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President's Message

Happy August Flyfishers!

Well, the summer temps continue to be above average, with little precipitation, and that doesn't bode well for our local waters and the fish that inhabit them. Even some lakes that normally have cool summer temps (like 3 Creek) have been pretty warm during the heat of the day, so we should keep practicing safe fishing habits for a while until the weather gives us and them a break.

I do have some good news to share - we'll be holding our annual BBQ at Shevlin Park on the 18th of this month! In addition to the food (catered by Country Catering, thanx to the generosity of our own Frank Turek!) and camaraderie, we will hold a silent auction featuring some of the higher value items donated for our cancelled 2020 Banquet. We sent out 2 email blasts with a signup for the BBQ (limited to 100 peeps). If you still haven't signed up just go to the website, sign in, and go to the "Calendar & Events" tab, then "Upcoming Events" and you can see all the details and be able to sign up. As of July 31 there are still 31 spots left. More details on the Auction will be coming out soon.

Another bit of good news is that we will be holding our Winter Fly Tying series again this year, led by our VP John Howard (BIG thanx for taking the lead on this John!). We'll have a beginner class in addition to the Intermediate/advanced class, so for all you fly tying wanna-be's out there, now is your chance to get a good start on your tying odyssey. WARNING: fly tying is extremely addictive and fun! John will be looking for some help with both classes, so please give your time when you can. He will be talking about it at the BBQ and soliciting volunteers. Details will follow as we get closer to the time.

Video of the month: Since we are still in a warm water period in Central OR, here is another video from RIO Products that gives us some tips for fishing (or NOT fishing!) when the temps get up there. Thanx to Richard Graham for sending this along! <http://vimeo.com/573111039>

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. I know some of you are traveling out-of-state for fishing trips this year, so feel free to submit a short article (with photographic evidence!) on your exploits for the rest of us to enjoy!

Get out and fish!

- *Tim Quinton*

Tim Quinton, President COF



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AN EVENING BBQ PARTY

**WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 18TH**

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2021 COF

Program Schedule

AUGUST

COF Annual Summer BBQ
Aspen Hall

SEPTEMBER

Tye Kreuger –
Louisiana Red Fishing

NOVEMBER

Dax Messett –
Year of the Nomad Angler

OCTOBER

Jason Wilcox USFS –
Deep Creek Fish Salvage Plan

DECEMBER

Bob Clouser –
Bass from Top to Bottom



CONSERVATION

Celilo Falls

This year is my 50 year high school reunion time. I have a classmate (Becky) who will take a cruise on the Columbia and Snake Rivers. She and her 90 year old parents will be retracing the steps of Lewis and Clark from over 200 years ago to celebrate her parents 70th wedding anniversary. It is interesting to consider the changes to these rivers over the past 200 years.

When Lewis and Clark first navigated down the wild and scenic rivers the land was occupied by Native Americans. Life at that time consisted of large communities living adjacent to the river with technology centered on gathering and preserving native foods. Celilo Falls was the center of one of these villages. Wikipedia called the village at Celilo Falls the Wall Street of the west coast with many tribes gathering in this location to exchange goods from the great plains, southwest, Alaska and other locations on the Pacific coast. The fishing grounds at the falls were the location where giant salmon runs (15-20 million adults) fueled the economy of the local tribes. Fishing was done by using wooden platforms and dip nets.

This summer Becky and her parents will cruise the rivers on a ship owned by American Cruise Lines. The river has been tamed behind many dams. Locks

are provided now to allow low cost shipping of passengers and goods (sand, gravel, grain and wood products). Technology in the area now consists of large hydroelectric dams and nuclear power plants generating electricity for aluminum processing and aircraft construction. Railroads now parallel the rivers and connect the area to the rest of the continent. People now fish for salmon, steelhead, northern pike minnows, and introduced species (bass and walleye pike). We all know the number of salmon in the river has decreased compared to the fish runs from 200 years ago.

The large village at Celilo Falls has been replaced by a small group of 25 homes located on the south side of the river adjacent to the old village. I have said I am a glass half full type person, but considering the population decline in this area this glass can not be considered half full. From a conservation standpoint I am glad that some of the original Native American fishermen still make a living near this historic site. The enclosed picture is a photo of Celilo Falls in 1950's before the Dalles Dam flooded the original site. Other areas now dominate the population along the river (Portland and Vancouver Washington).

- TOM SHUMAN
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EDUCATION

Winter Fly Tying

Well, it looks like we just might be able to get back to some In Person fly tying this winter. Learn a thing or two, maybe help out someone newer to the craft, and enjoy some company on a winter evening. Sound good?

Still in the set up phase, it's a work in progress right now. Looking to start out, all Tuesday evenings in January, with four meetings of a Basic Skills class at Larkspur Community Center. This would be aimed at showing and developing good techniques for tying durable, proportionate flies with common materials. Following that, in February and March, Tuesday evenings, for Winter Fly Tying. Nine classes, taught by some of the great tiers from our area. Oh, and they just might like to fish those flies, too.

As well as the meeting room, COF would provide a limited number of vises, tool kits, and all materials for people enrolled in the Basic Skills classes. Participants are strongly encouraged to buy their own vises and tools ahead of the classes, so that they can start practicing with their own equipment and tools as well as practice at home. As anyone who's tied flies knows, practice is a major part of tying decent flies. Participants would be supplied with supporting video and written information as well, and at least one local fly shop has offered a 15% discount to Basic Skills folks on buying tying equipment. First thing is to sign up, for Pre-Class Info.

We haven't started scheduling Presenters yet, for the Winter Fly Tying classes, but we have some pretty good ideas. More info to follow. Due to our ideas running into a little different reality, we're going to have to make some adjustments to how we do things. COF, relying on limited fund raising from auctions, raffles, etc., can still supply the (much more expensive) room, as well as cameras, projectors, etc. Participating attendees will need to bring their own tying vises, tools, and the materials for the fly(s) of the evening. Pattern information and material lists to be provided ahead of time, but no later than 10 days ahead, to give time to gather materials. Alternative materials will also be suggested where practical.

Now we come to the nitty gritty. One person can just flat out not do all this. It just won't happen. We need members to step up where they can, to Participate. We'll need at least 4 volunteers to help out with mentoring the Basic Skills class. We need minimum 2 experienced tiers to help out with the Winter Fly Tying, setting up

and circulating during the classes. COF is willing to do what it can, but, bottom line, it relies on it's members doing what they can to make it happen. Time to do it!

Any interest, questions, or what have you, please contact

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MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to Our New Members

Steve Anderson - Bend

Brad Bryan - Bend

Chris Valentino - Bend

Lucy Zorich - Bend

As of July 29, 2021, Central Oregon Flyfishers counts a total membership of 312 which comprise Individual 143, Family 104, Out of Area Individual 28, Out of Area Family 6, Honorary Life Members 15, Youth/ Next Cast 6 and Shop 10.

- ROBERT SHIMANE
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LIBRARY

COF library services will resume once monthly meetings restart at the Larkspur Community Center. The center is now open to the public and COF meetings will, hopefully, be held there in the near future. Look for an update by our president.

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, the club librarian.

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OTHER NEWS

Todd Lake Outing

The Todd Lake outing was June 14. Tim Quinton and I were the only members brave enough to show up and fish in the rain and cold. There were a few other brave hikers around the lake, but we were the only ones on the water. Fishing the edges and stripping some smaller nymphs on intermediate lines and sinking leaders proved to be a great method and we picked up rainbows and brookies to 14". Our last stop was the northwest ledge using indicators, where we found a few other nice fish.

Three Creek Lake Outing

The Three Creek Lake outing was July 7 – 8th. The weather in Bend and Sisters was almost 20 deg hotter, so Three Creek Lake at 6200' was a great place to escape the heat. Club members were showing up all day for the morning, afternoon and evening bite. The callibaetis hatch was incredible along the northeast shore. Fishing a callibaetis nymph with a slow strip on an intermediate or a slow sinking leader was producing 25+ fish days. The afternoon and evening bite was the best. Most of the fish were 8-10", but we found the occasional 12+ inch rainbow or brook trout. I had a fun afternoon when Jeff Perin, Fly Fishers Place Owner/Guide, was having a shore lunch with his clients. I was fishing in front of them and landed 6 fish. Jeff mentioned me and "putting on a clinic" in his blog

the next week!

Because of the high temperatures, I felt that it was best to let things cool down before the next outing. I'm looking at having a Krumbo Lake outing late September or Early October. Please let me know if you have other thoughts for a good outing.

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GULPER SPECIAL

You may not have heard of the Gulper Special by Al Troth, but I'll wager you have fished both Troth's Elk Hair Caddis and his American version of the Pheasant Tail (peacock thorax).

I'm going thru my Silver Creek boxes preparing for my eleventh September as a volunteer on the Preserve for The Nature Conservancy. I consider Silver Creek "home water" as I've been fishing there since 1989. Fishing this creek can leave you scratching your head so thank goodness for local fly shops. Years ago, after successive frustrating evenings, I headed up to the Silver Creek Outfitters in Ketchum to talk to Dave Faltings. There had been no hatches on those prior evenings and yet fish were feeding on the surface. Dave pulled out a large bin of Harrop-tied flies and pointed to the Gulper Special. "Super" Dave passed June 2016 due to ALS. His answers to my questions over the years improved my success wherever I might fish.

According to Randall Kaufman, *Tying Dry Flies*, 1991, Al Troth developed the Gulper Special in 1971 for the gulpers on Hebgen Lake, Montana. The term gulper comes from the large rainbows and browns that cruise the lake gulping down *Callibaetis* and *Tricos*. A friend of mine at the Hebgen Lake Ranger Station in West Yellowstone told me that you can hear these large Hebgen fish feeding, hence the name, gulpers. Sizes #14 - #18 Gulper Specials imitate *Callibaetis* spinners with #20 - #24 sizes imitating *Trico* spinners.

The materials list from *Western Mayfly Hatches*, Rick Hafele and Dave Hughes, 2004:

Hook: Standard dry fly

Thread: Brown 6/0 or 8/0

Wingpost: White or light gray poly yarn

Tail: Grizzly hackle fibers splayed slightly

Body: Dark Beaver fur dubbing

Hackle: Grizzly wound parachute

The gulpers I purchased back then had dark olive bodies so I tie my versions using dark olive (BWO) dyed or dark brown natural beaver dubbing. I remove the guard hairs from the dubbing and create a tightly dubbed very thin body. I like 6/0 olive brown Danville thread and use Whiting's Grizzly Pardo Coq de Leon fibers for the tail. I combine two strands of white para post for the wing on larger patterns. Para post floats well and is highly visible bobbing in windy choppy conditions. I trim the post short to simulate a spinner profile. Para post doesn't come in black so I also tie a few with black polypropylene floating yarn. A white post is a good choice on sunny days while black offers better visibility on evenings and dark days. Greg Thomas, in *Best Flies for Idaho*, 2000, suggests tan for a body color as well as the olive and brown body colors.

This pattern helped me with my original question of what to fish late in the evenings when nothing seems to be hatching. Dark body colors and shape provides a good mayfly silhouette. As intended by Al Troth I also fish the Gulper during the day as a *Callibaetis*. The Gulper Special floats low in the water and could represent a floating mayfly nymph, emerger, cripple, dun, or spinner I believe.

I'm not going to provide step by step tying directions. I tie left-handed so I could really mess up right-handers with left-handed directions. Use your favorite parachute method or check out the many tying videos available. There is no right or wrong way so I suggest trying several versions to find the method you like best for hackling parachutes.

As I write this The Nature Conservancy has closed access to fishing on the Silver Creek Preserve due to dissolved oxygen levels and water temperatures harmful to fish. Varying hours of hoot owl fishing restrictions

are in place locally in Oregon and in Montana and Yellowstone National Park. I'm told the Madison arm of Hebgen Lake, where this pattern was developed, is about 18" deep instead of the typical 4-5 feet in depth.

The U.S. Drought Monitor website classifies much of the West as either in extreme or exceptional drought. It's a good time to tie Gulper Specials and dream of a very long and wet snowy winter.

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DATE	ACTIVITY	CONTACT
August 18	Annual BBQ at Shevlin Hall	

In the Future

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONTACT
September 15	General Meeting at Larkspurg Community Center	
September 23	BOD Meeting (place TBD)	



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