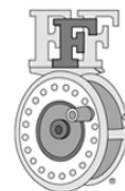




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TUESDAY FLYTYING

December 7, 14,
(No Meeting Dec.
21, 28)
6:30-8:30PM
Bend Trap Club
61400 Brosterhaus
Road

GENERAL MEETING FLIES, FOOD, AND FREE TRADE!

December 15
6:30-8:30PM
Central Oregon
Board of Realtors

METOLIUS REDD COUNTS

December 15, 29
January 12, 26
February 9, 23
March 9, 10, 23, 24A
April 7, 8, 20, 21
May 5, 6, 18, 19

NEW YEARS OUTING January 1, 9:00AM Black Bear Diner

RANDOM CASTS

The New Year looms, and as I look back I remember all the work and contributions of the members. And I thank you. So before I pass on to ex-president status, I wish to thank the entire COF membership whose work, ideas and time made the COF activities possible. Some examples of special note include:

Mark Reisinger and the entire Kokanee Karnival steering and advisory committees. Kurt Boettger, Phil Hager, Terri Grimm and Bob Mullong for running the Kokanee Karnival education and classroom programs. Phil Havens for the fun and friendly Fly Tying Tuesdays, the Fly Tying expo and our conservation activities. Harry Harbin for the best club newsletter in the West, and possibly in the U.S. Ron Anderson for our great education programs, again the Best in the West. Dave Dunahay for the outings and keeping COF moving forward and on track.

Delores Marsh as membership chair during our rapid growth, and for building a very dynamic Wild Woman of the Water program. Earl Rettig for the great 2004 banquet and upcoming 2005 banquet. Carl Sanders for the thoughtful monthly meeting programs. Meeting attendance has increased significantly as a result of Carl's efforts. Frank McKim as treasurer, one of the more time consuming responsibilities in COF (I should know as a past treasurer). Gordon Chandler for the fantastic Canadian outing. Phil Hager for the Sportsman show. And

last, but definitely not least, Dan Driskill for his council and advice on COF activities. Many of the big successes in 2004 were activities and programs initiated by Dan in 2003.

The list could go on and on. All I can say is many, many thanks for making COF a great club. And I had a great time getting to know you all better. -
- Neal Buxton

FLIES, FOOD, GOOD FRIENDS...AND A LITTLE FREE TRADE!

As we have done the last couple of years, this December our monthly program will be centered on just having a good time. There will be lots of fly tying. We will have members positioned around the room all tying that special fly that they have chosen to share with COF. There should be a great selection of flies to see. Bring your notebooks, questions and Holiday Spirit.

Also, we like to make this a festive event considering Christmas is only 10 days away, and welcome members to bring a snack or dessert item. There has been a great selection of goodies in the past.

In addition we are having a small equipment swap. So if you have any items related to fly fishing, tying, and boating etc. that you would like to sell or trade please bring them to the meeting.

This has been a great casual holiday meeting in the past, and this year we plan to continue the tradition. If you tie flies, want to learn, or just want to look and enjoy - come to the December meeting. If you bake goodies, want a recipe, or just want to sample - come to the December meeting. If you want to find a Christmas gift, sell a Christmas gift, or just browse - come to the December meeting. There's fun for all.

If you would like to tie at the meeting, give me a call or email. - Carl Sanders, 548-0870,
4cesanders@earthlink.net

2005 MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Hi, my name is Dave Semich. I am a recent addition to the COF Board, serving as the program director. Carl Sanders has left us with some of the next

months' meetings already scheduled with some great speakers - and for that I am very thankful!

Now the question - what do you want to have as programs in the future? We have around 100+ members at each meeting, which tells me that people really enjoy the meetings. The previous programs have ranged from fishing destinations, to big name speakers like Denny Richards, to local guides, to great slide presentations. I would like to know of any speakers, areas to fish, or any outdoor activities that you would like to have as a program for a monthly meeting.

In other words - if you tell someone what your wish is, it is more likely to come true! Please email me at densemich@msn.com with your ideas and requests. -
Dave Semich

SUNRIVER ANGLERS' DINNER AND AUCTION - DECEMBER 14

The Sunriver Anglers annual gala Christmas dinner and auction/raffle is scheduled for Tuesday evening, December 14, at the Great Hall in Sunriver. The Great Hall is the spectacular all-wood former Officers' Club of Camp Abbott from Second World War days, and is particularly beautiful with Christmas holiday decorations and lights. Cost is \$35 per person for either Salmon or Prime Rib, and includes wine at each table.

The program begins at 5:30 p.m. with the usual auction and raffle, visiting and no-host bar. At 6:30, the Three Rivers School elementary choir will perform, with dinner following at 7:00.

There will be a few oral auction items including golf rounds at Sunriver and condominium stays. One unusual item this year will be a round trip airline ticket from San Francisco or Los Angeles to New Zealand. The ticket must be used in conjunction with a trip for two or more people booked through The Best of New Zealand Fly Fishing. The ticket has a retail value of approximately \$1500. So if you've been thinking about a New Zealand vacation, here's an opportunity to save some money.

To reserve a place at the event, contact Sunriver Anglers President, Rod Juranek at 593-4471 or email him at rjuranek@empnet.com.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A special welcome to new members! Look for board members with their green and white nameplates at the next meeting if you have any questions or special interests, and look up Delores Marsh, our Member Services committee chairperson at the back of the room if you have any membership issues, and to pick up your membership packet.

Dustin Guilbert

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2005

The election of officers and directors for 2005 took place at the November general membership meeting. The following were elected unanously by the membership:

OFFICERS: (one year term)

President -	Dave Dunahay
Vice President -	Carl Sanders
Secretary -	Linda Cheney
Treasurer -	Frank McKim

DIRECTORS SEEKING RE-ELECTION:

(Two year term)	Delores Marsh
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DIRECTORS FOR VACANT POSITIONS:

(Two year term)	Dave Semich
	Bob Cooper

Congratulations to these fine volunteers!

VOLUNTEERS

WE NEED YOUR HOURS!

One of the things COF is best known for is the strength of its volunteer program. Last year we recorded over 2200 hours! These hours help keep our Tax Exempt status; they allow ODFW to leverage federal dollars for needed programs; and, best of all, you may be able to write off your mileage on your taxes.

Sooooo- all of you volunteers who have not submitted your miles and hours (Kokanee Karnival hours have been reported), please email them to Carl Sanders at 4cesanders@earthlink.net or drop it in the mail to him at 7707 NW Eagle Dr, Redmond, Oregon 97756

TUESDAY FLY TYING

After I discovered Cinygmula Sp. mayflies on the Metolius, I had half a dozen fair imitations in my fly box by the next morning. How can fishermen who don't tie their own flies react to a situation like this? I always take great pleasure in responding to a fly fishing challenge by using materials that I already have in my fly tying kit, and have done this many times since learning to tie flies.

If you don't know how to tie your own flies, you should at least give it a try. I can't tell you that it will be cheaper, but it will add a whole different dimension to your fly-fishing. There is no fly shop in the world that would have all the flies that I now have in my boxes. And, as I get more experienced, it is not long between the times that someone shows me a new fly that is catching fish, and the time when I have some in my hand straight from my vice.

For all of you experienced tiers, I also know that this is the time of year when you have the largest gaps in your fly box, and you need a little motivation to get you going to fill them up again.

Don't put it off. Plan to show up this coming Tuesday evening, December 7, 6:30PM, at the Bend Trap Club. There is no cost, although we do sometimes pass the hat for the Trap Club. Bring your vice, tools and materials if you have them, but COF has received some fly tying kits that can be used by beginners to learn how, also at no cost. Bring a table light and magnifier if you want, the Trap club is not too well lit. Also, bring a short extension cord for your light and we will set up plug strips for your use.

If you are a beginner, we will be tying flies from the book "Fly Tying Made Clear and Simple" by Skip Morris, 1992. It has the clearest instructions and pictures that we have been able to find. We will have several copies on hand, but if you plan to pursue fly tying actively, then you might want to go ahead and obtain one for yourself. List price is about \$20.00.

To get to the Trap Club, drive south on 3rd until you cross Reed Market and come to Brosterhouse at the next light. Turn left (east) on Brosterhouse, follow the road as it curves slowly right and then takes a hard left. The Trap Club is on the left in about 300 yards. Since the members are more interested in trap shooting than watching the road, the building faces away from the road and is not too well lit in the rear, but you can find it. It is a simple one-story building with white siding I hope to see you there. Contact any board member for more information.

!!!HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! - OUTING

New Year's Eve with a few adult beverages. Late to bed. Then up for a huge plate of greasy food, and then go stand in a freezing river with the wind blowing in your face! What a great way to spend New Years Day!

Although it probably speaks volumes about the mental health of COF members, the New Years Day Outing draws more participants every year. Last year we had to go to several large tables at Jake's. Unfortunately, the fate of Jake's was in question when we planned this years outing, but this year Dave Dunahay is sponsoring our annual fine dining and fly fishing experience at the Black Bear.

Seriously, for those of you who can't sit in a chair and watch the three hour pre-game show, much less the two hour pre-pre-game show, this is a chance for you to enjoy the fellowship of your fellow fly fishers, partake in a fine breakfast cooked to your liking at the Black Bear Diner at third and Olney, and have a chance to catch the very first trout of the year on the Crooked River. Meet at the Black Bear Diner, 1415 Northeast 3rd Street, at 9:00AM, January 1, 2004 and look for the crowd. During the breakfast, we will talk a little fishing, followed by a trip out to the Crooked. Don't tell anyone, but one year we looked out into a blizzard and went home. Every other year fish have been caught, sometimes in fairly good numbers.

Everyone pays for their own breakfast, and you need to notify Dave if you plan to attend so he can properly reserve the room. Don't forget to buy a

new 2005 fishing license (one of the benefits of this outing is that you won't forget to buy one in April!). Yes, you can bring the in-laws if you want to. See you at the Black Bear.- Dave Dunahay, 317-5843, dunahay@bendbroadband.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2005 COF BANQUET!

Be sure to reserve February 26th on your 2005 calendar for the 2005 COF Banquet. This is our time for fellowship, raffles, and silent auctions of items contributed by local businesses and COF members, good food, a fine speaker and to honor the many fine volunteers of COF. The theme will be the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the COF and the 10th of the KK program.

Our Banquet Chairman, Rarl Rettig, is looking for a Man Friday to help him out. He is also on the lookout for volunteers to help with small tasks for the banquet. Contact Earl at 330-9670.

"DEAR CENTRAL OREGON FLYFISHERS,"

The following letter was received from one of the classes that attended the Kokanee Karnival Fall Streamside at Brown's Creek. This letter is representative of many we have received.

"October 17, 2004

Thank you for volunteering and making the Kokanee Karnival happen. My class was able, through your donation of time and money, to visit Brown's Creek and the Fall River Hatchery this month. They were thrilled to be there. When we wrote about what happened in school that month, everyone mentioned the trip, learning to tell boy fish from girl fish, playing games to learn about fish survival, and what makes a successful fish habitat. You were very instructive and patient with the students. We so appreciate your time and efforts. We will receive our eyed eggs tomorrow. We will be studying fish classification, adaptations, and the problems that they encounter trying to survive.

The parent chaperones were also very impressed. Your sponsorship of this program has far-reaching effects. I think the students, teachers, and parents are learning to be better stewards of the land, water, and fish. We are very grateful.

Sincerely, Mimi Graves, 4th Grade Teacher Bear Creek Elementary"

Way to go COF volunteers!

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW!

As many of you saw in the recent letter to the membership, it is once again time to renew your annual membership in COF. Renewals prior to January 1, 2005 are \$30.00 a year, while those after January 1 are \$36.00. Now who can turn down a bargain like that?

More great speakers, more classes and educational opportunities, more fly fishing outings, another trip to British Columbia, more opportunities to volunteer for kids programs through Kokanee Karnival and for conservation work with the club. Who could turn it down? If you lost the application for renewal, just use the new member renewal in this newsletter.

If you are a recent member and have already paid for 2005, you still need to complete the Liability Release for 2005 and send it to Delores Marsh.

WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP TO COUNT METOLIUS RIVER REDDS

A few health problems experienced by COF volunteers and state workers have left us a little short of volunteers for the Metolius River Redd counts. If you are new to the club or have just never gotten around to volunteering on one of the COF supported projects, won't you please consider helping out with this survey?

How would you like to spend a whole day with an ODFW biologist spotting Redsidies on the Metolius River, finding their redds, and helping to estimate the number of fish and their health? And at no cost to you for this valuable education! Starting last month, ODFW and the forest service is again looking for volunteers from COF to assist in the redd surveys. The chart below lists the dates and sponsors for the various surveys along with contacts for each. If you first want to talk to a COF member who has been very involved with these surveys, call Gene McMullen at 312-8939. Waders and some wading skills are a requirement for these

DAY	REACH	AGEN	AGENCY LEADER
DEC. 15	METOLIUS	ODFW	TED WISE 388-6363 TED.G.WISE@STATE.OR.US
DEC. 29	METOLIUS	USFS	SCOTT COTTER 549-7725 SACOTTER@FS.FED.US
JAN. 12	METOLIUS	USFS	NATE DACHTLER 383-5720 NDACHTLER@FS.FED.US
JAN. 26	METOLIUS	ODFW	TED WISE 388-6363 TED.G.WISE@STATE.OR.US
FEB. 9	METOLIUS	USFS	SCOTT COTTER 549-7725 SACOTTER@FS.FED.US
FEB. 23	METOLIUS	ODFW	TED WISE 388-6363 TED.G.WISE@STATE.OR.US
MAR. 9	METOLIUS	USFS	NATE DACHTLER 383-5720 NDACHTLER@FS.FED.US
MAR. 10	ABBOT CR.	USFS	SCOTT COTTER 549-7725 SACOTTER@FS.FED.US
MAR. 23	METOLIUS	ODFW	TED WISE 388-6363 TED.G.WISE@STATE.OR.US
MAR. 24	ABBOT CR.	ODFW	TED WISE 388-6363 TED.G.WISE@STATE.OR.US
APR. 7	METOLIUS	USFS	SCOTT COTTER 549-7725 SACOTTER@FS.FED.US
APR. 8	ABBOT CR.	USFS	NATE DACHTLER 383-5720 NDACHTLER@FS.FED.US
APR. 20	METOLIUS	ODFW	TED WISE 388-6363 TED.G.WISE@STATE.OR.US
APR. 21	ABBOT CR.	ODFW	TED WISE 388-6363 TED.G.WISE@STATE.OR.US
MAY. 5	METOLIUS	USFS	NATE DACHTLER 383-5720 NDACHTLER@FS.FED.US
MAY. 6	ABBOT CR.	USFS	SCOTT COTTER 549-7725 SACOTTER@FS.FED.US
MAY. 18	METOLIUS	ODFW/ USFS	ALL VOLUNTEER ROCK PICK-UP METOLIUS
MAY. 19	ABBOT CR.	ODFW/ USFS	ABBOT SURVEY AND ROCK PICK-UP

surveys. You don't have to be a fisherman to participate.

WWW AT CENTRAL OREGON OUTDOORS

The following was provided by our own Wild Women of the Water as a service to all the members based on their November 17 meeting with Steve Light at Central Oregon Outdoors.

"We enjoyed a wonderful array of coffee, wine, veggies, cookies and snacks while Steve Light enlightened us with all sorts of great information.

We began with a discussion of the value of the 9-10 foot cast under hanging alder branches during a salmon fly hatch. Steve showed us a poly leader (5 ft) designed to replace our usual leader. The poly leader has a loop on the end so it is easy to attach

to our line. Steve uses the loop in preference to the nail knot (and he can surely tie a nail knot easily enough) because it is quickly done on the river - just a personal choice. The poly leader has a monofilament core and lots of elasticity, which will give us more control on a short cast with a heavy salmon fly imitation. In addition, it protects the tippet and absorbs energy much the same way a fly rod does. It comes in a variety of sinking rates and provides a great scope of uses.

FYI: The leader is built on the formula of three sections of equal length. The butt is about 3 ft, the transition section is 3 ft and the tippet is three feet. After you tie 8-10 flies on your tippet, it is about gone. Be sure to replace it, and add no more than 3 ft on a 9 ft leader. A 15 ft leader can turn over a 5 ft tippet, and a 9 ft leader only turns over a 3 ft tippet.

If you are putting your rod and reel away for the winter, you may want to clean the line. Immerse 30-40 ft of line in hot water for 10-15 minutes. That opens the pores in the line. Then use a nail brush and a drop of Palmolive to scrub the coil of line in your hand. Put the line in a basin of cold water to rinse and to close the pores. Dry the line on a cotton towel. Reel the line up and be sure it is dry before you put it away. BE SURE the line is dry before you put the rod and reel away every time. Otherwise, you will do damage to the cork, the reel seat can be destroyed by standing moisture, and the rod can oxidize.

If your floating line begins to sink - or if your sinking line begins to float, you should think about replacing the line. To give some more life to your floating line, you can use some Mucilin to fill the cracks and pores. When it is time to get a new line, bring your rod and reel to a shop. Let them watch you cast. Then you can get a line that matches the speed of both your rod and your cast, allowing all the components to work together better. By matching the line to the length, cut, style, speed and flex of your rod and style of your cast, you'll be your best on the water.

HO! HO! HO! - 'TIS THE SEASON!

No, no, not that season, the other one. Tax planning season!

While you are doing your end of year tax planning, why not consider a contribution to Kokanee Carnival or to COF? Both are covered under our designation as a 501c3 nonprofit organization, making your contribution fully tax deductible. And while you are at it, consider the same possibilities when you are doing your estate planning. It would be a great shame to see all that carefully accumulated fly fishing equipment being sold to an unappreciative buyer at an estate sale, and COF or KK could use a bequest to effectively support the conservation and fishing causes that have been a big part of your life.



DRAG FREE DRIFT FOR A DRY FLY

Since the Metolius outing, I have been asked by several members about the two books that I recommended for those trying to obtain a drag free drift on rivers like the Metolius.

The first is "Slack Line Strategies for Fly Fishing" 1994, written by member John Judy who lives in Camp Sherman. The second is "Drag-Free Drift" , 2001, by Joseph A. Kissane, a somewhat dry but technically thorough book. For those of you who are tired of constantly drifting dry flies over actively rising fish, but seldom catching one, these books would make great winter reading.

I agree with most experts (I'm not one!) that if you are not catching fish on a dry fly, it is most likely because of your technique and a poor drift, not because you have the wrong fly on your leader.

Both the Bend and the Sisters libraries have John Judy's book, but not the other one.- Harry Harbin

New Membership

The following information is used in the roster. Include all contact data and other interests that you wish to have appear in the roster. Print legibly using block letters, all caps.

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME	OCCUPATION (PAST OR CURRENT)	
SPOUSE'S FIRST NAME		SPOUSE'S LAST NAME IF DIFFERENT		HOME PHONE
HOUSE NUMBER	STREET		WORK PHONE	EXT
CITY			STATE	ZIP CODE
EMAIL ADDRESS				

How do you want to receive the COF monthly newsletter? E-mail saves big \$\$ (Check one.) Email US Postal Service

Why did you join COF? (Check all that apply. List other interests on reverse.)

Acquire more knowledge Find fishing partner Volunteer for projects Improve technique Social functions

You must sign this release EACH year when you renew to attend or participate in club activities.

LIABILITY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

As a condition of membership or of participation in any activity encouraged or publicized by The Central Oregon Flyfishers, I voluntarily assume all risks of my participation. In acknowledgement that I am doing so entirely upon my own initiative, risk and responsibility, I do hereby for myself, heirs, executors, and administrators agree to remise, fully release, hold harmless, and forever discharge The Central Oregon Flyfishers, all its officers, board members and volunteers, acting officially or otherwise, from any and all claims, demands, actions or causes of actions, on account of my death or on account of any injury to me or my property that may occur from any cause whatsoever while participating in any such COF activity.

I acknowledge that I have carefully read this hold harmless and release agreement, and fully understand that it is a release of liability. I further acknowledge that I am waiving any right I may have to bring legal action to assert a claim against The Central Oregon Flyfishers for its negligence.

I have read the above statement and agree to its terms as a condition of my membership in The Central Oregon Flyfishers.

X _____
 SIGNED BY PRINT NAME MONTH DAY YEAR

X _____
 SIGNED BY PRINT NAME MONTH DAY YEAR

DUES SCHEDULE

Memberships are renewable on January 1 of each year. New members joining prior to June 1 shall pay a full year's dues of \$36. New members joining after June 1 shall pay a prorated amount according to the chart below. New members who reside outside Deschutes County shall pay \$12.

THE MONTH YOU ARE JOINING	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
THE DUES YOU PAY (\$)	18	15	12	9	6	3

RETURN THIS FORM Mail or deliver this form and your check payable to The Central Oregon Flyfishers to the membership chairman. Forms unaccompanied by dues payment or that lack signature, name, or date on the liability release statement are considered invalid and will be returned to sender.

The Central Oregon Flyfishers
Membership Chairman
PO Box 1126
Bend, OR 97709

UPSTREAM EVENTS - 2004-2005			
	DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
DEC	2	COF Board of Directors Meeting	Neal Buxton
	14	Sun River Angler's Banquet and Auction	Rod Juranek
	15	COF Gen. Mem. Meeting, Fly Tying	Neal Buxton
	15, 29	Metolius Redd Count	
	7,14	Fly Tying	
JAN	1	New Years Breakfast & Crooked River Outing	Dave Dunahay
	6	COF Board of Directors Meeting	Dave Dunahay
	12, 26	Metolius Redd Count	
	19	COF Gen. Mem. Meeting	Dave Dunahay
	4,11,18, 25	Fly Tying	
FEB	3	COF Board of Directors Meeting	Dave Dunahay
	9, 23	Metolius Redd Count	
	16	COF Gen. Mem. Meeting	Dave Dunahay
	26	COF Banquet	Earl Rettig
	1,8,15, 22	Fly Tying	