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## President's Message

**Banquet:** The annual banquet was a record setter with 160 attendees and netting over \$15,000. Huge thanks to Pete Martin who put in an enormous amount of time on the phone, on the road, knocking on doors and mailing letter in order to make this event such a success. Many thanks to the entire banquet team and thanks to all the members who donated items and attended the event. This is just fantastic news.

**Kokanee Karnival:** April is a huge month for KK. Frank Turek and Kokanee Karnival volunteers manned the stations at the spring angling clinic at Shevlin Park. The kids loved playing hooks and ladders, visiting each of the four stations and having the opportunity to fish.



Many kids landed their first fish and received their first fish certificate. Volunteers from Sunriver Anglers prepared and served the lunches every day.




**Kudos:** We set another record with over 40 volunteers at the Crooked River Cleanup. I want to thank all the club members who have volunteered for any of our programs. Your effort is what keeps this club strong.

**Outings:** We have a number of outings on the books and I hope to see many of you at them. Some of the outings offer more instruction and tips than others. If you want additional help at any outing or event, just ask. We will be glad to help you.

~Lee Ann Ross

**GEAR UP:** THE SALMON FLIES SHOULD BE COMING OFF SOON ON THE DESCHUTES AND THE LAKES WILL BECOME ACCESSIBLE AS THE SNOW MELTS. TIME TO GET YOUR GEAR PREPPED FOR THE SEASON.



Our featured speaker this month is Bob Wolfe. He has been an avid fly angler for over fifty years and grew up fishing the Sierra Nevada's in central and northern California. Bob is a Vietnam Vet and recently retired from the USFS after 36 years. He is the founding member and past president of the Blue Mountain Flycasters Club in Pendleton. As a fly tying instructor, casting instructor and fly fishing instructor, Bob has introduced hundreds of people to the great sport of fly fishing and the fly fishing opportunities in Oregon. He has created the Buzz Hackle Fly Series and the Magic Midge series of Chironomid patterns.  Bob's topic will be "Why Fish Chironomids" Chironomids, particularly the pupae stage, make up over 50% of a Trout's annual diet and up to 100% in early spring and fall in productive still waters. This presentation will help fly fishermen better understand the life cycle of Chironomids and important characteristics of the pupa that need to be imitated to make proper presentations and tie productive imitations. The presentation will cover tackle, fishing techniques, presentations, and lots of helpful hints to make your time on the water more productive. Whether you tie your own flies or buy them at the fly shop, it's good to recognize a good Chironomid pattern when you see one. **Pre-Meeting:** 6:00 PM, Bob Wolfe will share his still water chironomid leader building and introduce his knots made easy techniques.

## OUTINGS

### Davis Lake Outing

We will have our annual campout at Davis Lake this year from Wednesday May 11 thru Saturday May 14. The lake has both bass and large trout. We will camp at the Lava Flow campground off of Cascade Lakes highway. This campground is about 3 miles south of Wickiup Reservoir. The campground has only a bathroom so come prepared for your length of stay. You don't have to camp; you may come for any day. Those of us in the past who have camped a few days have had some good weather and fishing days.

Friday evening, Charlie Schil-linsky will be barbecuing his excellent brisket again. Please give a few dollars to Charlie for providing the meat and bring a dish to pass. We will get together at 4 pm on Friday afternoon to enjoy the food and company.

#### What To Bring

- **Floating devices** - you will need a floating device as it is almost im-

## OUTINGS CALENDAR 2016

| MONTH | DAY       | DESTINATION  | LEADER                              |
|-------|-----------|--|-------------------------------------|
| May   | 11th-14th | Davis Lake   | Larry Godfrey                       |
| May   | 20th-22nd | 2 Night Trout Creek Campout, Lower "D" Warm Springs Float    | Mike Tripp/<br>Eric Steele          |
| June  | 9th-12th  | Hosmer Lake  | Bob Burke                           |
| June  | 10-12     | Capt. Caddis Crappie on a Fly Challenge Prineville Reservoir | Betsy Brower-<br>Mullong/Andy Smith |
| June  | 16th-25th | British Columbia Trip  | Lee Ann Ross                        |
| July  | 7th-9th   | East Lake, 2 nights, BBQ                                     | Eric Steele                         |
| Sept  | 15th-17th | Steens Mountain - Wild Horse & Fish Lake                     | John Tackmier                       |
| Oct   | 2nd-5th   | Beavertail Steel Head  | Robert Gentry                       |

possible to fish from shore. Small boat and or motor, pontoon boat, kayak, or pram

- **Rods** - 6 to 8 wts with floating and/or intermediate lines, sink tip, or fast sink for off the rocks
- **Leaders** - you don't need a long leader for bass but it needs to be stout (15 to 20lb tippet)
- **Flies** - Poppers, rabbit strips (black, purple, blue, olive), drag-on fly nymphs, anything large
- **Stingers** - Bass are excellent eating and there is no limit on them. However, there is a limit on trout (2 trout per day with a 10" minimum and 13" maximum)

- **Hooks** - must be barbless **IMPORTANT** to email/call Larry Godfrey at lgodfrey@bendbroadband.com or 541-382-5860 if/and when you plan on coming. Charlie needs this information so he knows how much meat to cook.

### Deschutes River Trout Creek Campout

Fri May 20th - Sun May 22nd

The famous Deschutes Redband Rainbow is the fish of choice. Depending on water and air temperature, it will

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## OUTINGS

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be the middle of the Salmon Fly Hatch, which anglers come from all over the country to fish.

Fishing options include walk/wade up and down river from the campground, rowing a boat across the river to the Warm Spring Reservation side and walk/wade the river, and floating a boat from Warm Spring boat launch to the Trout Creek take out. Strong wading skills are needed or fish from the bank. For those who will drift the 9-mile run, drift boats and pontoon boats are common. It is mostly flat with some minor rapids. I will be in my drift boat at least one of the days. If you have a boat and would be willing to row other club members, let me know. There are two companies that provide shuttle service.

Mike Tripp and Eric Steele are the outing leaders for the Trout Creek Campout. They held an informational meeting before the COF April 20th monthly meeting. They discussed the logistics for camping and floating the river, permit requirements, and options for a group meal. Mike Tripp gave a briefing to participants on the “how, when, where” to fish the Deschutes

Warm Springs to Trout Creek section including what to expect along with gear & fly options. Mike has been chasing redbands and steelhead on the Deschutes River for over 30 years and has a vast catalogue of knowledge to share.

Campsites are on a first come first serve basis and some of us will be going in a day or two early to get one of the group campsites and some of the nearby individual sites. This is a dry camp with outhouse facilities.

*For those signed up we will have the briefing on April 20th and we will send out updates via email. RSVP Eric Steele [steelefly2@msn.com](mailto:steelefly2@msn.com) 541-549-2072 Questions concerning fishing gear and flies: Mike Tripp [mtripp@bendcable.com](mailto:mtripp@bendcable.com) 541-312-2193*

## East Lake 2 Night Outing

**Thur July 7th–Sat July 9th**

This is a multiday campout at East Lake. The lake provides the perfect setting to fish from boat, float tube or the shoreline. Boats are available to rent at East Lake Resort. The lake supports rainbow trout, brown trout and kokanee salmon. It is a ideal setting for multiple types of fishing including streamer, nymphing (great chironomid water), and with



the callibaetis hatch emerger & dry fly. Go down into the cold depths or ply your dry fly along the weed beds and up close to the lake bank along the steep drop offs.

We will have an informational meeting before the COF June 15th monthly meeting starting at 6:00 in the game room area. We will discuss the logistics for camping and fishing East Lake, and options for a group meal. There will be a briefing to participants on the “how, when, where” to fish East Lake to include what to expect along with gear & fly options.

We have reserved eight campsites in the Cinder Hill campground. Each campsite is for up to 6 people and can facilitate RV or trailer. Partner up with a fellow COF flyfisher and we can maximize the number of people in close proximity to the COF activities. There is room for One RV/trailer and a couple of tents. The campsites reserved are #24, 25, 26,

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## CONSERVATION

### Update

ODFW Proposed 2017–19 Budget Meeting

**Wednesday, May 11, 7:00–8:30 PM**  
**Central Oregon Community College, Boyle Education Center, Room 155, 2600 NW College Way, Bend**

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is hosting a series of town hall meetings around the state this month to gather public input on the agency's proposed 2017–2019 budget. COF members are encouraged to attend the meeting in Bend. No major changes to the budget are being proposed and it does not include any new increases in license fees but public comments will be used to help refine the budget before it is presented to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission on June 9. Once approved by the Commission, it will be submitted to the Governor. The budget will ultimately be determined by the 2017 Legislature. Additional ODFW budget information can be found at <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/budget/>.

#### Lower Deschutes Update

In 2009 the Selective Water Withdrawal facility in Lake Billy Chinook operated by Portland General Electric & the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs became operational.

Required as part of their FERC relicensing, the SWW had two primary objectives: to help with the reintroduction of native, anadromous fish into the upper Deschutes Basin and to approximate naturally occurring water temperatures in the lower Deschutes. Since the installation of the Pelton Round Butte hydroelectric facility in the 1960s the lower Deschutes has been artificially cold due to exclusive bottom water withdrawal. The SWW allows for surface as well as bottom water withdrawal and the lower Deschutes now has a temperature profile that approximates what would occur if the PRB complex was not in place.

The operation of the SWW has been controversial. Some have argued that the river below PRB is now seeing fewer macroinvertebrates (an important salmonid food source) and a higher amount of nuisance algae leading to a degradation in the health of the fishery.

The SWW is controlled by PGE/CTWS under the terms of their FERC license and with input from “The Fish Committee”. The Fish Committee is composed of biologists from agencies like Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, US Forest Service, US Fish & Wildlife, as well as NGOs who helped negotiate the terms of the FERC license. This

group functions as a watchdog with an allegiance to fish and river health, not power generation or PGE/CTWS.

The FERC license requires multiple ongoing studies of the river. One of those studies is on macroinvertebrates and algae (periphyton). This study began in 1999, well before the installation and operation of the SWW, with two years of data collection in 1999–2001 and two more years concluding in 2015. Results were published in April 2016 after being peer reviewed by scientists from members of the Fish Committee. This study measures before and after conditions of the river and uses locations above the SWW on the Crooked River, middle Deschutes, and Metolius River for control. It is likely that if changes occur below and above the SWW, then the SWW is not the cause.

In April there was a public discussion with the study's author, a consultant who has worked on rivers all over North America. His findings are detailed and technical but he concludes that the lower Deschutes is as least as healthy as it was before SWW operation and maybe healthier. In fact, he stated that the amount of macros in the water was “extraordinary”, among the highest of any river he has seen. Also, while the amount of nuisance algae may have temporarily increased in some shallow, slow moving areas of the river for short periods, the study indicates that there is no evidence of lasting increases or any increases in deeper, faster moving sections. Overall, it appears that the river has less algae post-SWW in the spring than pre-SWW and about the same in the fall.

The temperature changes in the river have altered the timing of some insect hatches, but

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the study concludes that the total abundance is at least as great, and possibly increased, post SWW. It is true that Craneflies have largely disappeared from the lower Deschutes, but they have also disappeared from control sites on the middle Deschutes and the Crooked above Lake Billy Chinook. Cranefly disappearance is not a function of the SWW facility.

As an angler, my main concern is the health of the fishery. The PGE/CTWS study did not address this. ODFW, however, has recently completed their third resident fish sampling study since the operation of the SWW. Samples are taken in various places from Warm Springs to Macks Canyon. This is continuation of work that has been going on for decades and there is a robust data set. The results of this latest sampling are not final, but appear to be similar to prior results. Per ODFW, there has been no detectable change in fish health or abundance post SWW outside of the normal fluctuations inherent in a wild population. In addition, there seems to be no post SWW degradation of returning anadromous fish stocks. Summer steelhead and fall Chinook populations fall within the ranges of the past with natural fluctuations.

While the SWW does seem to be accomplishing its goal of approximating a natural temperature profile, and, according to the study, is doing so with no detectable adverse effect on the fishery, all is not well. Anadromous fish reintroduction above the PRB complex is occurring at a disappointing pace. The primary issue at this point appears to be the inability for downstream migrating fry and smolts to successfully find the SWW where they can be captured and transported

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## MEMBERSHIP

### Update

Please welcome Sue Coyle to the Membership Committee. Sue will be learning the fine points of the job over the next 8 months and will become the Membership Director in 2017.

#### Welcome New Members

- Diane Bancroft
- Sherrill Beck
- Dale Brieske
- Karie Carter
- Victoria Comé
- Jacob Erikson – Youth
- Forrest Franklin – Youth
- Molly Hungerford
- Brent Jensen
- Dick Malone
- Michael J. Morris
- Joe Novak
- Zac Sayed – Youth
- Hunter Thompson – Youth
- Scott Wirth

~Tim Schindele, [membership@coflyfishers.org](mailto:membership@coflyfishers.org)

## SOCIAL MEDIA

### Update

It's SPRING in Central Oregon are you taking advantage of the fishing in Central Oregon? Remember to email me any fishing reports you have from the local area

so that I may pass it along on the COF Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/CentralOregonFlyfishersClub>). Don't forget that we are also have a COF LinkedIn Page (<https://www.linkedin.com/company/6419050>) so make sure you are connecting with us on this social platform as well.

Social Media Tip: Update your LinkedIn profile to show your membership to the club!



I will be giving a quick talk at the May 18th Monthly COF Meeting and will be covering some of the basics of our Facebook Page. This is a great opportunity for you to come to me with any social media related questions or concerns you may have! I'm looking forward to meeting some more of the new members...Come introduce yourself and get acquainted with COFs social media channels! Thanks!

~Molly Vernarecci, COF Social Media Coordinator, [socialmedia@coflyfishers.org](mailto:socialmedia@coflyfishers.org)

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## EDUCATION

### Update

#### Spring Casting Classes

We had a great first session of our casting classes and have a few slots left for the second session. COF and Jeff Perin of The Fly Fisher's Place are hosting one last session of casting classes. Classes this year will be at the Al Moody Park. All classes will start at 5:30 pm and last approximately 2 hours (weather dependent). The cost is \$10 per person/per class. Class limit is 12 per session.

#### There will be two levels of classes:

A beginning casting class held on May 4th

Casting will include pick-up and lay down of line, false casting, roll casting and if time and skill allow shooting line.

The next class is a skill building course held May 11th

Anglers and fly casters will work on more advanced skills like off shoulder casting, wiggle casting and underhand casting.

Please send an email to [education@coflyfishers.org](mailto:education@coflyfishers.org) with your preferred date to reserve your spot. Further information will follow to participants.

#### Still water Chironomid fishing with Bob Wolfe:

May 18th Pre-meeting-6:00 pm Bend Senior Center, Bob will demonstrate how to build leaders for chironomid fishing including tips on easier ways to tie nail and blood knots. These skills can be used by anyone who goes fishing on any type water.

May 19th-On the water chironomid fishing clinic with Bob Wolfe.

This free class will last approximately 4 hours and will be

held on the shoreline of a lake or pond. Participants should consider themselves as seasoned fishing folks. Bob will focus on using the constructed leader building techniques demonstrated at the meeting and how to have a successful fishing day. Participants need to bring their lunch, favorite trout rod, floating line, 7.5' tapered leader, fluorocarbon tippet, your favorite chironomid box and come prepared to fish as long as you like when the clinic is complete. Class size limited to 10 people.

Send an email to [education@coflyfishers.org](mailto:education@coflyfishers.org) to sign up or contact Debbie Norton, 503-510-2767 with questions.

Debbie will notify the first 10 folks who sign up all of the specifics on location closer to the clinic (weather dependent).

~Debbie Norton

### Fly Shop Classes

In addition to the excellent educational opportunities COF offers, many of our local fly shops hold classes throughout the year. Some are free, some have a small charge. For example, Confluence has recently offered classes on streamer fishing and how to use a center pin reel, Fly and Field has an ongoing evening series, the Hook Fly Shop in Sunriver is offering a lake class,

the Patient Angler is well known for their fly tying classes, Jeff at the Fly Fishers Place in Sisters has been offering Czech nymphing and tying classes, Fin and Fire in Redmond offers casting, tying and fishing classes, EF Payne can offer expert advise on bamboo rods, and the Deschutes Canyon Fly Shop in Maupin will be holding a one day entomology class with Rick Hafele. The list above is just a sampling of the offerings by the shops. I highly recommend that you visit the shop web sites to see what currently is on offer.

~Lee Ann Ross

### WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER



2015 IFFF Women's University ladies at East Lake

Thank you to the ladies that presented maps at the Wild

Women map night

this last month. Lots of great information about our local fishing spots was shared! Our next event is a visit to Dave and MaryAnn Dozer's house on Friday, May 13, 6pm. We'll learn all about Dave's beautiful handmade rods and have a BBQ potluck, too. Put it on your calendar!

Were you able to participate in the International Federation of Fly Fishing Fair last

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## NEXT CAST FLYFISHERS



Photo: © RiverKeeper Flies

### Update

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

We hope that by providing these opportunities, young anglers will be exposed to fly fishing and increase their interest and level of involvement.

The Crooked River clean-up was a hit! Our Next Cast Flyfishers helped with the trash pick-up then we fished. The river was running a bit high, but we did have a hook up! And the rest of the time was spent practicing our roll casts and nymph placement!

It was a beautiful day on the river and a great first outing for our young anglers!

### Upcoming events include:

- **Next Cast Flyfishers 3-Day Fish Camp—June 20-22, 2016**—Shevlin Park, Bend OR, this camp is coordinated through Bend Parks & Recreation. Camp is full and we have a waitlist! Camp attendees, age 10–14, learn all aspects of fly fishing including knot tying, bug collection and identification, fly tying, casting and fly fishing in Shevlin Pond.

- **COF/Next Cast Flyfishers East Lake Outing**—July 7–9, 2016. Next Cast is offering an advanced fly fishing camp including a camp out and fly fishing at East Lake. This camp is for our advanced fly fishers.

Please contact me directly if you have questions.

~Karen Kreft, [nextcast@coflyfishers.org](mailto:nextcast@coflyfishers.org), 503-409-0148

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## TYER'S CORNER



One of our students caught this fish; it inspired me to develop the MT's Rainbow.

### MT's Rainbow

**M**y last trip to my favorite lake full of big browns at the end of last season motivated me to develop this fly. We found a cove full of big browns and the largest landed was 28 inches. Most of the fish were a short cast from shore and were hungry. I know big fish are in the shallows early and late in the day on this lake but I have never targeted them. I plan to this season. Over the years, I have had good results trolling baby rainbows on a full sink line while fishing with my gear head friends. I've designed this fly to be fished from shore and in the shallows. There is no weight on the fly and I plan on fishing it with an intermediate line. Weight could be added at the head to impart a jiggling action if you wanted to fish it in deeper water. This is an easy fly to tie and very durable. It would lend itself to the tube style also.

#### Materials:

**Hook:** Gamakatsu Siwash 100008 (close the open eye with a pair of needle nose pliers) 1/0 to 8

**Thread:** Mono

**Body:** Fararrars Blend-white, camo. Slinky fibers-camo, sea weed, wild olive

**Rainbow stripe:** Slinky fiber-pink

**Eyes:** Domed eyes with a black pupil

**Directions:** The tie in point for all of the materials is between the eye and about a ¼" back of the eye towards the bend. For a 1/0 hook use a piece between a ¼ of and ½ a pencil width. When you cut the piece off to tie on grab the center and tease the fibers out so you don't have a blunt end. Cut the end that you are going to tie in at a 45 degree slant and tie it in by wrapping down towards the taper towards the hook eye. I used softex to finish the fly and put the eyes on but you could use any of the uv resins out there, shoe goo, or epoxy.

**Special tying instructions:** Layer small amounts of each green on top of each other. Start with the camo, sea weed, and top off with wild olive. I made the tail by tying an overhand knot at the end of the body and securing it with a little uv resin. Head cement would also work.

Watching how to tie this fly is much easier than me explaining it: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=us-fRR-fwSQc>. If for some reason the link won't work search YouTube for fly tying instructions: "Shad Fly (Bob Marriot)". If you have tying questions feel free to email me at [mandstelford@bendbroadband.com](mailto:mandstelford@bendbroadband.com).

~Mike Telford

## LIBRARY

### New Books and DVDs in the library:

- Colorado Guide Flies: Patterns, Rigs, and Advice from the State's Best Anglers and Guides, by Pat Dorsey
- Simple Flies: 52 Easy-to-Tie Patterns that Catch Fish, by Morgan Lyle
- Tying Small Flies, by Ed Engle
- Fishing Small Flies, by Ed Engle
- Tying Hair Wing Flies, (second edition) by Al and Gretchen Beatty
- Lafontaine's Legacy, The Last Flies from an American Master, by Al and Gretchen Beatty
- Fly Fishing for Kamloops Trout, by Ray Gould
- Fly Patterns for Stillwaters, by Philip Rowley
- Conquering Chironomids, vol. 1, by Brian Chan
- Conquering Chironomids, vol. 2, by Brian Chan

### DVDs to help with your casting:

- Dynamics of Fly Casting: from solid basics to advanced techniques, DVD, by Joan Wulff
- The Essence of Flycasting, DVD, by Mel Krieger

### Recently donated:

- Casting at Shadows, Christmas Island (DVD), Filmed and Edited by Ben Marlow and Bradley Lucas, donated by Dan Pebbles
  - Magic Head, Introduction, Volume 1 (DVD), by Marc Petitjean, donated by Charlie Schillinsky
  - Standing in a River Waving a Stick, by John Gierach, donated by Lou Duncan
  - Home Water, Near and Far, by William G. Tapply, donated by Lou Duncan
  - It's Trout Flies, by Dave Hughes, donated by Project Healing Waters
- Library books are available for check-out at the COF general meetings (except August). ~Kathleen Schroeder

## EVENTS

### Old Mill Casting Course

While walking along the river trails in the Old Mill District of Bend, you see the beautiful water features, complete with waterfalls and flowing water. Maybe you've seen the standing metal ring that appears to be an art installment in the grass outside Greg's Grill.

Look closer, you will also see some floating rings in the ponds and some brass plaques along the edges of the grass areas.

These features are all part of the fly casting course! It is a practice fly casting course incorporated into the landscape of the public areas of the Old Mill. The course is the only one in North America, (originally the only one in the world, developed by ORVIS when they moved into Bend). Currently managed by the Old Mill, there are 12 "holes" with targets for practicing fly casting. Each "hole" is set up like a golf hole, there are different distances and obstacles, along with different guidelines, i.e., limited back casts or casting off shoulder or off hand.

Just like a golf course, each hole



#### Introduction to the Old Mill Casting Course

May 24, 2016 - 6:00pm

**COF members will meet at hole #10 on the concrete pad/pond (near Chico's). We will have a quick introduction to the course and describe the individual holes and challenges. Join a group and walk the course. Bring a rod if you want to practice casting!**

**RSVP: I would love to know if you are joining us!**

**Questions: Karen Kreft, [nextcast@coflyfishers.org](mailto:nextcast@coflyfishers.org)**

has a par—an expected number of attempts to hit the target, along with beginner, intermediate, and professional level of challenges. The challenge is described at each hole on the plaques placed adjacent

to the hole and a brass marker is placed in the grass as the start point.

The holes are named for local fly fishing challenges, such as Mecca or Hosmer Lake. If you fish these local waters, you will identify with the challenge of overhanging trees or chasing fish moving away from you!

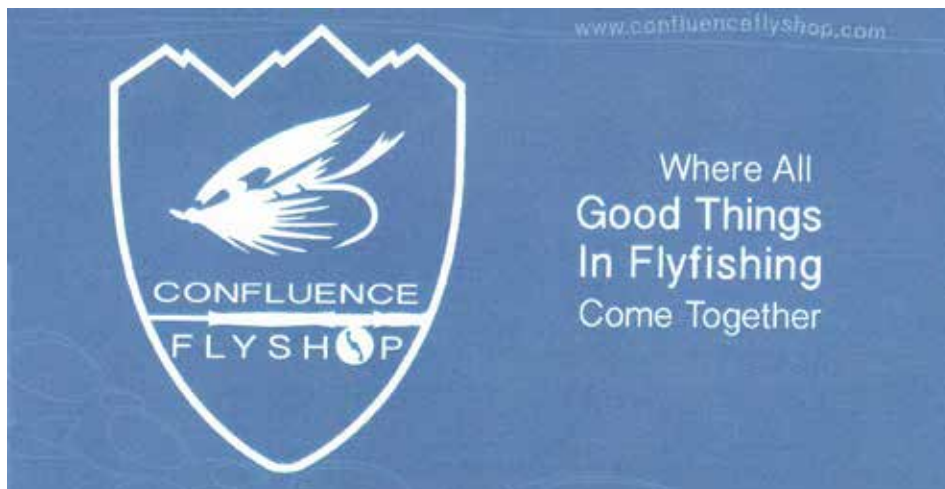
It's all fun! This course is free and available for you to use. You can simply bring a fly rod and walk up to a hole. Quickly, you will realize the water features focus on roll casts. Really long roll casts! There are also distance casting holes on the west side of the river across the walking bridge. Accuracy casts are tucked in to various landscapes, under the trees and around the tree trunks! You may want to bring different rods for different holes, perhaps different lines or even floating (indicator) yarn...regular yarn can really be heavy once it gets wet!

Scorecards with hole descriptions and a map are available at the Old Mill in the Ticket Mill and at Confluence Fly Shop. You can simply stop by and pick up a scorecard, walk to a hole and begin casting! Think of it as going to the driving range or the putting green!

Try it on your own or grab a friend and try a few holes! Keep score if you like. Don't cheat!

Note: the water features actually have flowing water which varies with the river level. The target rings sometimes float out of position! They will be replaced later in the season when the water levels stabilize. Do your best. They may not be exactly where they are intended to be!

~ Karen Kreft, [nextcast@coflyfishers.org](mailto:nextcast@coflyfishers.org), 503-409-0148





## EVENTS



**SAVE THE DATE**  
AUGUST 2-6  
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WORKSHOPS: Aug. 2-6

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## The Upper Deschutes Basin Study

Sunriver Anglers and the Upper Deschutes Basin Study Work Group invite you to a presentation about the \$1.5M Basin Study on Tuesday, May 10th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the Sunriver SHARC. An audience-directed, moderated Q&A with a panel of key players in restoring the Upper D will follow. It's an excellent opportunity to learn what's in store for our beautiful river.

Presentation by: Kate Fitzpatrick, Basin Study Work Group Coordinator, 541-382-4077 ext 18

### Panelists:

- Craig Horrell, Manager, Central Oregon Irrigation District.
- Tod Heisler, Executive Director, Deschutes River Conservancy.
- Martin Richards, Farmer and Chairman, North Unit Irrigation District.
- Mike Tripp, President, Deschutes Chapter, Trout Unlimited.
- Bridget Moran, Manager, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

- Moderator: Jeff Wieland, Upper Deschutes Basin Study Work Group Steering Committee, 541-280-3237.

Please call Jeff or Kate for additional information or assistance.

~Lee Ann Ross

## Crooked River Clean-Up

Our annual Crooked River clean-up was Saturday April 9th. We had a large attendance with 40 people. Litter was picked up from the dam down to the Castle Rock campground with a light amount col-

lected. We were rewarded to BBQ hamburgers and hotdogs cooked by Dave Dunahay and Terri and Jeff Grimm's very special nachos, peach cobbler and chocolate cake all



cooked in her cast iron Dutch ovens over hot coals.

Pete Martin worked with ODOT on the adopt-a-highway sign to be posted in the area we cleaned. This is a great way to publicize our club name on signs at each end of our adopted section of the highway. ODOT supplied us with the safety information, work area signs, reflective vests and trash bags. We have a 2 year commitment with the adopt-a-highway program to pick up litter twice a year. Our next pick up will be sometime in the Fall concentrating our efforts just along the highway. We are grateful to Pete for his efforts in securing that stretch of roadway for our club since it will soon become a designated bike route creating more public interest in that area.

~Jill Bazemore

*Wild Women of the Water continued from page 6* August in Bend? Those that did had a wonderful time at the Women's Fly Fishing University. Once again the IFFF Fair will feature a Women's Fly Fishing University, Thursday and Friday, August 4 & 5, 2016. This is a great time to get together with a group of ladies for fly fishing and advancing your knowledge. All levels are welcome. This year, with the Fair in Livingston, Montana, we will take advantage of the local waters, fishing the Yellowstone River and DePuy's Spring Creek. Registration goes live online May 18th and will fill up fast! Our own Karen Kreft and MaryAnn Dozer are involved in the event. You need to be a member of IFFF. Go online and check out membership and the Fair at <http://www.fedflyfishers.org>. Please let Karen Kreft know if you have any questions! [dancingtrout@gmail.com](mailto:dancingtrout@gmail.com)

~Kari Schoessler, [wildwomen@coflyfishers.org](mailto:wildwomen@coflyfishers.org)

## OUTINGS

*East Lake 2 Night Outing continued from page 3*  
27, 28, 29, 6, & 4. Our Next Cast group will be in #25 & 27. One campsite available: #24. Once you claim one of these sites, you can adjust the dates. Contact Eric for one of the sites already reserved. Additional sites to reserve on your own: [http://www.recreation.gov/camping/Cinder\\_Hill\\_Campground/r/campsiteSearch.do?contractCode=NR-SO&parkId=72092&selectedSiteRb=283342](http://www.recreation.gov/camping/Cinder_Hill_Campground/r/campsiteSearch.do?contractCode=NR-SO&parkId=72092&selectedSiteRb=283342)

There are non-reserve sites in this area as well. In addition, East Lake Resort has cabins and an RV site with power & water hookups. They are a very short drive away that enables you to join us around the meal table and the campfire ring.

*For those signed up we will have the briefing on June 15th and we will send out updates via email. RSVP Eric Steele [steelefly2@msn.com](mailto:steelefly2@msn.com) 541-549-2072*

## CONSERVATION

*Conservation continued from page 3*

around PRB before being released into the lower Deschutes. This is a complex issue that requires a balance of providing sufficient water releases to create favorable currents for smolt outmigration and collection with power generation needs that may occur at different times.

- You can learn more about the SWW project at [www.PortlandGeneral.com/DeschutesPassage](http://www.PortlandGeneral.com/DeschutesPassage)
- A synopsis of the study can be found here: [www.PortlandGeneral.com/MacroSynopsis](http://www.PortlandGeneral.com/MacroSynopsis)
- The complete 279 page study can be found at: [www.PortlandGeneral.com/MacroStudy](http://www.PortlandGeneral.com/MacroStudy)

~Yancy Lind, Conservation Chair,  
[conservation@coflyfishers.org](mailto:conservation@coflyfishers.org)

## OTHER NEWS

### Obituaries

#### Gene McMullen

Long time COF member, Gene McMullen, died from a 20 year battle with cancer in early April. Gene was an adventurer, artist, fisherman, philosopher and avid environmentalist. He volunteered countless hours with COF, the Oregon Natural Desert Association, the Crooked River South Fork Restoration program, and ODFW. He was instrumental in the sampling effort for John Anderson's Crooked River study and in the tracking of fish for Shivonne Nesbit's study of Crooked River fish migration. He was awarded the COF Conservation Award in 2011. The fly fishing and conservation community have lost a true champion.

#### Al McMicking

Al McMicking, co-owner of the Confluence Fly Shop, died in March. He was 69. Al was a lifelong outdoorsman and fisher. He travelled the world extensively and fished and hunted widely in Africa. Many of his trophies hang on the walls of the Confluence Fly Shop. He will be sorely missed by his colleagues at the shop and his pals at Project Healing Waters.

### Atlas of Oregon Lakes

There is a website that I've been using to research some of the lakes that interest me, Online Atlas of Oregon Lakes, (<https://aol.research.pdx.edu/>). This website contains a wealth of information about many of Oregon's lakes and has interactive maps about 200 bodies of water.

~Lee Ann Ross

## ODFW To Electrofish & Remove Davis Lake Bass : May 16—20

ODFW will electrofish and remove largemouth bass in Davis Lake the week of May 16, 2016.

The objective is to control the abundance of illegally introduced largemouth in Davis Lake. Largemouth bass were first detected in Davis Lake in 1997 and the population expanded rapidly. Bass populations have negatively impacted a very popular native redband trout fishery and compromised conservation efforts for redband and potentially for bull trout. ODFW initiated control efforts in 2007 using specialized boats equipped with electrofishing equipment. In support of these objectives, ODFW staff and authorized personnel will target the capture, removal, and transfer of larger, mature largemouth bass in designated water bodies throughout the state where ODFW actively manages for largemouth bass.

An additional FYI to all: Gary Galovich with the Warmwater Program will be electrofishing in

Davis for one night the previous week May 9–13 to transfer bass to Lost Creek Reservoir.

~Lee Ann Ross

### Pontoon Boat For Sale

Inflatable pontoon boat for sale. Wilderness 13 model. Includes upgraded 7' oars, min Kota 30 thrust trolling motor with battery and box, anchor, marine tags and boat numbers, air pump. Used 15 times all in excellent condition. \$375.

~Ron Kaye @ 805-705-8785,  
located on the Westside



**OTHER NEWS**

**Fundraising Banquet & Raffle Recap**

The 2016 COF Fundraising Banquet & Raffle was held April 2nd and the attendance was bigger than ever, we raised more money than ever, and it was great fun! Thank you COF members for making the banquet a success. It really is all about COF members willing to volunteer, donate, and spend some cash for a successful fundraiser.

I want to recognize the members who donated their time and talents with fly tying or casting lessons, a themed dinner, and hosted fly fishing trips. They are Jerry Criss, Mary Ann Dozer, Yancy Lind, Eric Steele, Mike Tripp, Lee Ann Ross, Dan Pebbles, Ron Kaye, and Debbie Norton. Their donations as silent auction items brought the club \$3,290.00!

These time and talent kind of donations are a big deal for COF fundraising. If you have considered hosting a trip how about making that type of donation for next year's banquet?

I also want to recognize the volunteers who made the banquet successful:

- |                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Delores Marsh      | Bill Raleigh    |
| Terri Grimm        | Tim Schindele   |
| Craig Dennis       | Renee Schindele |
| Jill Bazemore      | Karen Kreft     |
| Roger Vlach        | John Kreft      |
| Debbie Norton      | Kathleen Martin |
| Charlotte Oakes    | Sandra Dunahay  |
| Kathleen Schroeder | Dave Dunahay    |
| Corol Ann Cary     | Eric Steele     |
| R. Todd Cary       | Lee Ann Ross    |
| Betty Rentz        |                 |

Thanks everyone!

~Peter Martin, COF Banquet Chair

**PHOTO GALLERY**

**2016 COF Fundraising Banquet & Raffle**



Charlotte Oakes



Checkout 2016



Craig Dennis, Eric Steele



Jeannette Launer, Corol Ann Cary, Betty Rentz

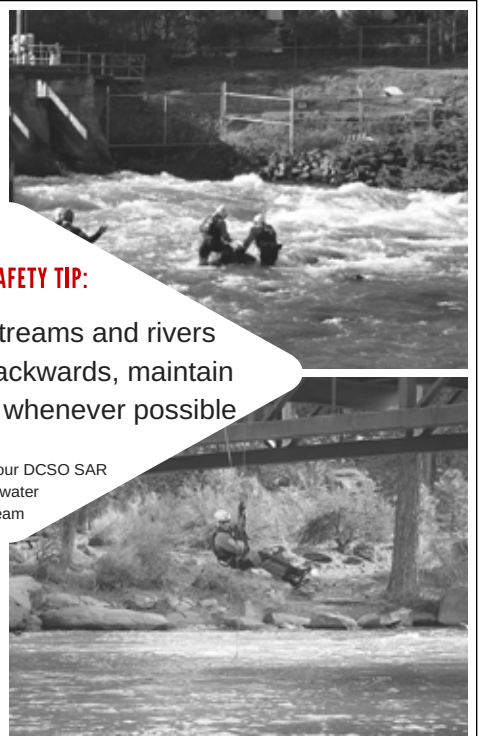
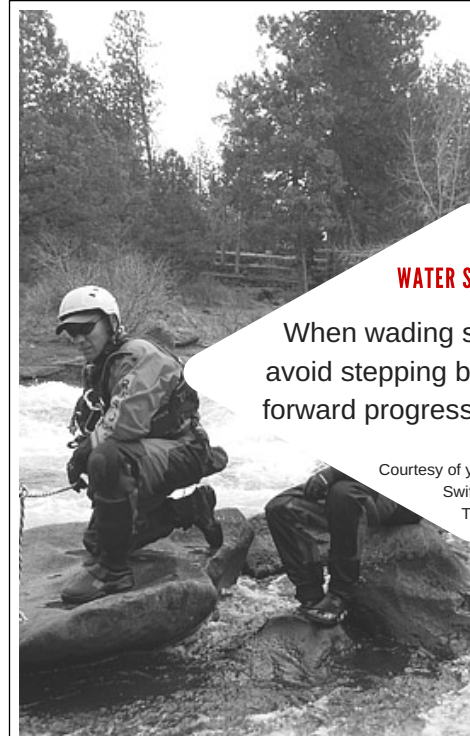


Jill Bazemore Sat AM Setup



Roger Vlach, Renee & Tim Schindele

**April 16 Outing On The Middle Deschutes**



**WATER SAFETY TIP:**

When wading streams and rivers avoid stepping backwards, maintain forward progress whenever possible

Courtesy of your DCSO SAR Swiftwater Team

## UPSTREAM EVENTS May 2016

| DATE      | TIME     | ACTIVITY                         | LOCATION                      | CONTACT                   |
|-----------|----------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 4th       | 5:30 PM  | Beginning Casting                | Al Moody Park                 | Debbie Norton             |
| 5th       | 6:30 PM  | Board Meeting                    | Environmental Center          | Lee Ann Ross              |
| 10th      | 7:00 PM  | Upper Deschutes Basin Study      | Sunriver SHARC                | DRC                       |
| 11th      | 5:30 PM  | Advanced Casting Skills          | Al Moody Park                 | Debbie Norton             |
| 11th      | 7:00 PM  | ODFW Budget Review               | COCC/Boyle/Rm155              | Yancy Lind                |
| 13th-15th | 9:00 AM  | Sandy River Spey Clave           | Oxbow Regional Park, Sandy OR | Lee Ann Ross              |
| 13th      | 6:00 PM  | Wild Women BBQ & Bamboo Rods     | Dozer Residence               | Kari Schoessler           |
| 18th      | 7:00 PM  | General Meeting                  | Bend Senior Center            | Corol Ann Cary            |
| 19th      | 10:00 AM | Chironomid Lake Fishing Workshop | TBD                           | Debbie Norton             |
| 24th      | 6:00 PM  | Casting Course Introduction      | Old Mill, Karen Kreft         | nextcast@coflyfishers.org |

## In the Future


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

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

Intro to Spey Casting Class July 28th & July 30th; Contact: Debbie Norton

International Federation of Fly Fishers national fair; August 2-6,  
Livingston, Montana; <http://www.fedflyfishers.org/FlyFishingFair/tabid/298/Default.aspx>



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