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RANDOM CAST

Sadly, we lost a valued member and friend February 11, when Fred Pelkey passed away. Let's all salute him our next time on the river.

Our Winter Seminar, featuring fly fisher/author Mike Lawson, was interesting, lots of fun and a bargain at only \$55 for members, including lunches. Mike provided a wealth of information on how to fish spring creeks and tail waters, demonstrated fly tying and casting techniques, and explained how to read the water, find the fish, and properly present a fly. Mike also was the speaker at our monthly meeting where the subject was Tactics and Techniques for Difficult Trout. If you missed the seminar or the meeting, you really missed out.

While Sunriver Anglers (SRA) members have attended our seminar for years, this is the first year COF and SRA have jointly sponsored the seminar. This year SRA took the lead in organizing the event, so COF will take the lead next year and we will alternate thereafter. We owe a special THANK YOU to Doug Vakoc and other members of SRA, as well as Bob Hammond, COF Education chairman, and those COF members who helped execute this fine event. If you have suggestions for next year's seminar, please let Bob know.

The February outings were well attended, with favorable weather and good fishing, so get out there in March when fishing should be even better. Review the outings schedule and contact the trip leaders now, so they can gauge interest and plan accordingly. We have a very active program for March, and there are fly-fishing outings and opportunities to volunteer. A few more volunteers may still be needed for the Kid's Pond at the Sportsman's Show March 11 to 14. It's a hoot helping kids catch their first fish, so volunteer for only a few hours and get into the Sportsman's Show free. On March 27, we also need volunteers to place cautionary signs on important spawning areas on the Wild and Scenic section of the Crooked River below Bowman Dam (a BBQ and fishing outing will follow once the signs are in place). Certified Angler and Aquatic Education Instructor training for the Kokanee Karnival program will also occur on March 27 (see details in this newsletter).

There are three outings in March. One outing is a four-day trip to the Owyhee River, which holds hungry, surface-oriented, huge brown trout. See the outings schedule for information about other outings.

Bill Seitz recently learned that ODFW was seeking grants from the Restoration and Enhancement (R&E) Board for blue chub control in Paulina Lake and rotenone treatment for goldfish in Mann Lake. The COF board submitted letters from COF in support of both grants to improve the fisheries. Bill Seitz prepared and sent the letters about two weeks ago. Ted Wise, ODFW fisheries biologist, notified COF that the R&E Board approved the grant for the Paulina Blue Chub Control project; COF support was an important factor in helping to get this grant approved.

Finally, please don't forget our annual Banquet! See the flyer in this issue and reserve your place now.

— Dick Olson



GENERAL MEETING

March 17 | 6:30 p.m. | Bend Senior Center, 1600 S.E. Reed Market Road, Bend

Rotenone treatment of Walton Lake and Antelope Flat Reservoir

Our March program will lead off with Brett Hodgson and Mike Harrington of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Hodgson and Harrington will describe the recent rotenone treatment of Walton Lake and Antelope Flat Reservoir to remove undesirable fish and to re-stock these bodies of water with trout.

Distribution and movement of redband trout and mountain whitefish in the Crooked River

Shivonne Nesbit, graduate student at Oregon State University, will follow with results of her investigation of the distribution and movement patterns of redband trout and mountain whitefish in the Wild & Scenic section of the Crooked River. During a two-year radio telemetry study, COF contributed financial assistance and provided volunteers to catch, help tag, and track both species. Shivonne's data will illuminate distribution and movement patterns as they relate to water releases from Bowman Dam, seasonal habitat use, spawn timing, and location.

— John Anderson

OUTINGS

Outings for 2010

Let me know if there is a trip that you would like to lead. Outings require a minimal amount of organizing, and I can give you some tips on how to make things go smoothly.

— Yancy Lind, Outings Coordinator
yancy_lind@ml.com or 788-5514

Owyhee River

Mar 18 to 21 | Lee Ann Ross (312-2568 or rossleeann@yahoo.com)

The Owyhee River downstream from Lake Owyhee Dam is one of Oregon's best-kept tailwater secrets. Fishing picks up in March as the ice eases off the river. It looks and fishes like the Crooked River, expect for the big brown trout. The best information I have found is from the Clackamas Fly-Fishers club website, available from: <http://clackamasflyfishers.org/CMS2/content/view/104/33/>. Within the article are two links to reports about their trip.

Directions: Take Highway 20 east to Burns and continue to Vale. In Vale, turn right on Glenn St. South, which becomes Lytle Blvd. Go for about 14 miles and you will come to a country store. Turn right behind the store. Lytle becomes Janeta Ave. for about a block. Turn left on Lytle again. Turn

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Outings 2010			
Month	Day	Leader	Destination
Mar	5	Yancy Lind	Upper Middle Deschutes (between Bend & Benham Falls)
Mar	18-21	Lee Ann Ross	Owyhee River
Mar	27	Bill Seitz	Crooked River (mark spawning sites & outing)
Apr	17	Yancy Lind	Middle Deschutes (near Crooked River Ranch)
May	1	Dave Semich	Davis Lake (bass)
May	13	Mike Tripp	Lower Deschutes float trip (Warm Springs to Trout Creek)
May	22	Yancy Lind	Little Cultus Lake
Jun	5-6	Bob Mullong	Prineville Crappie Marathon
Jun	10-11	John Anderson	Diamond Lake
Jun	17-25	Dave Dunahay	British Columbia
Jun	29-30	Mike Tripp	Upper Williamson River
Jul	24-25	Bob Mullong	Cow Camp Dry Fly Challenge
Aug	TBA	Gordon Chandler	East Lake
Aug	27-29	Yancy Lind	Lower Williamson/Wood River
Sep	9	Jerry Criss	Fall River
Oct	7-10	Eric Steele	Deschutes steelhead
Nov	20	Bill Seitz	Crooked River Cleanup & Outing

right on Owyhee Ave. and then left on Owyhee Lake Rd. Allow at least five hours of driving time from Bend to the campground.

Amenities: There are NO amenities at the campground; be sure to bring all of your own food, water, gear, and supplies. On Owyhee Lake Road, there is a bridge to the right just below the dam. I think there is a sign to the irrigation office. When you cross the bridge, the campsite will be on the right. The campsite is rustic — outhouse ONLY, no water or other facilities. Camp here or stay at a motel in Vale or Ontario. The 10 miles of fishing below the dam to Snively Hot Springs is the best fishing. Owyhee Lake Road is scenic, but the road is narrow and steep, and it twists and winds. Drive cautiously, especially if you are towing a trailer or driving an RV. Allow extra time to drive this stretch of road. Lake Owyhee State Park above the dam has a campground with full hookups and amenities, but it is closed until April 15.

This outing will be loosely organized, but that's half the fun. If you are interested in going, contact Lee Ann Ross, (312-2568 or rossleeann@yahoo.com).

Crooked River redband spawning project - 2010

Mar 27 | 10:00 a.m. | Big Bend Campground

On March 27, the Central Oregon Flyfishers (COF) will place cautionary signs on important spawning areas on the 12-mile Wild and Scenic section of the Crooked River downstream of Bowman Dam. The signs will identify the spawning sites and warn anglers that wading in the sites disturbs redband spawning activity and redds. Volunteers are needed to place 13 signs along the river bank. The signs will be in place until late June. This project will be a cooperative project with Crooked River Natural Resources Education Program (Prineville School District), the Bureau of Land Management, and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Volunteers will meet at Big Bend Campground at 10:00 a.m. COF volunteers will pair up with students and begin sign installation. Depending on the number of students and volunteers, I expect to have the signs in place by 11:30. All work parties will then return to Big Bend where we will discuss redband spawning behavior, white fish spawning behavior, river flows, and aquatic macroinvertebrates. Lunch (hot dogs, burgers, chips, and drinks) will be served for all volunteers. After lunch, COF volunteers will provide a fly-fishing seminar for interested students. I anticipate the function should be completed by 2:30 p.m. Volunteers should bring leather gloves, pliers, a hammer, and waders. Of course, you should bring your fishing gear too.

– Bill Seitz

British Columbia

Jun 17 through Jun 25 | Dave Dunahay (541-317-5843 or dunahay@bendbroadband.com)

Its time to plan the annual BC trip. For first timers, here's what you can expect:

Travel time: Plan to drive 13 to 14 hours. We will share the best routes at a planning meeting on April 27. You must have a passport to return to the United States.

Expenses: You will need approximately \$18 Canadian/night camping fee (only cash will be accepted). COF will assesses a \$75 (U.S.) fee to cover meals and other incidentals. An eight-day fishing license will cost about \$53 Canadian.

We will not be going to Trojan Pond this year. Finally, we will have a no-host optional meal in Logan Lake on the last evening.

Gear: Pontoon boats and belly boats seem to be the craft of choice, but prams work well also. Most lakes cannot be fished from shore. Bring a five or six-weight rod. These fish are athletic, and a few may be in the 24 to 26 inch range. A dry line and intermediate sinking lines work well. We'll discuss flies at our April meeting. Camping shelters include everything from RVs to tents.

Responsibilities: Everyone will share in camping duties (cooking, cleaning, making coffee, setting up and tak-
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ing down). Everyone must be willing to plan and/or cook a breakfast or dinner. COF will reimburse expenses. Everyone furnishes their own lunches.

To be on our mailing list, contact Dave Dunahay (Dunahay@bendbroadband.com or 541-317-5843). If Dave is not available, contact Bob Griffin (541-389-2070). Check the website (coflyfishers.org) for more details and updates

– Dave Dunahay

Perfect weather for Crooked River outing



Almost perfect weather was the bonus for the Crooked River COF outing on Feb. 20. A good group gathered at the Big Bend campground where the hosts provided a wide range of information to the group. John Anderson described the Czech nymphing technique, which uses multiple flies with a strike indicator and weight placed on the bottom of the fly string. Frank Turek described

the “chuck and duck” technique, which uses a strike indicator, multiple flies, and weight placed above the lead fly. Bill Seitz provided information about using multiple flies and a unique strike indicator arrangement. The three then described their favorite nymphs for the Crooked River and gave fishing demonstrations using these techniques. Lots of notes were taken. The group then hit the river at several locations using the maps John provided. Those fishing upstream near the dam got a real highlight fishing in the sun when a golden eagle flew about 50 feet overhead. The group landed lots of trout and mountain whitefish.

– Frank Turek & John Anderson



COF members gather at Big Bend Campground for the Crooked River outing.
PHOTO: Frank Turek

EDUCATION

Winter fly-tying series

We will tie every Tuesday night through March 30, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Bend Senior Center. **If you would like to sign up, send me an e-mail (steelefly@msn.com) with COF tying in the subject.**

Please remember to bring \$5.00 (cash or check), your tying tools, and thread. All other materials will be supplied. You may attend any or all of the 13 classes. If you plan to attend a class, it is helpful, but not necessary to let me know in advance.

Prior to each class, you will receive an email with the program information and thread type and color you will need.

– Sherry Steele (541-549-207)

2010 COF Winter Fly-tying Classes

Date	Host	Theme
Mar 2	Wes Wada	Chironomid pupa, unusual CDC midge emerger, pine squirrel strip weedless mini-bugger
Mar 9	Bill Seitz	Bill's proven patterns
Mar 16	Jerry Criss	spring creek flies
Mar 23	Jim Fisher	Yellowstone Regon flies
Mar 30	Sherry Steele	Tie flies for COF Banquet Fund-raiser (April 10)

Angler and aquatic education instructor training

Certified Angler and Aquatic Education Instructor training will be held Saturday, March 27, 2010, 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Deschutes Watershed District Office (61374 Parrell Road, Bend).

Contact Bob "Capt Caddis" Mullong (541-389-4372 or capt@bendnet.com) for pre-registration. **Please pre-register so I can have materials available for everyone!**

– Bob Mullong

Your RSVP is important!

PLEASE. PLEASE. PLEASE. Please let us know if you plan to attend a class or an outing. We often don't know until the last minute whether people are coming. For classes, guides give up a day of guiding (and thus a day of potential income) to host a class for us. We have cancelled classes in the past for apparent lack of interest only to be asked later by members why we cancelled the class — they were planning to come, they just didn't let us know! So please just send an email or call the outing leader or contact person for the class and let them know you're interested.

– Lee Ann Ross

Pelton Dam fish transfer facility tour

April 3 | limited to 10 COF members

A tour of the Pelton Dam fish transfer facility will be offered to a small group of COF members by Don Ratliff, Portland General Electric's senior aquatic biologist, on Saturday, April 3. More than a dozen years in planning and two more in construction, the facility promises to restore runs of steelhead and salmon to the upper Deschutes. Following the announcement of the outing at the February meeting, most of the ten available slots were quickly spoken for. There is a possibility of another tour later in April. If you are interested, send me email (education@coflyfishers.org). I will place your name on a waiting list and try to arrange another tour.

– Bob Hammond

Ladies fly-fishing class

May 8 | Crooked River, Lone Pine Campground | \$25

COF will host a ladies-only fly-fishing class Saturday, May 8 at the Lone Pine Campground on the Crooked River. Steve Light from Fly and Field Outfitters will be the instructor. Non COF members may enroll. Class size will be limited to the first 20 women who enroll and pay the \$25 fee. Participants supply their own lunch. If you or someone you know is interested in taking the class, please contact Bob Hammond (education@coflyfishers.org or 541-678-8535). More detail will be in the April newsletter.

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Winter seminar well attended

This year's Winter Seminar, hosted by Sunriver Anglers/COF on February 17 and 18, featured Mike Lawson, founder of Henry's Fork Anglers. Mike spent two full days with approximately 60 members of the two clubs, discussing topics ranging from fly selection to nymphing strategies, demonstrating casting techniques learned firsthand from Kreh and Krieger, tying his favorite fly patterns, and describing the home waters he's spent his lifetime exploring. To be able to spend this much time with a giant of the sport such as Mike is truly one of the outstanding benefits COF offers its members.

– Bob Hammond

WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

Preparing for spring fishing

Spring is just around the corner, and that means dusting off the gear and taking stock. Our March get together will help you prepare your fly box, rod, reel and the rest of your must haves. Watch your email for more details.

Please feel free to pass along an invitation to any women who might be interested in participating. For more information about Wild Women of the Water, contact Kristin at wildwomen@coflyfishers.org.

A special thanks to Marv Yoshinaka from the Sunriver Anglers for his wonderful presentation at our February gathering. I think that we will all feel more confident in our quest to match hatches.

– Kristin Lambson

OTHER NEWS

2010 Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo

March 12 & 13 | Albany, Oregon | www.nwflytyerexpo.com

The 2010 Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo is set for March 12 and 13, 2010 at the Linn County Fairground and Expo Center in Albany Oregon.

The NW Fly Tyer and Fishing Expo brings together the social network of fly fishermen throughout the Northwest, Northern California, and Idaho. Over 2,000 people attended last year's Expo. The NW Expo has been heralded as the "largest fly tying event west of the Mississippi," and the class offering (over 80 classes) is the largest on the west coast. Class choices include: fly tying techniques, fly casting (single and two handed), and fly-fishing techniques. The NW Fly Tyer Expo is sponsored by the non-profit organization, Oregon Council of Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF). All

proceeds are dedicated to education and conservation efforts within the state.

There will be 80 classes on tying and casting, free demonstrations of same with nearly 200 tyers demonstrating in shifts all day, both days, plus 59 different vendors of products of interest to fly fishers, "where and how to" programs, raffles, and silent and oral auctions of quality merchandise. Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) members are admitted for free, non-members pay only \$5.00. If you attend and are not yet an FFF member, you can join, and then get in free, basically a \$5.00 discount for your membership! There is no charge for parking at the Linn County Fairgrounds facilities.

On Saturday evening, there will be an opportunity to meet and mingle with fly tyers and instructors with a no-host bar, followed by the annual banquet and oral auction to conclude the festivities. It is not necessary to buy a dinner ticket to attend the auction.

To learn more about the Expo, sign up for classes, or purchase banquet tickets: www.nwflytyerexpo.com

To volunteer, contact Sherry Steele (steelefly@msn.com or 541-549-2072). Volunteers will receive a free pass to the expo.

Free fly-fishing clinic for high school students

March 13 | 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. | Northwest Fly Tyer's Expo

A free fly-fishing clinic for high school students will be held at the 2010 Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo. Clinic will include the following:

- Casting Lessons
- Presentation and Line Management
- Fish Identification and Fish Fighting
- Learn to tie the Perfection Loop
- Free Flies from Cascade Christian High Fly Fishing Class
- All equipment provided

Fly Fishing the Deschutes and other western rivers

Mar 20, 21 or Apr 24, 25 | Saturday (2:00 to 5:00 p.m.), Sunday 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. | Imperial Hotel, Maupin

Pre-registration required (class size limited to 12 people). Workshop includes: Saturday – presentations with Rick Haefle & John Smeraglio, plus dinner; Sunday – breakfast, three-hour slide show, lunch and on-stream instruction. Cost for dinner, breakfast, lunch, slide shows and streamside instruction: \$150/person, \$180 if booked less than two weeks before class date (Full refund if cancelled 10 days or more before class date. No refunds for cancellations less than 10 days before class.) More information: [info www.flyfishingdeschutes.com](http://info.www.flyfishingdeschutes.com)

Spring fishing on the Lower Deschutes: new challenges

Historically, fishing the lower Deschutes meant nymphing for the first few weeks after the spring opener. Water temperatures were cold, but occasionally some dry fly action could be found on Blue Winged Olive (*Baetis*) hatches. The salmon fly and golden stone emergences could be targeted for late May and early June, along with the multiple other overlapping hatches that add spice to this fishery. All this may be about to change.

At the January 28 meeting of Deschutes Chapter of Trout Unlimited, James Bartlett and Don Ratliff of Pacific Gas and Electric gave the audience an update on the steelhead/salmon reintroduction project in the upper Deschutes River basin. The review of the multiple and diverse research studies done over the 15 years preceding the hydroelectric relicensing of the Pelton-Round Butte dams was an eye opener. The review of the engineering and initial operation of the fish collecting and temperature regulating tower was truly impressive—too much information to review here.

The goal of this \$100 million dollar project is to reintroduce anadromous fish to the Deschutes basin AND alter seasonal temperature fluctuations in the lower Deschutes. Correction of these seasonal violations of Federal water standards was a condition for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission relicensing application. The impact on our fishing in the lower Deschutes could be profound.

Modeling of the temperature-regulating effects of the tower predicts earlier spring warming in the lower Deschutes. The magnitude is such that hatches may occur up to a month earlier than historically.

—Mike Tripp and Bill Seitz

Aquatic invasive species prevention program gears up

Rick Boatner, ODFW's new Aquatic Invasive Program coordinator, is eager to get out of the office and start talking to people, but he has some work to do first. Tasked with setting up an aquatic invasive species prevention program by the 2009 State Legislature, ODFW and the Oregon Marine Board are on a fast track to get it up and running before spring boating season. Boatner's first task is to hire and train program staff.

"By May, we'll have five, two-person teams on the ground—a permanent team in Salem and seasonal teams in La Grande, Clackamas, Central Point, and Madras," said Boatner. "They'll inspect boats for nonnative aquatic species, teach people how to adequately inspect and clean boats, and educate them about invasive species."

Outreach is a critical component of the program. If quagga and zebra mussels get into our waters, it will be by boat, and if they become established, the expense to Oregonians

will be huge. Recreational anglers will not be happy either. In California, a number of water bodies have been closed to anglers due to invasive mussels and recreational fisheries in the Great Lakes are affected as the mussels disrupt the aquatic food chain.

Although quagga and zebra mussels are on everyone's most wanted list, other lesser known, but dangerous invaders, are also targeted through the program. "Kayaks, canoes, and drift boats can transport tiny invaders such as Japanese and New Zealand mud snails, and whirling disease spores and plant fragments have been found inside paddlecraft," said Boatner. "The message today is: if you are moving your boat between water bodies, you have to 'clean, drain and dry.'"

To deliver the message, Boatner and the new watercraft inspection teams will spend a lot of time at boat launches, at entry points to the state, at boat shows, and training events—talking and teaching.

To fund the new Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention program, most boaters who launch boats in Oregon waters will need an Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Permit. Registered power boat owners pay a \$5 fee with their boat registrations. Kayakers and other paddlecraft operators with boats 10 feet long or longer are required to purchase a \$7 (\$5 permit, \$2 agent fee) annual permit.

Information on the program and where to buy a permit available from the ODFW Web site: <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/conservationstrategy/index.asp>

Information on zebra and quagga mussels: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/conservationstrategy/invasive_species/most_unwanted.asp

—Jennifer Luke, STEP Biologist

Ponderosa seedlings benefit school

Upper Deschutes River Coalition is selling Ponderosa pine tree seedlings to help Sunriver's local K-8 Three Rivers School. Each bag of 50 seedlings comes with stem protectors and planting instructions. \$50 per bag. Order by March 15 at www.udrc.org or call Carl Jansen (541-593-2777).

CONSERVATION

The Bull Trout and the Endangered Species Act

Central Oregon is rather unique in that the status of two species of fish in the trout family (the steelhead trout and the bull trout) that inhabit the rivers we fish is classed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Generally, once a species is listed as threatened or endangered, the federal agency responsible for managing that species determines what geographical areas are critical habitat for recovery

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of the species. Once critical habitat is designated, a team of fishery biologists then develops a recovery plan that outlines management actions that are necessary for recovery of the species. Many of you are familiar with the recent introduction of steelhead (and Chinook salmon) in the Upper Deschutes River basin. The reintroduction efforts were triggered, in part, because of actions identified in the Columbia River basin steelhead recovery plan.

Recently, several members of the Central Oregon Flyfishers attended a public meeting that outlined the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) proposal for bull trout critical habitat. For information, the National Marine Fisheries Service has management responsibility for anadromous fish species (fish that spawn in freshwater and migrate to and from salt water) such as the steelhead and the Chinook salmon, and the FWS has management responsibility for resident species such as the bull trout.

What is critical habitat?

Critical habitat, as defined in the ESA, is a specific geographic area(s) that contains features essential for the conservation of a threatened or endangered species and that may require special management and protection. Critical habitat may include an area that is not currently occupied by the species but will be needed for its recovery. How does the NMFS and the FWS determine what areas to designate as critical habitat? Biologists consider physical and biological features needed for life processes and successful reproduction of the species. These include: 1) space for individual and population growth and for normal behavior, 2) cover or shelter, 3) food,

water, air, light, minerals or other nutritional or physiological requirements, 4) sites for breeding and rearing offspring, and 5) habitats that are protected from disturbances or are representative of historical geographical and ecological distributions of a species.

How does critical habitat affect Central Oregon?

How does this proposed critical habitat designation relate to the bull trout in Central Oregon? The FWS is proposing that river habitat in the Metolius River basin, Whychus Creek, the Crooked River up to Highway 97, and the Deschutes River basin upstream of Lake Billy Chinook to Big Falls be designated as critical bull trout habitat. Areas in and around Odell Lake were also included. What about the Upper Deschutes basin upstream of Bend? Although this area once had robust populations of bull trout, it is unoccupied and has been for years. There have been many land use actions that have caused the demise of the bull trout in the river (construction of three irrigation reservoirs – Wickiup, Crane Prairie, and Crescent; altered seasonal river flows; removal of wood from river; fishery management in the reservoirs; and bank erosion). As a result of nearly 60 years of adverse actions, the current habitat is badly degraded. Fishery biologists have judged the former but now unoccupied habitat not critical for the recovery of the species in the Northwest.

For more information about the bull trout, the areas proposed by the FWS as bull trout critical habitat, and the draft recovery plan for the bull trout, and to submit comment to the FWS, go to: www.fws.gov/pacific/bulltrout/#fact

– Bill Seitz, *Conservation Chair*



Handicapped access ramp under construction at Shevlin Pond.

TYERS CORNER

“If only the snow would stop!” are words we haven’t heard in a few weeks. Let’s hope that we get more of the important white stuff, but please not at all at once. The fishing has been good. With weather like this, there is no excuse not to fish. The Crooked is doing well, mostly with nymphs, as well as the Deschutes above Reed Market Road. Fish deep in the current seams for best results. The Fall has inconsistent hatches of BWOs, and the usual patterns work well.

As March approaches, so does the possibility of March Brown hatches. For those who read this column regularly, you know that emergers are some of my favorite patterns. The reason is you can fish them on top as dries or let them sink to whatever depth you like until you start getting fish. The pattern this month is a one by Andy Burk, and it works very well. The snowshoe rabbit-foot wing floats the fly very well; once it goes under, it provides great action. You may use CDC in place of the rabbit; it will provide more action than the rabbit once the fly has gone deep. When fishing the pattern dry, be sure to watch your drag, and control it with good mending technique. If fishing deep, keep drag at a minimum and at the end of the swing let the fly rise naturally, for that is when you get most of your hits.

Don’t forget the COF Tuesday fly tying. The instructors have been great, and the class room has been full most nights. So bring your vice, thread, and courage and join us. Happy Hunting.

–Jerry Criss (541-536-3581 or tlfly44@msn.com)

March Brown Emerger (By Andy Burk)



Pick out the dubbing for a buggy body. Select a partridge feather with a length just long enough to reach the bend of the hook. Tie in the feather by the tip, wind two times, and tie it off. The snowshoe rabbit can be a little difficult to work, so take time in preparing it and things will go much easier. Take a small amount of the rabbit and pick out the under fur. The next step might take time to master, but it is worth the trouble. Cut the rabbit to length before tying it in. (The length should not go past the bend of the hook.) Put a drop of head cement on cut ends, which should be straight and even. Align the wing, take a couple of soft wraps, and pull down on the thread while holding the wing in position. (This will keep the wing from slipping out from under the wraps and keep it on top.) Wrap the rabbit in tight and finish with a nice clean head. Apply a few coats of head cement.

Hook: Dai-Riki #306, #14 to #10

Thread: tan or brown, 8/0 or 14/0

Tail: lemon duck barbs, 6 to 8 depending on the hook size

Body: natural hares ear dubbing, light and dark to match hatch

Rib: gold wire, small

Collar: partridge (the light gray feathers with good bar markings)

Wing: snowshoe rabbit foot, natural to dark brown

Tie in the lemon duck tails with a length equal to the hook shank. Tie in the wire rib, then dub the body forward; increase the size of the body as you move toward the eye of the hook. Leave room for the collar, legs, and wing. Bring the rib forward in even turns and tie it off at your stopping point.

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: Northstar TS1000 2009 pop-up, like new, perfect cond., fiberglass w/graphics, pre-wired, dbl. sink, many other options. Paid \$18,785. Will sell for \$14,995. 541-593-1546.

Annual Banquet Fundraiser

Saturday, April 10, 2010 • 5:30 p.m.
Broken Top Club

BEFORE March 1 - \$30 per person & Automatic entry in the early bird fly rod drawing

March 1 to 24 - \$35 per person

March 25 to April 3 - \$40 per person (no dinner sales after April 3)

Questions? Contact Eric Steele (541-549-2072 or banquet@coflyfishers.org)

You're invited to attend COF's primary fundraising event to support the Kokanee Karnival Youth Education Program, club activities, membership services, our conservation program, and habitat restoration efforts. Join the fun, share stories, 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. If you take advantage of the early bird registration, you will save \$5 and be automatically entered in the fly rod drawing.

Conservation



COF members, with assistance from Prineville High School students, assembled and placed educational signs along the Crooked River.



Mail completed form, your dinner choice, and your check (\$30/person BEFORE Mar 1 • \$35/person Mar 1 to 24 • \$40/person Mar 25 to Apr 3) to COF BANQUET, P.O. Box 1126, Bend, OR 97709. (See menu and map on next page.)

PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____ Steak ____ Chicken ____

Spouse/Guest(s) _____ Steak ____ Chicken ____

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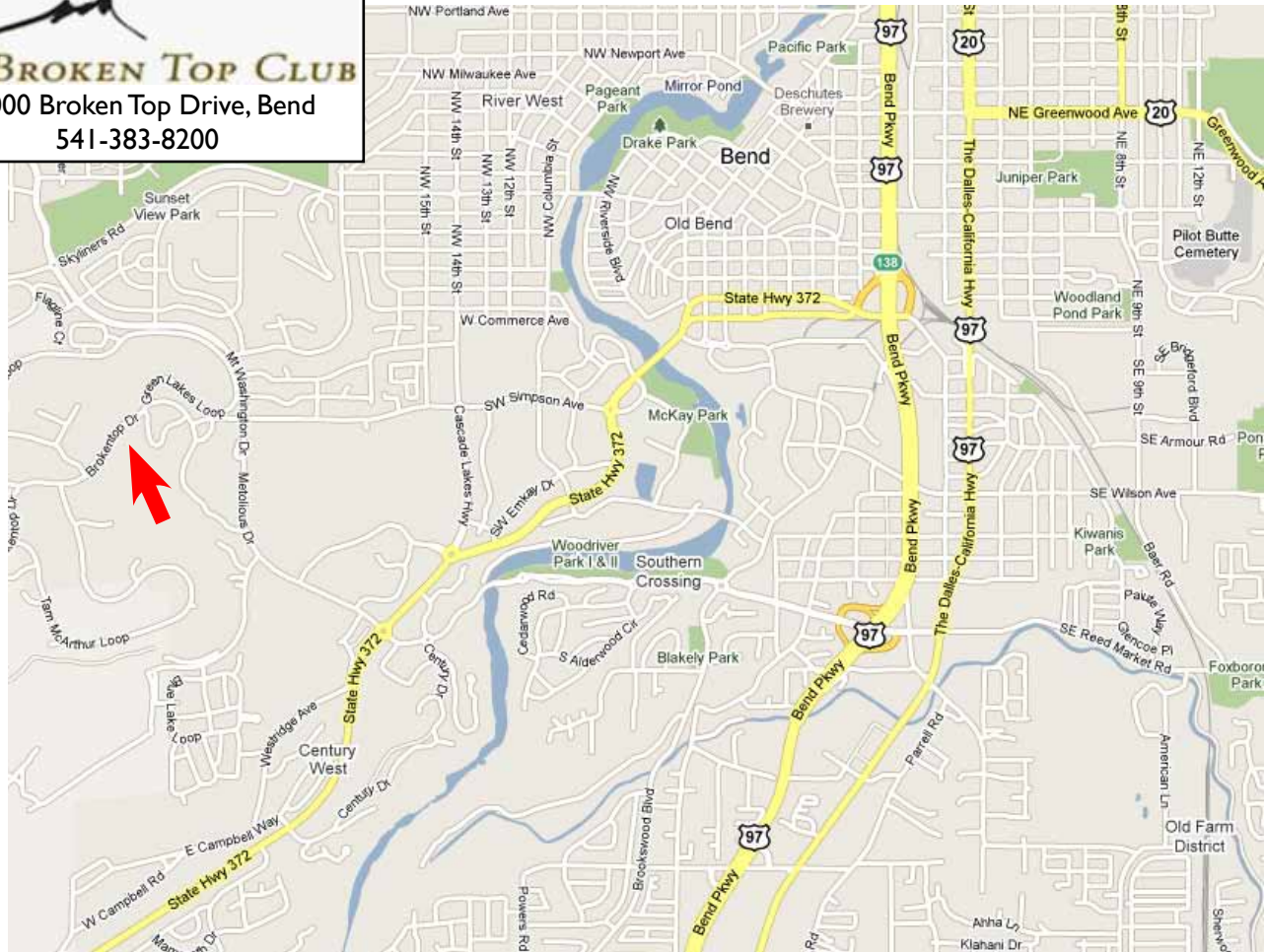
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City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____

Amount enclosed (circle one): \$30 or \$35 or \$40/person ____ **BEFORE March 1** - \$30 per person & Automatic entry in the early bird fly rod drawing • **March 1 to 24** - \$35 per person • **March 25 to April 3** - \$40 per person

BROKEN TOP CLUB
 62000 Broken Top Drive, Bend
 541-383-8200



Banquet Menu

APPETIZERS

Caramelized onion turnovers
 Risotto Croquettes with Chipotle Aioli
 Broken Top Salad • Rolls and Butter

ENTRÉE

Choice of:

Roasted Bone in Chicken Breast with Tarragon Cream Sauce,
 Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

OR

Grilled Cowboy Steak with Garlic Shallot Compound Butter
 with Wild Mushroom Demi, Topped with Lemon Garlic Prawns
 and Seasonal Vegetables

DESSERT

Tiramisu

BAR

Two bottles of wine per table
 No host cocktails

Banquet Program

In keeping with this year's theme of conservation, Terry Steele, wildlife/nature photographer, will present the banquet program. Steele, a fifth generation native of Eastern Oregon, grew up in a hunting/trapping/fishing culture. A self-taught naturalist and photographer, his skills as an outdoorsman have often put him in intimate contact with the wildlife he photographs. Steele loves to share his experiences with others and is well known for his "folksy" and entertaining presentations. He has presented programs to Audubon Societies, the Eugene Natural History Society, the Newport Performing Arts Center, Oregon State University (Science Lecture Series), and numerous other organizations in Oregon.

Central Oregon Flyfishers Up-Stream Events 2010

Date	Time	Activity	Location	Contact
MARCH				
Mar 4	6:30 pm	monthly board mtg.	Environmental Center	Dick Olson (president@cof.org)
Mar 5		OUTING - Upper Middle Deschutes	Outing is full!	Yancy Lind (yancy_lind@ml.com)
Mar 11-14		Sportsman's Show		Don Morgan (donmorgan@ bendbroadband.com or 541-633-7468)
Mar 17	6:30 pm	general meeting	Bend Senior Center	
Mar 18-21		OUTING - Owyhee River		Lee Ann Ross (541-312-2568 or rossleeann@yahoo.com)
Mar 27	10:00 am	Mark Spawning Areas - Crooked R.	Big Bend Campground	Bill Seitz (541-330-8186 or conservation@coflyfishers.org)
Mar 27		Angler Education Training	ODFW Office	Bob "Capt Caddis" Mullong (541-389-4372 or capt@bendnet.com)

IN THE FUTURE

Apr 3		Pelton Dam tour	Bob Hammond (bobhammond@bendbroadband.com or 541-678-8535)
Apr 10		ANNUAL BANQUET	Eric Steele (steelefly2@msn.com or 549-2072)
May 8		Ladies fly-fishing class	Bob Hammond (bobhammond@bendbroadband.com or 541-678-8535)
Jun 17-25		annual trip to British Columbia	Dave Dunahay (541-317-5843 or dunahay@bendbroadband.com)

NON-CLUB ACTIVITIES & FYI

Mar 12 & 13, 10:00 a.m., NW Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo, Linn County Expo Center, Albany, OR, Sherry Steele (steelefly@msn.com)

Mar 20 & 21 and Apr 24 & 25, Fly Fishing the Deschutes & Other Western Rivers, info www.flyfishingdeschutes.com

May 14 (Ladies Day), 15, 16, Sandy River Spey Clave, Oxbow Park, Sandy, OR, <http://www.flyfishusa.com/spey-clave.htm>

2010 COF Board Members: Dick Olson PRESIDENT Lee Ann Ross VICE PRESIDENT Susan Telford TREASURER Bill Raleigh SECRETARY John Anderson Programs Eric Steele Banquet, Fund raising Yancy Lind Outings Dennis Rockwell Past President Craig Dennis Membership Bill Seitz Conservation Bob Hammond Education Frank Turek Kokanee Karnival Donna Hatheway Raffle

Membership

Welcome

NEW MEMBERS: Nancy & Arthur Allen, Patrick Davidson, Barry & Deb Garley, Myron & Carol Holub, Bob & Cindie Hooton, Dennis & Linda Huserik, Tom & Kathie Kellogg, and Mick & Jeannie Lumetta

We have 193 members. We will miss seventy members from last year (including five Honorary Life members) who have declined to renew their memberships).

If you wish to rejoin, go to coflyfishers.org to fill in a form. Or contact membership@coflyfishers.org, and I will mail a pre-filled form to edit and sign.

Current rosters are available by request, so please contact me at the next meeting, send email to membership@coflyfishers.org with ROSTER as the subject, or mail me a card at Membership Services, PO BOX 1126, Bend, OR 97709. (Please indicate if you want a PDF file or printed copy.) Printed copies will be available at the next meeting for those who request them by March 15.

If you are interested in becoming the next membership chairman, please contact me (membership@coflyfishers.org).

– Craig Dennis

We mourn the passing of an avid fly-fishing member, fly tyer, and friend, Fred Pelkey, who passed away February 11.





Kokanee Karnival

Kokanee Karnival needs your help with the Angling Clinic, held at Shevlin Pond for seven days, April 26 through April 30 and May 3 and

4. Two classes will attend each day. Morning activities include:

- Fish Biology/Care of Catch
- Knot Tying
- Fishing Tackle/Angling Methods
- Casting/Water Safety

Students are divided into four groups and rotate to each activity. After lunch (provided for students and volunteers), students are divided into small groups and fish in Shevlin Pond. Volunteers lead the groups of students to help them fish for trout. Students who catch a fish receive a First Fish certificate. Students may choose to take home their cleaned fish.

We need volunteers to work with the students. If you have NOT participated before, you will be teamed with an experienced volunteer. If you can volunteer for one full day or a few days, that will be great. If you have limited time available, you can volunteer for a half day, morning or afternoon. The Angling Clinic starts at 8:45

(setup) and ends about 3:00 (after cleanup). The students and teachers who attend this clinic sure appreciate the volunteer help. **Contact Frank Turek (541-381-7507 or waldo1ft@msn.com).**

Twenty-eight classes (668 students) have signed up for the Angler Education KK program. We have a waiting list for additional classes. We need some volunteers for teaching Angler Education, but you have to be certified by the State. (See Angler and aquatic education instructor training, page 4.) Remember, you have to be cleared by the State before teaching Angler Education.

The Eggs to Fry program will begin after the schools' spring break. The eggs will be delivered by KK volunteers on March 31 to 27 classes. All will receive crainbow eggs, and the fry can be released upstream of Benham Falls in the Deschutes or in locations such as Shevlin Pond or Pine Nursery Pond. The three new incubators funded by a grant from Rotary Club of Bend will be delivered to classrooms this March. They will go to Marci Adams's class at High Lakes Elementary, Kelli Offenhauser's class at High Lakes Elementary, and Sandi Phillips's class at Ensworth Elementary. The fish dissection program is also moving forward.

Fall Streamside Clinic: September 20 to 24

– Frank Turek

Membership application available from: <http://www.coflyfishers.org>

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