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President's Message

Stressed Fish: Hopefully the dog days of summer are slowly ending and we might begin to see some cooler water temperatures in our lakes and rivers. Remember that with some lake temps exceeding 70°, fish are really stressed and very vulnerable. If you are lucky enough to catch one, especially on Crane, be sure to give it an exceptionally long time to fully revive before you release it. While it might swim away and look fine, if it hasn't been fully revived it may well turn belly up out of sight.

Kokanee Karnival: KK Streamside will be held Sept. 19–23. Kids will observe spawning kokanee and learn about stream habitat, entomology, and the kokanee life cycle. This program is a great opportunity to see the kids in action.

Sad News: Gerald (Jerry) Davenport passed away at his home here in Bend with his wife, Rosalind, and his sons, Hodari and Hasani by his side. The Central Oregon Flyfishing community has lost a dear friend. Jerry Davenport was an extraordinary and exceptional person!



Jerry was born in Pueblo, CO on August 5, 1945. His early years were very challenging, yet the indomitable spirit and courage that many of us came to know was evident even then. In 1961, Jerry moved to California to live with his grandparents. He met his best friend and future wife, Rosalind, in San Francisco in 1964 and they were married two years later, in Reno, Nevada.

Jerry pursued his education through a PhD in clinical psychology at the University of Oregon in 1977. He was a practicing therapist psychologist in Oakland, CA until his retirement in 2007. In 2008, Jerry and Rosalind moved to Bend, Oregon where Jerry enjoyed fly fishing, camping, traveling, running, and volunteering at Mountain Star Relief Nursery. Jerry was a passionate fly fisher and participated in COF rod building and fly tying classes.

Anyone who met him felt his dignity and integrity as well as his warmth, intelligence, and humility. And who could ever forget that welcoming smile! As one of his friends said: "Jerry loved people! He had an intellectual curiosity and interest in exploring new and challenging experiences. Which regularly resulted in interesting travel destinations and an ever expanding inclusive circle of good friends. Jerry gave of himself unselfishly to his family, friends and community, all of whom will miss him dearly."

~ Lee Ann Ross



TOPIC: **Fishing Central Oregon.** Our September speaker will be Phil Hager, a life member and a past president of COF. Phil Hager began fly fishing in 1952 after watching his dad and a friend doing a little competitive casting in the front yard. The next day he became addicted with fly fishing when his first fish of the day was a 5 lb steelhead. In 1986 Phil moved to Central Oregon and fished every chance he could. Phil has enough information to talk non-stop for two days on the subject. **➡ Pre-Meeting at 6:15:** Phil has produced a CD he calls “The Fishing COW (Central Oregon Waters) CD.” Given that we will only have an hour for the program, Phil will be available before the meeting to answer any of your questions and to sell the CDs (\$15) to those interested.

EVENTS

Kokanee Karnival Fall Streamside Program

➡ Second Call For Volunteers

Kokanee Karnival will hold our Fall Streamside program on September 19, 20, 22 & 23 2016. We do not hold the program on Wed. September 21. We are working on preparing the schedule of volunteers to help at both Spring Creek and Sheep Bridge. Several COF members have contacted me about volunteering but we can still use assistants at the sites. Fall Streamside is rapidly approaching

We published descriptions of the stations and programs at both Spring Creek and Sheep Bridge in the August COF newsletter. New volunteers are welcome and will be teamed with a volunteer with experience at Sheep Bridge and Spring Creek. The programs we teach the students are not complicated and easy to learn. We can provide an outline of the program used at each Sheep Bridge station and at Spring Creek.

To volunteer contact Frank Turek at waldo1ft@msn.com or 541-318-7507 or sign up at the COF general meeting. You can also contact Jen Luke at Jennifer.a.luke@state.or.us or 541-388-6366

~ Frank Turek

OUTINGS CALENDAR 2016

MONTH	DAY	DESTINATION	LEADER
Oct	2nd-5th	Beavertail Steelhead	Robert Gentry

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.



Next Cast Flyfishers and their families joined us at

the COF BBQ showing their skill fly fishing in the pond. A few fish were landed! Next Cast also had some great raffle items and lots of winners! We saw flies and a flybox, a headlamp, and a catch and release tool all going to eager winners!

We are planning for our next year and have LOTS of activities on the schedule. Please watch this newsletter and your email for notices! In 2017, we plan to return to

the Crooked River for the annual COF clean-up and fly fishing event, staff the Trout Pond at the Central Oregon Sportsmen’s Show, fly fishing camps for both beginner and advanced level fly fishers, and other outings and classes to improve our fly fishing!!

Several new members have joined Next Cast Flyfishers in the past couple of months! We hope to see you at an upcoming event! Let’s get out there and fish!

Upcoming events include:

- **Beginner Fly Tying–Dates TBD.** Watch your email for details. These sessions are for all levels. We will have instructors to assist with beginners along with more intermediate fly tyers. Vises, tools and materials will be provided.
- **Intermediate Fly Tying–Dates TBD.** Watch your email for details. These sessions will be for tyers with experience. Vises and tools are available, and materials will be provided. Please contact me directly if you have questions.

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

CONSERVATION

Update

Whychus Creek Macroinvertebrate Sampling

On August 21, COF members helped the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council (www.udwc.org) with macroinvertebrate sampling on Whychus Creek, a tributary of the middle Deschutes. Beginning in the late 1800s, Whychus Creek was largely dewatered in late summer as a result of stream flow diversion for irrigation. In the early 1900s Whychus was channelized to create agricultural pastures. Following flooding in 1964 additional lengths of the creek were straightened in a misguided approach to flood control. These actions severely degraded what had been rich ecological habitat for aquatic and terrestrial wildlife. Native redband trout and whitefish populations languished.

For almost 20 years, the Deschutes Land Trust (www.deschuteslandtrust.org), Deschutes River Conservancy (www.deschutesriver.org), and Upper Deschutes Watershed Council have been working to restore Whychus Creek. DLT has purchased large sections of the land surrounding the creek and gained conservation easements in other sections. The three partner organizations have raised

the funds to remeander and restore the creek. Through DRC's work, a small amount of water, about 20 cfs, is now consistently flowing in Whychus Creek. This is not enough to support robust populations of trout for anglers, but it's a start. From what we saw Saturday, macroinvertebrate populations seem to be abundant. We gathered a healthy mix of aquatic insects: caddis, mayfly, stonefly, etc. I collected salmonfly and golden stone nymphs equal in size to the largest ones I have seen on the lower Deschutes. The food is there, now we just need some more water. I encourage you to visit the DLT website to see the schedule of tours of the Whychus Creek restoration.

Crooked River Update

In last month's column I wrote about problems with the implemen-

tation of the Crooked River Bill. In summary, the Bureau of Reclamation has continued to favor irrigation districts over fish in two important ways. They filed a water right application with Oregon's Water Resource's Department that allocated the "fish water" in Prineville Reservoir to both fish and irrigators, in direct opposition to the language of the Crooked River Bill. Also, BOR has not released the fish water into the Crooked River for the maximum biological benefit of fish as called for in the bill. After waiting for a year and a half, COF and WaterWatch recently independently discussed this with the bill's author, a member of Senator Merkley's staff.

In a bit of good news, after meeting with Merkley's staff and Oregon Governor Kate Brown's office, BOR has *Continued on page 4*

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now agreed to take input from the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife on how water should be released into the Crooked in order to achieve the goal of maximum biological benefit of fish. It's too soon to say how this will turn out, but for the first time ODFW now has input into the process. In addition, both ODFW and WaterWatch filed formal objections to the preliminary water right granted by OWRD to BOR. This is the preliminary water right that allows BOR to allocate the fish water to both irrigators and fish. Hopefully, we will soon see a modified water right and operation of Bowman Dam that is consistent with the intent of the Crooked River bill that COF and others worked so hard to get negotiated and passed.

IWRD Public Feedback

Thank you to all COF members who took the time to respond to the email to give online feedback to the Oregon Integrated Water Resources Strategy. A large percentage of all comments were from Central Oregon residents and those expressing the need for additional water in our lakes and rivers. It is critical that we let our government agencies hear our concerns. See the results here: http://www.oregon.gov/owrd/LAW/docs/Online_Survey_Results_web.pdf.

Lower Deschutes Regulation Changes

As you recall, in 2015 ODFW went through a lengthy and highly publicized process of reducing and streamlining angling regulation. Public meetings were held and feedback solicited on these changes with the goal of encouraging more anglers to participate in our sport. The 2016 regulation book is the welcome result of that effort. So, I was surprised to read a news release last month stating that the regulations on the Lower Deschutes had been changed again. After just a single year of year round fishing, the river along the reservation will once again be closed from January to late April starting next year. I was told this change was made at the request of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

DRA Lawsuit Against PGE

Last month the Deschutes River Alliance filed suit against Portland General Electric claiming that the Pelton-Round Butte Hydroelectric Project is violating the Clean Water Act. (<http://www.deschutesriveralliance.org/>) DRA claims that PGE's operation of PRB violates standards for temperature, dissolved oxygen, and pH. As readers of this column know, I have frequently reported on lower Deschutes water quality. Remember that PGE is required by the Oregon Department of Environmental

Quality and the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation to create water quality conditions in the river below the Reregulating Dam that mimics what would occur if PRB was not in place. This means that temperature, dissolved oxygen, and pH levels of the rivers entering Lake Billy Chinook are blended and discharged in a way that creates conditions below PRB that simulates what would occur if the dams were removed. If the rivers flowing into the reservoir have high temperatures, low dissolved oxygen, or high pH, then the river below the PRB will too.

According to ODEQ, from almost the beginning of SWW operation, the river below PRB has met the statewide standard for dissolved oxygen. River temperatures below PRB have also largely met the target of matching the river temperatures entering Lake Billy Chinook, although temperatures below PRB are sometimes higher than state and tribal standards at some times of the year. This is true for the Metolius, Crooked, and Deschutes Rivers above PRB as well.

The real issue has been pH levels which have consistently been high below PRB. pH levels were elevated above state and tribal standards prior to operation of the SWW, and have continued to be above standards. pH levels in the river below PRB are influenced by high pH levels in water entering the project and in the surface water of the reservoirs. Per ODEQ, both the Crooked and Deschutes Rivers above PRB have elevated pH levels due to various human activities, including water withdrawals. In addition, the Metolius River has naturally high pH levels. See the Water Quality Analysis on the Friends

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MEMBERSHIP

Update

Welcome New Members

Doug Goodman

David and Linda Greiner

Phil Martin

Michael McClean

Geri Temple

Jeff Trant

~Tim Schindele, membership@coflyfishers.org

SOCIAL MEDIA

Update

LinkedIn

COF's

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media

endeavours

are still

going strong as we now have 2,282 Likes on Facebook! I'm very pleased with our progress and wouldn't have been able to make this successful without your help and support—thank you!

On your next fishing outing, snap a couple of pictures and send them my way via email so that I can share them on the COF Facebook Page. It's a fun and easy way to show our community how awesome our members are and draw more interest towards the club. In addition, if you have any COF or fly fishing news you'd like me to share on the Facebook Page, send me an email as I'm happy to help spread the word.

Make sure you connect with COF on Facebook and LinkedIn to stay in the loop with the latest club happenings.

Thanks!

~Molly Vernarecci,
COF Social Media Coordinator,
socialmedia@coflyfishers.org

WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

Update

What's better than floating the Deschutes River on a beautiful sunny day? Floating with your Wild Women girlfriends! What a great day we had, floating from Warm Springs to Trout Creek. We even caught a few fish! For a few of us, it was the first time in our inflatable crafts down this Central Oregon icon. We all survived magnificently and are ready to do it again.

Another fun outing was "Tenkara on the Crooked with Bill". Bill imparted mass quantities of tenkara knowledge to the participating Wild Women. Even though we really didn't expect to catch fish, Bill's juju rubbed off on us all and everyone caught multiple fish. Thank you Bill Seitz!

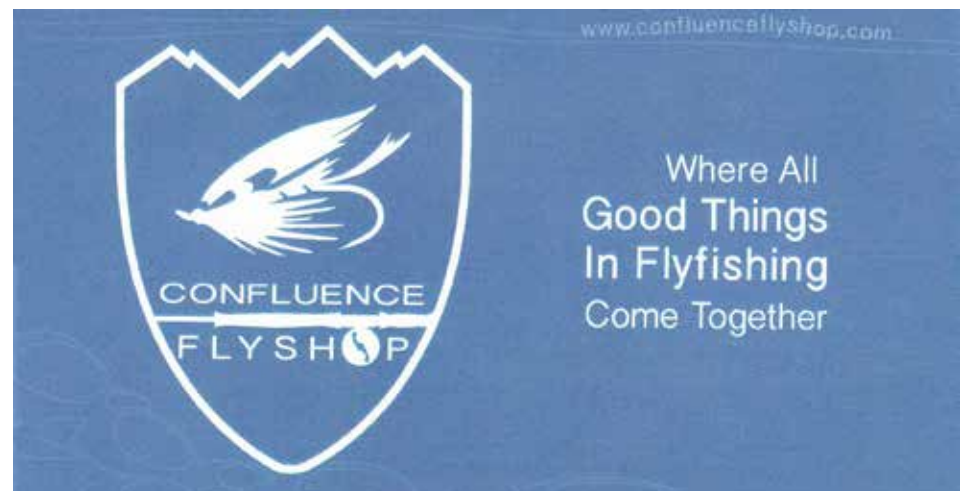
A thank you also to Fin & Fire in Redmond for hosting Women's Night this last month. Heather Hodson from Spokane spoke about her fishing 101 class. Reps from Patagonia and Simms shared their women-specific clothing and fishing gear. Fin & Fire does a fantastic job with women's offerings! Check them out.

Stay tuned for more fun next month. If you are not getting our various email updates, then you are not signed up for Wild Women. Let Kari know if you have questions.

~Kari Schoessler, wildwomen@coflyfishers.org



Above: "Wild Women floating the Deschutes from Warm Springs



EDUCATION

Update

We have had a very busy July and August giving COF members an opportunity to participate in the many outings and their information aspects...like how and where to fish East Lake, Lava Lake, the lower Deschutes River and the Crooked River. I would highly encourage folks to participate in these classes or outings or sponsor one for the club. It is a great opportunity to try other people's rods, boats or gear to help you get familiar and have more fun fishing. To lead an outing or class, all it takes is for your willingness to share with other club members a favorite place and some of the tricks you have learned to be successful. Please contact Jill Bazemore, our outings Director

or myself or Dalton Miller-Jones if you have an idea for an outing, education piece, class or sharing a tool you have developed to make fishing easier.

Two Handed Casting Class

Thanks to Reed Tuescher from Fin and Fire for offering this opportunity for club members. We had 10 folks participate with a broad spectrum of experience; beginners to those needing a tune-up to advanced. I think we all learned a bunch from Reed and the other participants in the class. We may have to offer an advanced two-handed class on the water, but only if there is interest. The other option is to hire one of Central Oregon's great guides to work with you individually to increase your skills. One of our COF members, John Sherry, is developing a few YouTube videos from the

Two Handed Casting Class. Here is the first one: <https://youtu.be/xpHtluUwOZO>

John is one of our COF club members so stay tuned; he has agreed to come to our October pre-meeting education session to share info about his web site www.Netknots.com and many of the products he has developed for smart phone use and fishing.

How To Set Up Your Inflatable Boat Class

We had 15 COF members attend this great class, some who owned many boats, others looking to pur-



chase their first boat. Many thanks to Lee Ann Ross, Lynn Roy and Gary Stock for bringing boats and gear to show folks. I think we all learned many helpful hints like Bill Raleigh's tips on how to curl a rope so it won't tangle to seeing how Gary is very handy and added a swivel seat to his sit upon kayak. The next class may be to do a similar outing on the water so folks can try out each other's boats.

Please Contact Debbie Norton or Dalton Miller-Jones if you have ideas for education classes this fall.

~Debbie Norton, education@coflyfishers.org



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S H E W E Y ' S S P A W N I N G P U R P L E

This month's Tyer's Corner fly is Shewey's Spawning Purple, a steelhead fly. I know it might be hard for some of you to believe I'm featuring a steelhead fly, but on occasion I do get to the Lower D and swing for steel!

September is the start of steelhead season for some people and you'd better check your fly box in preparation of hitting the water.

The Spawning Purple is a fly developed by avid steelhead fly fisher and author John Shewey.

I like the classics like the Green-Butt Skunk, Purple Peril, Freight Train and a real old fly—the Lady Caroline for steelhead, but there's something about the colors and movement that keeps me tying on a Spawning Purple.

I think I better tie a few more just to be ready.

Materials:

Hook: Alec Jackson, size 1.5–5

Tag: Silver tinsel

Body: Fluorescent flame orange single-strand floss (Flat Waxed Nylon)

Wing: 4 or 5 “spikes” of purple marabou

Hackle: Purple

Cheeks: Jungle cock (optional)

Collar: Orange-dyed guinea

Tying Instructions:

1. Use the Flat Waxed Nylon as tying thread, attach it behind the eye and wind it to the hook point and back to the mid-point of the shank. Be sure to keep a smooth body.
2. Attach a small bunch of purple marabou and wind “thread” forward.
3. Continue adding 4 more bunches of purple marabou, evenly spaced working toward the hook eye. Be sure to leave room for remaining materials and head.
4. Tie in purple hackle by the tip and make 3–4 turns.
5. OPTIONAL—attach a jungle cock feather on each side of fly.
6. Tie in guinea feather by the tip and wrap a few turns.
7. Create a small head and whip finish.

Note: If using a black hook, add the silver tag. Omit the tag if using a nickel or gold hook. I prefer the gold hook.

~ John Kreft, RiverKeeper Flies
(www.johnkreft.com)

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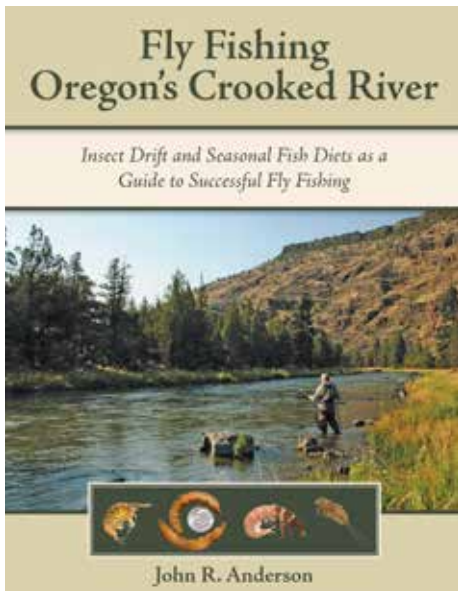
of the Metolius website: www.metoliusfriends.org. Storage of water in the reservoirs does contribute to elevated pH in water leaving the PRB. PGE is studying the problem and looking for solutions, but as ODEQ has stated it will be very difficult to solve the pH problem without violating temperature or DO targets. They are tightly related. For example, reducing surface withdrawals may lower pH levels some, but it will reduce dissolved oxygen and violate temperature standards by making the river too cold at some times.

It is also important to know that ODEQ is a member of the “fish committee” that provides ongoing monitoring of PRB operation and is working collaboratively with PGE and CTWS on issues as they arise. Water quality measurements are of critical importance. As reported in prior columns, however, ODFW studies have shown that native anadromous and non-anadromous fish are as least as healthy and probably more healthy now than they were before the operation of the SWW. Some scientists attribute this to the return of the river to a more natural temperature profile from the artificially cold tailwater fishery that has existed since the dams were built in the early 1960s.

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

President's Note: If you would like to know more about the DRA's views on the lower Deschutes, West Fly posts a 15 minute MP3 audio file in which Scott Richmond of West Fly interviews Greg McMillan and Rick Hafele of DRA. You can listen to it at <http://www.west-fly-fishing.com/forums/ubbthreads.php/topics/757639.html>

OTHER NEWS



Fly Fishing Book's 3rd Edition On Sale

"Fly Fishing Oregon's Crooked River", the 3rd edition of this book recently arrived and copies are again available. Members who wish to purchase a copy of the book should contact John at: jranderson@bendbroadband.com or 541-385-8693."

A Quick Note From Roger "The Raffle Guy"

How would YOU like to help out the club and many of our great programs for our fishing youth, conservation and our wonderful lakes, rivers and streams? It's EASY, and here is all you have to do: Check your fishing gear to see if you have an extra rod, reel, flies, tying material, floatation device, and anything else fishing-related that you don't really use any longer. Load it in your rig and bring it to one of our meetings. If it is a big ticket item we can put in the April banquet inventory. If it is anything else, we will make it part of our monthly raffle and some lucky winner will

get to use it to catch that lunker. It just takes a few minutes to check your gear and we will really appreciate your help in raising revenues for the club.

Many thanks for your consideration and generosity.

~Roger Vlach, The Raffle Guy

Rod Raffle

This month Charlie Schillinsky is building a 9 foot 5 weight 3 piece rod with two tips. We don't have a picture as yet since the rod is still in production but we know that it will be beautiful. Remember, raffle tickets for the rod will be \$5 each and the winner will be drawn at the meeting. Everyone can always use another 5 weight.

~Lee Ann Ross

Nat Geo Launched a Free Website for Printing Detailed Topographical Maps

National Geographic put every US Geological Survey (USGS) topo-

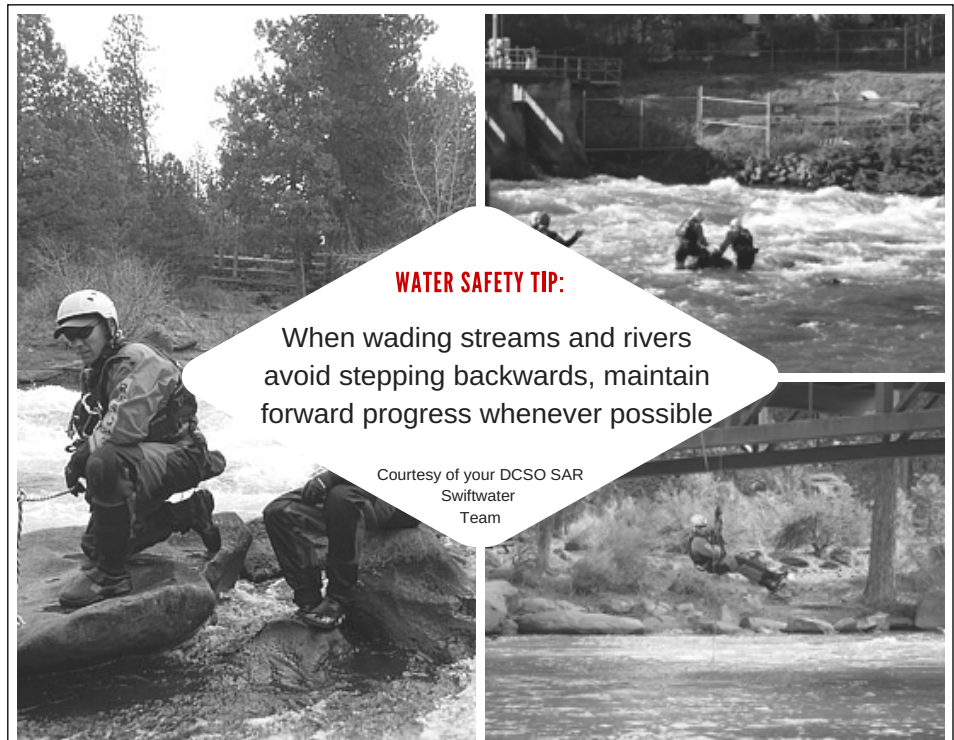


graphical map from across the United States on one easy-to-navigate site and made them easy to print out at home. First, the homepage greets you with a searchable, interactive map: all you have to do is search for, or zoom in on, the area you're looking for. Then, once you find your quad, just click on it and a printable PDF loads right up.

The printable PDF you get from Nat Geo is broken down into 5 pages. Page 1 is the quad in context; Pages 2-5 are the USGS Quads with one quarter on each page so you can print the whole thing on your printer.

Hill shading was added to each quarter so you can better visualize the topography. The web site is <http://www.natgeomaps.com/trail-maps/pdf-quads>

~Lee Ann Ross



WATER SAFETY TIP:

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

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PHOTO GALLERY

August Picnic

Ninety COFers enjoyed a wonderful evening at Aspen Hall during our August picnic. Thanks to chief organizer Herb Blank, the set up crew and the clean up crew. Tim Schindele and Susan Coyle managed the registration and welcomed the new comers. Hats off to the cooks—Yancy Lind, Cliff Price, John Howard and Charlie Schillinsky. Roger Vlaach offered some great raffle prizes as well as a beautiful spey rod that Charlie built. Karen Kreft made sure that some of the Next Cast kids were there to show us how to cast. Every time I looked at the pond Max had a fish on. See you next year. Also thanks to Todd Cary who took the photos you see below.

~ Lee Ann Ross



PHOTO GALLERY CONT.



UPSTREAM EVENTS September 2016

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	CONTACT
10th	6:30 PM	Board Meeting	Environmental Center	Lee Ann Ross
19-23	-	Kokanee Karnival	Varies	Frank Turek
21st	6:15 PM	Pre-Meeting Education: Phil Hager, fishing Central Oregon Waters CD purchase	Bend Senior Center	Debbie Norton
21st	7:00 PM	COF Meeting, Speaker-Phil Hager	Bend Senior Center	-

In the Future

Oct 2-5 Steelhead Outing, Location: Beavertail, Contact: Robert Gentry



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