinated through Bend Parks & Recreation. Camp is full and we

have a waitlist!! Camp attendees, age 10-14, learn all aspects of fly fishing including knot tying, bug collection and identification, fly tying, casting and fly fishing in Shevlin Pond.

- **COF/Next Cast Flyfishers East Lake Outing**—July 7-9, 2016. Next Cast is offering an advanced fly fishing camp including a camp out and fly fishing at East Lake. This camp is for our advanced fly fishers.

Please contact me directly if you have questions.

~Karen Kreft, [nextcast@coflyfishers.org](mailto:nextcast@coflyfishers.org),  
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## TYER'S CORNER



**T**his month's Tyer's Corner fly is Mercer's Poxyback Green Drake Nymph. It's a great fly pattern created by Mike Mercer who has worked at The Fly Shop in Redding, California for many years. In fact, he became their first employee in 1978. Mike has developed several creative flies, including his Missing Link Caddis and Micro Mayfly. I think of him as the "father" of poxyback flies.

I found the Poxyback Green Drake Nymph in his book entitled Creative Fly Tying, tied up a few and fished them on the Metolius. Rainbows and Bull trout ate 'em up!

I've heard of Green Drakes hatching on the Lower Deschutes as well, so tie up a few for yourself, knot them on your leader, and try them out.

I think I better tie a few more.

### Materials:

**Hook:** TMC 2302, #10 – 12

**Bead:** Gold

**Thread:** Olive 8/0

**Tail:** 3 ringneck pheasant tail fibers

**Rib:** Copper wire

**Overbody:** Dark golden-brown tur-

key tail fibers

**Gills:** After-shaft feathers from back of olive-dyed ringneck pheasant rump

**Body:** Mercer's Select Buggy Nymph dubbing, Z-wing color or equivalent

**Wingcase:** Same as Overbody

**Thorax** Same as body

**Legs:** Golden-brown grouse feather or hen back equivalent

**Head:** Same as thorax

### Tying Instructions:

1. Place bead on hook and start thread behind bead and wind thread to about the 50% mark.
2. Select 3 pheasant tail fibers and hold fibers back and upward to ensure they remain on top of hook.
3. Attach wire rib at tail.
4. Tie in turkey tail feather used as wingcase on top of hook. Select a second tail feather and tie in at same point
5. Select 2 aftershaft feathers and tie in separately at tail.
6. Wire, turkey tail feathers, and aftershaft feathers should extend over tail.
7. Dub a tapered body about 2/3

up hook.

8. Pull aftershaft feathers forward and tie off with 3 – 4 thread wraps and trim.
9. Pull turkey tail feathers forward, one at a time, and tie off. **DO NOT TRIM.**
10. Wind rib forward and tie off. Trim excess.
11. Pull both turkey feathers back over body and use a few thread wraps to secure while the thorax is tied.
12. Dub a thick thorax. Trim top and bottom of thorax to create a flat profile.
13. Create a V in the leg feather and tie in stem with fibers flowing towards tail.
14. Pull each turkey wingcase feather forward separately, ensuring legs extend out of each side, and tie off.
15. Use 5 Minute Epoxy or UV Resin on the thorax section of wingcase.

Note: I used epoxy when I first started tying these several years ago. Since then, I've replaced the epoxy with UV Resin.

~John Kreft, RiverKeeper Flies,  
[www.johnkreft.com](http://www.johnkreft.com)

## LIBRARY

### Update

Many thanks to Phillip Ogburn, who donated a whole box of books to the COF library. There are too many books to list in the newsletter, but they are appreciated and will be added to our library shelf for members to check out. Phil also donated a box of magazines that are especially useful to beginners. Those will be given away for free at the COF meetings until they're gone.

~Kathleen Schroeder

Conservation continued from page 5

Creek near Camp Sherman. This is on property owned by ODFW that used to be a fish hatchery and the location of some Kokanee Karnival activities for many years. The pond was supported by COF but was opposed by some local land and home owners who are concerned about increased usage of the property. COF was a consistent supporter as the pond as new facilities will not only enhance KK programs but will provide a youth fishing experience similar to that found at Shevlin Pond. As was often pointed out, the nearby Metolius River is not the best place to introduce kids to fishing.

Jen Luke and Brett Hodgson of our local ODFW office deserve kudos for working hard on this contentious issue over many months, interacting with a sometimes unfriendly public, and finally creating a plan that seems to satisfy the needs and concerns of most.

#### ODFW 2017-2019 Budget Preview

Like all Oregon state agencies, ODFW budgets on a 2 year biennium basis. The next budget cycle is 2017–2019 and the preliminary budget proposal is being prepared for legislative review later this year. See <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/budget/process.asp> for more. ODFW Director Curt Melcher was in Bend on May 11 to present the proposed budget for feedback.

The good news is that ODFW is on much firmer footing that they were during the 2015–2017 process when they actually got down to only \$1.67 in cash reserves after meeting payroll one month. Director Melcher joked

that for a while ODFW could not even buy a cup of coffee. While the department is still operating in a lean fashion, it is financially on better footing after convincing the legislature to help with support from the General Fund. Nevertheless, ODFW still has less than 2 months operating cash reserves as a cushion. Director Melcher reviewed the proposed budget which largely mirrors the existing budget. Some existing fees will automatically increase in the future per current schedules, but no new fee increases are proposed.

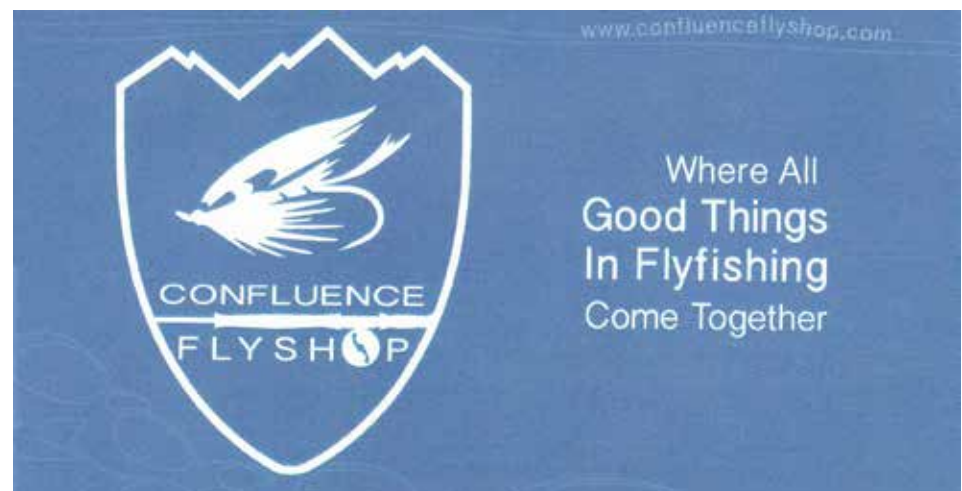
While this is welcome news, the department remains underfunded to meet its charter. This is understood in the legislature where a task force was created in 2015 by House Bill 2402 to look for long term funding solutions. Recommendations from that committee are expected

later this year. <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/20151/Committees/JTFFFW/2016-02-29-13-00/MeetingMaterials>

#### Crooked River Flows

Many of you might have wondered why the Crooked River had such high flows in the middle of May. The Bureau of Reclamation and USF&W were experimenting with high flows to see if it would “flush” juvenile salmon and steelhead out of the river to start their migration to the ocean. The thought was to mimic natural high springtime flows. While this has merit, the danger is that not enough water may be retained in Prineville Reservoir to allow for cold water releases for fish later in the year. [http://www.usbr.gov/pn-bin/graphwy.pl?prvo\\_q](http://www.usbr.gov/pn-bin/graphwy.pl?prvo_q)

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



## WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

**T**hank you to MaryAnn & Dave Dozer for hosting the Wild Women this last month. They shared how Bamboo Pursuits handcrafts beautiful bamboo fly rods. We even got to split a few pieces of bamboo and then cast a few rods! We have such a better appreciation for what goes into building these wonderful works of art.

*What's in Your Fly Box and Ideas on Organizing It*, is the title of our next happening on June 6. Join us at 6pm and bring your fly boxes. Come to *The Bridge* office park—485 E Bridgeford Blvd (close to Bend High School). Volunteers will help you figure out what you have and what to do with it all. Fly selection will be so easy after this evening! Please RSVP to Kari – [schoessler.karivan@gmail.com](mailto:schoessler.karivan@gmail.com)

### USFS Natural Resources Camp for Girls

Once again, the USFS will be holding an outdoor camp for high school girls with an interest in careers in natural resources. The girls are from all over the state and spend a few nights camping out in the Deschutes National Forest studying a variety of career options. In addition to all of the work, the girls also get to experience some outdoor recreation. They have invited the women fly fishers of COF to join the girls on the Upper Deschutes River for an introduction to fly fishing and aquatic insect identification.

On June 23, we will meet on the Deschutes Bridge on Forest Road 40 to put on waders and try some fly fishing! We need several ladies to help us out! Please consider volunteering for a few hours to help these young ladies. Bring your waders and help introduce these young ladies to the art of fly fishing!! Please contact Karen if you have questions! Karen Kreft, 503-409-0148; [dancingtrout@gmail.com](mailto:dancingtrout@gmail.com)

~Kari Schoessler, [wildwomen@coflyfishers.org](mailto:wildwomen@coflyfishers.org)



*Bamboo Pursuits Discussing Planing*



*Bamboo Pursuits Splitting*



*Bamboo Pursuits Examining Finished Rods*

## OTHER NEWS

### Pram For Sale

Selling my Spring Creek Prams Hopper II fly fishing pram with trailer. Ready to fish. Includes trolling motor, battery, oars, anchors fore and aft, much more. Price negotiable.

~Mike Coughlin, 541-306-0685

### Fishing Chrinomids Review

A big thanks to Bob Wolfe for his great presentation on Chrinomid Fishing Techniques. Many of you were interested in his fly patterns. Bob has kindly shared his patterns for his signature Trout Candy. You can find the instructions on the COF website—under Newsletter/Presentations. The .5mm rose and black Powercord material is available from [www.firemountaingems.com](http://www.firemountaingems.com) in Grants Pass and the white and sliver lined red beads are available at most bead shops. He uses size 10 beads for #14, size 11 beads for #16 and size 13 beads for size 18 and 20.

~Mary Ann Dozer

### Attention Fly Tyers

Tom Wideman has suggested an innovative way to enhance or monthly raffle. For those fly tyers among us, bring a dozen flies (that you've tied) to donate to the raffle and receive a dozen raffle tickets in return for your efforts. You can use them whenever you choose. Share YOUR tying expertise with "those less fortunate" (the "fly buyers" among us). Benefit the monthly COF meeting raffle and benefit yourselves at the same time!

~Lee Ann Ross

## OTHER NEWS CONT.

### Deschutes River Two Night Trout Creek Campout Review

The Deschutes River campout was May 20th–22nd. Eric & Sherry arrived on Wednesday to secure a campsite for the group. Kathleen Schroeder and Gary Stock arrived on Thursday with Herb & Lee Ann and Mike Tripp coming on Friday. Kathleen hooked a ride with Eric and Gary spent the day with Mike. Gary picked up his first Redband trout of the Deschutes and it was a nice 17". The beautiful picture of Sherry's 17" fish was from Thursday and the nice 18" I picked up on Friday are just a sampling of the many fish caught. Was the river crowded? As usual, it is the Salmon Fly time of year and the river had plenty of people fishing. We all were able to get into



some good fishing spots. Friday was a little slow until the late afternoon. Mike Tripp did very well fishing his Golden Stone and showed us all how a seasoned fisherman does it.

We came in late evening Friday night and enjoyed a hot meal of shredded pork and pinto beans that Sherry cooked up ahead of time. Friday night it started to rain and continued all night and all day Saturday. Mike went fishing for two hours along the Trout Creek campground and hooked up another dozen Redband.

Since the storm was settled in for the day, we decided to have the BBQ for lunch instead of dinner: Tri-tip, baked beans, salad, and brownies from Lee Ann for desert. Life is good.

*We shall meet on the water, we will tell stories and bad jokes, and laugh with tears in our eyes.*

~Eric Steele



### Rod Raffle

One of our very talented rod builders, Charlie Schillinski, has graciously offered to raffle off rods he has built at our monthly meeting raffles. Charlie has a large stock of rod blanks so he plans on building rods for quite awhile. Up first for the June raffle will be a beautiful blue two-piece 9 foot 6 weight rod. Charlie uses IM6 blanks, the same blanks used in the highest end rods. The rod is absolutely stunning and the work on the cork is magnificent. Tickets for the rod raffle will be separate from and in addition to the usual monthly raffle. Tickets for the rod raffle will only be \$5 each and the drawing will be held at the monthly meeting. This is your chance to get a fabulous rod.

~Lee Ann Ross

### Blood Knots

I find blood knots pretty hard to tie yet I like them because they are so slim and they slide though the guides so easily. I found the link below that shows a really easy way to tie blood knots; you just need to bring a toothpick with you.

<http://www.ginkandgasoline.com/fly-fishing-tips-technique/the-worlds-best-blood-knot/>

~Lee Ann Ross

**WATER SAFETY TIP:**

When wading streams and rivers avoid stepping backwards, maintain forward progress whenever possible

Courtesy of your DCSO SAR Swiftwater Team

## OTHER NEWS CONT.

# 2016 COF Fundraising Banquet & Raffle Review

## Riverhouse on the Deschutes

I would like to acknowledge the businesses who donate merchandise, services, and gift cards which make our annual banquet a fundraising success. Please thank them with your purchases throughout this year.

### S P O N S O R S

*The local fly fishing shops support the club in significant ways not only at the banquet but throughout the year. Please shop local and thank them when you are in their shop.*

Confluence Fly Shop/Deep Canyon Outfitters in The Old Mill	Fly & Field Outfitters on SW Century Drive	The Patient Angler on SE Third
Payne Fly Shop on Butler Market Road	The Fly Fisher's Place in Sisters	Riverhouse On The Deschutes on N Highway 97
Fin & Fire in Redmond on Highway 97	The Hook Fly Shop/Cascade Guides & Outfitters in Sunriver Village Bldg. 23	

*The following businesses also made generous donations to the 2016 COF fundraising banquet.*

10 Barrel Brewing Company	Frank Amato Publications, Portland	Silver Creek Preserve, Picabo, ID
Aloha Café Inc., Mervyn Abe, COF member	Gary Lewis, author, COF member	Silver Moon Brewing
Alpaca by Design, Sisters	GoodLife Brewing Company	Simms Fishing Products, Bozeman, MT
Aspen Lakes Golf Course	Great Harvest Bread Company	SipltEvents.com
Awbrey Glen Golf Club	High Desert Museum	Sisters Coffee
Bend Mountain Coffee	IFFF Oregon Council	Sisters Movie House
Bend Pet Express	International Federation of Fly Fishers, Livingston, MT	Sno Cap Drive In, Sisters
Bendistillery Tasting Room	Latigo Restaurant, Sisters	Sportsmen Warehouse
BiMart	Longboard Louie's	Stanley Products, Van Schoessler, COF member
Black Butte Ranch, Black Butte	Los Agaves Mexican Grill, Sisters	Starbucks Downtown Bend
Blazin Saddles, Sisters	McMenamins Pubs & Breweries	Studio 69217, Mark Smeltzer, COF member, and Wendy von Kalinowski
Boneyard Beer	Mt. Bachelor	Sud-n-Shine Car Wash
Bridge 99 Brewery	NancyHoytJewelry.com	Sun Country Tours
Broken Top Club	Newport Market	Sun Mountain Fun Center
Cascade Lakes Brewing Company	North Soles Footwear	The Fly Fisher's Place
Clearwater Gallery & Framing, Sisters	Oregon Body and Bath	The Fly Fishing Shop, Welches
Coastal Farm and Ranch	Paulina Springs Books, Sisters	The Pine Tavern
Costco Wholesale	Pisano's Woodfired Pizza, Tumalo	Three Creeks Brewing Company, Sisters
Deschutes Brewery	Professionals Whisky, Neil McDaniel, COF member	Tower Theatre Foundation
Douglas Fine Jewelry	Pro-Knot, John Sherry, COF member	Tumalo Creek Kayak & Canoe
DrinkTanks	QuiltWorks	Wanderlust Tours
Dutch Bros Coffee of Central Oregon	Red Carpet Car Wash South Location	Widgi Creek Golf Club
East Lake Resort	REI Bend	Worthy Brewing
EstherBeadwork.com	Sal's Barber Shop LLC	~Peter Martin, COF Banquet Chair
Eyes on Wall Street	Silipint	

## UPSTREAM EVENTS June 2016

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	CONTACT
7th	6:00 PM	Casting at the Old Mill	Old Mill	Karen Kreft
6th	6:30 PM	Board Meeting	Environmental Center	Lee Ann Ross
14th	6:00 PM	Casting at the Old Mill	Old Mill	Karen Kreft
15th	6:15 PM	COF Pre-meeting	Bend Senior Center	Debbie Norton
16th	7:00 PM	General Meeting	Bend Senior Center	Corol Ann Cary
20th	TBD	Next Cast Flyfishers 3-Day Fish Camp, 20, 21, 22	Shevlin Park, Bend OR	Karen Kreft
21st	6:00 PM	Casting at the Old Mill	Old Mill	Karen Kreft
28th	6:00 PM	Casting at the Old Mill	Old Mill	Karen Kreft

## In the Future

Casting at the Old Mill; July 5, 12, 19 & 26 6:00 PM Contact: Karen Kreft

Western Hatches Streamside Workshop; July 21, 9 AM; Contact: Debbie Norton

Intro to Spey Casting Class; July 28th & July 30th; Contact: Debbie Norton

International Federation of Fly Fishers national fair; August 2–6,  
Livingston, Montana; <http://www.fedflyfishers.org/FlyFishingFair/tabid/298/Default.aspx>



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