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President's Message



Kids Fish Pond: COF members will again staff the kids fish-pond at the Redmond Sportsman

show March 3–6. Please come out and volunteer for this truly fun event. It is just a blast to help a kid catch his or her first fish. If you are new to the club, this is a great way to meet folks. Don't forget that you get free entry into the event if you volunteer.

Albany Fly Fishing Show: There are a ton of interesting classes, casting lessons, tyers and vendors at the Oregon Council FFF show, March 11–12. If you have never attended I would highly recommend it. John Kreft is the chief organizer of this year's event. There is a great class offered on reading the water. If you are interested in casting, the casting doctor is a great bet. This is one-on-one casting instruction to fix one's casting faults. Lots to do.

Banquet: The annual banquet will be held April 2 at the Riverhouse Convention Center. We hope that you will all attend and if possible bring a neighbor or a friend. This is truly a very enjoyable event. The COF Flyfisher of the Year will be announced and members who have volunteered for more than 30 hours this year will be recognized. There will be a wide array of exceptional raffle items. Great food, good friends and a chance to meet new friends. Hope to see you there.

Outings: The Owyhee trip is on. I have talked to Rex at the dam and he has reserved the campground for COF. The dam is filling up so hopefully we will have slightly higher water flows than last year. If you haven't done this trip, I encourage you to do so. A 15-inch brown trout is a small fish on the Owyhee!

Membership: We have over 300 members in COF, a new high!

~ Lee Ann Ross



Our featured speaker this month is Jim Wigington, Ph.D., hydrologist and IFFF certified casting instructor. During his 28-year career as a research hydrologist for the US EPA in Corvallis Jim’s research focused on the interactions between watersheds and stream hydrology, water quality and ecology. Jim led major research projects on acid precipitation effects on streams, riparian influence of streams, the relationships between watershed and stream characteristics on Coho salmon, and hydrologic classification on Pacific Northwest landscapes. Jim is currently the editor-in-chief of the Journal of the American Water Resources Association. Jim has been an avid fly angler for more than 40 years and the linkage between fly fishing and his research has enhanced both. 🐟 Jim’s program is titled “Snow, Rain and Rock: How Climate and Geology Shape Oregon Trout Streams”. He will take you on a visual tour of the state in which you will learn how rain, snow, groundwater and stream flow interact and control streams and fish habitat and fishing opportunities. He will share how this information influences his fishing destination priorities. His insights may get you thinking about fishing some different waters this spring! 🐟 **Pre-Meeting:** 6:15: Wes Wada presenting important smart phone Weather Apps, like the weather underground's “Storm”. These are important tools for the Fly Fisher.

OUTINGS

Owyhee River Outing

March 23–26, 2016 Wed. to Sat.

With the improved snow-pack, it looks like fishing on the Owyhee should be great this year. I’ve been checking the Owyhee Reservoir levels and while it is still very low, it is at least rising.

The Owyhee River downstream from Lake Owyhee Dam is a gem. Think the Crooked River on steroids. Instead of rainbows and whitefish, think browns, big browns. A 15-incher is a small fish. The trip is timed to hopefully coincide with the skwala hatch. If we are lucky, there will be spectacular top water action as the fish smash your skwala pattern. Other than skwalas, use the same flies and rigs you use on the Crooked. Don’t forget the small stuff either. Size 18–22 midges work well too. To get a better idea, watch Brian Huskey’s video of the Owyhee at: <http://vim-eo.com/5327229>

It takes about five hours to get

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OUTINGS CALENDAR 2016

MONTH	DAY	DESTINATION	LEADER
March	23rd–26th	Owyhee River	Lee Ann Ross
Mar/Apr	TBD	Crooked River Cleanup	TBD
April	23rd	Middle “D” Below Steelhead Falls	Yancy Lind
May	11th–14th	Davis Lake	Larry Godfrey
May	20th–22nd	2 night Trout Creek Campout, Lower “D” Warm Springs Float	Mike Tripp/ Eric Steele
June	9th–12th	Hosmer Lake	Bob Burke
June	10–12	Capt. Caddis Crappie on a Fly Challenge Prineville Reservoir	Betsy Brower- Mullong/Andy Smith
June	16th–25th	Possible British Columbia Trip	Lee Ann Ross
July	7th–9th	East Lake, 2 nights, BBQ	Eric Steele
Sept	8th–10th	Steens Mountain - Wild Horse & Fish Lake	John Tackmier
Oct	2nd–5th	Beavertail Steel Head	Robert Gentry



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to the Owyhee. Travel on Hwy 20 from Bend, via Burns to Vale. Towards the end of town, turn right at the Cenex Gas Station onto Glenn Street. Glenn Street becomes Lytle Blvd. Go for about 14 miles. Turn right just behind the little store, then take the first left. Turn right on Klamath and then left on Norwood, right on Owyhee Ave and left on Owyhee Lake Road. Sound confusing? Not really, there are a lot of signs to Owyhee State Park. If you make a mistake, any of the roads will get you there. You basically need to go southwest from the store. Check it out on Google maps.

Take Owyhee Lake Road up towards the dam. There is a bridge just below the dam with a sign to the irrigation department. Cross the bridge and you're at a campground with an outhouse. Bring money so we can make a donation to the irrigation department for use of the campground. I think we donated about \$10 a head per night last year. **There is NO water, no cell service and no other facilities.** There is Wi-Fi at the museum on the irrigation department property. There is no password so you can just hangout on the bench outside the

museum and use the Wi-Fi.

You have the choice of camping at the campground, camping along the river, or staying at a motel in Vale or Ontario. Unlike the Crooked, there are no developed campgrounds along the river. If you choose not to stay in the campground, you just pull over and set up camp. The 10 miles of fishing below the dam to Snively Hot Springs is the best fishing.

Dry Fly Innovations has an excellent blog at: <http://www.dryflyinnovations.com/blog>. There are tons of archived reports on the site. Unfortunately, it is now a paid site so you will have to decide if it is worth it to you to go back to last March to see how the hatch was a year ago. Their stoneflies are killer. I am making an order now so that I will have a dozen or so ready for this trip.

All are welcome on this outing. There is no limit to how many can come, but please let me know if you plan to attend so I can get a rough head count for the campground. If you are pulling a big rig, please park just OUTSIDE of the campground proper and leave the camping area for tents and small trailers.

~Lee Ann Ross, rossleeann@yahoo.com

Middle Deschutes Below Steelhead Falls Outing

April 23, 2016

The middle Deschutes extends from Benham Falls to Lake Billy Chinook. Over the years I have led many outings to various sections of this under-appreciated fishery where you can have 20+ fish days nymphing like on the Crooked as well as top-wa-



ter salmon and stonefly hatches like the lower D. (See photo of a nice brown taken with a golden

stone on the surface.) Better yet, there are few people to contend with. If like me, your idea of a perfect day is to take a long hike along a river, largely in solitude, while having the opportunity to land beautiful, wild fish, then the middle D is worth exploring. Some sections do take effort, however, and on this outing you will need to be able to hike in steep, rugged terrain. (See photo. We won't go to this place, but something not too far off.) This is one of my favorite local day trips, but it can take a lot out of you and your waders if you are not careful.

Contact me at yancy_lind@ml.com or 541-788-5514 to sign up and get more details. Space is limited to 5 anglers.

~Yancy Lind, Conservation Chair,
conservation@coflyfishers.org

First Call for Volunteers

KOKANEE KARNIVAL needs volunteers to help with the Angling Clinic, held at Shevlin Pond and Aspen Hall in Shevlin Park in Bend. If you would like to volunteer, you can contact me at (541) 381-7507 or waldo1ft@msn.com. I will soon be contacting folks who volunteered for the Spring and Fall events over the past few years. We need to organize our volunteers to determine if we have sufficient help for each day. We need a minimum of 8 volunteers a day. Please don't wait until the last minute to volunteer because that makes scheduling difficult. For you new members or members who have not done this in the past, you will not be on your own. You will be teamed with a volunteer who has experience.

The Spring Angling clinic will be held on 7 days, April 25 through April 29 and May 2 and 3. We have no activities on Wed April 27. We have 12 classes in the program and two classes attend each day. We usually arrive at around 8:30 am to set up for the day and the students arrive between 9 and 9:30. They usually leave between 1:30 and 2, then we clean up and are done by 3.

Our education activities in the morning include:

- Fish Biology/Care of Catch
- Knot Tying
- Fishing Tackle/Angling Methods
- Casting/Water Safety
- We have curriculum sheets for all activities that I can email to volunteers who request them or you can go to our website at KokaneKarnival.org.



Lunch is provided for all students and volunteers. After lunch the students are divided into small groups and get to fish in Shevlin Pond. The volunteers lead small groups of students to help them fish for trout. If they catch a trout they get a First Fish Certificate and if they want, their cleaned fish to take home. I am the fish monger and get to gut all the fish. I usually have help filling out the certificates.

~Frank Turek

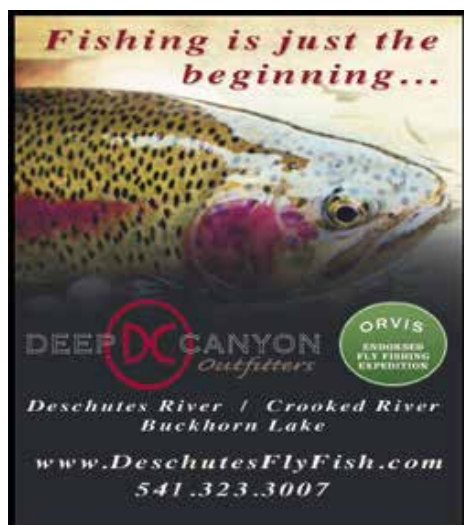
Update

Fall River Stocking: ODFW has released various stocks of hatchery rainbow trout into the Fall River since 1946. Beginning in the 1960's through 1997, ODFW released what is known as the "Cape Cod" stock of fish which originated from Massachusetts and are still released in various Oregon waters. A lower Deschutes stock of hatchery rainbows were released into the Fall River from 1998-2005 but this stock is no longer available for release in the upper Deschutes Basin. Since 2005 ODFW has released a local "Crane Prairie" stock of trout into Fall River.

The Fall River Hatchery was once used for spawning and rearing to legal size. Due to budgetary issues and extremely cold water to grow fish, in 2014 the Fall River Hatchery was repurposed as a holding and acclimation facility for legal-sized fish that are hatched and raised at Wizard Falls Hatchery on the Metolius River.

Angler reports over the last few years indicate a decline in catch rates for rainbows on the Fall River. Historically, trout angling has been modest at best but it seems that trout released in the Fall River may be migrating downriver to the Deschutes.

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ODFW will test this hypothesis in 2016 by implanting some hatchery trout with Passive Integrated Transponders (PIT tags) that will track the movements of the “Crane Prairie” stock now being used. In 2017, ODFW will expand the study to include a triploid (sterile) version of the “Cape Cod” stock and a triploid version of the “Crane Prairie” stock.

If there is a significant difference in the movement of these stocks then ODFW may modify their planting strategy. Local ODFW biologists confirmed my observation that the Fall River does not display the typical characteristics of a productive trout river. It is too cold to support robust aquatic plant or insect populations, so there is a lack of food for a large, healthy trout population. The bottom is naturally silty and does not provide good spawning habitat. There appears to be very little natural reproduction in the river and the historical record does not show there was a viable fishery in the Fall River prior to stocking. The speculation is that past reports of great fishing on the Fall were likely due to angling shortly after a batch of hatchery fish had been released.

ODFW asks that you harvest the hatchery fish you catch in the Fall River. This is a “put and take” river. The river cannot support the number of fish that are planted. Further, interbreeding between hatchery fish that leave the Fall River and enter the Deschutes with resident wild fish is not advantageous for the wild stocks. In general you should harvest all hatchery fish you catch on any river in order to reduce pressure on wild fish.

Many thanks to Erik Moberly of ODFW for extensive help with this article.

Keep 'Em Wet: Here's an interesting article on the need to keep wild fish in

the water when catching and releasing them. “Ten seconds is all the time an angler should take to remove the hook, take pictures and return a fish to water, according to a recommendation in a recent survey of studies about the impacts of exposing fish to air.” <http://www.cbbulletin.com/435859.aspx#.VpmQIFU2OLQ.facebook>

Upper Deschutes Motion for Injunction: As you have probably already read elsewhere, WaterWatch (WW) and the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) filed suit against the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) and various Central Oregon irrigation districts over the operation of Wickiup, Crane Prairie, and Crescent Lake reservoirs. The BOR owns and operates Wickiup and Crane Prairie reservoirs for the benefit of numerous irrigation districts while Tumalo Irrigation District (TID) owns and operates the dam at Crescent Lake. More recently, WW and CBD filed a “motion for preliminary injunction” asking for an increase in flows out of the reservoirs starting April 1, 2016. I read the 44-page motion, found it interesting, and thought it worth a summary for COF members.

The injunction states that in 2003 the US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) publicly announced that the Oregon spotted frog was a candidate for listing as an endangered species, a listing that was finalized in August 2014. The BOR and irrigation districts were notified of this potential listing in 2003 and in 2008 they were asked to provide a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). A HCP is a “planning document that ensures that the anticipated take of a listed species will be minimized or mitigated by conserving the habitat upon which the species depend, thereby contributing to the recovery of the species as a whole”. The injunction states that in

spite of adequate time for preparation (8 years), the HCP has not been completed and that the BOR and districts state they will need another 5 years to do so.

The motion goes into great scientific detail about the status of the frog as an endangered species, its current limited range, the habitat it needs to survive, and the detrimental impact on its habitat from the current operation of the reservoirs. The motion states that given the time frame already given for the BOR to take action, the lack of action taken, and the current plan to not take action for many more years, that the courts must order immediate action. TID is acknowledged as having increased winter flows out of Crescent Lake to 30 CFS, but this is an amount considered inadequate by the USFWS for frog survival.

The specific steps requested are either to open the gates at Crane Prairie and Wickiup to restore the flows into the Deschutes at what would approximate the historic natural flow, or to manage the flows out of the reservoirs to a minimum of 770 cfs (cubic feet a second). Currently flows out of Wickiup into the Deschutes in the winter are often as low as 20 cfs. Flows out of Crescent Lake are requested to be no lower than 40 cfs, an increase from the current 30 cfs.

Of note is that in the late 1980s and early 1990s ODFW filed for water rights in many Oregon rivers and were granted what were considered to be minimum flows for fish and aquatic life. In the upper Deschutes below Wickiup they were granted a right for 300 cfs. As the last water right holder they have the most junior right and all flows have been taken by more senior water right holders.

~Yancy Lind, Conservation Chair,
conservation@coflyfishers.org

EDUCATION

Update

Jim Wigington's Field Trip:

What: Jim Wigington, Ph.D. Hydrologist and Casting Instructor - The Metolius River Basin: How Climate and Geology Influence the Metolius.

When: Tuesday, March 15, 2016
10:30 AM, 3.5 hours

Where: Meet at the Head Waters of the Metolius Parking Lot

What: Come join Jim on a field trip to the Metolius River Basin discussing geology and hydrology of the High Cascades and how it influences the Metolius River. The group will visit critical places on the river such as above and below Canyon Creek and Wizard Falls Hatchery.

Costs: No Charge

March 16, 2016 COF Meeting Presentation:

Jim Wigington - "Snow, Rain, and Rock: How Climate and Geology

Shape Oregon Trout Streams."

Presentation will discuss how the geology and hydrology of the High Cascades influence the Metolius River. Jim will compare the Metolius and South Santiam River in water temperatures; the influences of surrounding lakes; fishing above and below Canyon Creek; the Wizard Falls Hatchery area; and the restoration of the Chinook/Steelhead Program.

~Dalton Miller-Jones

WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER



Thank you to Andy at The Confluence Fly Shop for a very fun and informative evening in February. We are all going to be catching lots of fish this winter and spring using his great advice! On March 9, the Wild Women of the Water will visit Fin & Fire in Redmond. Reed and Jessie always have good thoughts for us!

Last August, IFFF held their yearly convention here in Bend. There were some wonderful women's events. This year's convention will take place in Livingston,

Montana, August 2-6. We'd love to have a group of Wild Women attend. If you are at all interested, you need to join IFFF. Then you will receive all the convention info

and be able to sign up for events. Last year, the women's classes filled quickly. Let me know if you are interested and/or have questions.

~Kari Schoessler, wildwomen@coflyfishers.org



NEXT CAST FLYFISHERS



Photo: © RiverKeeper Files

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 participated in the February COF club meeting providing an overview of the Next Cast programs. Four of the young anglers, Branson, Jett, Coe and Max all gave short presentations on recent activities including the 3-Day Fish Camp, Crooked River clean-up, Redmond Sportsman's Show Trout Pond, and the Old Mill Casting course practice and contest.

They all did a great job and are

all ambassadors of the Next Cast Flyfishers program!

Upcoming events include:

- **Redmond Sportsman's Show:**

March 3-6, 2016, the gigantic trade show in the expo center includes several fly fishing displays of equipment, offers for guided trips, and signups for drawings. There is also a fishing pond stocked and ready for action! Our Next Cast members will help staff a shift at the trout pond assisting the young anglers with their catch!! Children under the age of 12 are welcome to catch a big one!

- **NW Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo:**

March 11-12, 2016 in Albany OR, this expo is the biggest fly fishing event in the Northwest. In addition to over 200 demonstration tyers, there are drawings and raffles, demonstrations, youth activities, and classes (available to sign up online) in a variety of topics to improve fly fishing skills.

- **Crooked River clean-up and outing:**

March/April TBD. We

will join the COF on the river for a litter pick-up, bbq and fly fishing. The date is still being determined.

- **Next Cast Flyfishers 3-Day Fish Camp:**

June 20-22, 2016— Shevlin Park, Bend OR, this camp is coordinated through Bend Parks & Recreation and registration will be included in the summer activities catalog published in March, the camp will fill up fast. 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,
503-409-0148

MEMBERSHIP

Update

Welcome New Members

Cyndi Bryant
George & Kris Fettig
David Furlan
Rob & Kathleen Green
Bob & Carol Lakin
Wayne Lowry
Neil McDaniel
Henry Pierce - Youth
Lincoln Pierce - Youth
Michael Sandiford
Steve Stepanek
Clay Trenz
Susan M. Wilson

~Tim Schindele, membership@coflyfishers.org

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Membership application at: coflyfishers.org

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Update

February was an awesome month for us when it comes to marketing. I had another post go viral on the 20th of February. Just two days after posting this photo below, these were the numbers I saw:

- People Reached: 59,669 people
- Likes: 90+
- Shares: 501 Shares
- Comments: 20+
- 52 new “Likes” to the COF Facebook Page



This is wonderful news and it's awesome to see people across the world commenting, sharing, and engaging with COF online. I appreciate everyone who has helped out by emailing me information to post and showing their support online.

Let's keep this engagement rolling by marketing and promoting the upcoming banquet online and showing Central Oregon what an amazingly fun event this is to attend! With the 2016 Annual

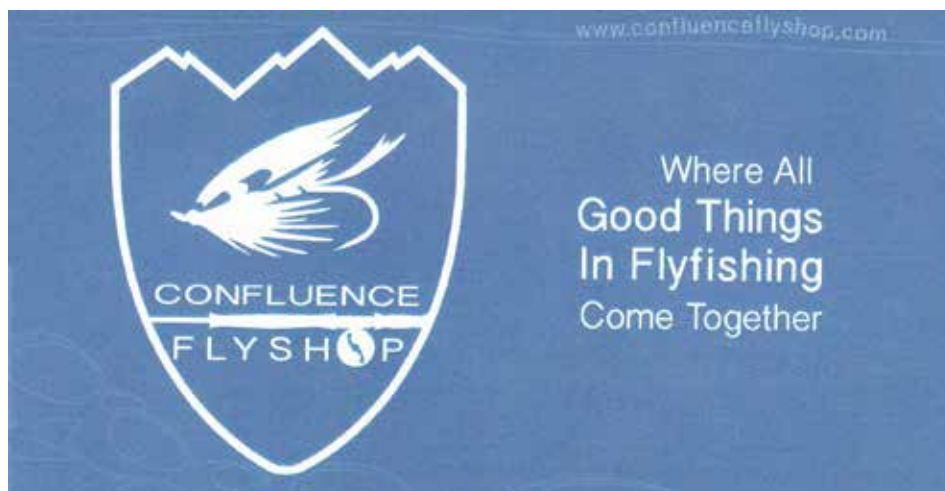
Banquet nearing the corner, I have created a public event on Facebook announcing the event. This is a great place for everyone to post photos, leave comments, and click the “Going” button.

As an added note, PLEASE email me with any information you'd like me to share on the COF Facebook Page regarding the Annual Banquet! This includes photos from the 2015 banquet, pictures of the raffle prizes, or any other photos that you'd like to me share. Thanks in advance for your help!

Here is a link to RSVP for the COF 2016 Annual Banquet on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1609656609255053/>

Continue to stay up to date with all other COF happenings by connecting with the COF Facebook Page and giving us a “Like” when you have a free second! And as always, please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any social media related questions, comments, or concerns. I'm just an email away!

~Molly Vernarecci, COF Social Media Coordinator, socialmedia@coflyfishers.org



EVENTS

2016 COF Banquet & Auction/Raffle

Riverhouse Hotel & Convention Center | April 2, 2016 | 5:30 pm



Good food, Good people, Good cause, and Lots of Fun!

If you are reading this and it is March 1 or 2 you still have time to make the Early Bird registration if you hurry!

Never fear, however, if it is March 3 or later the banquet registration is open until March 28. Dinner will just cost you 5 bucks more. The easiest way to register is at coflyfishers.org where your payment can be made by PayPal, credit card, or mail your check to COF Banquet, P.O. Box 1126, Bend, OR 97709.

Donations Welcome

In addition to attending the banquet another way to support COF is donating items for the raffle or silent auction. Fishing equipment, fishing flies, crafts, hosted fishing trips, hosted dinners—it is all good.

Bring your donations to the March 16th COF meeting at the Bend Senior Center and give them to Peter Martin. You can also find me at the Senior Center on Tuesday nights tying flies with John Kreft and friends. I would like to receive all donations by Tuesday, March 22nd.

Check out the banquet flyer and donation form in this month's newsletter. Please contact me for information or questions.

~Peter Martin, Banquet Chair, 541-388-8956, banquet@coflyfishers.org

EVENTS



PHOTO: Karen Kreft

The Central Oregon Flyfishers

2016

Annual Banquet & Fundraiser

Saturday • April 2, 2016 • 5:30 P.M.
Riverhouse Convention Center, Bend



BEFORE March 2 - \$40 per person & automatic entry in the early bird drawing

March 3 to March 28 - \$45 per person (no dinner sales after March 28)

Questions? Contact Peter Martin (541-388-8956 or banquet@coflyfishers.org).

Attend COF's primary fundraising event to support the Kokanee Karnival Youth Education Program, Next Cast Flyfishers program for older youth, conservation programs, habitat restoration efforts, club activities, and membership services. Join the fun and dine on fine, delicious food. Have an exciting time with the raffle, pick up some high-quality flies or unique family items in the silent auction, and bid on great opportunities at the live auction. Take advantage of the early bird registration; save \$5 and be automatically entered in the early-bird drawing. You may purchase raffle tickets in advance using the registration form (six tickets for \$5). Registration form and directions to Riverhouse Convention Center on reverse.

The
Riverhouse
HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER

Menu

Entrée: Your choice of chicken *OR* grilled top sirloin *OR* seasonal vegetarian ravioli.

All entrees include salad, rolls with butter, chef's selection fresh vegetable medley, chef's pairing of potato or rice, dessert, coffee and tea.

No host bar will be available.

Please note that you cannot bring your own wine this year.

Please register online at coflyfishers.org.

Payment via PayPal, credit card or check.

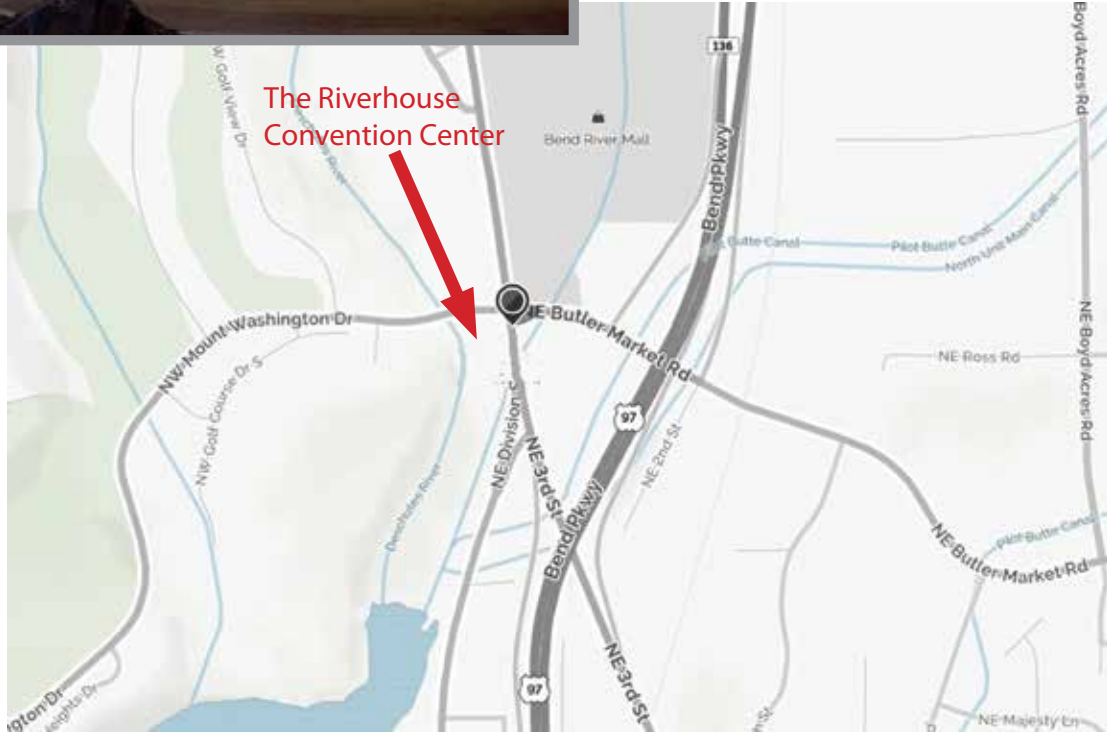
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The Riverhouse
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PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE at coflyfishers.org. Payment via PayPal, credit card or check.

For those with no Internet access, mail completed form (indicate dinner choice and raffle ticket amounts) and your check (\$40/person **BEFORE Mar 2** • \$45/person **Mar 3 to Mar 28**) to COF BANQUET, P.O. Box 1126, Bend, OR 97709.

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Name _____ Steak ____ Chicken ____ Veg. Ravioli ____

Spouse/Guest(s) _____ Steak ____ Chicken ____ Veg. Ravioli ____

Guest(s) _____ Steak ____ Chicken ____ Veg. Ravioli ____

Raffle Ticket Total Enclosed (\$5 increments • \$5 = six tickets) = \$ _____

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Amount enclosed (circle one): \$40 or \$45/person **BEFORE March 2** - \$40 per person & Automatic entry in the early bird drawing **March 3 to March 28** - \$45 per person (no dinner sales after March 28)



**2016 Central Oregon Flyfishers Fundraising Banquet
April 2, 2016
Donation Form**

(Please include this form with your donation)

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Donation Description: _____

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Thank you for your donation.

EVENTS

2016 NW Fly Fishing & Fly Tying Expo



The NW Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo is an annual event sponsored by the Oregon Council of the Inter-

national Federation of Fly Fishers. The 2016 Expo will be held March 11th and 12th at the Linn County Fair Grounds in Albany, Oregon. The doors open each morning at 9:00 am.

The main attraction is the 200 demonstration tyers that rotate every 2-½ hours over the two days. There are 72 tyers tying at individual tables with chairs provided to sit and watch. All of the fly genres are covered including nymphs, dry, steelhead, classic salmon, streamers, and realistic flies. If you are not sure who to watch, the best thing to do is to walk around the tyer tables and find an open seat. A lot can be learned by sitting down and watching a tyer demonstrate differ-

ent techniques. Tyers will have tips on material selection, tying tips, and sometimes fishing tips for the patterns. They are also able to answer questions during the demonstration. It is one of the best ways to learn and improve tying skills.

Classes are offered each day for fly tying, casting, and fly fishing. Classes are limited in size, so it is a great opportunity to learn in a classroom environment. There are some casting classes that are 1 on 1, which provide excellent opportunities to work on specific casting problems. There are casting classes that cover both single and double-handed casting. The fly fishing classes will help prepare you to go to a specific location. You can sign-up for classes on the Expo website – <http://nwexpo.com>. The classes change each year, so make sure you check out what is being offered this year.

Over 50 exhibitors attend the Expo and offer great deals on everything from fly tying materials, fly rods and reels, fly fishing art, and boats. The Expo presents an opportunity to see a wide variety of items in one place. Exhibitors often offer special show discounts and will also have new items available for purchase. There are many art items that

are one of a kind and make special gifts.

Throughout both days there are silent auctions and raffles. Exhibitors and participants make wonderful donations that are used for these purposes. The event concludes with a live auction and banquet Saturday evening. The live auction offers one of a kind framed flies along fly rods and other special items.

The Expo is sponsored by the Oregon Council to provide education to the general public on fly fishing and fly tying. The revenues generated by the Expo are also used by the Oregon Council to provide educational programs on fly tying, casting, and fishing throughout the state of Oregon. The Council also supports conservation projects with the proceeds.

We hope to see you at the Expo in 2016!

~ John Kreft, 2016 Expo Chair

Rod Building Class

Have you ever wanted to assemble your own custom flyrod? This is your chance! The first session on March 9th will be to order components—we'll go through what you need in order to build your rod and place the order. We have access to dealer pricing through Charlie Schillinsky, which makes this a pretty good deal. (Although you will have some work to do!) After the blanks and parts arrive, we'll meet on 4 consecutive Tuesday evenings starting April 12th to teach you to assemble and finish your rod. Tools and space are limited, so this class will be limited to 6 students—if you want in please contact Cliff Price, csp955@yahoo.com or (541) 410-0670 to register.

~ Cliff Price, csp955@yahoo.com

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RiverKeeper Soft Hackle Cripple

As I sit down to write this month's Tyer's Corner, the weather forecast for the next couple of days is for 60 degrees! I realize it's still February, but Spring is just around the corner and I'm starting to think about March Brown mayflies.

These mayflies are big compared to what I've been seeing on the river lately. I'll welcome a size 12–14 dry fly and I'm sure the fish are waiting for them too!

There are a variety of fly patterns to have in your fly box...a Comparadun, Sparkle Dun, Pheasant Tail Nymph (or it's cousin the Flashback Pheasant Tail), Copper Johns, Soft Hackle, etc.

I know you've heard me tell you how much I like to fish the RiverKeeper Soft Hackle Cripple (<http://www.johnkref.com/mayfly-fly-patterns/riverkeeper-soft-hackle-cripple/>) and tying them for the March Brown hatch should be on your list. If you don't fish cripple fly patterns, you definitely should.

Cripples are adult insects with

their wings caught in the surface film or stuck in the nymphal shuck. Many mayflies have difficulty escaping the nymphal shuck. And when they do, one or both wings may stick to the water, preventing their flight. I like my [RiverKeeper Soft Hackle Cripple](#) to imitate this phase.

For more information about March Browns, check out the RiverKeeper Flies post March Brown Time (<http://www.johnkref.com/march-brown-time/>).

Materials

Hook: TMC 102y, #13

Thread: 8/0 March brown

Body: Superfine—March Brown

Thorax: Zelon—mayfly brown

Wing: Hungarian partridge

Directions

1. Start thread on hook and advance to barb.
2. Dub slim tapered body forward to a position 2 eye lengths back from eye.
3. Tie in zelon on top of hook at thorax area. Tie in securely with 5 wraps as zelon is slick. Trim about 1/3 length of body.
4. Prepare a soft hackle feather by

pulling off the excess fluff. Feather length should be to the hook point, or slightly longer.

5. Tie the feather in by the tips just behind the eye of the hook.
6. After securing the feather on the hook with the shiny side forward, hold the shaft and bend towards eye of hook. This begins to break the shaft. Hold the shaft up, moisten fingers and squeeze or “fold” the barbules so they are perpendicular to the shaft. This action forces the barbs backwards and prevents over-wrapping of barbs.
7. Wrap the feather forward with a wrap in front of a wrap. Over hackle the fly—a typical soft hackle uses 1–½ turns of hackle. Use 2 or 3 turns of hackle to complete the fly (larger flies may need 3 to 4 turns).
8. Tie off the thick shaft on the side to fill in the space and create a small head. Trim stem.
9. Sweep hackles backward and add a few thread wraps to make small head.
10. Whip finish.

~ John Kref, RiverKeeper Flies

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UPSTREAM EVENTS March 2016

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	CONTACT
1st	6:00 PM	Winter Fly Tying	Bend Senior Center	John Kreft
3rd	6:30 PM	COF Board Meeting	Environmental Center	Corol Ann Cary
7th	5:00 PM	Next Cast committee Meeting	Environmental Center	Karen Kreft
8th	6:00 PM	Winter Fly Tying	Bend Senior Center	John Kreft
9th	6:00 PM	Wild Women Fly Shop Hop	Fin & Fire	Kari
15th	6:00 PM	Winter Fly Tying	Bend Senior Center	John Kreft
16th	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting	Bend Senior Center	Corol Ann Cary
16th	6:15 PM	Wes Wada	Pre-Meeting, Bend Senior Center	Dalton Miller-Jones
22th	6:00 PM	Winter Fly Tying	Bend Senior Center	John Kreft
29th	6:00 PM	Winter Fly Tying	Bend Senior Center	John Kreft

In the Future

Redmond Sportsman Show, March 3-6, Deschutes County Fairgrounds, Redmond, OR

Rod Building, March 9th, 6:30PM, Dunahay Home, Contact Cliff Price, CSP955@yahoo.com

Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo, March 11 & 12, Linn County Expo Center, Albany OR

COF Winter Fly Tying , Every Tuesday night at 6:00 PM, January thru March 2016, Contact: John Kreft

Net Building Class, Place/Time: TBA, February 16, 2016; Contact: Debbie Norton

Annual COF Banquet, Riverhouse Convention Center, April 2, 2016; Contact: Peter Martin

Washington Fly Fishing Fair in Ellensburg, WA April 29 & 30

Sandy River Spey Clave, May 13-15, Oxbow Regional Park, Sandy OR

Next Cast Flyfishers 3-Day Fish Camp, June 20, 21, 22, Shevlin Park, Bend OR; Contact: Karen Kreft



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