

# The Central Oregon Flyfisher

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## RANDOM CAST

This *Random Cast* is my final one. In January, you'll hear from Yancy Lind. A line from a song by Edie Brickell comes to mind, "Shove me into shallow water before I get too deep." I'll try to keep things brief and light this month, but I do need to write about two things.

First, I hope you have enjoyed reading the quote of the month as much as I enjoyed looking up the quotes. There are a few quotes that I really like, but did not include in the newsletter. The first is an Irish blessing that says, "May the holes in your net be no larger than the fish in it." Give this blessing to your fishing buddy before you go on your way down the stream or across the lake the next time you're out. Some of us need all the luck we can get.

I also like the Babylonian proverb that goes, "The gods do not deduct from a man's allotted span the hours spent in fishing." As we get a little older, we should get out as often as we can. Earlier in the year, I used a quote that went, "Live your life without regrets." I do not want to reach the point when I can no longer fish and regret that I never fished places that I want to fish. I hope that some kind soul will take me fishing when I have a hard time getting around on my own.

My final comment has to do with an article I read recently in a national fly-fishing magazine. The article discussed the merits of NOT COUNTING the number of fish you caught for the day. I thought about the day when I caught 26 fish on one of the lakes during a past trip to BC. I thought I had died and gone to heaven! As I was coming in, another fisherman said that he had caught 36 fish that day—it burst my bubble. I have been guilty of this rude behavior too. A very excited angler once told me his total catch for the day and asked me about my success. As I told him that my total was four more than his, I could see the expression change on his face. I felt awful.

On the day of the Crooked River cleanup, we finished around noon. Some of us stayed to fish after lunch. I know a place near Big Bend campground that usually holds a bunch of whitefish, and that's where I fished. I had tremendous success catching many fish. (I did NOT count them!) Another angler came by and asked if I had caught 30 fish yet. I grinned and said that I had been lucky enough to catch "a bunch." Just like releasing that first big trout, I think it will get easier and easier not to count the fish. From now on, I think I'll try to let the number of fish fade away after 2. If you catch just one fish, it may be the "village idiot." You have to catch two to prove it wasn't just a mistake!

*Dave Semich, President*

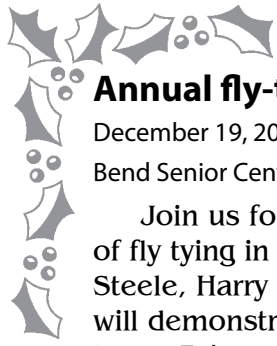


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## GENERAL MEETING



### Annual fly-tying evening

December 19, 2007, 6:30 pm

Bend Senior Center, 1600 SE Reed Market Road, Bend

Join us for the club's traditional evening of fly tying in December. Bill Seitz, Sherry Steele, Harry Harbin, Jerry Criss, and others will demonstrate various techniques and patterns. Bring your vise and tying gear, if you wish.

To help celebrate the holiday season, bring a plate of your favorite home-baked goodies to share with everyone.

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## EDUCATION

No classes have been scheduled during December.

### COF winter fly-tying classes

It's that time again. Winter fly-tying classes will begin in January 2008, day and location to be announced. There will be a total of 12 classes, held one night each week, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The cost will be \$5.00/class, payable at the door. Bring your own tools and thread; all other materials will be supplied. To sign up, contact Sherry Steele.

*Sherry Steele*  
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## OUTINGS

### New Year's day outing

Jan 1, 2008. Meet at Jake's diner for breakfast at 9:00 am.

The club's annual New Year's day pilgrimage to the Crooked River will begin with breakfast at Jake's Diner at 9:00 a.m. After breakfast, weather conditions permitting, we'll meet at Big Bend campground (the first campground below the dam) on the river. We'll begin with an introduction to the river, then a question and answer period, and finally the opportunity to fish.

There will be an optional "bring your own food and drink" lunchtime get together at Big Bend campground. During lunch, newer members will have the opportunity to gather more information about the river before they venture out again.

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This year, we're going to try using a sign-in procedure to help assure that everyone gets off of the river safely at the end of the day. Please sign your name on the attendance sheet when you arrive. When you return home, contact me to let me know that you got home safely. Be sure to let me know about your success on the river. If I don't hear from you by the end of the day, I'll call you the next day.

Flows are historically low at this time of year, so wading should be easy. Bring your wading staff because there could be ice and slick rocks. Try to fish with a buddy. It's a great opportunity to share techniques and fly choice decisions.

Remember to get your 2008 license! Hope to see you all there for what should be a great day of fishing and tall tales!

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I have very little personal knowledge of the Crooked River. I need a volunteer to talk about the river and lead the lunchtime get together. Please contact me ASAP to make arrangements.

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*Bob Evermore*  
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Lee Ann Ross found this photo on ebay. The handwritten note on the back of the photo reads, "Eastern brook trout caught at East Lake, Ore. June 3rd, 1923 by Irving Budee (?) and wife."

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## OTHER NEWS

### Early membership renewal for 2008

By now, you should have received an early membership renewal envelope for 2008 by mail. If you haven't already done so, please take advantage of the early renewal savings and return your signed form with a dues check as soon as possible. Retaining members is very important to our club, hence the savings offer for early renewal.

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## Help Save Mailing Costs

When you renew your membership, please choose email delivery to help keep club costs in check. The cost of printing and mailing a monthly COF newsletter to one member has risen to more than \$12 per year. Seventy-two percent of members have switched to online newsletter delivery. If you have an email account, but have not yet switched, you could help the club save hundreds of dollars each year in newsletter costs simply by choosing email delivery.

*Dick Olson, Membership chair*

## Federation of Fly Fishers new member promotion

The Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) is offering a special membership promotion. Until December 31, **individual** members may join FFF for one year at the discounted rate of \$15. (Regular price for an annual membership is \$35.) To take advantage of this offer, you must fill out an application, and I must sign the application by December 31.

Application forms have been available during the last two monthly meetings, and forms will be available at the December general meeting. You may also mail a check (payable to the Federation of Fly Fishers) for \$15 to me, and I will fill out the application for you. I will mail all of the club's applications after the December general meeting.

For more information about the FFF, see their Web site, available from: [www.fedflyfishers.org](http://www.fedflyfishers.org)

*Dave Semich*

*22311 McArdle Road, Bend, OR 97702*

## Sunriver Anglers Christmas dinner & auction

On November 10, the Board of Directors held a day-long 2008 planning meeting. One of the many items we discussed was closer cooperation with the Sunriver Anglers fly-fishing club. Anyone who is involved with Kokanee Karnival knows that Sunriver Anglers is a great group of fishermen who are a key part in making Kokanee Karnival a success.

All members of COF have been invited to Sunriver Anglers upcoming Christmas Dinner & Auction. (See details on page 8.) A few club members already plan to attend. COF will invite Sunriver Anglers to our spring banquet. Unfortunately, my daughter has her Christmas music recital that night, so I can't attend.

*Yancy Lind*

*COF Vice President & Education Chair*

## MAPS MAPS MAPS

While looking for detailed maps of Warm Springs to Trout Creek, I discovered the National Geographic map kiosk at Sportsmans Warehouse. Going to the Oregon map, I used the cursor to display the exact section of the map I wanted. One can rotate the image and zoom down to a scale of 1 to 30,750. The 11" by 17" map I printed has enough detail to show the location of Mecca, Halfway Bar, and Stanglin islands, among other features. Each map you print on their waterproof paper will cost you \$9.99. Check it out; it's fun to play with.

*Lee Ann Ross*

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## WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

### Programs coming in 2008

Stay tuned to your email for details about these exciting programs coming in early 2008: Fly fishing and photography (Judith O'Keefe), Eoadventures in Patagonia (Joyce Norman), and European nymphing techniques (Lee Ann Ross).

Many thanks to Marilyn Forestell for hosting the annual potluck.



## CONSERVATION



Members gathered at Big Bend campground at the Crooked River, divided into five teams, and collected a trailerful of trash (including beer bottles and some unique items).

### East Lake update

Since the invasive aquatic plant, Eurasian watermilfoil, was positively identified in East Lake earlier this year, Tom Walker, Fisheries Biologist with the Deschutes National Forest, has applied for a grant from the Forest Service Region 6 Challenge Cost Share Program. If Walker receives funding, he will develop information for boater education and awareness about spreading invasive species, conduct surveys at East Lake and other lakes, and conduct an environmental analysis for control and possibly treatment.

Previously, the Oregon Invasive Species Council was unaware of this infestation. Council members are concerned about the extent of the infestation and the potential spread of milfoil to other lakes. Walker estimates that the milfoil now occupies about one-half mile of shoreline along the south and east sides of the lake. It is unknown whether milfoil is present in other local lakes. Milfoil spreads when boaters and recreationists fail to remove fragments of the plant from boats and gear before moving to another lake. For more information about milfoil, see the article in the *Statesman's Journal*, available from: <http://www.statesmanjournal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20071125/INVASIVE03/711250324/1001>

*Terri Grimm*

### Crooked River telemetry study continues

On November 2, OSU graduate student Shivonne Nesbit held a training session to teach volunteers how to use the telemetry equipment to track the fish that have been tagged for her study.



Shivonne Nesbit explains how to track fish using telemetry equipment.

Nesbit plans to have at least one volunteer from COF, ODFW, and other organizations track the fish each Friday. So far, the data that Nesbit has collected indicates that the fish have not moved far from where they were originally captured. If you would like to help, contact Nesbit ([shivonne.nesbit@oregonstate.edu](mailto:shivonne.nesbit@oregonstate.edu)).

*Terri Grimm*



### Banner year for Kokanee Karnival

The Kokanee Karnival had another fantastic year. We successfully completed all commitments/requirements for contracts with the Juan Young Trust and ODF&W Restoration and Enhancement Board. A record number (3,024) of students participated. In addition, the program achieved the following:

- increased the number of classrooms at the comprehensive level from 8 to 12 in the last two years
- increased the number of classrooms at the elective level to 41 in the last two years
- developed and completed a successful streamside pilot program for two classrooms at Spring Creek on the Metolius River
- trained ten new Angler Education classroom instructors
- trained five new fish dissection classroom instructors
- implemented a new September classroom orientation session for all comprehensive classrooms

We have new and additional ideas ahead to continue to expand the program and make improvements. None of this can happen without the continued support of the COF members. You give generously of your time and money to make this award-winning program available to the kids in Central Oregon. Thank you for all that you do.

*Dave Dunahay*

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## MEET THE MEMBERS

### Yancy Lind

Yancy joined COF soon after moving to Central Oregon in July 2004. He and his family relocated to Bend after vacationing in the area for many years. Alpine and Nordic skiing and year-round fly-fishing opportunities were the main attractions to the area.

Yancy was born in Michigan, but he has lived in California for many years. Currently, he is a financial advisor with Merrill Lynch. Previously, Yancy was an executive in Silicon Valley and held vice president and president positions. In addition to his volunteer work for COF, Yancy is a member of Bend Rotary and on the board of directors of the Edmunds Well Wildlife Sanctuary.

Yancy has been fly fishing for over 20 years. He has fished throughout northern California and Oregon and in some parts of Washington. When he and his 16-year-old son, Miles, went on the COF trip to BC earlier this year, it was their first fishing excursion outside the US. Yancy enjoys fishing the hard-to-reach places in nearby rivers. According to Yancy, these locations often have fish that are big and willing, but you can go through a lot of waders.



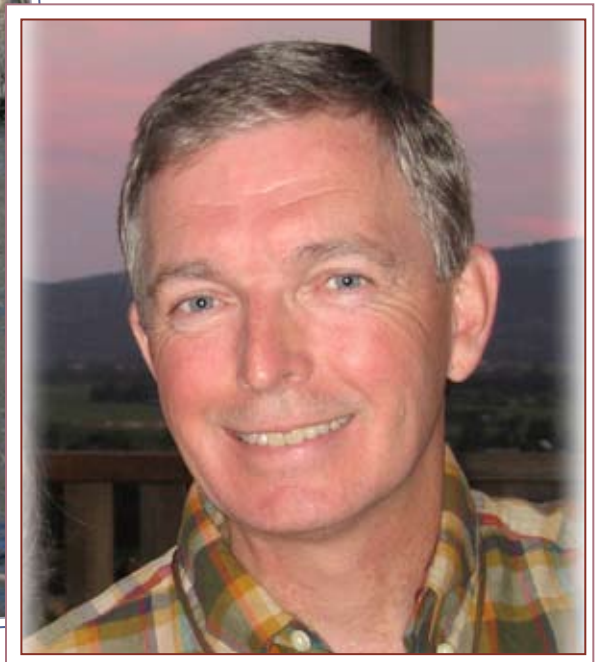
### Bob Evermore

I joined COF at the end of 2006, shortly after my family and I relocated to Bend from Encinitas, California. Prior to living in Encinitas, we were residents of La Jolla, San Francisco, Santa Monica, Santa Ana, Ohio, and West Virginia. My wife supports my fishing habit, but she is not a fisherperson. In fact, she is so supportive that she rowed the boat when we went to Mammoth Lakes while I fished. I joined COF because I am interested in promoting conservation and recreational opportunities in central Oregon.

My brother-in-law, who lives in Ohio, introduced me to flyfishing on the Au Sable River in Michigan about ten years ago. I still consider myself a rank amateur, so I rely heavily on more experienced fishermen to help me get the most fun out of every outing. COF members have been most accommodating in that respect!

I have fished the Colorado River in Marble Canyon just below the Glen Canyon Dam, the Madison River west of Yellowstone, the Owens River and Mammoth Lakes in California, and the Cranberry River in West Virginia. Throughout my fishing history, I've practiced catch-and-release. I strongly believe that I enjoy fishing just as much (or more) by returning the fish I catch to their habitat as I would if I kept them. I get a sense of satisfaction from watching a fish swim away unhurt after detaining him in my net while I take a photo.

I'm presently retired. Before I retired, I worked in the Insurance Industry for 13 years in a variety of capacities.



## TYERS CORNER

### Fly of the month

Now that winter's chill has settled into the Northwest, it's time to begin searching the magazines and Web pages for that one fly that will allow you to land the trophy fish you have always wanted. Winter months are the perfect time to do the research, fill your fly boxes, and prepare for next season. But don't put away your gear just yet. There are still some great places to fish and experiment with that wonder fly you just found on the Internet. If you find a fly and are not quite sure how to tie it, let me know, and I will help you figure it out.

The Crooked River cleanup went well, and there seemed to be plenty of help. The fishing after lunch wasn't bad either. My first fish was a heavy 14-inch rainbow, followed by about 15 whitefish, all over 12 inches, with some smaller rainbows thrown in. Not too bad for my fourth time on the Crooked. I find the river very challenging with all its different water conditions and great diversity. It would make a great place to teach the sport of fly fishing.

The fly this month, the scud, is a pattern that many anglers leave out of their fly box. Most of the patterns that represent this insect are simple and easy to tie. Some of the tyers I know tie the scud only in white or light colors and use colored pens to change the color to match the natural they find at the time they are fishing. Fish the scud deep on the dropper of a two- or three-fly rig. I like to fish a scud unweighted to give it a more natural motion in the water. Happy Hunting!

*Jerry Criss*  
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### TLF Scud

Hook: any heavy-wire scud hook #12 to #22

Thread: light tan to dark brown

Body: optional, I usually dub only the larger flies.

Legs: ostrich herl, light olive to tan, One or 2 barbs will do for most flies. Use the ones near the tip of the feather; they are smaller.

Shell back: any scud back material in a neutral color, Surgical gloves work really well, and they color well with marking pens.

Rib: fine wire, silver or gold

Head: same color as the thread



Start by tying the shell back in and work the thread back. Before reaching the bend of the hook, attach the wire and the herl. Take the thread back to where the bend of the hook starts down, capturing all the materials that you have attached. Next, wind the thread forward and back again, burying the ends of all the material tied in, this way you do not need much dubbing on the smaller flies. Wind the herl forward, leaving gaps like you were tying in rib. Bring the shell back forward over the top of the herl. As you do this step, stroke the herl downward; tie off the back. Bring the wire rib forward, slowly making sure the shell back stays on top and that the rib does not lay down the herl as you bring the wire under the fly. Tie off the wire, and you have a simple scud. Color the back as needed and color the head a different color for some contrast.

## Annual Banquet & Fundraiser

**Great fun    Great time    Great food    Great people    Great deals    Great cause**

Now accepting donations for the bucket raffle, silent auction, and 52-card raffle. Will accept rods, reels, fly-tying vices, lanyards, fly-tying materials, flies, fly boxes, float tubes, multi-night stays in beautiful places, hand-crafted items, and all things fishing. Get the creative juices flowing and make something for the auction! For all of the great anglers in COF, how about donating a "guided" trip to your favorite fishing hole?

Dennis Rockwell ([rockwell@bendcable.com](mailto:rockwell@bendcable.com) or 788-1099)

**March 29, 2008**

**Donations are tax deductible!**

## Central Oregon Flyfishers Up-Stream Events 2007

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity/Meeting</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Contact</b>
<b>DECEMBER</b>				
Dec 6	6:30 pm	<b>monthly Board meeting</b>	Environmental Center, Bend	Dave Semich
Dec 19	6:30 pm	<b>Monthly meeting – fly tying</b>	Bend Senior Center	
<b>COMING IN 2008</b>				
Jan 10	6:30 pm	<b>weekly fly tying</b>	TBA	Sherry Steele
Mar 29		<b>Annual Banquet</b>	Bend Senior Center	Larry Godfrey
May	TBA	<b>riparian planting, habitat restoration</b>	tributaries to the John Day River	Scott Cotter
Jun 22		<b>Hermann Fischer</b>	Leighton Lakes, BC	
<b>Non-Club Activities and FYI</b>				
Dec 4	6:30 pm	<b>Tumalo Comm. Assn.</b>	Fellowship Hall, Tumalo	Skip Frank
Dec 11	5:50 pm	<b>Sunriver Anglers fundraiser</b>	Great Hall in Sunriver	Marv Yoshinaka
Nov 4 -Dec 31		<b>The River and Raku</b>	Sunriver Public Library	
Mar 7-8 (2008)	10:00 am	<b>Northwest tyers and fly-fishing expo</b>	Albany, OR	Jim Fisher

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### Bob Mullong receives award

In late October, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Aquatic Angler Education program presented Bob Mullong (a.k.a. "Capt. Caddis") with a Gold award. The award is given to Angler Education instructors who reach 500 hours of service. Bob received a certificate, pin, and Filson travel bag.

Bob has worked with over 3,000 students through the Angler Education program and almost 300 students through Kokanee Karnival. In the past year, Bob organized classes for 12 elementary schools and a "Fish Crew" that visited classrooms and gave a 2-hour presentation. In addition to hands-on work with students, Bob has put in many hours of work for administrative duties.

The next time you see Bob, be sure to congratulate him. Bob is a longtime member of COF. His dedication to COF, Angler Education, and Kokanee Karnival is truly admirable. Thank you Bob!



2007 COF Board Members: Dave Semich PRESIDENT Yancy Lind VICE PRESIDENT, Education Bob Cooper TREASURER Joel Bailie SECRETARY Don Schnack Programs  
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### Sunriver Anglers Christmas Dinner and Auction

Tuesday, December 11, 2007, 5:30 pm, Great Hall in Sunriver  
Price per person: \$45

Menu choices: prime rib, salmon or vegetarian. Salad, dessert, coffee and two bottles of wine for each table included. Full service bar will be available.

The Three Rivers School 7th and 8th grades chorus will provide entertainment.

Many great auction items will be presented, and there will be a silent auction and raffle as well. Auction items will include the following: custom-made cherrywood fly-tying desk hand-crafted by club member Chuck Devine, special travel packages including airfare and luxury hotels for two to Banff and Lake Louise and to Kea Lani Maui, Temple Fork Outfitters 5 weight fly rod, a 5 weight Sage Axis with Ross reel and floating fly line, art work and books, fly casting instruction packages, great variety of gift certificates for products and services by local merchants and restaurants, collector's items, such as a Hardy St. George fly reel, scenic flight for two around Sunriver.

Please reserve your space as soon as possible. We have to give Sunriver Resort a head count by December 4. To ask questions or make reservations, contact Marv Yoshinaka (593-5461 or mpyosh@chamberscable.com) or Doug Vakoc (598-2048 or dvakoc@cmc.net).

### Tumalo Community Association Meeting

December 4, 2007, 6:30 pm, Tumalo Fellowship Hall (one building north of Tumalo Community Church, 64671 Bruce Avenue)  
Contact Skip Frank (503-250-0393) or Ron Hoyt (ronho@bend-cable.com).

The Tumalo Community Association invites members of COF to our guest presentation by Water Watch. If you have a particular water question you would like addressed, we will have an open microphone at the meeting. Otherwise, email your questions to me.

If you are an irrigator or well user, developer or concerned about development, fisherman, or concerned about the health of the Middle Deschutes, you should not miss this meeting. Brian Posewitz and John DeVoe, President and Executive Director, respectively, of Waterwatch of Oregon (waterwatch.org) will be present.

Show up. Ask tough questions. Weigh in. Think constructively. We strive to be a consensus building organization. Among the many competing water interests, is there a path toward consensus?

*Nunzie Gould (nunzie@pacifier.com)  
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*“Nothing makes a fish bigger than almost being caught.”*