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President's Message



Dues: As many of you know, we have raised our dues by \$5.00, a 14% increase. I hope this does not break the bank for anyone and I certainly hope that we don't lose any members over this. Our last increase was in 2001. Using the consumer price index, prices have risen 33.7% since then. Our fixed costs such as insurance, tax prep, storage facility, room rental and such have all increased over the years. More importantly, we continue to bring our members valuable programs, excellent education opportunities, a revitalized library, arguably the best newsletter of any fishing club, fabulous fly tying, and most importantly, an opportunity to give back via volunteer opportunities with our award winning Kokanee Karnival education program and our new Next Cast effort to teach the next generation of kids to love fly fishing as much as we do.

Winter Seminar: COF and the Sunriver Anglers joined forces again to present the Winter Seminar with Craig Matthews of Blue Ribbon Fly Shop in West Yellowstone. If the number of questions Craig received is any indication of interest and excitement, the seminar was a smashing success. Hats off to Eric Steele; he singlehandedly organized this entire event.

Kids Fish Pond: COF members will again staff the kids fishpond at the Redmond Sportsman show March 5-8. 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 new friends.



PHOTO: TODD CARY

Redmond Sportsman show is March 5-8.

Albany Flyfishing Show: There are a ton of interesting classes, casting lessons, tyers and vendors at the Oregon Council FFF show, March 13-14. Our very own Sherry Steele is the president of the Oregon Council and our very own John Kreft is the chief organizer of this years event. If you have never attended, I encourage you to do so. For me it is one of the highlights of my year.

Banquet: The annual banquet will be held April 11 at the Riverhouse Convention Center. We hope that you will all attend and if possible bring a neighbor or a friend. I heard that the Bend High Baseball Team auction recently raised \$58,000. Let's see what we can do! If you have anything you could donate (does not have to be fishing related) we would really appreciate it. Hope to see you there.

~Lee Ann Ross



Spey fishing for trout is one of the fastest growing trends in the world of flyfishing. Join guide, casting instructor and product developer Tom Larimer as he walks us through the most successful trout techniques with two-handed rods. While his presentation will focus on his home waters of the Deschutes, he will also cover destinations from Alaska to the Rocky Mountains. Tom is the brainchild behind Winston's new "Microspey" family of rods and Airflo Fly Lines new switch lines designed specifically for two-handed trout fishing. Tom is the owner of Larimer Outfitters, based in Hood River, and offers guided flyfishing trips on the Deschutes, Clackamas, Sandy and Hood Rivers. **Pre-Meeting:** There will be a pre-meeting presentation on chironomid flyfishing technique. Bob Burke is a new member to COF who has learned a lot from Brian Chan and Phil Rowley on stillwater flyfishing. Bob said he has been perfecting his chironomid techniques and wants to share his knowledge with the club. Bob's presentation will start at 6:15 PM.

OUTINGS

Owyhee River Outing

March 25-28 Wednesday to Saturday

The Owyhee trip is on. Yes the flows are low but I talked to Nate Brumley from Dry Fly Innovations in Boise and he said there was no problem fishing. He suggests that the fish might be found more in the lakey sections of the river where it's deeper.

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>.

I have talked to Rex and he has reserved the campground for us. 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,

OUTINGS 2015

MONTH	DAY	DESTINATION	LEADER
March	25-28	Owyhee River	Lee Ann Ross
May	2 or 9	Lower "D" Float Trip	Eric Steele
June	13-15	Prineville Reservoir: Crappie On The Fly+Bass	Betsy Mullong
June	18-25	N. Frk. Couer d'Alene River, ID	CANCELED
May	7-9	Davis Lake-3 days	Larry Godfrey
July	16-19	Williamson River	Yancy Lind
Aug	18	Aspen Hall-BBQ	Herb Blank
Sept/Oct	TBD	Lower "D" Steelhead-4 days	Robert Gentry

Directions to the Owyhee.

It takes about five hours. Travel on Hwy 20 from Bend, via Burns to Vale. Towards the end of town, turn right at the Genex 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.

no cell service and no other facilities. You have the choice of 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. 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.

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 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 tenters and small trailers.

~Lee Ann Ross, rossleeann@yahoo.com

FLY TYING

Winter Fly Tying

There are only a few weeks left for the COF Winter Fly Tying Classes. We meet every Tuesday evening in March through March 31. Our classes have been well attended and our tyers have improved their tying technique.

Thanks to our recent instructors who have taught some great flies the last few weeks—Bill Seitz, Sherry Steele and Mike Telford. In addition, Jerry Criss, Pete Martin, Charlie Schillinsky, and Wes Wada have helped out as well.

March instructors include:

- Wes Wada – 3/3
- Jeff Perin – 3/10
- Peter Bower – 3/24
- Jerry Criss – 3/31

Join us for one of the remaining classes at the Bend Senior Center at 6:00. Cost is \$5 per session.

~John Kreft, 503-559-3811, jckreft@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP

Dues were raised by \$5, effective March 1, 2015. This is the first dues increase in at least 13 years, Dues are now \$41 for a family membership and \$23 for an out-of-area membership. If you did not renew your membership prior to February 14, your status is lapsed and your profile was archived. However, if you are renewing you do not need to register as a new member. Let me know that you want to renew, your name will be restored and you will be sent a new invoice.

Welcome New Members

- Branson Broderick • Brett Miller
- Bob Burke • Susan Primak
- Jerome Colonna • Betty Rentz
- Linda Bonotto • Kerry Riper
- Dennis McMahan

~Tim Schindele, membership@coflyfishers.org

EDUCATION

Northwest Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo

The 2015 Northwest Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo, held March 13–14 at the Linn County Expo Center in Albany, OR, celebrates its 27th year and is one of the nation's largest fly-fishing events. As usual, this expansive event features vendors, classes, and demonstrations, but the cornerstone of the Expo is the amazing collection of more than 200 demonstration fly tiers dressing everything from the tiniest trout flies to the showiest steelhead and Atlantic salmon patterns.

Go to the website (www.nwexpo.com) to register for one of the many classes in Fly Casting, Fly Fishing, or Fly Tying. Expo merchandise and tickets to Saturday night's benefit banquet and auction are also available on the website.

The Expo serves as a fundraiser for the Oregon Council International Federation of Fly Fishers. Proceeds are used for fisheries scholarships, conservation grants and grants to member clubs.

- Admission: \$10 per day; free to IFFF members, Veterans and youth under 18
- Hours: 9 am–5 pm daily

~John Kreft, jckreft@gmail.com

TIP AND TRICKS



Ketchum Release Tool

We all know that we should handle fish as little as possible since we can squeeze them too hard and even wet hands tend to take some of the slime off the fish. That slime protects the fish from bacteria and other infections. Enter the Ketchum Release tool. With this little tool, you can release a fish without touching it. Think of how warm your hands will be on a cold day when you don't have to plunge them into the freezing water to release that fish. I haven't had to touch a fish in years. Watch this video to see how it works: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xp-tYPB7KCos>. The tool is available in three sizes and most of the shops in town carry them.

~Lee Ann Ross, rossleeann@yahoo.com



OTHER NEWS

IFFF 50th Anniversary Homestay Program

BEND, OREGON | RIVERHOUSE CONVENTION CENTER | AUGUST 11-15, 2015

In 2015, IFFF will celebrate its 50th Anniversary, a landmark event that celebrates both the history and the future of the federation. The celebration will take place in Bend, Oregon, the ideal time to welcome global affiliates to our U.S. home and to showcase our international credentials. Our IFFF International Fly Fishing Fair in Bend includes international participants at every level of the program. We want a global perspective in as many forums as we can, from fly tying to casting demonstrations and even competitions.

We are looking for members of local fly fishing clubs who would be willing to host our global members by participating in the IFFF's Homestay Program. The IFFF meeting will be held in Bend from August 11 to 15, 2015 at the Riverhouse Convention Center.

The Homestay program will involve hosting an IFFF member from a foreign country during the week of the IFFF's International Fly Fishing Fair, probably from August 10 to 16. In exchange, the host member would be able to stay as a guest in the foreign visitor's home for a week. Participation in the program would also include taking the foreign guest fishing on a local stream or lake during the week and providing transportation from the host's house to IFFF events. Presently, the IFFF is expecting about 18 people from foreign countries including Japan, England, Norway and Australia.

This would be a great chance to host a fellow angler, meet some interesting people, improve international (fishing) relations and get a chance to travel to a foreign country to fish. Volunteers should contact Marv Yoshinaka at mpyosh@chamberscable.com or 541-593-5461. They can also contact Kuni Masuda, (IFFF Board of Directors) at klmasuda@yahoo.com 360-573-3310 or 408-406-8830 cell.

~Eric Steele

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Volunteers needed for Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show Trout Pond

March 5-8 2015 at Deschutes County Fair in Redmond

WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!

COF staffs the kids trout pond with volunteers to help kids catch their first fish! If you have never done this it is extremely fun and gratifying. The job consists of helping kids land and unhook fish and placing in provided plastic bags so they can take fish home if they wish or releasing them back into the pond. Shifts are about four hours and range from 10 AM until 8 PM. All you need to bring is a landing net (if you have one) and some forceps.

SHIFTS AVAILABLE:

- Fri., March 6th: 11:30-4:00, 3:45-8:00
- Sat., March 7th: 9:45-1:00, 12:45-4:00 and 3:45-8:00
- Sun., March 8th: 9:45-1:00, 2:45-4:30

This is COF second largest fundraiser every year as we receive \$1200.00 for our efforts. We also need folks to donate flies for this event. Please hold the date and volunteer!

- NOTE THAT THE SPORTSMAN'S SHOW IS MARCH 5-8 AND THE ALBANY SHOW IS MARCH 13 AND 14. THE SHOWS DO NOT OVERLAP THIS YEAR.

Contact Allen Caudle at ascaudle@gmail.com or call 605-214-4319 to volunteer or more information.

~Allen Caudle, ascaudle@gmail.com

ACTIVITIES

COF Board Book: A Comprehensive Guide to COF

Have you thought about volunteering for something but held back because you didn't really know what was involved? Maybe you've wondered what your elected officers and directors are supposed to be doing? You can find answers to those and other questions in the new online Board Book, thanks to Bill Raleigh, who's spent the last 2 years compiling the Book. It's a comprehensive guide to COF functions and activities. Bill would want me to stress that it's a guide rather than a rule book. Those of us who've looked at it have found it really useful—I hope you'll check it out and agree. Either way I'd like your feedback on the

book! (Email: secretary@coflyfishers.org)

Go to www.coflyfishers.wildapricot.org. There you'll find lots of information about COF events and activities anyone can see, but you have to sign in—scroll down to see the sign-in area in the bottom left corner of the Home Page—to find the “Members Area.” Roll your cursor over “Members Area” and click on “Board Book.” There are summaries of some lengthy sections of the book along with PDF versions of some useful forms in there too. You'll also find the current “Club Roster” in the “Members Area.”

While you're signed in you can also find your Board Contacts, Donate to Kokanee Karnival or painlessly register for upcoming events. Check it out!

~Cliff Price, Secretary

CONSERVATION

Hosmer Lake

As you have already been notified via email, ODFW has made official what they have been talking about for some time: no more stocking of Atlantic Salmon in Hosmer Lake. Those fish will be replaced by cutthroat trout and “Cranebows” which should provide a larger and more robust fish to target. See the Conservation Column in the December 2013 newsletter for more on this topic: <http://www.coflyfishers.org/newsletters/decnews/news13.pdf>.

“Keep Em Wet”

As you may have been reading in various forums, Keep Em Wet is a new campaign in the angling community. As has been discussed in this column in the past, recent studies have shown that the mortality rate of fish that are caught and seemingly successfully released is much higher than previously thought. Brain injury is often caused by dropping fish, pulling them into shore and having their heads bang into rocks, and similar blows. Radio tracking data shows that it is not uncommon for fish to

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be released apparently unharmed only to die a short time later from brain swelling.

Now this is being taken one step further and the effects of being held in the air are being studied. I have heard the analogy that taking a fish out of the water is like running for your life from a bear and then sticking your head in a bucket of water. You can find many links to the Keep Em Wet campaign on the internet. Something to think about as you land that next fish. <http://nativefishsociety.org/index.php/conservation/keep-em-wet-campaign-photo-contest/>

FANs

Friends and Neighbors (FANs) of the Deschutes Canyon Area is a group focused on preserving the lands around lower Whychus Creek and the Deschutes River near Steelhead Falls. Many of us are regular users of these areas as that part of the middle Deschutes offers spectacular scenery and year-round fishing that can be excellent. These lands have been designated as a Wilderness Study Area for some time, a temporary designation that is currently being questioned by

some members of the US Congress. FANs was organized in 2011 in an attempt to provide permanent protection in the form of a formal wilderness area or other designation. I attended one of their community meetings last month and was impressed by the care and thoughtfulness in which they are going about this process. I even signed up as a member. If you are a fan of this area as well you might want to check out their web site: www.fansofdeschutes.org.

Reintroduction Update

As of the end of January, 67 upper basin origin adult steelhead have been passed into Lake Billy Chinook. Translation: 67 steelhead that were planted as fry or smolts in either Whychus Creek or the Crooked River, subsequently made it out to the ocean, later returned as adults, were captured in the Pelton trap on the lower Deschutes near Warm Springs, then trucked around dams, and finally released into Lake Billy Chinook.

I'm writing this on Feb 20 and don't have end of Feb numbers, but 67 is probably close to the final number for this steelhead season.

Those fish are radio tagged and we know that most of them headed up the Crooked River arm of the lake where they quickly encountered Opal Springs Dam. A new, more effective fish trap has been installed this year but fewer than 50% of the fish have been successfully trapped and passed above the dam to continue their journey up the Crooked.

~Yancy Lind, conservation@coflyfishers.org

SOCIAL MEDIA

Update

The COF Facebook Page is almost at 2,000 (fully organic) Likes! On a marketing level, this is a great



achievement for the club. I create all of the graphic designs and content myself, so I greatly appreciate the support from those of you who are on Face-

book and "like" the page. Again, I encourage all of you to begin utilizing this social media platform as it is a great way to stay connected with the club and other fishing communities. In addition, I will be creating COF Facebook Events. Now, people can log into their Facebook Profiles and say that they are "attending" COF events and will have a way to interact and communicate with other people going to the event.

I would like to take a minute to give a shout out to Gary Cima, Bruce Vernarecci, and Steve Stevens for the continued support and engagement—You make my job easier and I appreciate your time and effort!

For any and all COF Facebook or social media questions, comments, concerns, etc., please contact me via email

~Molly Vernarecci, Social Media Coordinator, mollyvernarecci@gmail.com

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TYER'S CORNER

This is my first article for the Tyer's Corner. I've been fly fishing and tying flies for 45 years and hope to share some of that knowledge with you. Sharing my passion for fly fishing and fly tying is why I decided to start a website RiverKeeper Flies (www.johnkref.com). And the Tyer's Corner is an extension of it.

I publish a new fly fishing post each week as well as an older fly pattern with its history as part of something called Throw Back Thursday Flies. I hope you check out RiverKeeper Flies.

One of my goals is to create a repository of fly patterns for you to use. Since I'm taking over for Bill Seitz, he graciously allowed me to include his great fly patterns on my website. I've created a [Crooked River Flies](#) page which details the flies Bill fishes.

I've been out on the river recently and marvel at the warm temperatures. With all the warm weather, I wonder if March Browns will begin hatching earlier. You better be ready!

Several years ago, I had a tremendous day of fishing on the Middle Deschutes. I was lucky enough to hit a March Brown hatch that happened to last several hours. The fish weren't huge, but they were a mixture of Browns and Rainbows... and I caught a lot of fish! What fly did I use? A March Brown Comparadun... a simple fly. While I fish its cousin the Sparkle Dun, I'll never forget how the Comparadun worked so well. Tie up a few and give them a try. (Note: for additional information on how to select deer hair, check out my website fly pattern Sparkle Dun - <http://www.johnkref.com/fly-patterns/sparkle-dun-mayfly/>)

~ John Kref, RiverKeeper Flies



March Brown Comparadun

Materials:

Hook: Dai Riki 305, #14-10

Thread: 8/0 brown

Tail: Coq de leon fibers or microfibbits-brown

Body: Superfine-March Brown

Wing: Comparadun deer hair

Directions:

1. Start thread behind eye of hook and wind halfway down hook shank, then halfway back towards eye. This is the proper tie-in point for deer hair. Placing thread on the hook in this manner prevents deer hair from spinning.
2. Clean and stack a bundle of deer hair.
3. Proper wing proportions should be length of hook.
4. Extend tips past hook eye and tie in with two loose thread wraps. Pull straight down on thread so

deer hair flares. Do not let go of butt ends and wrap 8-10 times evenly toward tail to firmly secure hair. Trim or tear butt ends.

5. Move thread to back of deer hair.

6. Sweep deer hair backwards to allow hair to stand straight up.

Thread should be immediately behind deer hair.

Sweep 1/3 of hair back and place 1 thread wrap securely in place by pulling straight down. Sweep next 1/3 back and place 1 thread wrap securely in place and pull straight down. Sweep last 1/3 back and place 2-3 wraps at base of deer hair. This technique allows minimal thread wraps to stand deer hair up without a thread dam.

7. Wrap thread to hook barb.
8. Tie in tail and split.
9. Attach THIN amount of dubbing and wind forward, leaving one thread wrap behind deer hair (if you don't, it will force hair forward). Bring dubbing directly in front of deer hair and begin figure eight wraps around hair. The first wrap behind hair, you'll feel it snug tightly and force hair straight up. Remember, THIN dubbing will work better to create tapered body.
10. Whip finish behind hook eye.

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LIBRARY

New Books

Central Oregon Flyfishers owns a variety of books, and a few CDs and DVDs that club members can check out. The collection includes most subjects interesting to fly fishers, including tying and entomology, rigging, reading waters, lakes and streams, how to fish for trout, salmon and steelhead and so on. The collection even includes a little literature and travel advice. New books are added regularly.

If you are a club member and would like to peruse the library and/or check out one of our books, just look for the rolling bookcase at the club's general meeting. The librarian arrives at the meeting early to give members extra time to look for books before the meeting starts.

Jeff Perrin at the Flyfishers' Place, in Sisters, orders our library books for us at a generous discount.

New books this year include:

Tactics for Trout, by Haefele, Hughes and Morris (Nov 1, 2014).

Rick Haefele is an entomologist working in Oregon, and Hughes and Morris are experienced fly fishers who live in Oregon and Washington State.

Seasons for Trout, by Haefele, Hughes and Morris (Nov 1, 2014).

Same authors as above, but a different, new book. Both of these books include UPC codes that connect to supporting YouTube videos.

Fly Patterns of Yellowstone, Vol 2, by Mathews and Juracek.

This is a classic, referred to often by some of our tiers. Mathews

was the speaker at our recent Winter Seminar.

The Middle Fork, Trout Tales,

by Griff Marshall (Jul 14, 2014). This book sold out fast. The author, Griff Marshall, who is a guide at Fly and Field Outfitters, in Bend, graciously donated our copy.

Fly-fishing for Western Small-mouth,

by David Paul Williams (July 14, 2014). David Williams is one of our upcoming speakers.

Tenkara, Radically Simple,

Ultralight Fly Fishing, by Kevin C. Kelleher and Misako Ishimura (2011).

From time to time, we also have books donated; Richard Yates generously donated the following, he also makes coffee before the meetings:

Early Northwest Fly-Fishing,

by Blaine Hallock.

Favorite Flies and their Histories,

by Mary Orvis Marbury. This book includes some of the earliest flies used in Oregon and other states.

~Kathleen Schroeder

NEXT CAST FLYFISHERS

Update

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

We hope that by providing these opportunities, young anglers will be

exposed to fly fishing and increase their interest and level of involvement.

Upcoming events include:

- **Redmond Sportsmen's Show**
March 5–8, 2015, 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! Children under the age of 12 are welcome to catch a big one!
- **NW Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo**
March 13–14, 2015 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.
- **Next Cast Flyfishers 3-Day Fish Camp** June 15–17, 2015, Shevlin Park, Bend OR, this camp is coordinated through Bend Parks & Recreation and registration will be included in the summer activities catalog. Camp attendees learn all aspects of fly fishing including knot tying, bug collection and identification, fly tying, casting and fly fishing in Shevlin Pond.
- **International Federation of Fly Fishers 50th Anniversary** August 11–15, 2015 in Bend OR. The IFFF will hold their 50th anniversary fair in Bend this summer. The fair will feature classes for instruction in a variety of fly fishing topics, displays and demonstrations, and other events. Watch this newsletter or visit the IFFF website for details.

~Karen Kreft, nextcast@coflyfishers.org, 503-409-0148



WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

Update

What a great fishing seminar with Craig Mathews this last month! And what a great group of ladies attending! Participating in such events can be so beneficial to your own personal skill set. But, more important than that, it is such fun! The whole purpose of Wild Women of the Water is to have a great time with like-minded women. If one participates, one reaps the benefits. COF has great opportunities to take part in a variety of activities. It is up to each member to take advantage of them! Check out the calendar on page 14. We'll see you at the next fun event....

~Kari Schoessler

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Newsletter, Darius Whitten at: cof@whittendesign.com



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EVENTS

Wounded Warriors

The Association of NW Steelheaders in Portland is running a multi-day fishing outing for a group of wounded active duty service members based in Fort Lewis-McChord Washington. They will be staying on a ranch outside of Madras where they will make their own lures and fish some private ponds. The last day of their trip they would like to float the Deschutes from Warm Springs to Trout Creek and have contacted me looking for help organizing boats. If you have a drift boat and would like to host a couple of service members for a day of fishing please let me know. I



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have done this a few times and it is always worthwhile. They will most likely be throwing lures. All you have to do is row down the river and stop in good spots. It will be an early day as they have to be off the

river at 3 pm to drive back to their base outside Tacoma, Washington. The date is May 3rd, which is a little ways off, but save the date if you are interested and let me know.

~Yancy Lind, conservation@coflyfishers.org

EVENTS

Kokanee Karnival

Kokanee Karnival needs volunteers to help with the Angling Clinic, held at Shevlin Pond and Aspen Hall in Shevlin Park. 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



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KARNIVAL**

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 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 20 through April 24 and April 27 and 28. We have no activities on Wed April 22. 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 KokaneeKarnival.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 fish they get a First Fish Certificate and if they want, their cleaned fish to take home. I am the fishmonger and get to gut all the fish. I usually have help filling out the certificates.

~Frank Turek

2015 COF Annual Banquet & Fundraiser

When: Sat., April 11, 2015, 5:30 PM

Where: Riverhouse Convention Center, Bend, OR

It's all about us! You recently received a notice that COF dues were increasing. That happened after board members went line by line reducing or eliminating support to some important programs. It hurt!

The banquet serves as the primary fundraising event to support our youth and conservation programs plus club activities. There is no such thing as a free lunch. We need your help to make this fundraising

event successful.

Donate

Bring your donation to the March 18th COF meeting. Good (not junk) fly fishing equipment you no longer use, tie a dozen or two of your favorite fly patterns (COF will provide the box), or take a club member fishing for their donation. Donation form page 13.

Attend The Banquet

We raise money from what you spend in the bucket raffle, silent, and live auctions. Bring a friend, join the fun, and enjoy a fine dinner.

The banquet flyer is on page 11 & 12. Register online at coflyfishers.wildapricot.org or mail in the hard copy registration. Register before March 11 for \$40 per person and entry in the early bird drawing. (Between March 12 and April 6 the meal cost will rise to \$45/person and you will miss the early bird raffle).

If you can't bring your donation to the March 18th COF meeting email or call me and I'll get it picked up.

~Peter Martin, pcmartin@bendbroadband.com, 541-388-8956

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Saturday • April 11, 2015 • 5:30 P.M. • Riverhouse Convention Center

BEFORE March 11 - \$40 per person & automatic entry in the early bird drawing

March 11 to April 6 - \$45 per person (no dinner sales after April 6)

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 program, 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 River House Convention Center on reverse.

No-host bar will be available.

You may bring your own wine.

Garden Salad: Mixed greens, vegetables & sliced rolls with butter

Entrée: Fresh vegetable medley & starch with your choice of garlic & herb marinated chicken with sun dried tomato basil cream sauce **OR** grilled top sirloin served with a wild mushroom demi **OR** seasonal vegetarian ravioli served with vegetables & a roasted red pepper cream sauce

Dessert: Chef's dessert

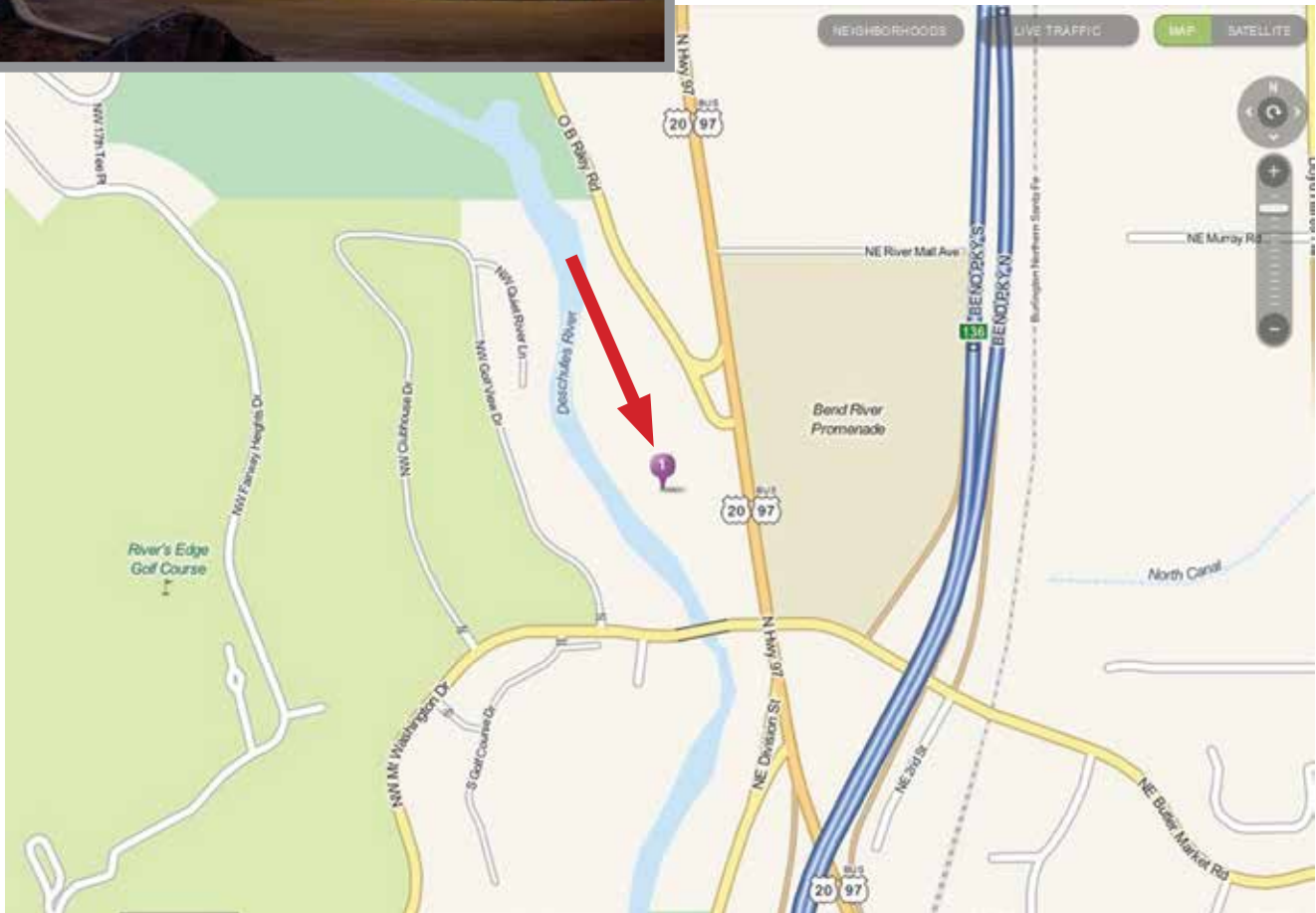
The imaginative, whimsical poster shown at the top was created by fifth grade students from Terrebonne Community school and presented to Eric Steele for helping students with Angler Education through the Kokanee Karnival Youth Education program

EVENTS



The Riverhouse
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Mail completed form (indicate dinner choice and raffle ticket amounts) and your check (\$40/person **BEFORE** Mar 11 • \$45/person Mar 11 to Apr 6) to COF BANQUET, P.O. Box 1126, Bend, OR 97709.

PRINT CLEARLY or register online at coflyfishers.wildapricot.org

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) = \$ _____

Email _____

Telephone _____

Amount enclosed (circle one): \$40 or \$45/person **BEFORE March 11** - \$40 per person & Automatic entry in the early bird drawing **March 11 to April 6** - \$45 per person (no dinner sales after April 6)



**2015 Central Oregon Flyfishers Annual Banquet
April 11, 2015
Donation Form**

(Please include this form with your donation)

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Donation Description: _____

Retail Value of Donation: \$ _____

Note: If your donation is a guided trip or other service, please include your contact information, when the service is available, how much notice is required and any other limitations. If you have a gift certificate please include it along with this form. If you do not have a certificate we will prepare one for presentation at the banquet.

Your donation will be acknowledged on the bid slips and auction list the day of the event. Please contact me by March 31, 2015 so we have time to include your donation in our advance raffle list to banquet attendees.

Please retain a copy of this form for your records. Your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by current IRS guidelines. Central Oregon Flyfishers is an IRS approved 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization (Federal ID # 93-0881830) so your contribution of merchandise, equipment, service, cash, gift certificate, etc. is fully tax deductible. As always check with your accountant.

Please mail your donation and this form to:
Central Oregon Flyfishers, P.O. Box 1126, Bend, OR 97709

Or contact me to pick up your donation:
Peter Martin, Banquet Chair, banquet@coflyfishers.org, or 541-388-8956

Thank you for your donation.

UPSTREAM EVENTS March 2015

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	CONTACT
3rd	6:00 PM	Winter Fly Tying	Bend Senior Center	John Kreft
5th	5:00 PM	Next Cast Committee Meeting	Environmental Center	Karen Kreft
5th	6:30 PM	COF Directors Meeting	Environmental Center	Cliff Price
5th-8th		Kids Pond @ Central OR Sportsmen Show	Redmond Expo Center	Alan Caudle
10th	6:00 PM	Winter Fly Tying	Bend Senior Center	John Kreft
12th	6-8 PM	Fly Shop Hop with the Wild Women	Fly & Field Outfitters	Kari Schoessler
13th-14th		Northwest Fly Tyer & Fishing Expo	Albany (Linn Co. Fairgrounds)	Sherry Steele
17th	6:00 PM	Winter Fly Tying	Bend Senior Center	John Kreft
18th	7:00 PM	Monthly General Meeting	Bend Senior Center	Cliff Price
24th	6:00 PM	Winter Fly Tying	Bend Senior Center	John Kreft
26th	4-7 PM	Women's Night	Sportsmen's Warehouse	Kari Schoessler
31st	6:00 PM	Winter Fly Tying	Bend Senior Center	John Kreft

In the Future

COF Banquet, April 11, 2015

Next Cast 3-Day Fish Camp, June 15, 16, 17 2015 at Shevlin Park, Contact Karen Kreft (nextcast@coflyfishers.org)

IFFF 50th Anniversary, August 11-15, 2015, Riverhouse Convention Center, Bend, OR; Contact: Sherry Steele steelefly@msn.com



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