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President's Message

Happy March Flyfishers!

We got back to winter weather a bit lately, but we're still low on snowpack, so stand by for another iffy year of fishing in Central Oregon. The (seemingly) good news is that we should be out of the COVID Pandemic, and into the Endemic stage of the virus, by March 12, which is when the Gov is ending the requirement for indoor masking. If this holds then we will **resume our in-person meetings at the Elk's Lodge on March 16th**. We also plan to hold our first in-person Board meeting (March 24) since the "Dawn of Covid".

I've included in this newsletter the FFI Membership Renewal Letter and Benefits Flyer that I received with our annual membership renewal. These 2 docs give you an idea of what FFI is all about and what we get out of membership. If you have any questions about FFI, the flyer provides info on their Publications, Conservation, Education and other benefits. Check it out, and see why we are an FFI Affiliate Club. And you can always ask me!

Videos of the Month: If you love bugs like I love bugs, then you'll love this one from Phil Rowley's YouTube Channel. He has big time bug guy Rick Hafele as a guest for a live 1+ hour talk about lake flies (river flies are mentioned too). Of course it's not live now, but it was when it was filmed and they take some questions from the audience. Rick is always both entertaining and informative, as is Phil, so I'm sure you'll love this video!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kwlpqw1HHPw>

Speaking of Native Species, check out this article from Hatch Magazine about Whitefish. We've got them in almost all of our waters around here and they have made many an otherwise bad day of fishing a good one for me. Big thanx to Lee Ann Ross for sending this to me!

https://www.hatchmag.com/blog/why-do-so-many-trout-anglers-hate-whitefish/7715436?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=weekly

Thanx for being a part of this great Club, and feel free to let me (or any board member) know if you have ideas for improvement.

- *Tim Quinton*

Tim Quinton, President COF



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GENERAL MEETING | MARCH 16TH

NEW LOCATION! ELKS LODGE | 63120 BOYD ACRES ROAD, BEND, OR 97701



When you are programs chair you get to arrange the presentations you want to see. I'm a fly buyer, not a tyer, but really appreciate a well-crafted fly. Sisters resident John Kreft is an excellent tyer so I asked him to put together a presentation that I have not seen, which he has titled "Selecting Fishing Flies from a Fly Tyer's Perspective". Even for experienced anglers, buying flies can be hit and miss. John's presentation will cover what flies imitate, what to look for when buying flies, and how to successfully choose flies for the waters you fish.

John should be well known to many club members. He was COF's 2016 Flyfisher of the Year and led our Winter Fly Tying program from 2012 through 2019. Other accomplishments include being the recipient of the 2017 Stan Walter Memorial Fly Tyer of the Year from the Oregon Council - IFFF and being featured in American Fly Fishing magazine's "Master at the Bench" in the Nov/Dec 2020 issue.

If you haven't visited his RiverKeeper Flies website (www.johnkreft.com), it's a wealth of knowledge for fly fishers and fly tyers alike. He provides a weekly blog about flies, techniques, and fishing adventures with his wife Karen.

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2022 COF

Outings Calendar

MARCH 19

KOKANEE

Winter fishing spot, at Lake Billy Chinook, for school of shallow feeding kokanee. Great opportunities with a flyrod. School can be located slightly above high bridge on Crooked River arm.

APRIL 14-17

OWYHEE RIVER

Meet at the Owyhee Dam camp ground.

MAY 8

SOUTH TWIN LAKE

Meet at launch at 8:00. Noon lunch at resort
No motors allowed

JUNE 16

CRANE PRAIRIE - QUINN RIVER

Meet at Quinn Launch at 7:00am. On - Water Noon lunch at the Quinn Channel Buoy

JULY 15-17

JOHN DAY

More information to come

AUGUST 15

THREE CREEK LAKE

Launch at 7:00 Shore lunch - North side of lake - at noon

SEPTEMBER 5

EAST LAKE

Launch at 2:00 at the Hot Springs and fish the East shore.

OCTOBER 8

CRANE PRAIRIE - NORTH END

Meet at the Crane Prairie Resort launch at 9:00am.

Notes: Review the COF "How to" Crane Prairie - North End



CONSERVATION

As an engineer we learn in school that every machine has a useful life. After a normal work history replacement is necessary to maintain function. My fishing boat is over 40 years old. The old 35HP Johnson 2 cycle engine finally gave out last year. This winter a trip to the boat dealer was needed to replace the old engine. I will attempt explain the reason for the new engine and how it should improve the environment of the lakes I now fish.

The new engine is a 25HP Honda 4 cycle engine. The better gas mileage will be appreciated. The cleaner 4 cycle engine will spread fewer hydrocarbons into the water and air. I am sure the open water swimmers that follow the safety boat this summer will appreciate the cleaner air. After years of pulling the starter cord on the old manual start engine, I will appreciate the electric start at the twist of a key. This was my son's suggestion and he has good ideas. The added depth finder makes it easier to locate the schools of fish to target for fishing. With these new improvements I should be ready to teach my grandchildren how to fish in the local lakes. I look forward to these trips.

My first trip to Lake Billy Chinook was last month. The fish were in deep winter mode. They were suspended in about 80 feet of water in a section of lake approximately 120 feet deep. I am sure they will move higher as the water warms and more food is available higher in the lake. Some fish were concentrated on the steep rocky points. The surface temperature was a warm 53 degrees F, but I am sure deep down the water was much cooler. My new depth finder told me I was trolling at about 2 MPH. with the new motor on idle. I am told Kokanee like slower speeds about 1 MPH, so next trip I will be using the front electric trolling motor to slow down the boat.

This concluded the first report on the new boat. I am thankful Covid is now on the decline and I look forward to more outings this summer.

- TOM SHUMAN
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OUTINGS

COF Outing to Billy Chinook

MARCH 19, 2022 AT 10:00AM

SPECIES: KOKANEE

MEETING AT CROOKED RIVER DAY USE AREA
BOAT LAUNCH

DIRECTIONS: HWY 97 TO CULVER TO SW
JORDAN ROAD TO THE BOAT LAUNCH

Lake Billy Chinook is a large reservoir in Jefferson County Oregon built in 1964. It has a surface area of 46.92 miles with 72 miles of shoreline. Primary camping on the lake is provided by Oregon State Parks at the Cove Palisades State Park. Fishing Opportunities include Sockeye Salmon, Steelhead, Rainbow, Brown Trout, Kokanee, and Smallmouth Bass.



The plan is to fish the Crooked River Arm on the South Side of High Bridge. A larger boat will be needed to fish this area.

Winter Kokanee fishing can be hot in mid-winter. The below is an excerpt from <https://www.bcfishn.com/kokanee-on-the-fly/>

While cruising shallow areas, Kokanee will adapt their diet to larger invertebrates such as chironomids larvae and pupae, mayfly and damselfly nymphs. Feeding on these invertebrates provide a much higher level of calorie intake than Zooplankton. During this period fly anglers can have great success catching Kokanee. Kokanee can

be found at shallower depths in the winter which makes them more accessible to fly fishers.

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Owyhee River Outing

APRIL 14 - 17, 2022 THURSDAY - SUNDAY

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://vimeo.com/5327229>.

It takes about five hours to get 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 and trash service. There is no cell service. There is WiFi 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 wifi. Water is available.

You have the choice of camping at the campground, camping along the river, staying at a motel in Vale or Ontario or renting one of the two bungalows that the irrigation department manages that are next to the campground. To book one of these, go to www.owyheedamcabins.com and click on the three bars in the upper left. Take a look at the cabins and then click on the cabins calendar button. If the bungalow is not

booked, send an email request to owyheedamcabins@gmail.com and request a booking.

Unlike the Crooked, there are no developed campgrounds along the river. If you choose not to stay in the campground, you can just pull over and set up camp anywhere you like. The 10 miles of fishing below the dam to Snively Hot Springs is the best fishing.

The Owyhee State Park offers camping with hookups and cabins. The drive is along the lake (above the river about a 15 minute drive) but the location is good and they also offer cabins <https://stateparks.oregon.gov/index.cfm?do=park.profile&parkId=10>

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.

The camping area is now first come first serve – reservations are no longer available at the camping area and the fee is currently \$5 per night. Last year we had most of the camp to our self and enjoyed several happy hours between the camp sites.

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.

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Central Oregon Flyfishers Crooked River Cleanup

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2022

10:00 A.M., BIG BEND CAMPGROUND

Announcing our bi-annual Crooked River Cleanup. We will meet at the Big Bend Campground at 10 a.m. Big Bend is the first BLM campground on State Highway 27 just below the Bowman Dam.

If you are new to our club, Welcome, and some background. In 2016 COF officially adopted a 7-mile section of the Crooked River Highway under Oregon Department's Adopt a Highway program. Unofficially we've been picking up litter in this section at least since 1995. Under the adoption program ODOT provides safety vests, litter bags, litter grabbers, and "Litter Patrol Ahead" signs. We fill the bags, leave them along the



highway shoulder and ODOT picks up the bags. Such a deal!

For our April cleanup we fan out to cover not only 7 miles of highway, but also the area between the river and the highway including all campground and picnic areas. We need a good turnout of volunteers to clean this large area.

Wear your hiking shoes, bring your work gloves and drinking water, and dress accordingly. We are usually done by noon so bring your fishing gear if you would like to fish the afternoon.

I will bring all the ODOT supplies and equipment for the cleanup. In pre-COVID years COF hosted a hot dog/hamburger BBQ. I am not able to plan a BBQ this year due to a conflict with a home improvement project.

Someone will have to step up if there is to be a hosted BBQ lunch. Here are some considerations for the lunch volunteers.

- Costco is a handy one-stop shopping trip.
- In past years, 1 person did the shopping; 2 persons for the cooking.
- COF has a BBQ grill and propane bottle in our storage; need to ensure the propane bottle has propane for the event
- Purchase hot dogs, hamburgers, garden burgers, buns, condiments, chips, soda, drinking water, plates, napkins, utensils, (COF reimburses for everything)
- Generally, takes two people to cook, others for setup and cleanup, pickup, transport, clean and



return BBQ grill to storage.

If you would like to volunteer to plan and conduct the cleanup BBQ, please contact Tim Quinton at cgtimq@gmail.com.

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EDUCATION

Fishing to Spawning Fish, or Fishing during the Spawn?

I'm reprinting this article from last year on spawning fish. Since we are getting close to the spring opener for many of our streams, there will be spawning rainbows around, and we want to avoid any disruption to them.

Ever fish for Steelhead? You were fishing during the spawn. Ever try to get a fish to bite while it was sitting on a redd? You were fishing to a spawning fish. This article from Hatch magazine gives us a primer on the (sometimes) subtle differences and the timing and behavior of spawning trout and char. Well worth the read!

https://www.hatchmag.com/articles/spawning-trout-101/7715210?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=weekly

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NEXT CAST FLYFISHERS

Daryl and Nan Loveland donated a 3rd float tube to Next Cast. Thank you Daryl and Nan. Hopefully this summer Next Cast members will have a chance to use the float tubes.

The 3-Day Fly Fishing Camp is planned for June 20, 21, & 22, with the tent raising on June 19. There may be an issue with the Metolius pond. I visited with Jen Luke and she said the springs are not flowing into the pond. The pond is full but not sure if it will have water in June. I visited with Redmond Park and Rec and we decided to wait until May to determine if the Camp will be held.

Mary Barron is assisting me in contacting past Next Cast members to determine if they want to renew their membership.

- FRED A. CHOLICK
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BOARD BITS

We would like to resume in-person General Meetings in April. John will talk to the Elks Club and doublecheck their mandate requirements. We would also like to hold the BOD meetings in person. Carol Ann and Danny will find a spot for us.

We are receiving \$1000 from the Oregon Council of FFI. Please think of projects that we might use it for.

A discussion was held about charging \$10 for the upcoming Fly Casting class. Because of multiple

past problems with “no shows” to completely free events, thus denying seats to those that would have come (and other complications), it was decided to retain this minimal charge policy.

We have decided not to pursue Air Quality Monitors at the High Lakes.

The Sportsman’s Show Kid’s Pond was canceled this year by the show management.

We are still in search of an Education lead.

Membership – Bob – 257 members, 9 new members.

Programs – Yancy – Our March program features John Kreft.

Education – vacant

Wild Women of the Water – Sue – upcoming programs...bugs, nature sketching, 101 Flyfishing class (April 3).

Next Cast – Fred – the 3-day kids camp in June is still on. Since there is a question about the viability of the spring feeding the pond this year, we will be making a decision in May regarding the program. We now have 6 float tubes and 1 pontoon boat donated for the kids. Fred would like to organize a summer trip to East Lake. Fred is sending emails to the kids with past due memberships.

Conservation – Tom – not much to report. The lakes are frozen.

Kokanee Karnival – We received our \$1750 refund from the parks department because of canceled programs.

Raffles – Carol Ann – We have MANY items for the raffles, once in person meetings begin.

Webmaster – Mary – the website looks good!

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MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to Our New Members

Ruth Barrios - Bend

James Becker - Bend

Catherine Foreman - Bend

Nancy Neyenhouse - Lacey, Washington

Cass Redstone - Bend

Susie Webber - Bend

Stephen Williams - Terrebonne

Ron Garfield - Bend

Central Oregon Flyfishers has 257 members as of February 28, 2022.

- ROBERT SHIMANE

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LIBRARY

COF library services will resume at our meeting on March 16 at the Bend Elks Lodge. Our DVD collection and a select number of books will be available for checkout.

Sign in on our website <https://coflyfishers.wildapricot.org>, click on Members Area and select Library to see a list of our books and DVDs. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to email Helen Guerrero-Randall, the club librarian.

- HELEN GUERRERO-RANDALL

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Dear Tim:

Thank you for your continued commitment to being an important part of Fly Fishers International! This has been a challenging year for many people, so we are particularly grateful your club has decided to renew its status as an official FFI Affiliate Club. Through your dues, you are helping preserve the legacy of fly fishing for all fish in all waters, the distinctive mission of FFI.

For over 50 years, Fly Fishers International has achieved remarkable accomplishments in our focus areas of conservation, education, and community. This includes additional content for the FFI Learning Center, the premier resource for online fly-fishing education, as well as support for FFI Online, our initiative to bring the FFI experience out to you through real-time, interactive webinars. We hope that you will share these resources with all your club members, so they can see the value of being a member of FFI.

We continue to expand our support for clubs and councils, with new resources coming soon that will provide tools for membership recruitment, fundraising, and more. Your club is making all of this, and more, possible.

Again, we thank you for your support and helping us achieve our mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Patrick Berry".

Patrick Berry, President & CEO



FILM CRITIC PMD

This fly style was developed by Bob Quigley and with appropriate color alterations is very effective across the range of mayflies. I have found this fly to be very effective during hatches.

To fish this style of fly add floatant to just the hackle and thorax area. The rear/abdomen will penetrate the film imitating a mayfly struggling to hatch or perhaps a cripple. It may look like an easy meal to the fish or possibly be visible from a greater distance due to the abdomen below the film. Tied as below, the fly is very durable and floats very well.

Materials:

Hook: Daiichi 1160 sizes 14-18

Thread: Danville brown 6/0

Tail: Shuck, Amber, Sparkle Yarn

Body: Brown thread

Thorax: Superfine dubbing, PMD

Post: Brown thread, EP Trigger Point. white

Hackle: Medium Gray Dun or Grizzly

Tying directions:

1. Start the thread on the shank just above the hook point and wrap up the shank to the point where the shank flattens out.
2. Tie in the emerger and wrap back up the shank to the tie in point
3. Tie in a one inch piece of EP Trigger Point fiber (about the width of the hook gap) leaving about 1/8 inch towards the front. Wrap the thread to a point just behind the eye of the hook and return to the where the body starts.
4. I use four loops of thread to make the post. Refer to the YouTube video for a visual. Tie in a feather (I use a feather the same size as the hook) and wrap it up the post and back down. Measure the amount of hackle needed by tipping the post towards the eye. The wrapped hackle needs to reach just behind the eye when the post is tipped forward. Tie off by wrapping the thread around the post.
5. Dub the thorax with Superfine PMD dubbing.
6. Pull the post and hackle over the thorax and secure with a few loose wraps. Pull the thread loops forward to tighten the hackle against the thorax. Lift the post and wrap some thread in front to make it stand up. Trim the post even with the top of the hackle.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U2vVjxWQQq8>

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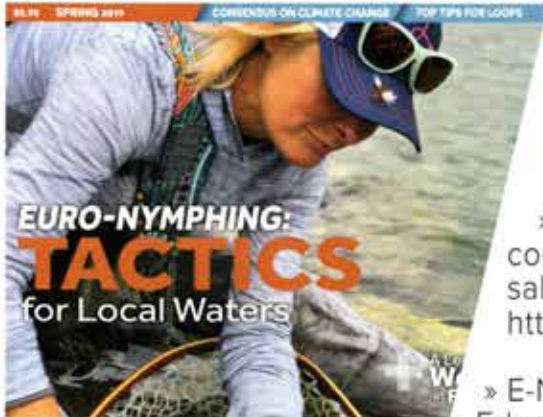
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» *The Loop Journal* is a digital magazine, a medium through which the talents, knowledge, and ideas of our fly casting professionals are shared.

» *Tying Times* is the official newsletter of the Fly Tying Group of FFI and is published quarterly online.

» *The Osprey* is published by a consortium of like-minded conservation organizations, including FFI, and is a journal for salmon and steelhead conservation. For more info visit <https://www.theconservationangler.org/osprey>.

» E-News is a monthly email featuring articles on Conservation, Education, and Community.

CONSERVATION

FFI continues to work with our partners to make our voice heard on important conservation issues that need our support.

Local conservation and education efforts are led by our community of councils and clubs. They are our “feet in the streams” and participate in many local conservation projects. FFI provides grants and support to councils and clubs for these conservation efforts.



EDUCATION



FFI's Education Committee created the Learning Center in 2018 providing learning modules in Casting, Conservation, Fly Fishing Skills, and Fly Tying. The new casting challenges progressing from Bronze, Silver and Gold are a fun way to improve your casting skills.

FFI's Fly Tying Video Library offers over 1,000 fly tying videos that have been reviewed and approved by our Fly Tying Group to provide quality teaching videos from a variety of tiers. This library brings the best of the best in one place!

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MARCH 2022 UPSTREAM EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONTACT
March 2nd	Bugs 101, Wild Women only	wildwomen@coflyfishers.org
March 8th	Nature Sketching, Wild Women only	wildwomen@coflyfishers.org
March 16th	General Meeting, Elks Lodge @ 7:00 PM	
March 19th	Kokanee Outing at Lake Billy Chinook	Eric's Mail, whitehaus692@gmail.com
March 19th	Beginner and Intermediate Casting Classes	Dean McNaught, gdean11@aol.com.
March 24th	Board of Directors Meeting, @ 6:00 PM, Location TBD	

In the Future

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONTACT
April 3rd	Wild Women of the Water - 10:00am – 3:00pm - Flyfishing 101	Kari, schoessler.karivan@gmail.com or Sue susancoyle13@gmail.com
April 9th	Crooked River Cleanup, 10am	Pete, pcmartin@bendbroadband.com
April 14-17th	Owyhee River Outing	Eric's Mail, whitehaus692@gmail.com
May 8th	South Twin Lake Outing	Eric's Mail, whitehaus692@gmail.com
June 11th – 18th	East Lake Outing, Wild Women only	wildwomen@coflyfishers.org
June 16th	Crane Prairie - Quinn River Outing	Eric's Mail, whitehaus692@gmail.com
June 20th – 23rd	3 Day Youth Flyfishing Camp	Fred, nextcast@coflyfishers.org
June 22nd – 24th	Grand Rhonde Float Trip (full), Wild Women only	wildwomen@coflyfishers.org
July 15-17	John Day Outing	Eric's Mail, whitehaus692@gmail.com
August 15	Three Creek Lake Outing	Eric's Mail, whitehaus692@gmail.com
September 5	East Lake Outing	Eric's Mail, whitehaus692@gmail.com
October 8	Crane Prairie - North End Outing	Eric's Mail, whitehaus692@gmail.com



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