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President's Message



Fish Rescue: A number of COF members participated in the fish rescue between Lava Falls and Meadow Camp. In collaboration with the Central Oregon Irrigation District, volunteers rescued approximately 3000 trout and whitefish, as well as about 2000 sculpin. The fish become stranded in the side channels as the water level drops after the irrigation season. See the story here: <http://zolomedia.com/restoring-upper-deschutes-rivers-fish-population/>

Salvage Date	Rainbow Trout			Brown Trout			Sculpin	Whitefish	Kokanee	Total Salmonids
	<6"	6-12"	>12"	<6"	6-12"	>12"				
12-Oct	782	5	0	1	1	1	400	3	0	793
13-Oct	1383	147	3	5	5	7	800	89	1	1639
14-Oct	1352	104	3	7	10	1	750	32	0	1509
Total	3517	256	6	13	16	9	1950	124	1	3941

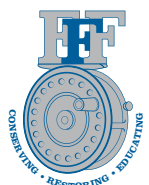
Table Above: Daily number of fish salvaged from Lava Island side channel in October 2016. Salmonids were targeted, but thousands of sculpin were also incidentally caught and relocated. Salmonids were individually counted and the number of sculpin was approximated. Photos Below: Electrofishing and manual equipment used by COF members to salvage fish from the Lava Island side channel in 2016.



Note: If you want to swing flies on the Lower Deschutes I would strongly suggest a sculpin pattern. Color brown to black.

Some Better News: The Crooked River is currently flowing at approximately 80 CFS and the upper Deschutes is flowing at approximately 100 CFS. Hopefully these levels will be maintained throughout the winter.

~Lee Ann Ross



An Active Member Club

Our November speaker is **Nate Brumley**, the owner of dryflyinnovations.com, an online fishing company out of Meridian, Idaho. The only bugs sold at his company are dry flies, and he has mastered the use of them in every season of the year. Nate's tying sessions and presentations are some of the most sought after events in the industry at present, and his knowledge of dry fly fishing is truly phenomenal. It has been said that one hour with Nate is like gaining 10 years of experience on how to fish a dry fly. Should you have the opportunity, attend one of Nate's tying sessions or presentations—it will change the way you dry fly fish forever! 🐟 His focus for this presentation will be “Winter on a Dry Fly”. This presentation explores the world of tiny bugs and big fish as they rendezvous at the surface in winter. You will learn critical insight about a fish's feeding habits in winter and we'll show you how to utilize that information to set up and deliver in the hatch. DFI divulges all the secrets, all the strategies, and all the insight you will need to open up a completely new fly fishing season. Some of the most exciting dry fly fishing of the year happens after the first hard frost and this presentation will prepare you for that experience with the right gear, knowledge of the hatches, and the perfect selection of winter dry flies. 🐟 Nate is also the author of a cutting-edge new book *Addicted to the Rise*. 🐟 **Pre-Meeting at 6:15**: To be announced.



Nate Brumley

NOVEMBER MEETING NOTICE: BOARD ELECTIONS

The 2016 annual meeting of the Central Oregon Flyfishers will take place at the November monthly meeting for the purpose of electing officers and directors to the Board and any other business that may come before the meeting.

Nominees for officers and directors are:

Office	Nominee	Committee	Term	Thru
President	Lee Ann Ross		One Year	2017
Vice President	(Vacant)		One Year	2017
Secretary	Corol Ann Cary		One Year	2017
Treasurer	Renee Schindele		One Year	2017
Director	Susan Coyle	Membership	Two Years	2018
Director	Tom Wideman	Banquet	Two Years	2018
Director	Peter Martin	At Large	Two Years	2018

The terms of the following directors run through 2017:

Yancy Lind	Conservation
Debbie Norton	Education
Dalton Miller Jones	Education
Frank Turek	Kokanee Karnival
Karen Kreft	Next Cast Flyfishers
Jill Bazemore	Outings
Mary Ann Dozer	Program
Keri Schoessler	Wild Women
Allen Caudle	At Large

Additional nominees will be sought from the floor prior to the election.

~Corol Ann Cary

NEXT CAST FLYFISHERS

Update

The Next Cast Flyfishers program provides opportunities and coordinates activities for young fly anglers in the area. We offer fly fishing instruction through classroom activities, fly fishing summer camps, ongoing COF events, and individually through mentorship and teaching.

Providing these opportunities, young anglers will be exposed to fly fishing and increase their interest and level of involvement.

Upcoming events include:

- **COF December monthly meeting:** The December 21 meeting will feature fly tyers, items for sale by owner, and holiday snacks! All Next Cast Flyfishers and their families are invited to join us and tie flies, we will have vises and materials for you to use. There will also be other club members tying for you to watch. This year, Next Cast will be selling some fly rods that have

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been donated to our program, the proceeds from the sales will be added to our funds for more activities next year. We would love to have you join us! Let me know if you plan to attend and if you would like to tie some flies! Or stop by and say hi and have a cookie!

Please contact me directly if you have questions.

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

CONSERVATION

Update

Crooked River

As detailed in the August newsletter, following the passage of the Crooked River bill the Bureau of Reclamation applied for a water right that allowed them to release uncontracted water in Prineville Reservoir for the benefit of fish and irrigation. This was in direct opposition to the intent and language of the bill. Oregon Water Resources Department gave a preliminary grant of this right to which ODFW and WaterWatch filed an objection. Two negotiation meetings occurred last month between the various parties and an agreement was made that the 68,882 acre feet of uncontracted water would only be released for downstream fish & wildlife. Further, the unused pool of "fish water" can be carried over from one year to the next. This is excellent news.

Last August I also wrote about BoR not releasing the fish water for the maximum biological benefit of fish as called for in the bill. Some progress has been made since that time with BoR agreeing to take input from ODFW in determining

the water release schedule. The schedule for 2017 has yet to be revealed, but at least the right people are now talking to each other.

Deschutes River

It is widely known that the Deschutes River from Wickiup Reservoir to Lake Billy Chinook is suffering from years of irrigation diversions. Historically, flows in the stretch immediately below Wickiup were amazingly consis-

tent and averaged around 700 cfs (cubic feet a second) year round. Now they reach as low as 20 cfs in the winter. Flows in the middle Deschutes below Bend are almost as bad, at approximately 80 cfs for long periods in the spring and fall. These low flows create environmental devastation, with fish kills near Bend getting the most public attention.

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EDUCATION

Wow, we are moving into the busy fall fishing season. I'd like to say thanks to John Sherry for sharing information on Knots at our Pre-meeting education session before the October General Meeting. His information covered animated Knots and everything related, see online at: www.netknots.com or his Apps: search for *Net Knots* in iTunes or Google Play. Big thanks also goes to Jeff Perin and his guide Ben Kittell for teaching the Euro Nymphing Clinic on the Crooked River the day after our general October meeting. There were 12 happy COF member students perfecting their nymphing techniques! Also a big thanks to Cliff Price with his helpers John Kreft and

Peter Martin who are teaching the beginning fly tying course in advance of the winter tying season.

Dry Fly Academy: On Thursday, November 17th, as a continuation of our November 16th General meeting program with Nate Brumley, Nate will present his Dry Fly Academy to the first 15 interested COF members who pay \$35/person payable in advance. His presentation is designed to speak to all angler skill levels from beginner to advanced.

The Dry Fly Academy is Flat out the most informative dry fly presentation ever assembled! In 3 hours, you will be introduced to 50 years of knowledge fishing exclusively with a dry fly. Tons of instructional video, innovative techniques and masterful strategies will be

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WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

Update

- **November 9th:** "Local Waters", 6-8pm @ Susan Coyle's house. Molly will share her thoughts on in-town fishing spots. Bring your thoughts also!
- **December 9th:** Holiday Party @ LeeAnn's house, 6:30pm. Keep your eyes open for a fishy gift to share.
- **March 19th:** "Bugs & How to Match Your Flybox". More info later; does anyone have access to a room that we might use?

Let me know if you have winter get-together ideas! We can still fish—there are only bad clothes, not bad weather. Who wants to lead a trip?

~Kari Schoessler, wildwomen@coflyfishers.org

COF WINTER FLY TYING

COF's Winter Fly Tying begins January 3 and will run through March 28. We'll meet every Tuesday night at the Bend Senior Center at 6:00 pm. This is an opportunity to re-stock your fly box with effective, fishy flies. An experienced instructor who will teach a couple of flies will lead each session. There will be enough materials available to tie several of each pattern. The class is open to current COF member (guests are welcome). Just bring your vise, tools, thread and \$5 per session to offset the room and materials. This is not a beginning fly tying class so you will need to know the basics of fly tying. I'm creating an email list of participants; so let me know if you are interested. I send out pattern sheets early so you can see who the instructor is and the featured flies.

Hope to see you in January!

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



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MEMBERSHIP

Update

Check your November 1 email from COF, as your annual membership renewal invoice will have been sent to you. You will be able to renew online and pay by credit card using PayPal, or you'll be provided the club's PO Box address if you prefer to mail a check. You can also pay in person by bringing your check to the monthly meeting and save a stamp. If you renew before January 1, the cost is \$35; after January 1, the price goes to \$41. If you're an Out of the Area (Associate) member, your renewal rate is always a low-priced \$23. If you are one of the handful of members who does not receive email from COF, know that your renewal notice will not be mailed to you. You will be expected to mail in payment or bring it to the next meeting you attend or you will receive a phone call reminding you. Members will also have an opportunity to make a donation to Kokanee Karnival by credit card, by mail to the PO Box or in person. If you have any questions about the renewal process or about the Wild Apricot membership management system, please contact me.

Welcome New Members

Candace, Sebastian and Ella Bell

Jim Cave and Lenore Gilbert

Peter Covell

Carol and Bob Hodson

Kent Toomb

Makayla Walters

~Tim Schindele, membership@coflyfishers.org

THANK YOU TO KOKANEE KARNIVAL FALL STREAMSIDE VOLUNTEERS

We held our Kokanee Karnival Fall Streamside September 19 through 23. We had 12 classes of 4th and 5th grade students from the Bend La Pine and Redmond School Districts attend our sites at Sheep Bridge, Fall River Hatchery and Spring Creek. The program was a success thanks to all your help. We had two media groups at Spring Creek and there was an article in the Bend Bulletin and TV report on Central Oregon Daily. I hope you got to read and see the coverage. It was the best we ever had. Many of the students told me how much they enjoyed Kokanee Karnival and how much they learned. I received many thank you letters from the students that echoed what they told me in the field. Teachers and parents told me how valuable this program is to them and how much they appreciate all the time the volunteers donate to make Kokanee Karnival a success. I echo their feelings.

There were lots of Kokanee in the streams this year and the students had a great time spotting fish in the shallows. At Spring Creek we saw several tagged Kokanee but none of the tagged Sockeye. We had reports that the Sockeye returned to the area that were spawning in Spring Creek; a success for the ODFW restoration program. After the Fall Streamside, construction began on the new Acclimation/Youth Fishing Pond that ODFW is building at the Spring Creek site.

This year we had a total of 32 volunteers participate. The students were excited but well behaved, willing to participate in discussions

and were very attentive. Our thanks go to the teachers because they prepared the students for these outdoor activities. Our volunteers had a lot of fun too. Working with these students is very rewarding.

We want to thank the following people for volunteering to make the Fall Streamside a success. These folks donated a total of 585 hours of time and 3900 miles:

Alex Beattie	Jerry Criss
Angela Sitz	Jerry Hubbard
Bill Lincoln	Jim Adams
Bill Raleigh	John Howard
Breck Giana-gan-Caldwell	Kari Schoessler
Charlie Schil-linsky	Marti Cockrell
Cliff Price	Mike Schmeiske
Curtis Sexton	Nan Loveland
Dan Pebbles	Nancy Beattie
Daryl Loveland	Pete Gustavson
Dave Schmerber	Rod Juranek
Doug Vakoc	Sky Manon
Frank Turek	Steve Bancroft
Gabe Dunham	Steve Holms
Herb Blank	Van Lewing
Jen Luke	Vivian Rockwell
	Yancy Lind

Now that the Fall Streamside is complete, the Kokanee Karnival Board will start planning for the Spring Angling Clinic in April. I hope to see all of you there.

~Frank Turek



LIBRARY

Update

The COF library has just received a copy of “Addicted to the Rise,” by Nate Brumley. You may know Nate, from his various, excellent presentations on dry fly fishing. Nate only fishes dry flies...ever, and is famously good at it. In his new book, he explains how dry fly fishing works ...there is the approach, the fly, the rise form, and so forth, with details and on everything (and, yes, fly patterns). Along with the written text, the book includes a DVD, and a year long subscription to the Dry Fly Guy blog. If you follow along, you will be privy to the logic of an experienced dry fly fisher... where he goes, when, what he’s thinking...you’ll be able to get inside his head, see how he hunts.

Nate will be speaking soon at one of our COF meetings, and bringing copies of “Addicted to the Rise,” for sale, if you would like your own copy; meanwhile, look for the book at the COF library. (Inside the book, there will be directions for access to the blog.)

~Kathleen Schroeder, Librarian



OTHER NEWS

November Raffle

This month’s Rod raffle is a nine foot, four piece, 3 weight Rod. Tight lines!

~Charlie Schillinsky

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shared that are tailored to up your game on a dry fly. The treasure trove of information contained in this class will simply “blow you away!” Please check Nate’s credentials to teach this course at dryflyinnovations.com. Nate is also the author of a cutting-edge new book *Addicted to the Rise*.

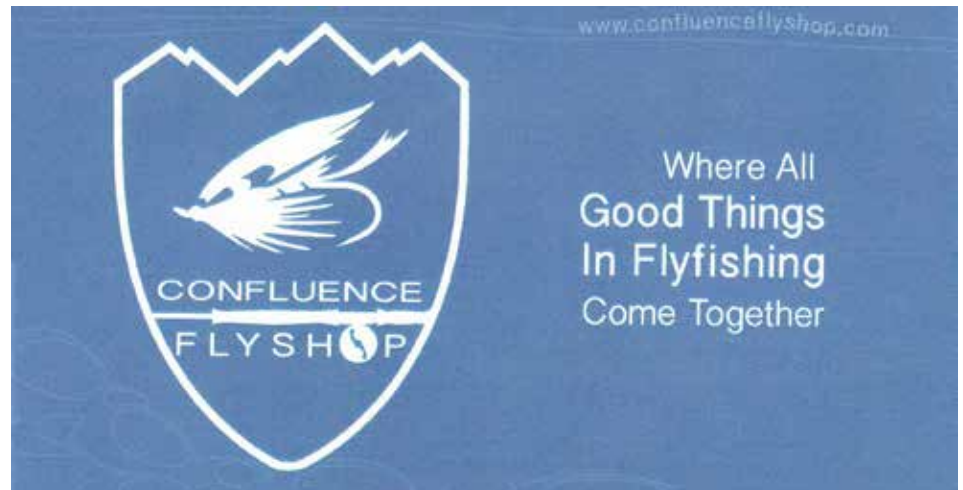
If you are interested in attending the Thursday session, contact education@coflyfishers.org. The class is from 9-12 noon and cost is \$35/person payable in advance with a check made out to COF. Please mail your check to Debbie Norton.

Net Building Class: The club will be hosting a net building class in December. We have 5 long handled wood net blanks and the cost will be \$40. If you are interested, please contact education@coflyfishers.org to receive further information on dates etc.

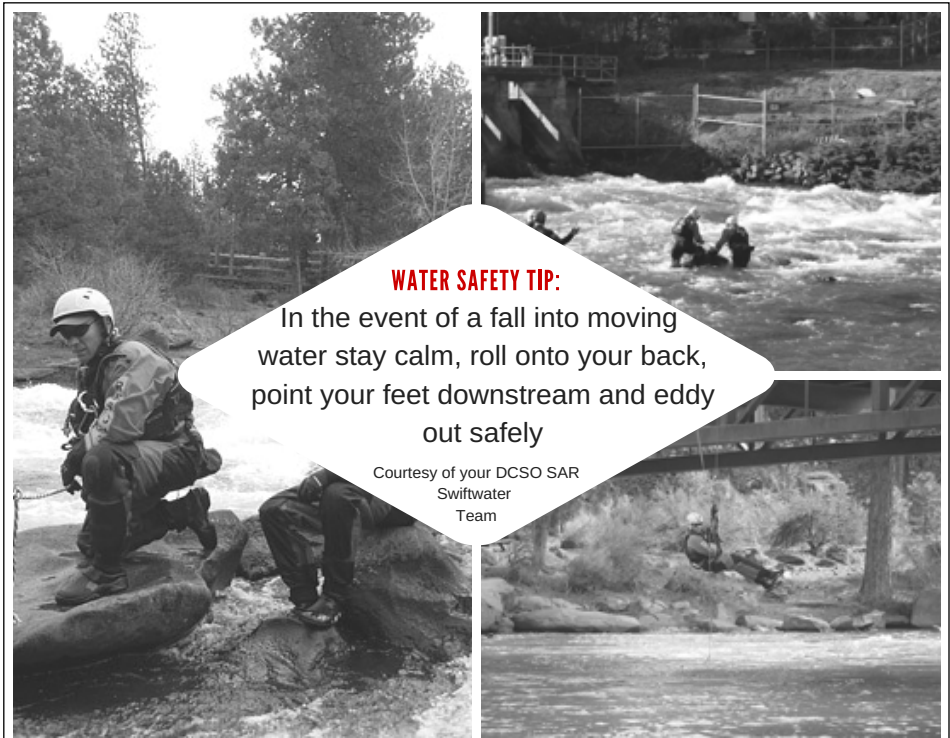
Rod Building: Watch the newsletters for sign-ups for another Rod Building session to be held during the winter.

If there are any classes or skills you would like the club to offer, please contact education@coflyfishers.org.

~Debbie Norton and Dalton Miller-Jones



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WATER SAFETY TIP:

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There are a variety of efforts to address the problem. A lawsuit has resulted in a “reluctant” (per The Bulletin) commitment to flows over the winter. A Habitat Conservation Plan is being created in response to the listing of the Oregon Spotted Frog as an endangered species. The Basin Study Work Group (<http://www.usbr.gov/pn/studies/deschutes/>) is studying solutions that may ultimately rectify this problem.

Independent of BSWG activities, Central Oregon Irrigation District recently released a Phase 1 summary of its long term System Improvement Plan (<http://code.ahmbrands.com/wowbook/coid.php#book2/3>). The SIP states that by piping their

two main irrigation canals COID will be able to save 255.09 cfs at a cost of \$408,245,095.

This is a staggering amount of money for an amount of water that will not solve the problems of the upper and middle Deschutes. ODFW’s instream water right states that a minimum of 300 cfs is needed in the river to provide viable fish habitat. Preliminary estimates from BSWG activities indicate 500 cfs is needed.

Clearly, COID is free to spend their money as they wish, but they are counting on taxpayers to help pay for their system improvements. Both state and Federal sources of funding are anticipated. Senator Merkley recently announced an effort to help. COID’s SIP has

phases 2 and 3, so costs will increase beyond \$408M. Taxpayers are expected to be on the hook for a significant portion of this amount.

While a lawsuit has resulted in winter flows in the upper Deschutes of 100 cfs, the SIP makes no commitment to restoring adequate flows in the upper Deschutes or anything the middle Deschutes. The SIP states that piping will provide various operational benefits and expanded water deliveries. The SIP states there is the potential for restoring adequate flows to the Deschutes, but there is no statement of how much water, over what stretches, and when.

~Yancy Lind, Conservation Chair,
conservation@coflyfishers.org

UPSTREAM EVENTS November 2016

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	CONTACT
9th	6:00 PM	Wild Women: “Local Waters w/Molly”	Susan’s House	Susan Coyl
13th	9:00 AM–4:00 PM	Board Retreat	Schindler Residence	Lee Ann Ross
16th	6:15 PM	Pre-Meeting Education: TBD	Bend Senior Center	Debbie Norton
16th	7:00 PM	COF Meeting: Nate Brumley	Bend Senior Center	-
17th	TBD	Nate Brumley Dry Fly Fishing Academy	Bend Senior Center	Debbie Norton

In the Future

Dec 9th, 6:30 PM, Wild Women Holiday Party, LeeAnn’s house, Contact: Kari Schoessler



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