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President's Message

Happy April Flyfishers! By now I hope anyone who has an interest in fly tying and fly fishing has had a chance to visit the "Fly Patterns" and "How To" sections in the Members Area of our website (you need to be a member and sign in to view them). John Howard (our VP) and Mary Baron (Webmaster) worked hard to collect the patterns and articles and enter them on the website, and many others have contributed their expertise as well. The idea is that we put fly patterns in this area that are useful around here; even if you don't tie your own, you can use the list as a shopping guide when buying flies. A big "Thank you" to everyone who made this happen.

I just got back from our club outing to the Owyhee River, and it was an excellent trip! We had about a dozen members show up despite the cold, windy, and sometimes crowded conditions. Most of us caught fish, and some of us caught a lot of fish. The skwala stoneflies were pretty sparse, but we managed to get fish on small zebra midges and dry BWOs. Eric White has more outings up his sleeve, so be on the lookout! Big thanx to Lee Ann and Eric for their work on this outing!

We really need to start thinking about the "change of the guard" for COF. My time as Prez will be up at the end of the year, we need a new Presentations lead, an Education lead, and we still need at least 2 (3 would be better) to run the Banquet. Now that we can see some light at the end of the COVID tunnel (Brenda, our POC at the Senior Center, thinks that we may be able to get back into the Sr Center in July) we should be able to get back to in-person meetings and gatherings soon, so these positions will be that much more important. Everyone needs to understand that if we don't get a volunteer for these positions, then we won't have that activity or benefit for the club. What if no one steps up to be the Prez - no club? No leader? How will that work? I think some expect that if no one steps up to take over a position, then the person in that position just stays on until someone does. This is a volunteer club, and our people can come and go as they like, so that's not necessarily true. I urge you to volunteer where/when you can if you want to keep this club functional and fun for everyone.

Videos of the month: This month's videos are from a couple that lives in Alberta, fishes there in the summer months, then goes to New Zealand and fishes the southern summer months. Tough life, eh? They are really good fishermen and have a ton of outstanding tips in their video series, not to mention they catch some REALLY nice trout! And they are SUPER videographers - their videos are nothing short of works of art! Check out their series; you'll like them and learn a lot about trout feeding behavior, stealth and presentation. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XHvQS8bnBQE&t=946s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YLxlpG3EdA&t=2178s>

As always, 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.

- *Tim Quinton*

Tim Quinton, President COF



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GENERAL *virtual* MEETING | APRIL 21ST
 MEETINGS WILL BE VIRTUAL! LOOK FOR AN EMAIL TO COME THAT EXPLAINS THE DETAILS.



This month we have Jim Andras, of Andras Outfitters, giving a presentation on fishing the Upper Rogue River. The Rogue River is one of Oregon's mystical rivers fished by many legends including Zane Grey who, through his writings, popularized fly fishing this river to the world. The Rogue

remains one of Oregon's most precious waterway jewels with outstanding year round fishing.

Jim was raised in Arizona and while attending Arizona State University contacted a local fly shop in hopes of helping run the shop which opened his entrance into the fly fishing business. After spending a couple of years learning the trade, he stepped into guiding with Telluride Angler located in Colorado. His passion of trout and travel eventually lead him to guide wild rivers of Chile, Patagonia, and southwestern Alaska. In 1999 he moved to Redding, CA and split his calendar between guiding the Lower Sacramento and Trinity Rivers, managing trout camps in Kamchatka, and raising Taimen in Mongolia.

Jim, his wife Rachel, and their two young sons, James and Brechin, resided in Southern Oregon and operate Andras Outfitters (andrasoutfitters@me.com), a full service guide service located in Talent, OR. Jim guides the Rogue River year round for summer and winter steelhead as well as coastal Cutthroat trout. Jim specializes in nymphing techniques for steelhead and is already starting to lose sleep in anticipation of the Rogue's upcoming Salmon fly hatch which is expected to begin in the coming weeks.

"I consider each new day on the water my best, occasionally I take a decent photograph, and support organizations that work to ensure a better habitat, and protection for native wild fish." (Jim Andras)

2021 COF

Program Schedule

APRIL

Jim/Rachael Andras –
Upper Rogue

MAY

Scott Cook –
Crane Prairie Fly Fishing

JUNE

David Paul Williams – Smallmouth
Fishing on John Day

JULY

Brian O'Keefe –
Owyhee River Seasons

AUGUST

Leland Miyawaki – Cutthroat/Pacific
Salmon in Puget Sound

SEPTEMBER

Tye Kreuger –
Louisiana Red Fishing

OCTOBER

Jason Wilcox USFS –
Deep Creek Fish Salvage Plan

NOVEMBER

Dax Messett –
Year of the Nomad Angler

DECEMBER

Bob Clouser –
Bass from Top to Bottom



OUTINGS

Crane Prairie Quinn River and Hosmer

MAY 16 - 17

Crane Prairie is about an hour from Bend and the home to Crane bows. These rainbows are measured in pounds not inches. Crane has rainbows (14 – 22” is normal), Kokanee, Browns, whitefish and bass, there is 3 – old underwater riverbeds that are about 12’ deep. Parts of the lake are 16’. The old submerged forest is still present and helps establish the location of the old river bed especially at Quinn river. There is still a lot of the old forest above water, but be careful of stumps that are just under the water. There is a dam at the south end of the lake and the out flow of the Upper Deschutes river that feeds into Wickiup. Crane allows gas engines, but the speed limit is 10 MPH. You will see small float tubes to multi passenger boats fishing on the

lake. Quinn River channel is very protected from the wind. There is very limited bank access.

Tackle and Techniques: Insect life varies with midges, caddis, mayflies and damselfly. Chironomids, Zebra Midge and balanced leaches under a strike indicator in the channels account for a lot of fish all season. Stripping Damselfly and leaches is also effective. There are pockets in the “trees” that allow room to hook and fight fish. Use a 5 or 6 weight rods with a floater or sinking line.

Camping: Camping will be readily available early in the season at Quinn river camp ground at Crane Prairie. The Quinn river boat launch is very close.

HOSMER

Is about 40 minutes from Bend it is creek fed and very clear early in the season. Hosmer is flyfishing only and catch and release. The lake has Rainbows, Brook and cutthroat trout, 14” – 18” is common, but it hold fish

up to 24". It has a lower and an upper lake connected by a slow flowing channel. The lower lake is 11' deep, but you will find most of your fishing is 4 – 6' deep. There is an additional finger off the main channel that leads to a small dam. The channel leads to the upper lake, about a 25-minute row. Hosmer allows electric motors only. With the clear water, you will be able to see fish easily in the channel and upper lake. Early season there is extensive bird life and more importantly, there is few watercraft (SUP, Kayaks and canoes). Later in the season the lake can be very very busy with visitors. There is almost no bank access. Arriving early before 7:00 in warmer months is important. The boat launch can become very busy and parking may be non-existent. A trailered boat is OK, but parking will be a challenge at times.

Tackle and Techniques: Insect life varies with midges, caddis, mayflies, damselfly and dragon flies. Chironomids, Zebra Midge and balanced leaches under a strike indicator along the weed edges in the lakes and in the channels account for a lot of fish all season. There can be very good Callibaetis dry fly fishing at times. Stripping Damselfly and leaches is also effective. Use a 5 or 6 weight rods with a floater or very slow sinking line.

Camping: Hosmer has plenty of camping, but nothing close to the water.

How to: Review the Crane Prairie and Hosmer "How to" area on the COF web page for additional information.

MEET UP

16 May we will meet at the Quinn River boat launch (Crane Prairie) at 8:00

17 May we will meet at the Hosmer boat launch at 7:30

Near by camping: <https://www.recreation.gov/>

Deschutes/Lava Lake Campground, Deschutes/Crane Prairie Campground, Deschutes/Cow Meadow Campground, Deschutes/Elk Lake Campground, Deschutes/Cultus Lake Campground, Deschutes/Rock Creek Campground, Deschutes/Quinn River Campground

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Todd Lake Outing

JUNE 14 | MEET AT THE TODD LAKE TRAIL HEAD AT 7:00

Todd Lake is a natural lake and covers 45 acres, it's named in honor of John Y. Todd, an early settler in Central Oregon. There is a day-use area and a rustic campground located on the west shore of the lake. Todd Lake is a popular outdoor recreation site for picnicking, fishing, hiking, and nature viewing.

Todd Lake is located on the Cascades Highway just Past Mt Bachelor. The lake has Brook and Rainbow trout. Because of the short ¼ mile hike, few people make the effort to fish this from a float tube. The lake also has shore access, but the heavy forest, except for the North end, will make it challenging to cast. I fished Todd last year in the middle of June during a flying ant hatch. The rainbows and Brookies were very willing to take ants off the surface. There are also some great ledges and overhanging trees to offer great opportunities to the boater.

Because the lake is popular and the parking can be challenging, we will meet at the trail head at 7:00. Walk up the trail to the lake edge. A portable float tube or pontoon is best. Suggested tackle is 2 – 4wt rods. Set up one for dry's and the other with a strike indicator for chironomids and midges.

Plan on a shore lunch around 11:00

Eric White COF Outing Chairman. Suggested tackle is 2 – 4wt rods

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EDUCATION

Tim's Tips #11: Magnifiers for fly fishing/tying

I'm a little amazed when I hear from one of my fishing buddies that they don't use small flies because they can't see to tie them on. Small (like #20 small) flies are some of the best ones to use during the various hatches (ie: BWO, midges, etc) we have around here, especially during the winter time, but at other times as well. I



would have missed out on some truly epic fishing this winter if I hadn't been able to tie on a tiny fly. What's my secret? Do I have Superman eyeballs? Nope, I just use magnifiers (some call them "readers") and you can find them in many places. I use 3x for tying flies as well as tying on a fly while on the river. Try several and see which power works best for you. My favorites are made by Clic (www.clicmagneticglasses.com); they fit around your neck while not in use, and the front part magnetically "clicks" together on top of your nose when you want to use them. I find these are great for me, but there are lots of others to choose from. Figure out which ones work for you and tie on a small fly!

- TIM QUINTON
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Fly Patterns on the Website

Might be worth your while to check out the new Fly Patterns section in the Member's area of the COF website. Currently, efforts are pointed at increasing visibility of a few of the flies from years past Fly Tyer's Corner. Picking a fly from these is a little like looking into your fly box(s). Looking to pick flies that are known to catch fish in local waters.

New fly additions are an ongoing work in progress. If you have a fly pattern you love, and info on how/where to fish it, please contact John.

- JOHN HOWARD
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New Boating Law goes Into Effect April 1, 2021

Too many small powerboat operators leave the lanyard to the engine cutoff switch dangling uselessly unattached to the skipper. A new law goes into effect on April 1, 2021 and will go a long way to remedying that safety hazard.

Engine cutoff device wear requirements for recreational boat operators are part of the January 1, 2021 passage of the National Defense Authorization Act. These devices, commonly referred to as engine cutoff switches are designed to prevent a boat-strike injury if an operator is accidentally ejected overboard while underway.

Engine cutoff devices can be located at the helm of the boat or on the tiller or body of an outboard engine, and typically connect a boat's operator to the cutoff switch with a lanyard.

Section 8316 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2021 requires a vessel operator to use ECOS on certain vessels less than 26 feet when traveling on plane or above displacement speed.

Exceptions to the EPOS requirement include if the main helm of the vessel is in an enclosed cabin or the vessel is not operating of plane or at displacement speed. Low-speed activities such as trolling, or docking do not require use of an ECOS. The vessel operator is also exempt if the boat's motor produces less than 115 pounds of static thrust – or about the size of a 3 hp engine.

The new rule applies to all navigable waterways.

- ART AGNEW
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NEXT CAST/YOUTH PROGRAM

A 3 Day Fly Fishing Camp will be held on June 14, 15, & 16, 2021 at the ODFW Metolius pond, in partnership with the Redmond Park and Rec. The outdoor venue will create some new challenges, but the Bend Park and Rec was not interested in partnering with us. Thanks to Mary Barron an email blast was sent to COF members. There has been an excellent response to the call for volunteers. The camp provides 12 youth with an introduction to the following fly fishing skills: casting, knots, bug ID, the regulations, safely wading in the stream, and fly tying. They will be given time to practice their casting skills fishing. The goal is to provide each student with sufficient fly fishing skill so that they can become successful fly fishers.

- FRED A. CHOLICK
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OTHER NEW

2021 Owyhee Trip Report

This year's March Owyhee outing was attended by 10 COF members. The fishing was marginal to great at times depending on your location, fly selection, presentation, and skills.... kind of like always. There were some great days where 25+ Fish (mostly Browns) were caught up to 20" on size 20 bead heads and BWOs. Skwalas were just starting to show and there was some intense activity

at times. The First BWO hatch happened just below the camp ground at 2:30, other BWO hatches lasted till 6:00pm. At times, Rises were everywhere and numerous fish were caught on perfectly presented dries.

Great happy hours and after dinner firepits, thanks to the several COF Members. Several veteran COF Members spent some quality time with new members; sharing stories, and techniques. Already looking forward to next year.

- ERIC WHITE
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End of Year 2020 Financial Information

COF BANK BALANCE = \$30,163

COF PROFIT & LOSS = **-\$5,155**

KK BANK BALANCE = \$19,392

KK PROFIT & LOSS = **-\$2,090**

Please email Liz if you would like the full Profit & Loss and/or Balance Sheet Statements.

- LIZ JONES
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MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to Our New Members

Sally Decks - Portland

Mark Kammerer - Bend

Barbara Souza - Bend

As of March 29, 2021, Central Oregon Flyfishers counts a total membership of 277 which comprise Individual 124, Family 96, Out of Area Individual 23, Out of Area Family 5, Honorary Life Members 15, Youth/Next Cast 4 and Shop 10.

- ROBERT SHIMANE

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LIBRARY

COF library services will resume once monthly meetings restart at the Bend Senior Center. Since the center is closed, we are currently unable to access library items stored there.

Our DVD collection and a select number of books, will be available for checkout once monthly meetings resume.

Sign in on our website <https://coflyfishers.wildapricot.org>, click on Members Area and select Library to see a list of our books and DVDs. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to email

- HELEN GUERRERO-RANDALL

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COF CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: Mens Darkhorse Korkers Wading Boots size US 11/EU44 \$140 Only used 4-5 times. I am replacing them with a women's specific boot. They come with a studded vibram sole and a vibram only sole. There are multiple other kinds of soles (felt etc.) available thru Korkers for purchase. I think the felt ones are \$40. **Feel free to text or email me at 541-991-0337 or georgeanne@gwindisch.com**



FOR SALE: Two Bucks Bags Brand Mustang Float Tubes, plus fins and booties; Enjoy Central Oregon's pristine lakes with matching Buck's Bags Mustang float tubes with fins and booties (*same size but pictures make blue tube look bigger*). Have been used less than ½ a dozen times and are in great shape! His and her Christmas gifts perhaps?! \$450 OBO. **Please contact Chris Cooper, ccoopergolfer@gmail.com, phone number 541-350-1631.**



FOR SALE: Men's size Large AQUAZ Kenai Convertible Chest Waders \$140 New last fall and used only 4-5 times. I'm replacing them with women's specific waders, feel free to text me at **541-991-0337** or email at **georgeanne@gwindisch.com**



FOR SALE: KORKERS K5 BOMBER WADING BOOTS, SIZE 14, \$70.00, comes with interchangeable plain felt and sticky rubber soles, great shape, new price was \$199.00, the ankle padding is so thick my left boot gets caught under the dash on my clutch trying to shift my Outback, **Peter Martin, 541-388-8956, pcmartin@bendbroadband.com**



MEMBERS: Got a “fishy item,” (broadly defined – be reasonable), 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. Photos are useful.

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TIED DOWN CADDIS

I'm starting my Tyer's Corner participation with the tied down caddis. I probably caught my first fish on a fly on the tied down caddis and this classic pattern still deserves to be tied and fished.

Pure luck back in 1970 landed a summer job near Maupin and resulted in a career with a Maupin address for 30 years. Holding a handful of caddis made me think about those early days. Mountain Fir's sawmill was still operating. Maupin had no fly shops or splash and giggle outfitters. The pancake breakfast at the City Park in late April celebrated the opening day of fishing season. I bought my Fenwick fiberglass rod and Pflueger reel from Al and Maxine at Redsid's Building Supply. Then it was just a short drive over the bridge for flies and advice from a legendary Deschutes guide, Mike McLucas,

Oasis owner. Gloria's excellent hamburger came with potato chips because the Oasis didn't have a fryer back then.

I've always fished the pattern with a little weight. As a caddis it could be a pupa, emerger, or an egg layer. Tied in various colors and sizes it might be an attractor, scud or stonefly. The shellback is fragile but the pattern seems to fish better as it gets beat up. In the *Practical Fly Fisher*, 2014, Doug Stewart, describes tying custom flies for a client who would cut the deer hair shellback so the pattern looks ragged. The client told Doug the caddis caught more fish that way. Stewart also ties a peacock herl body variant he calls a dark caddis emerger.

I have purposely selected this "fished" example from one of my nymphing boxes. Notice some of the shellback fibers are broken and have swept back towards

the tail. Doug Stewart's client would agree that this fly will fish perfectly. The example is tied on a size 8 Mustad 3906B.

A material list appears in the caddis larva and pupa section of Randy Stetzer's *Flies—The Best One Thousand*, Amato, 1992.

Materials

Hook: Nymph, TMC 3761, 3769, Mustad 3906 B, #8 - 14

Thread: 6/0 waxed, black or match body color

Shellback & Tail: Deer hair

Hackle: Brown, palmered over body

Body: Orange or yellow wool yarn or natural dubbing

Tying Instructions

1. Crimp the barb, coat the hook with thread, and leave the thread at the rear of the hook.
2. Stack a clump of deer hair. Tie in the deer hair tail extending about a hook gap in length. Pull the butts upright and make a few tight thread wraps to hold it on top of the hook.
3. Tie in the hackle and yarn or dubbing. Take a wrap behind the hackle then wrap the yarn forward forming the body. Spiral open wraps of hackle forward over the body.
4. Pull the deer hair over the top to form the shellback. Do not allow the deer hair to cover the sides of the fly. Tie off the deer hair and form a clean head.

Some tiers first create the body leaving a long tag of thread at the rear, tie the hair in at the head then pull the hair back over the body and bind it down to form the tail. My tail lengths are inconsistent using this method but it may work for you.

Jim Ferguson, 2016 FFI Buz Buszek Memorial Fly Tying Award recipient, demonstrates the tied down caddis:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nSsyxDcjtHs>

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APRIL 2021 UPSTREAM EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONTACT
April 10	Crooked River Cleanup	Pete, pcmartin@bendbroadband.com
April 21	COF General Members' ZOOM Meeting @ 7:00	

In the Future

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONTACT
May 2-6	Wa Eastside Lakes(Ephrata) Outing with Washington State Clark Skamania Flyfishers	Eric, whitehaus692@gmail.com
May 16	Crane Prairie Outing	Eric, whitehaus692@gmail.com
May 17	Hosmer Outing	Eric, whitehaus692@gmail.com



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