President’s Message

New Website: Hats off to Gary Meyer and Eric Steele for updating our website. Looks fabulous. Many thanks to Terri Grimm for her years of managing and hosting the website.

December Meeting: The December meeting has traditionally been fly tying. Club members, who are willing, set up their vises and teach the rest of us how to tie their favorite flies. It has always been a great way to learn the secret flies for our local waters. Unfortunately, the meeting has been of lesser appeal to non-fly tiers. So this year, we want to expand the meeting to include some education tables for a broader audience. We will have a knot tying area to help you hone your skills. I’ll demonstrate a super easy loop knot. Jeff Perin, owner of the Flyfishers Place in Sisters, will be there to help you organize your fly boxes. In addition, there will be a trout bum sale. Bring any used gear that you would like to sell, set up a table and go to it. Finally, please bring some holiday treats to share. We will have the coffee pot going.

Board Members: I’d like to thank Dave Dunahay, Eric Steele and Cliff Price for their board service as they retire at the end of the year. I’d like to welcome the following new members to the board, Debbie Norton (Education), Dalton Miller-Jones (assisting with Education), Jill Bazemore (assisting with Membership), Bob Burke (Outings), Corol Ann Cary (Secretary), Mary Ann Dozer (Programs) and Tom Wideman (Rep to the Oregon Council of the FFF).

How to Break a Rod: Some of us don’t need any help in the department but it is a fascinating topic. Here are links to two videos by Tim Rajeff on rod breaking. Enjoy. Types of Rod Breaks https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iTiJ_alk3Uc and Echo Fly Rod Testing https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VaMELRJPr6I.

Finally, fun videos: Check out this little 12 second gem filmed somewhere between Beavertail and Macks Canyon on the Deschutes. https://vimeo.com/144578573.

~Lee Ann Ross
Please join us at the upcoming Holiday Meeting. There will be Fly tying demonstrations: a great opportunity to mix and meet while picking up tying tips. We will also have a table to refresh your skills in knot tying. Jeff Perin will bring his fly boxes to demonstrate how to organize flies and how to pack lightly while fishing. Potluck of snacks: Please bring your favorite snacks and treats or beverages to share for the holiday gathering. There will be an equipment swap: Bring your gear labeled with your asking price and name. Leave on the table and the prospective buyer will connect directly with the seller.

**OUTINGS**

**New Year’s Day Outing-Crooked River**

Jan 1 | Meet at Jake’s Diner at 9:00 A.M.
Leader: Jeff Perin/Eric Steele

Start the New Year out with some fun! The first outing of 2016 will be the traditional New Year’s Day outing to the Crooked River. Jeff Perin, owner The Fly Fisher’s Place in Sisters, is the leader of this outing. Meet at Jake’s Diner on the east side at 9 A.M., have breakfast with fellow COF members, and decide if the trip to the river is for you. If there’s minimal snow, temperatures are not to cold, and the roads are clear, this trip is on. Be sure to get your 2016 license before hand. After breakfast, meet at Big Bend Campground between 11:00 and 11:30 A.M. Fish for a couple of hours. Around 2:00 gather around for hot dog and chili feast provided by Jeff Perin and Eric Steele. Please RSVP to Eric (steelefly2@msn.com) so we have the right amount of food.

~Jeff Perin, 541-549-3474, greendrakehatch@gmail.com

**Call for 2016 Outings Destinations & Leaders**

Your outings coordinator Bob Burke would like to hear from you! Which outings are most desired in

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Upper Deschutes Video

For a number of years, local filmmaker Scott Nelson has been documenting the impact of water releases out of Wickiup Reservoir on the upper Deschutes. As discussed in last month’s column, flows in the upper Deschutes are controlled for the benefit of irrigation districts. Water in the winter is cut to a trickle while Wickiup and Crane Prairie reservoirs are refilled. Flows in the summer are at historical flood stages so that water can be diverted downstream into irrigation canals. This cycle of extreme lows followed by extreme highs creates many problems for our fishery. “Riviere des Chutes” shows the impact of this policy and interviews various people involved. See the video here: www.deschutesriverfilm.com, www.vimeo.com/scottnelson, https://vimeo.com/128404263.

You can track flows in the upper Deschutes yourself on a Bureau of Reclamation web page: http://www.usbr.gov/pnw/hydromet/destea.html. As I write this column (11/23/15), the flows out of Wickiup are at 15 CFS. With the cold spell coming in, the river will freeze at these levels.

Above is the BOR chart for the water year. You can clearly see the extreme and unnatural fluctuation between summer and winter months. Prior to the installation of Wickiup this stretch of the upper Deschutes had minimal seasonal variation with flows between 500 and 700 CFS.

Tui Chub

Tui chub is an invasive minnow that is illegally used as live bait and which can free itself from angler hooks. Their stunning reproductive success in lakes leads to overpopulation which ruins ecosystems and destroys trout fishing. ODFW spends an inordinate amount of effort on attempts to control tui chub in many locations in the Deschutes basin.

Responding to angler reports of seriously degraded fishing, for the past 5 years ODFW has been working to manage tui chub in East Lake and Paulina Lakes. This is an effort COF has helped to finance. Chub were trapped in nets for 4 years, an effort that stopped in 2014. For the past 4 years Cranebows and Blackwaters have been planted in the lake as well. These are fast-growing, predatory strains of trout.

While chub continue to exist in these lakes, populations are significantly reduced and angling has improved dramatically. The primary beneficiary of chub removal appears to be kokanee. In response, ODFW plans to reduce kokanee plantings by half in East Lake in the hope that trout will be more successful.

Chub trapping is not planned to occur in 2016, but will likely have to occur again in the future. The best that can be hoped for is a long term plan to control, not eliminate the chub. This is certainly the case with Diamond Lake. As you probably remember, ODFW poisoned Diamond Lake with rotenone in 2006 to wipe out about 90 million tui chub. Unfortunately, a chub was recently trapped in Diamond Lake. Golden shiners were also netted in 2008. Both of these species had to have been illegally planted after the poisoning in 2006. So far, their populations are low, but this is very concerning.

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

MEMBERSHIP Update

You should have received, on November 1, an email from COF with your annual family membership or out-of-the-area renewal invoice attached. If you haven’t done so, please open the invoice email and renew online and pay by credit card using PayPal or mail a check to the club’s PO Box 1126, Bend OR 97709. By paying for membership renewal, you are agreeing to the club’s release of liability and hold harmless agreement. Renew before January 1 and pay $35; after that, the cost is $41.00. Out-of the area memberships are always $23.00. If you have any questions about the renewal process, please contact me. At the December meeting, we will have COF logo hats, Wild Women of the Water hats, and warm fleece caps for these cold wintry days. All styles are $15 each and make great stocking stuffers. Also pick up free COF logo decals and business cards at the Membership table.

Welcome New Members

Art Agnew
Laurie Cima
David Burt
Greg Gaut
Larry Milton
Kody Novelli – Youth
Bud Quitiquit
Carolyn Rochelle
Bill and Anne Salter
Ava Sanchez – Youth
Griffin Sanchez – Youth
Sterling Sanchez – Youth
Darius Whitten
Cindy and Tom Wideman
George Wilson

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

~Tim Schindele, membership@coflyfishers.org
WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

WILD WOMEN LOVE FISHING ON THE FALL RIVER

Ladies! Come join the Wild Women at our Holiday Party—Sunday, Dec 6, 5:30pm, LeeAnn’s house. We will provide the lasagna, you bring a salad, dessert or hors d’oeuvres.

Please bring a fish related gift (under $20) to exchange. RSVP to me: schoessler.karivan@gmail.com.

Yes, it is getting cold outside and winter sports are beginning, but we will still have fishing activities to play at. Consider attending the COF Tuesday night fly tying classes at the senior center, starting in January. We always have a fun group of ladies attempting some amazing flies! Look for our continuing Fly Shop Hops. We would love your suggestions as to where to visit next. And even though it is a little chilly, throw on your woolies and we’ll head out to a local stream for a few hours of camaraderie. That might include catching, but maybe just fishing! Where would you like to go?

~Kari Schoessler, wildwomen@coflyfishers.org

EDUCATION

Update

Both Dalton Miller-Jones and I will be working together trying to meet your education interests and needs this year. We received many requests for topics and sessions in October as a place to start. We are coordinating with Mary Ann Dozer, the club’s Program’s coordinator, to offer a few additional field seminars on the water presented by our monthly speakers.

General Meeting—December 16, 2015. In addition to learning to tie flies, we will be having Jeff Perin from the Fly Fishers Place in Sisters show us how to organize our fly boxes and share tips to pack lightly when we fish on the water. There will also be folks sharing their favorite knots to keep you fishing.

Winter Fishing—January 13, 2016 at 6pm at Fin & Fire Fly Shop, Redmond, Oregon, 541-548-1503. Reed Tuescher has invited us to join him at the shop to discuss new fishing opportunities this winter, especially on the Deschutes River with new ODF&W regulations. He will also discuss safety and show us some new gear to help you stay warm on the water this winter. Thanks Reed for staying open for the club!

Net Building Class—February 16 & 23rd 2016. This new class will be taught by Cliff Price and Dave Dunahay. The class will be limited to 6 people and held two nights with some homework in between. The cost for the class is $40.00. First preference will be given to the folks who sign-up at the December meeting at the knot tying table. If you are unable to come to the meeting, feel free to contact Debbie to sign up.

If you have any questions about upcoming events or have a special request…feel free to contact us.

~Debbie Norton. 503-510-2767 or education@coflyfishers.org

COF Winter Fly Tying

COF’s Winter Fly Tying begins January 5 and will run through March 29. We’ll meet every Tuesday night at the Bend Senior Center at 6:00 pm. This is an opportunity to re-stock your fly box with effective, fishy flies. Each session will be led by an experienced instructor who will teach a couple of flies. There will be enough materials available to tie several of each pattern. The class is open to current COF member (guests are welcome). Just bring your vise, tools, thread and $5 per session to offset the room and materials. This is not a beginning fly tying class so you will need to know the basics of fly tying. I’m creating an email list of participants, so let me know if you are interested. I send out pattern sheets early so you can see who the instructor is and the featured flies. Hope to see you in January!

~John Kreft, 503-559-3811, jckreft@gmail.com

OUTINGS

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2016? What destinations would you like to go to? We had a great outings planning discussion with over a dozen members at the November meeting. The results can be seen in the OUTINGS 2016 chart. Thanks for your input. We have some months that are not committed yet. I am seeking members who are willing to offer, organize, and lead COF outings during the coming year. Experienced trip leaders are encouraged to again volunteer their valuable and much appreciated services to the club membership. The COF would really appreciate the help of Club members that have the knowledge and skills to introduce others to a new fishing destination. If you are interested in sharing your ideas or acting as a 2016 outing leader, feel free to contact me at the monthly meeting.

~Bob Burke, 541-401-0723, outings@coflyfishers.org
TYER’S CORNER

Micro Madison Midge

This month’s Tyer’s Corner fly is the Micro Madison Midge. It’s another great fly pattern created by Blue Ribbon Flies in West Yellowstone, Montana. I really like their flies…simple yet effective. And this fly is no exception.

The snow that fell last week leaves no doubt winter is definitely here and small flies are the name of the game if you are out fly fishing in December. And you should be out fishing!

Blue Wing Olive mayflies and midges are a staple of winter fly fishing. Gone are the Salmonflies, Green Drakes, and massive Caddis and PMD hatches.

You could certainly use some of the famous Bill Seitz midge patterns he has presented in these pages. For a list of his flies, check out the Crooked River Fly Box (www.johnkreft.com/fly-patterns/crooked-river-flies) on RiverKeeper Flies.

I have to be honest with you. I don’t understand why any fish would take a midge imitation because there are SO MANY naturals to choose from. But I know they do.

Fish this fly using a 2-fly system, as Bill has shown for the Crooked River or as a trailing fly behind a larger nymph to get the fly down where the fish are.

I think I’ll tie a few of these and give them a try!

Micro Madison Midge

Hook: Dai Riki 075 or TMC 3769, #18–20
Thread: Black 8/0
Bead: 1.5 mm silver
Tail: Brown Hungarian Partridge

Rib: Fine silver wire
Wingcase: Mirage tinsel–pearl, black, red, copper
Thorax: Black midge zelon dubbing

Tying Instructions
1. Smash hook barb and slide bead onto hook.
2. Attach thread and cover hook shank ending at barb.
3. Select about 5 fibers for tail and tie in at barb.
4. Tie in rib material at barb as well.
5. Wind thread forward to thorax area using smooth wraps, keeping body slim.
6. Wind rib forward to thorax using 4–6 wraps and tie off. Trim wire.
7. Tie in wingcase behind bead and take several wraps towards tail.
8. Apply dubbing and create thick thorax.
9. Pull wingcase over thorax and tie off.
10. Whip finish.
11. Pick out a few thorax fibers to create legs.

~John Kreft, RiverKeeper Flies, www.johnkreft.com, jckreft@gmail.com, 503-559-3811

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2016 COF Banquet... Mark Your Calendar:
April 2, 2016 | Riverhouse Hotel & Convention Center

Every December, I take out the next year’s calendar and mark the important dates; my wife’s birthday, our anniversary, fishing trips, and so on. I am certain to include Central Oregon Flyfisher’ activities such as the annual banquet. The banquet serves as the primary fundraising event to support our youth and conservation programs as well as club activities.

Next year’s banquet is Saturday evening, April 2, and we need your help to be successful.

**Attend:** Come to the banquet and spend a little money on raffle and auction items.
- The Riverhouse donates the room rental valued at $3,350.00.
- Meals are break-even (and the meals are delicious!)

The money we raise is from what you spend in the bucket raffle, silent, and live auctions.

**Donate:** Do you have some good fishing equipment you no longer use that a fellow COF’er might like to bid on? Do you tie flies? Are you a crafter making creations you are proud of such as a quilt or wood-turning project, or even a simple bird house? How about hosting a club member on a day’s fishing trip?

**Volunteer:** Everything in this club is done by volunteers. Contact me to become a banquet volunteer.

You can bring donations to a monthly COF meeting or contact me for item pickup. Join me in marking April 2, 2016 on your calendar for the COF banquet, and keep an eye on future newsletters for the banquet registration flyer.

~ Peter Martin, Banquet Chair, 541-388-8556, pcmartin@bendbroadband.com

**AMAZON:** AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide shopping features as on Amazon.com, with the added benefit that the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers.

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Book Announcement
John Anderson’s Fly Fishing Oregon’s Crooked River book would make the perfect Christmas present for the Central Oregon fisher person. We all know that the Crooked is our winter destination and if you want to maximize that cold weather outing, read John’s book and know what the fish will be looking for. The book will be available for purchase at the December COF Meeting. For people who wish to purchase the book prior to the meeting, please call or email John Anderson to arrange an earlier pick up date. Contact John at 541-385-8693 or jranderson@bendbroadband.com.

SOCIAL MEDIA
Update
It’s pretty amazing, we are only 8 Likes away from hitting 2,000 total Likes for the Central Oregon Flyfishers Facebook Page. That means that 1992 people are following COF on Facebook and see everything that I post. I started the Facebook Page in 2013 with 1 total Like (thanks again for the support, Dad!). From there, it was a constant push to create posts and graphics every single week (especially as a full time student), but it has all paid off.

In case you missed it, I posted a
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Winter Fishing

Winter fishing can be some of the best fishing of the year. No crowds, spawning whitefish, lots of fish. It can also be a miserable time to fall in the river. Please remember to take a dry bag with a full change of clothes with you. I fell in the Crooked one April and it was the coldest I had ever been in my life. My fishing partner fell in just last week. It can happen to you.

~Lee Ann Ross

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Full details of the Amazon Smile program can be found at http://smile.amazon.com/about. Fred Meyers information is at https://www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-frequently-asked-questions. Thanks so much for your support of the Central Oregon Flyfishers.

~Lee Ann Ross

By Nov 21st, the photo had received 105 Likes!
The Next Cast Flyfishers program provides opportunities and coordinates activities for young fly anglers in the area. We are able to help provide fly fishing instruction through classroom activities, our fly fishing summer camp, ongoing COF events, and individually through mentorship and teaching.

COF/Next Cast Flyfishers membership is free to anglers under 25 years old. Becoming a member provides you with updates and notices, along with access to all of our club activities.

We hope that by providing these opportunities, young anglers will be exposed to fly fishing and increase their interest and level of involvement.

December Activities

There are two more nights for the beginning fly tying classes offered by COF. Several of our Next Cast Flyfishers are participating and learning to tie some new flies. It has been great to have the young tiers in the room practicing and learning new tying techniques!

The December monthly COF club meeting will also feature fly tying for all levels. There will be expert tiers demonstrating a variety of flies, along with beginners and intermediate tiers. If you would like to tie flies with us, please contact me so I can provide equipment and materials for you to use, and arrange for some mentors to be available to assist.

There will also be tables to practice knot tying and organizing fly boxes, so even if you don’t want to tie flies, we’d still love to see you!

We would love to see you all at this meeting, even if it is for just to drop by and say hi! Please send me an email to let me know you are coming! nextcast@coflyfishers.org

Other Information

For your information, the ODFW fishing regulations for young anglers have changed for 2016. All anglers 12 years and older will be required to purchase an annual license ($10) and carry it with them while fishing. This could be a great stocking stuffer—maybe a gift certificate to purchase the angling license in the New Year!! Licenses are available at Sportsman’s Warehouse, Bi-Mart, along with many local fly shops!

Please let me know if you have any questions or ideas for our young anglers.

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

Beginning fly tying classes have been great for young tiers practicing and learning new tying techniques!

This is a fun evening with cookies and snacks, along with some items for sale by other club members. I will have some fly tying materials in small packets for sale if you would like to add some materials to your collection.

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- Redmond Sportsman Show, March 3-6, Deschutes County Fairgrounds, Redmond, OR
- Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo, March 11 & 12, Linn County Expo Center, Albany OR
- COF Winter Fly Tying , Every Tuesday night at 6:00 PM, January thru March 2016, Contact: John Kreft
- Net Building Class, Place/Time: TBA, February 16, 2016; Contact: Debbie Norton
- Annual COF Banquet, Riverhouse Convention Center, April 2, 2016; Contact Peter Martin
- Sandy River Spey Clave, May 13-15, Oxbow Regional Park, Sandy OR