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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The annual COF Banquet is just a few days away. Once again, the banquet will be held at the Riverhouse in Bend. Debbie Norton, Eric Steele, and their committees are putting together a great evening. If you have items you would like to donate, it's time to contact Debbie and get those items to her. This banquet is COF's major fund-raising event for the year. Funds raised by the banquet support all of our youth programs and other club activities.

The Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show will be held at the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center March 6 through 9. Cliff Price is organizing volunteers for the kid's fishing pond. It's lots of fun for the kids and adults. Volunteers get into the show for free, and this event raises money for COF. To help out, just call Cliff, and he'll assign you to a time slot.

COF has signed a letter requesting fish passage be included in the negotiations between the City of Bend/Park District Ad Hoc Committee and Pacific Power and Light regarding the future of the dam at Newport Avenue. COF board members voted to continue financial support of Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's efforts to remove tui chub from East Lake and Big Lava Lake. See Conservation in this newsletter for more information.

Hope to see you at the Banquet.

— Dave Dunahay (president@coflyfishers.org)



Members who participated in the net-building class, run by Steve Stevens, created beautiful landing nets. PHOTO: Steve Stevens.



GENERAL MEETING

Mar 19 | 6:00 P.M. | Bend Senior Center, 1600 S.E. Reed Market Road, Bend

COF activities and functions – Where do you fit in?

The March program will feature a presentation of COF activities and functions to help members gain a better understanding of exactly what COF does. With about 250 members, COF has programs focused on education and conservation, and the club gets involved in numerous projects. Bring a friend. Find out how you can fit in and how you can derive the maximum benefit from your membership.

- Dave Dunahay will discuss the success and continuing efforts of the tui chub removal program at East, Paulina and Big Lava lakes and COF's important role in this program.
- Lee Ann Ross will discuss the Wild Women of the Water program.
- Steve Stevens will talk about educational opportunities.
- Eric Steele will give us an update on COF outings.
- Frank Turek, Kokanee Karnival organizer extraordinaire, will talk about this highly successful, all volunteer-driven, youth-education program, including its history and classroom and field components. Frank will explain how you can volunteer a small amount of time and make a huge difference in the lives of students who participate in Kokanee Karnival.
- Karen Kreft will provide an overview of the Next Cast Flyfishers youth education program and review current activities, and volunteer opportunities.
- Sherry Steele, President, Oregon Council IFFF, will answer the question "What does the IFFF do for me?"

OUTINGS

Call for 2014 outings destinations and leaders

What destinations would you like to go to in 2014? If you are interested in leading an outing, no experience necessary, contact me at the monthly meeting, by phone (541-549-2072), or email (outings@coflyfishers.org).

– Eric Steele, Outings Coordinator

Owyhee River outing

March 23–26, Sunday to Wednesday

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

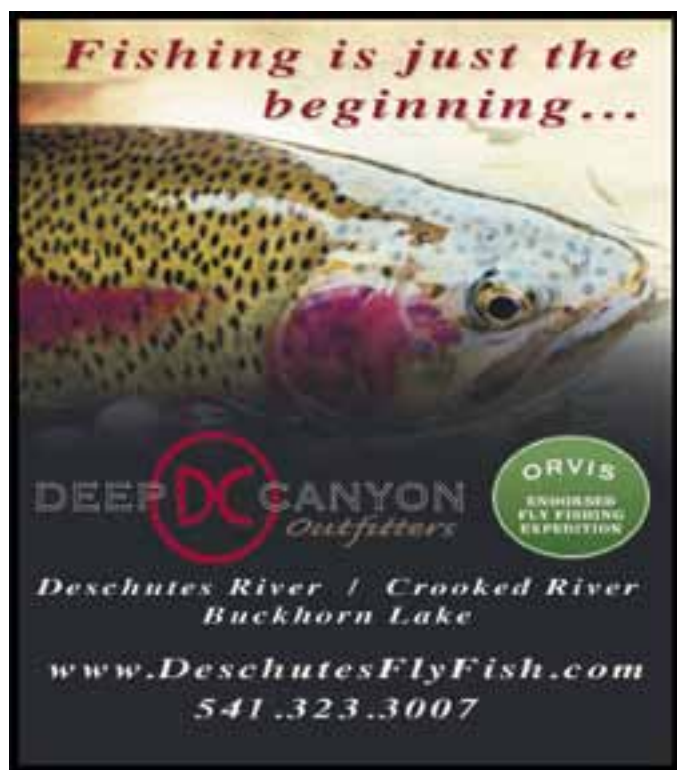
OUTINGS 2014

Month	Day	Destination	Leader
Mar	23-26	Owyhee River	Lee Ann Ross
May	3 or 10	Lower Deschutes R. float trip	Eric Steele
May	TBA	Davis Lake	Dave Semich
Jun	6, 7, 8	Prineville Reservoir	Betsy Brauer Mullong
Jun	14-15	Wild Women at Hosmer	Kari Schoessler
Jun	19-25	Upper Rogue River	Eric Steele
Jun	20-23	Blitzen river	Richard Yates
Jun	15-18	Chewaucan River	Rick Sironen
Jul	TBA	East Lake	Quentin Stanko
Aug	19	Aspen Hall - BBQ	
Sep/Oct	TBA	Lower Deschutes River	Robert Gentry

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 ten dollars a head per night last year. **There is NO water, no cell service and no other facilities.** You have the choice of

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camping there, camping along the river, or staying at a motel in Vale or Ontario. Unlike the Crooked, there are no developed campgrounds along the river. You just pull over and set up camp. The 10 miles of fishing below the dam to Snively Hot Springs is the best fishing.

For current information, check out the Dry Fly Innovations blog at: <http://www.dryflyinnovations.com/blog>. On this site, go back to last March to see how the hatch was a year ago. Their stone flies are killer.

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 outside of the campground and leave the camping area for tenters and small trailers.

— Lee Ann Ross, rossleeann@yahoo.com.

Annual Crooked River cleanup and outing

Saturday, April 5

Last year's cleanup effort on the 12 miles of river on public land below the Bowman Dam was a big success due to a lot of volunteer effort by more than 20 COF members. Like last year, we'll meet at the Big Bend Campground (the campground just downstream from Bowman Dam) at 9:00 a.m. Around noon, we'll all meet at the campground for lunch. Terri Grimm has volunteered to serve up the lunch this year. In previous years, she has prepared outstanding Dutch oven desserts for the cleanup, so lunch should be really good. After lunch, there will be a club fishing outing on the river. Members will be available to provide instruction on nymphing techniques. New members should check out the Crooked River fishing PowerPoint presentations under "Presentations" on the COF web site (www.coflyfishers.org). The presentations provide a good start for a successful trip to the Crooked. This outing is a good opportunity to volunteer for a club

conservation activity, get a free lunch, and catch a few rainbows and whitefish. If you would like to help out, email me (wseitz@bendbroadband.com) so we can get a head count for lunch.

— Bill Seitz

EDUCATION

March is nearly here and that means our high country fishing season is coming soon. It's time to inspect the gear and make sure it's ready for action. If you have been fishing all winter, you still need to take some time and get ready for more trips. Chances are those fly lines haven't been well cleaned in awhile. Cork on the rods needs to be gently washed and reel seats checked for dirt and cleaned. Find the loose guides on your rods and get them re-wrapped.

Waders always seem to need attention. Find those pesky leaks. Fix the straps. Find the gravel guards. Make sure the boots still have their soles attached. Laces still OK?

Float tubes and pontoon boats, foot fins, oars, and air pumps—be sure these things still hold air.

Clean out the vest. Take out everything and get rid of the twigs and leaves. Make sure the leaders, sun block, floatant, bandages and spare lighter are still in the vest.

Now is the time to do repairs and get everything cleaned up. I have made a promise to myself to be better prepared this year. We'll see how that works out.

Members have completed several educational programs. There are new rods, flies, and soon some new landing nets.

We need your feedback though. What can we do to help make your 2014 fishing year the best ever? Send me an email or talk to me at the next meeting.

— Steve Stevens (education@coflyfishers.org)



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Winter fly-tying series

The COF winter fly-tying classes continue every Tuesday evening through March 25. Classes have been well attended, and lots of great flies tied have been tied.

Thanks to our recent instructors who taught fly patterns the last few weeks: Jeff Perin, Jerry Criss, Mike Telford and Wes Wada.

Join us for one or all of the remaining classes. One-on-one instruction is limited. You should have a basic understanding of fly tying.

Meet at the Bend Senior Center at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$5 per session to offset the room and materials.

— John Kreft (503-559-3811 or jckreft@gmail.com)

WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

Upcoming events

The Wild Women are looking forward to the NW Fly Tying and Fly Fishing Expo in Albany on Sunday, March 9. If you would like to join our day trip and carpool, please send me an email. Expo information available from: www.nwexpo.com.

- Make a pair of earrings with Sherry Steele in April, using fly tying methods. No experience required. Details TBA.
- Stop by Sportsmen's Warehouse on May 1 for ladies night.
- Join the Wild Women at Hosmer Lake on Fathers' Day weekend, June 14 and 15. Details TBA.

— Kari Schoessler (wildwomen@coflyfishers.org)

MEMBERSHIP

Stayed tuned for information on the membership database that will be available on the COF web site. There will be members-only access to the club roster. The number of active members currently stands at 270.

Welcome New Members

Dennis Ackerman and Shannon Patterson

— Tim Schindele (membership@coflyfishers.org)

NEXT CAST FLYFISHERS

Next Cast Flyfishers spring activities

The Next Cast Flyfishers are looking forward to spring activities. We will be back in the classroom at REALMS to teach the basics of knot tying, casting, insect collecting and identification and gear and equipment. Students also tie flies and participate in fishing outings. Last year, we had success fishing on the Crooked River and at Shevlin Park.

The classes offer an opportunity for volunteers to work with students. There are options for indoor and outdoor classes. We would be happy to have you join us!

- The Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show in Redmond, March 6-9, will have a fishing pond loaded with trout for the kids to catch and keep!
- This year the NW Fly Tying and Fly Fishing Expo in Albany has a Family Fun Day scheduled for Sunday, March 9. Kids are welcome all of the days, but there will be special programs on Sunday. We hope to see you there!

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. Karen Kreft (503-409-0148 or nextcast@coflyfishers.org).

— Karen Kreft

LIBRARY

A friendly reminder from your COF librarian: If you have had a library item checked for over two months, please return it to the library at the next meeting. There are often two or three members who regularly check to see if specific items have been returned. Hal Janssens *Stillwater Secrets* has been in hot demand for the last three months! There is a waiting list for this book. Your help in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

As always, the library is open to all members – so, stop by and browse the new materials and the 250 additional holdings in the COF library.

John Tackmier, Librarian (541-549-6252)



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Mastering the Dead Drift—Indicator Nymphing Simplified and Perfected



This month's new and featured item is Aaron Jasper's DVD *Mastering the Dead Drift—Indicator Nymphing Simplified and Perfected*. Produced in 2013, this DVD says that, "The rigging itself is at the heart of 'The Dead Drift' technique, and variations on the rig depend on water type, depth, and speed. The flies are of secondary importance. This video will show you the leader needed to indicator nymph. Weight and fly selection will also be covered. This video

also includes the various casting techniques. Last, mending is extremely important in getting a near perfect Dead Drift and is thoroughly covered in this film's technique tutorials. Once you learn the casting and mending techniques you will be exposed to several on stream scenarios in which you will see how all of these components come together. This film is the culmination of over 25 years of on stream research and experience by Aaron Jasper, one of this decade's most published and heralded fly-fishing educators. All of the scenarios were filmed on public water in New York, Pennsylvania, Montana and Oregon."

OTHER NEWS

Kid's fishing pond

March 6-9 | Deschutes County Fairgrounds | Sportsmen's Show

By now, you probably know that COF volunteers run the kid's fishing pond at the Sportsmen's Show at the Deschutes County fairgrounds every year. This year the show runs from Thursday, March 6 through Sunday, March 9. With a huge THANK YOU to the 40+ COF members who have volunteered already, most of the shifts are covered. BUT WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP.

There are a few good reasons to volunteer for this event. Helping kids 12 and under catch fish—often for the first time—is fun and rewarding; our club earns a \$1,200 donation; you get free admission to the Sportsman's Show for the day. If you've worked the pond in the past, you know it's a really good experi-



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ence. If you've never participated in this event, give it a try. You'll be glad you did!

Saturday afternoon (12:45 to 4:30 p.m.) and evening (4:15 to 8:00 p.m.) are peak times for the show, and that's where we really need your support. We need at least **three more volunteers** for each shift. We also need one volunteer for each of the evening shifts (3:45 to 8:00 p.m.) on Thursday and Friday, and one more for the morning (9:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) on Sunday.

If you can help on any shift, please contact Cliff Price (secretary@COFlyfishers.org or 541-410-0670) A.S.A.P.

Northwest Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo

March 7-9, Linn County Expo Center, Albany, OR

Central Oregon Fly Fishers, United States Service Veterans and their families, Project Healing Waters and members of Boy Scouts of America and Girl Scouts of America are cordially invited to attend The Northwest Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo.

The Oregon Council Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) hosts this event. Sunday is Family Fun Day with partner host Project Healing Waters. Special recognition for combat veterans will be on Sunday, March 9.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, four FREE learning stations will be available for kids 18 and under: fly tying, knot tying, fly casting and clay salmon painting. On Sunday, there will also be a new station for family fun day.

There will be a special youth raffle drawing for a fly rod, reel and line on the final day. Each youth who participates in the learning venue will receive one raffle ticket. The winning ticket will be drawn at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 9. You do not need to be present to win. For more information visit: <http://www.nwexpo.com>. Hope to see you at the Expo,

— Sherry Steele

President, Oregon Council International Federation of Fly Fishers
(steelefly@msn.com or 541-549-2072)

COF Facebook page

Please remember to send any pictures of you fishing, club events, and outings to: Mollyv@uoregon.edu. Help keep the COF Facebook page up to date with activities our club members are involved in! Thank you to everyone who has sent me photos and liked the Facebook page. It's looking great!

Crooked River cleanup

Many things have been happening on the conservation front for COF. After club member requests that we keep the annual Crooked River cleanup on the calendar, Bill Seitz agreed to lead that effort once again. Thanks Bill. See page 3 for details. Other cleanup efforts will be announced soon.

Tui chub removal

For the past two years, tui chub have been trapped and removed from East, Paulina, and Big Lava lakes by interns from OSU Cascades. The cost of these interns has been shared by ODFW, the resorts, Sunriver Anglers, and COF. COF contributed \$2,000 two years ago to fund this effort at \$1,000/year. Additionally, ODFW has been planting cranebows at Big Lava and Blackwater trout at East and Paulina lakes in the hope that these predatory fish will eat the chub. COF has contributed \$500/year to purchase the eggs that hatch and mature into these fish.

Reports indicate that these efforts have reduced damaging tui chub populations. ODFW has requested another \$1,500 this year to continue these efforts (\$1,000 for interns and \$500 for eggs).

2014 will be the third and final year of netting and removing tui chub and the final \$1,000 for interns. Cranebow and Blackwater plantings will continue. After this year, ODFW will monitor the lakes to determine whether they have reached a state of equilibrium.

Board members will discuss this funding request at the COF board meeting on March 6. If you have an opinion on this topic, please let me know.

Mirror Pond

Mirror Pond is a controversial issue in Bend. COF is not taking a position on whether the dam should stay or the river should run free, or any of the other considerations surrounding this complex issue. However, COF has asked that fish passage be considered as part of any final outcome.

COF took the lead in writing the letter below that was ultimately endorsed by multiple angler organizations. This letter was sent to Bend City Councilors and presented to the Mirror Pond Ad Hoc Committee. COF will continue to track this issue and represent our interest as anglers.

February 10, 2014

To: Mirror Pond Ad Hoc Committee, Bend City Council

Re: Mirror Pond Fish Passage

In just a few years the Deschutes River flowing through the City of Bend has transitioned from a log holding pond and irrigation canal to a centerpiece of our identity. Citizens of Bend have become increasingly aware of the value of the Deschutes as it flows through our town. It is widely considered a treasure for residents and tourists alike.

The importance of the river will only increase as additional park facilities, trails, and the white water park are developed in the near future. A beautiful and healthy river is in the interests of all Bend residents.

One aspect of a healthy river is healthy populations of wild, native fish. The outcry over the recent fish kill just upstream from town illustrates the importance of a healthy river to the citizens of Bend. There are many factors that contribute to creating a healthy river and fishery. One of them is the ability for fish to migrate. Trout move many miles as seasonal conditions change and they search for better habitat, spawning grounds, cooler water, more food, protection from predators, and other reasons. The ability to migrate also increases genetic diversity and strengthens the population.

There are three artificial barriers on the Deschutes River between Wickiup Reservoir and Lake Billy Chinook that prevent fish passage. All three are in Bend. Two of the three, the North Canal Dam and the dam at Colorado Avenue, will be modified to allow for fish passage in the near term.

When these modifications are complete, the Pacific Power Dam that creates Mirror Pond will be the sole remaining artificial fish barrier. We understand there are several alternatives under consideration for dam rehabilitation, dam removal, and an alternative Mirror Pond concept. Whatever final alternative is chosen, we know that restored biological health of the river is necessary to support a robust wild, native population of fish. The first step toward this goal is fish passage.

We would like to propose that fish passage be viewed as an opportunity; an opportunity whose time has come, regardless of the final resolution of repairing or removing the Pacific Power Dam. We believe that fish passage should be considered a key goal of current deliberations, development of alternatives, and selection of a preferred alternative.

At the last meeting of the Mirror Pond Ad Hoc committee it was clear that some members of the committee did not want to consider fish passage as part of their deliberations. Fish passage was characterized as a burden that should be avoided. We do not agree with this position. We believe that fish passage should be considered not just because it may be a legal requirement but rather because it is the right thing to do.

A healthy river with a healthy ecosystem that supports fish, and the wildlife that rely on them, should be a core value of the City of Bend. All users, anglers or not, along with the city in general will benefit as the Deschutes River continues its recovery to a healthy river.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dave Dunahay, President, Central Oregon Flyfishers
Judith O'Keefe, President, Deschutes Chapter Trout Unlimited
Mike Moody, Executive Director, Native Fish Society
Bill Kremers, President, Association of NW Steelheaders

– Yancy Lind (conservation@coflyfishers.org)



Rod-building class—colorful, creative and fun. PHOTO: Delores Marsh



Kokanee Karnival Spring Angling Clinic

April 21 through 25

April 28 and 29

Call for Volunteers

Kokanee Karnival needs volunteers to help with the 2014 Spring Angling Clinic, held at Shevlin Pond and Aspen Hall in Shevlin Park. I will soon begin to contact members 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. Please don't wait until the last minute because that makes scheduling difficult. For members who are new to Kokanee Karnival, 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 April 21 through April 25 and April 28 and 29. Twelve classes are in the program, and two classes attend each day. There are no classes on Wednesday, April 23. Volunteers arrive at 8:30 a.m. and set up stations. Students arrive between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. and leave between 1:30 and 2:00 p.m. Volunteers put away equipment and are done by 3:00 p.m.

Morning education activities include:

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

New curriculum sheets for all activities are available, and I will email them to volunteers who request them. You can view the curriculum for the Spring Clinic and all activities at www.KokaneeKarnival.org.

Lunch is provided for all students and volunteers. After lunch, students are divided into small groups. Volunteers lead small groups of students to help them fish for trout. When a student catches a fish, they receive a First Fish Certificate and may take home the cleaned fish.

– Frank Turek

[541-381-7507 or waldo1ft@msn.com]

TYER'S CORNER

Here's a fly for the stillwater fly anglers. About a year and half ago, the national championship for the USA Fly Fishing Team was held in central Oregon. The competitors fished lake and river venues. Many club members served as controllers for the competitors. Dave Semich served as a controller for one of the competitors in a lake venue. The competitor did well and gave Dave his flies at the end of the day. The next spring, Dave used one of his flies and had a great day. I tied up some of the pattern and have had continued success with this fly. So, what is it called? Only the competitor knows, and Dave can't remember his name. (Go Seniors!) So, in honor of the competition, we call it the "Team Fly."

I tie the fly on a size 10 hook, but larger or smaller sizes will work depending on the conditions. Tie the fly weighted (15 wraps of 0.015 lead or lead substitute) or unweighted. I fish the fly on a short leader (5 to 6 feet) using a Type 3 or Intermediate Camo line. Also, I will fish it on a floating line with a 9 to 10 foot leader and place a BB size split shot about 4 to 6 inches above the fly to give it a jiggling action. Like all leech patterns, this fly works well early and late in the day and after a strong midge hatch. When you tie the fly, keep the tail and body sparse.

– Bill Seitz

Team Fly



Hook: standard 3xl nymph hook
Bead: 2.4 mm black bead (brass or tungsten)
Thread: black 8/0
Tail: black marabou
Rib: brassie copper wire
Overbody: Pearl Diamond Braid
Body: black UV Ice Dub (Keep it sparse.)
Collar: fluorescent fire orange thread (8/0)

1. Pinch hook barb and place bead on the hook.
2. Tie in a sparse tail of black marabou [option: Include 2–4 strands of mirage opal flashabou.]
3. Tie in the copper wire rib, then the pearl diamond braid overbody.
4. Dub a sparse body of black UV Ice Dub.
5. Pull diamond braid over the body and secure behind the bead.
6. Rib the wire over the diamond braid and secure behind the bead.
7. Tie a hot spot collar and place some glue on the collar.

Central Oregon Flyfishers Upstream Events 2014

Date	Time	Activity	Location	Contact
MARCH				
Mar 6	6:30 pm	monthly board meeting	Environmental Center	Dave Dunahay (president@coflyfishers.org)
Mar 6-9		Kid's fishing pond at Central OR. Sportsmen's Show	Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center	Cliff Price (secretary@coflyfishers.org)
Mar 4, 11, 18, 25	6:00 pm	fly-tying series	Bend Senior Center	John Kreft (jckreft@gmail.com)
Mar 15	5:30 pm	annual banquet	Riverhouse Convention Center	
Mar 18	6:30 pm	general meeting	Bend Senior Center	Dave Dunahay (president@coflyfishers.org)
Mar 23-26		OUTING	Owyhee River	Lee Ann Ross (rossleeann@yahoo.com)
NON COF				
Mar 7-9	Northwest Fly Tying and Fly Fishing Expo, Linn County Expo Center, Albany, OR			
IN THE FUTURE				
Apr	Wild Women of the Water: Make a pair of earrings using fly-tying methods. To be announced.			

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