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President's Message

It's May and that means Salmonflies, Callibaetis, and a ton of other bugs will be emerging from our waters. Although other bug emergences start a little later in the year, I think of May as the beginning of good dry fly action in Central Oregon. I hope you are all able to get out and chase some trout during this exciting time of year!

I've included an article this month from Yancy Lind's excellent blog, Central Oregon Informed Angler (coinformedangler.org). It addresses some of the water problems we are facing in Oregon, and gives an example of what Arizona is doing about their problems. The drought we are facing is everywhere in the West, but AZ is at least trying to do something to mitigate the effects.

We are continuing our meetings at the Elks Lodge for the foreseeable future, many members are enjoying the food/libations/in-person camaraderie that it provides. If you haven't been yet, come to the next one and see for yourselves!

Video of the Month. If any of you beginning casters have seen me out on the water or in a casting clinic, then you'll know that I stress the importance of the backcast in the process. This short video from The New Flyfisher demonstrates how you can use the backcast to give you a hand up when fish are in the "off hand" zone; it's especially important when fishing in windy conditions. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t-JronpSY64>

Thanx for being a part of this great Club, and feel free to let me (or any Board member) know if you have ideas for improvement. Also, please start thinking about how you can add value to this club - by volunteering for leadership positions or helping with our varied programs.

Get out and fish!

- *Tim Quinton*

Tim Quinton, President COF



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US Fish & Wildlife Service in Central Oregon

Fisheries management in Central Oregon is jointly shared by many agencies including the Oregon

Department of Fish & Wildlife, the US Forest Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the US Fish & Wildlife Service. Bridget Moran is the Field Supervisor for the Bend USFWS office where she manages a team of biologists working on a variety of efforts in Central Oregon.

She will discuss water management issues in the Deschutes Basin, with a discussion about the Deschutes Basin Habitat Conservation Plan (DBHCP), the first few years of DBHCP's implementation, and its long-term goals for the Deschutes and Crooked Rivers.

Prior to joining the Bend office, Bridget managed a team of biologists and managers for the USFWS in Olympia, WA, doing similar Endangered Species Act-related conservation work. Before joining the USFWS, Bridget worked for the State of Washington for 13 years, primarily at the executive level on natural resource issues related to forestry, agriculture, aquatic land management and salmon recovery. Bridget has a Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology from the University of California-Davis, and a Master of Science degree in Environmental Toxicology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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2022 COF

Outings Calendar

MAY 8

SOUTH TWIN LAKE

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

JUNE 16

CRANE PRAIRIE - QUINN RIVER

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

JULY 15-17

JOHN DAY

More information to come

AUGUST 15

THREE CREEK LAKE

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

SEPTEMBER 5

EAST LAKE

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

OCTOBER 8

CRANE PRAIRIE - NORTH END

Meet at the Crane Prairie Resort launch at 9:00am.
Notes: Review the COF "How to" Crane Prairie - North End



OUTINGS

South Twin Lake

MAY 7, 2022

Directions

The Twin lakes outing is scheduled for Sunday May 8 (Mother's Day). I didn't realize that when I scheduled it, so I'm changing it to May 7. You can get to South Twin from Bend by taking highway 97 south, past Sunriver and take the Vandervert road (Cascades Highway) exit. Take a left on Century drive (Highway 42) which follows the Fall River. Follow the sign to Twin lakes resort and South Twin.

The Fishing

Plan to meet at the boat lunch at 9:00. I'll be in my blue Scadden pontoon boat. The lake is best fished by a small boat – No motors (gas or electric) are allowed. Please check the Members area: Fishing tips "How to" section on the COF website for how to best fish the lake. Jeff Perin, owner of Flyfishers Place in Sisters recently said on his Blog: "South Twin is fishing well on the edges with Damsel Nymphs and Leeches. Off the drop and in deeper water with Chironomids. If you have sonar, look for fish to be out in deeper water and dangle an ice cream cone or juju midge for them. On a type 7 full sink that is fun to do"

Lunch

South Twin Resort has a great outside restaurant. For those that are interested, lets plan to meet at the outside tables for lunch at the resort at 12:30. Ask the Hostess where COF are sitting.

Finally – Owyhee Outing

14 COF members traveled to the outing. The weather was a small factor and it continued to get better as the

trip progressed. The fishing was slower than recent years and the fish were also smaller, 9 -16" and a few reports of fish that were 20". A small zebra midge under an indicator was working the best. We finally found a great BWO hatch followed by a caddis hatch on our last evening. The fish, browns and rainbows, were up to 16" and the dry fly action was nonstop!

- ERIC WHITE

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CONSERVATION

Oregon Could Learn a Lot From Arizona

The following is reprinted from Yancy Lind's submission to The Bulletin from March. I felt it was important for our club in Central Oregon to see how water issues are being handled in another desert state (Arizona), so I got Yancy's permission to run it here. Yancy noted that our own Frank Turek supplied a lot of this info, as he was actively involved in Arizona's process for many years. — TQ

The Bend Bulletin published my guest column (March 30, 2022), "Oregon could learn a lot from Arizona". You really should have a subscription, a local newspaper is critical to having a well-functioning local government, but if you don't, I've reproduced it below. My last column in the paper was about hope not being a plan for solving our water crisis. Today the paper ran two stories on water, one of which quoted a state official stating "I was hoping for a much better winter this year, a recovery". Last week I had an email exchange with a federal agency involved in controlling releases from Prineville Reservoir in the Crooked River asking about their plans. The response was they were waiting to see what happens during the remainder of the spring. Once again, hope is not a plan and right now we have no plan. Arizona does. Here's my column in today's (March 30) paper.

Oregon has been mismanaging water for decades. Our lakes, reservoirs, rivers, and streams as well as the fish and wildlife that depend on them are suffering. People are suffering too as wells dry up, food production and economic output is reduced, and recreational opportunities diminished. Surface water and groundwater are both declining. In Central Oregon, groundwater is of critical importance as it is the source of most of our lakes and rivers. As has been

noted, “surface water and groundwater are intimately connected despite all efforts by lawyers and judges to rule otherwise”.

Over 50 years ago, Arizona experienced dramatic groundwater declines. In response, the state passed the Groundwater Management Act in 1980, which was hailed as the most far-reaching groundwater management regulatory framework in the United States. The Act is complex, but the highlights are easy to understand. Most importantly, water in Arizona is understood to be a precious commodity and is treated as such, unlike in Oregon where water is considered free and until recently, plentiful.

Arizona’s 1980 Act requires that prior to approval, most new developments must secure a 100-year supply of water. This 100-year supply could come from groundwater that is recharged with recycled water, from the purchase of surface water rights, from a city with a 100-year supply, or from mandated water conservation measures. While this may seem onerous to new development, the enormous growth in Arizona since 1980 has proven otherwise. A similar requirement does not exist in Oregon where developers can build with little to no concern about long term water availability.

The Act also required that canals in management areas be lined to stop leakage and that irrigation systems be upgraded so that overall distribution losses do not exceed 10%. Landowners had to bear the expense of these upgrades.

In Oregon, water is supposed to be used beneficially and without waste. Unfortunately, these provisions have been ignored. In Arizona, beneficial use without waste is enforced economically. No one will bear the expense of lining a canal or upgrading their irrigation system if they will not make money on the use of the water. Contrast that to Central Oregon where taxpayers are paying for canal piping and most irrigators are “hobby farmers” who do not make a profit.

Most irrigators in Arizona are given an annual water allocation based on crops grown and the actual water required for those crops over the past 5 years. Water use is monitored and reported at the expense of the landowner. In Central Oregon, water is delivered based on an allocation established when the state was first settled, regardless of the current use of the water. Further, water use is largely unmonitored and unreported.

In the 40+ years since the passage of the Act, Arizona has continued to adapt water policies to meet the

needs of a growing population and heating planet. For example, water recycling and direct groundwater recharge are now widely used. A recharge and recovery accounting system was implemented to protect the rights of the storer and stored water credits can be traded. Water conservation is a focus for domestic, municipal, industrial, and agricultural users.

Arizona knows that more work must be done. Declining levels in the Colorado River, higher temperatures and reduced snowpack, drought contingency planning, water rights transfers, the potential hydrologic disconnect between groundwater withdrawal and recharge, continued groundwater declines in some areas, tribal water rights, and environmental needs are among issues that are actively being addressing. The point is that they are working on the problem. Oregon is not. Clearly, Oregon is not Arizona. We need to craft legislation specific to our needs, a process that will be contentious. Over 40 years ago, however, Arizona showed how thoughtful government can proactively address complex problems and enact lasting solutions. We need effective leadership that will do the same.

- YANCY LIND

EDUCATION

FFI Corner

I received the following from ORCFFI President Stephen Maher:

On April 22, the ODFW Commission voted 4-3 in favor of eliminating the Summer Steelhead Hatchery Program on the North Umpqua River. The Commission will revisit the plan in 2026.

Please see this link (<https://nativefishsociety.org/news-media/oregon-steps-up-protections-for-imperiled-north-umpqua-summer-steelhead>) for a press release from the Native Fish Society, a member North Umpqua Coalition. FFI is also a member of the NFS.

As your FFI rep, please let me know if you have any questions about this fine organization.

<https://www.flyfishersinternational.org>

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WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

Wild Women offered a Fly Fishing 101 class in April and it was a great success. We had 3 women from COF and 9 women from the community participate. A big shout out to our Wild Women volunteers who helped make this day terrific: Kari Schoessler, Kathleen Schroeder, Linda Richards, Linda Greiner and Terri Grimm.

We were fortunate to have casting instructor Mary Ann Dozer and her team of students, Dean McNaught, Lindsay Flenor and Stephen Williams on board to teach casting fundamentals.

We have 84 women registered in our Wild Women of the Water group and an active Facebook page as well. This spring and summer are looking great for get togethers too. Our first organized Wild Women outing will be to the Crooked River on May 11th. Liz Jones will bring her Bugs 101 class live to the river for a hands-on learning experience. All Wild Women will receive an email invite for the outing.

Looking forward to fishing with you all!

- SUE COYLE

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NEXT CAST FLYFISHERS

Volunteer opportunities to develop the next generation of fly fishers.

1. Delaney Sharp, the teacher at the Camp Sherman school has requested volunteers to provide fly fishing instruction to the students at the Black Butte School in Camp Sherman. The students will be divided into two groups with 10 students in each group. Dates are June 2nd and June 9th. We will meet at the school a little before noon, provide casting instruction at the school and then walking to the Metolius pond for fishing. I will be providing the casting instruction. 4 or 5 volunteers are needed to work with the students. If you available please send me a text or email the dates you are available to assist.
2. 3-Day fly fishing Camp. Thank you to the individuals that signed up at the last meeting. The tent raising will be on June 19th. 5 or 6 volunteers are needed. We will meet at the Metolius pond at 10:00 AM on June 19th and should be done by about noon.

The camp will be held on June 20, 21 and 22. Volunteers should arrive at the Metolius pond

at about 8:30 each morning and we should be done by about 1:30PM. Individuals are needed to provide casting instruction, knot tying, insect identification, fishing regulations and assisting the students when fishing. On June 20th 6 individuals need to bring waders to assist the student in collecting insects and instruction on wading safety in a stream. A total of about 12 volunteers are needed each day. Please text or email if you are available. Please include the dates you are available and which activity you are willing to lead. I will provide more information later.

Thank you for volunteering

- FRED A. CHOLICK
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BOARD BITS

A REVIEW OF THE 4/28 COF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

We need a president for next year! Tim will definitely not be continuing on. We need a banquet chair for next year. A discussion ensued about changing the timing of the banquet and auction and changing the format of the 2 events themselves. We still have many high value items from our cancelled auction a few years ago. It was decided to put 10 high value items in a silent auction at the August BBQ. We will continue to place other items in our monthly raffles. Carol Ann will take the raffle lead.

A discussion took place on meeting our members expectations. What are those expectations? When someone becomes a member, they fill out a form as to what they want out of the club. Can we quantify those answers better? Should we do a survey, since we have many members that joined many years ago? Mary, Sue, John and Kari will look into a survey.

We do not print out our newsletter anymore, because of cost. It is only online.

The local fly shops have handed them out in the past. It was nice to have that exposure. Carol Ann will look into starting that up again. She would like to subsidize the cost of printing the newsletter for delivery to the local fly shops.

Presentations – Yancy asked for suggestions for future presentations. Let him know if you would like to see something. Sue will look into a presentation for sea run cutthroats.

Wild Women of the Water – Sue reported that their Ladies Flyfishing 101 class went well with a full class. They have outings planned to East Lake, the Crooked River and the Grand Ronde River. There will also be a Meet & Greet with Broken Top ladies on their newly stocked pond.

Next Cast – Fred could use more volunteers for his youth class...June 20-22. The Black Butte School has asked Fred to hold a class for their students... June 2 and June 9. Fred could use volunteers to help him out then, also.

Kokanee Karnival – Frank will be holding his youth Spring Creek classes at the Metolius Pond...May 5 & 6. Send him a note, if you can help him out.

- KARI SCHOESSLER
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OTHER NEWS

Crooked River Cleanup

APRIL 9TH, 2022

Many thanks to the nineteen people who turned out for the COF springtime Crooked River Cleanup. Turnout was a little smaller than usual. I think that volunteers heard that Terri Grimm was fighting a cold so there would be no Dutch Oven dessert afterwards.

It was a typical Central Oregon day with snow flurries, sunshine and chilly overcast skies. As always, when we visit the Crooked River, we can be proud of our club's efforts in keeping the area clean. The next cleanup will be sometime in



November. I've sent Dick Olson the following list of participants for the volunteer database.

Fred Cholick
 Milt McConnell
 Jim Woodbridge
 Becky Woodbridge
 Bill Raleigh
 Harry Harbin
 Jane Lewis
 Tim Quinton
 Robert Shimane
 Ron Romeis

John Howard
 Kari Schoessler
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MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to Our New Members

Carl Cavallo - Bend
 Tim McGrath - Bend
 Hillary Saraceno - Bend
 Brett Traeger - Bend

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LIBRARY

COF library services have resumed now that we are meeting at the Bend Elks Lodge. Please return any books or DVDs that you may have. Thanks for keeping them throughout our shutdown. We are currently reevaluating the library collection, please send us any ideas you may have on how you would like the library to be, in the future (library@coflyfishers.org).

Our DVD collection and a select number of books are available for checkout. 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. Sign in on our website <https://coflyfishers.wildapricot.org>, click on Members Area and select Library to see a list of our holdings. If you have any questions, comments, or new book suggestions, email Helen, the club librarian. library@coflyfishers.org

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FREE BOOKS

The Free Books box at the monthly COF meeting may be suspended, pending the club pursuing other options.

Contact John Howard with questions or comments at vicepresident@coflyfishers.org

COF CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: USED Sage Pulse 10' 7wt 4pc. with Sage tube \$350. Mike Coughlin, 541 306 0685, prmike1953@gmail.com



FREE IS A VERY GOOD PRICE! I have an extra rear frame piece and basket that attaches behind the seat of the Classic Accessories 9' Wilderness pontoon boat that probably several people in the club bought at Costco. I would give it to someone if they needed it. Mike Coughlin, 541 306 0685, prmike1953@gmail.com



FOR SALE: 12' Flycraft Inflatable Drift Boat with gear rack and 2.3 HP Honda outboard motor, \$3000. Call John Butler, 541-588-2124 or 619-241-1589.



FOR SALE: 8' Buck's Bag's Southfork Pontoon Boat. Stainless steel frame, Carlisle oars with bronze oar locks, two pontoon mounted bags plus an extra for the anchor rope, under seat anchor system, stripping apron, mesh rear platform, two Scotty fly rod holders, two Scotty oar holders. Tough boat, navigates the day trip on the lower Deschutes just fine. Still sold by Buck's Bags for \$900.00, but they are sold out of everything. Still big shortages, if you want a boat for the lakes this spring, you better buy this one or get to searching soon! \$495.00. Harry Harbin in Bend, harryharbin@gmail.com, 541-410-5010.





FOR SALE: For Sale: Brand New Umpqua ZS2 Wader Chest Pack, \$30, clips to your wader suspenders or belt, holds two fly boxes, features include two hemostat grab tabs, retractor station, foam fly patch, tippet holder, mesh pocket, ZS2 accessory attachment, retails \$49.95, Peter Martin, call 541-388-8956, or pcmartin@bendbroadband.com. When float tubing, I use the older version to keep my tools and tippet handy. For sale is the new version (pictured). This beats those dangling tool necklaces which tangle with your fly line. 10.5" long x 3" wide x 7" high.



COF MEMBERS: Got a "fishy item," (broadly defined), to sell, find, or giveaway? Ads are free and run for one newsletter. If the item is not sold please resubmit your ad for the next month's newsletter. Submit ads to classifieds@coflyfishers.org by the end of the third week of each month. JPEG photos are useful.

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MIDGE EMERGER

Well some late snow and some rain that is forecast for the weeks ahead has given to some hope of having water until mid-summer. But things are still going to require greater care of our fish, playing them with care, not pulling them too fast through the water or having them out of the water for any length of time so that they can't breathe. These creatures are special and they deserve respect and the help they need to survive, for they give us their all every time they give us a tug.

Hope those who watched the Winter Tying with the CO Fly Tyers Guild and the BT's Fly Tying Fridays have learned some tips and tricks along with some great flies. It is great to see tyers from different parts of the country and those outside the US, demonstrate their talents.

The fly this month is, yes another midge, this one is an emerger that has been used for a while and it is a great one for spring and early mornings. Has parts from others that I have seen and together this one has a buzzer body and wing case that is red in color, which what naturals do have some times. Fish it dry and drifting with the water currents caused by the wind.

Materials:

Hook: Daiichi 1167 Klinkhamer Hook #16 or any light wire scud hook will work.

Thread: Veevus Black 16/0, or match the hatch.

Shuck: Tan and Red mixture of EP fibers or Poly yarn.

Body: Black tying thread.

Rib: Sulky Silver Metallic #145-8040, this is the thinnest Mylar I have found and it works great for very small ribs, and it comes in other colors.

Wing case: Red, Ep trigger fiber or poly yarn.

Hackle: Dun, 2 CDC feathers barbules wound in a dubbing loop as a hackle.

Head: Tying thread.

Tying directions:

1. Lock in your thread 1/3 of the hook length behind the eye, as you wrap back tye in the schuck and then the ribbing materials. Keep the wraps smooth as you wind back down the back of the hook. Leave at least ¼ in of the schuck hanging down, (cutting short when the fly is complete to 1/16 in.
2. Now color the rib material with a red marking pen.
3. Now bring the rib forward with about 6 to 7 even wraps and tye off at the tye in point. At this point you can coat the body with your favorite coating to protect the body and rib. Let this dry before going forward.
4. Now tye in the Red wing case like a small wing facing back over the body, trimming to about 3/16 in.
5. Build a base of thread for the CDC hackle. Make a dubbing loop hackle of about 1 in long, starting up against the wing and wrap forward to the just behind the eye, and tye it off.
6. Finish with a head of black thread.

“Good Luck and Good Hunting”

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MAY 2022 UPSTREAM EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONTACT
May 7th	South Twin Lake Outing	Eric's Mail, whitehaus692@gmail.com
May 11th	Wild Women Crooked River Outing	wildwomen@coflyfishers.org
May 18th	General Meeting, Elks Lodge @ 7:00 PM, with social time starting at 6:30	
May 26th	Board of Directors Meeting, @ 6:00 PM, location TBA	

In the Future

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONTACT
June 2nd & 9th	Black Butte School Youth Classes @ the Metolius Pond	fcholick@gmail.com
June 8th	Wild Women "Meet & Greet" with Broken Top Ladies	wildwomen@coflyfishers.org
June 11th – 18th	East Lake Outing, Wild Women only	wildwomen@coflyfishers.org
June 16th	Crane Prairie - Quinn River Outing	Eric's Mail, whitehaus692@gmail.com
June 20th – 23rd	3 Day Youth Flyfishing Camp	Fred, nextcast@coflyfishers.org
June 22nd – 24th	Grand Ronde Float Trip (full), Wild Women only	wildwomen@coflyfishers.org
July 15-17	John Day Outing	Eric's Mail, whitehaus692@gmail.com
August 15	Three Creek Lake Outing	Eric's Mail, whitehaus692@gmail.com
September 5	East Lake Outing	Eric's Mail, whitehaus692@gmail.com
October 8	Crane Prairie - North End Outing	Eric's Mail, whitehaus692@gmail.com



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