President’s Message

Can’t believe it’s already February. Where did January go? Anyway, lots of opportunities are coming up to get involved in COF.

Several fishing trips are being planned for this winter and spring; check out the calendar to keep up to date.

The Central Oregon Sportsman’s Show is just around the corner in early March. Our club provides volunteers for the kids fishing pond. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow club members and help local kids catch their first trout. Ron Giaier is leading this project and needs about 50-60 volunteers for the 9 shifts we staff. In addition to helping out a lot of kids we receive $1500.00 for the club. This is our second largest fundraiser of the year. Volunteers also get free admission to the Sportsman’s show!

Winter fly tying is in full swing. John Kreft has a great program each week to learn how to tie 2-3 local favorites taught by club members and local guides and fly shop owners.

Coming up this spring is our Kokanee Karnival. Frank Turek leads this one of a kind program partnering with local schools teaching about twenty-five 4th and 5th grade classes about stream ecology, conservation, local fishing, lifecycle of salmon and trout and many other aspects of the local streams and rivers. He needs volunteers for several days in various locations in the region.

Lastly for this month is a heads up for all club members to get acquainted with the Upper Deschutes River Basin Study. Our club has Dave Dunahay keeping tabs on this very important piece of work, which will do a lot to determine the future fishing, water flows and cleanliness of the water in the Upper Deschutes River. The COF board is trying to keep abreast and will be providing updates and links to the various civic and government agencies involved so members can be informed and make up their own minds on this complicated subject. The results of this process, over the coming months and years, will be one of the most important factors in determining the quality of angling in the Upper Deschutes River basin.

Thanks for your interest in our club. Let any board member know of your suggestions or concerns. We will discuss all of them at an upcoming board meeting.

Hope you can rip some lips in the coming weeks.
OUTINGS CALENDAR 2018

MONTH      DAY    DESTINATION   LEADER
March 28-31 Owyhee River Outing    Lee Ann Ross
April 7th Crooked River Clean up    Pete Martin
April 26th Lake In The Dunes- Full Trip
May 18-21 The Lower Sacramento Trip    Mike McClean
June 9th Captain Caddis Crappie    Betsy
June 17-26 British Columbia Trip    Lee Ann Ross
June 29-Jul East Lake, 2-Nights, BBQ    Eric Steele

Other than skwalas, use the same flies and rigs you use on the Crooked. Don’t forget the small stuff either. Size 18–22 midges work well too. To get a better idea, watch Brian Huskey’s video of the Owyhee at: http://vimeo.com/5237229.

It takes about five hours to get to the Owyhee. Travel on Hwy 20 from Bend, via Burns to Vale. Towards the end of town, turn right at the Crescent Gas Station onto Glenn Street. Glenn Street becomes Lytle Blvd. Go for about 14 miles. Turn right just behind the little store, then take the first left. Turn right on Klamath and then left on Norwood, right on Owyhee Ave and left on Owyhee Lake Road. Sound confusing? Not really; there are a lot of signs to Owyhee State Park. If you make a mistake, any of the roads will get you there. You basically need to go southwest from the store. Check it out on Google maps.

Take Owyhee Lake Road up towards the dam. There is a bridge just below the dam with a sign to the irrigation department. Cross the bridge and you are at a campground with an outhouse and trash service. There is no cell service. There is WiFi at the museum on the irrigation department property. There is no password so you can just hang out on outside the museum and use the wifi. Water is available.

You have the choice of camping at the campground, camping along the river, or staying at a motel in Vale or Ontario. The camping area runs on donation. The campground doesn’t open until April but they make an exception for us. We make a donation to the Owyhee Irrigation Department to thank them for making the camp area available. We donate $10 a head per night. Last time I ran this trip most folks did not pay. If you don’t pay for the campground, please don’t come.

– Lee Ann Ross

rossleeann@yahoo.com

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May 18-21

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MEMBERSHIP

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Welcome New Members

Kage Kessler Youth
Sylas Phallon Youth
George Chladek Youth
Cheri Hatfield
Jeanne Royce
Al Munson
Max Robertson
Bruce Schroeder
Judy Taylor
Gei Wildenberg
-Sue Coyle membership@coflyfishers.org

On Our Web Page

Members can now load a photo and it will show in your profile page.

To do this:
1. Login to the website.
2. In the upper right click on your name.
3. Click on Edit profile in the upper left.
4. Scroll down and click on Choose File next to Member Photo.
5. Choose your picture.
6. Click on Save.
7. Click on My Directory profile in the upper left to see your work.

To look someone up:
1. Login to the website. Member pictures can ONLY be seen by members and only if the member has added one.

HOW TO ACCESS THE COF MEMBER DIRECTORY

If you would like to contact a fellow COF member, you can find members’ emails and phone numbers in the member directory. Just sign into the COF website. If you have never signed in before, click on the “Login” button into upper right of our screen. On the next screen click the “Forgot Password” button on the lower left of the screen. After logging in, go to the members area then click on the club roster.

LIBRARY

Fishing The Four Seasons
-Dave Hughes

Most people who go fly fishing for trout practice the sport in the spring and early summer, when most waters in North America offer their most prolific hatches of insects, and the weather is pleasant. In Fishing the Four Seasons, Dave Hughes shows you that trout anglers need not limit themselves to such short seasons, and indeed that fine fly fishing for trout can be had all year long. In this groundbreaking volume, Hughes shows you opportunities to take big trout even in the dead of winter.

EDUCATION

Net Building Class

The Net Building Class is happening every Tuesday evening 6:30 PM at the Bend Senior Center. Classes are free this year as a benefit for you in the COF Club. Bring your vise and tying tools, materials for the flies being tied will be provided. Contact John Kreft at: jckreft@gmail.com if you are interested in attending any of these classes as space is sometimes limited and we need to know how much material we need to provide.

COF Winter Fly Tying

COF Winter Fly Tying continues this month. Each session is held at the Bend Senior Center on Tuesday nights through March 27. We begin at 6:00 pm. Each session will be led by an experienced fly tyer who will teach a couple of flies. There will be enough materials available to tie several of each pattern. COF Winter Fly Tying is a benefit for our members and not open to the general public. The Board decided this year to forgo the $5 night fee. Guests are welcome to say thanks!

A special “thank you” to Peter Bowers of The Patient Angler and Jeff Perin of The Flyfisher’s Place for providing discounts for our fly tying materials. When you stop by their shops, be sure to say thanks!

John Kreft (503-559-3811) jckreft@gmail.com


Several years ago, perdigon fly patterns showed up on the international fly fishing competition scene. The members of National Fly Fishing Team from Spain developed the patterns to be suggestive of many “aquatic bugs” and to sink quickly in the water column. Perdigon means “pellet” in Spanish. The patterns were quickly adopted by competitors from other countries. Why? They catch fish; a lot of fish. The main characteristics of the perdigon patterns include a straight shank hook or jig hook, copper or gold tungsten beads, Coq de leon fibers, a body of krystal flash, a hot spot collar, and a black wing case. In July 2017, I started experimenting with several perdigon patterns on the Crooked River and in Montana. I finally settled on four variants. Because I use the “drop shot” method of nymphing, I use brass beads. Coq de leon feathers are relatively expensive and not totally durable so I substitute tails made with midge krystal flash or fluorofiber material (many of you know that I don’t use much flash or fluorofiber material (many of you know that I don’t use much). I developed the patterns to be suggestive of many “aquatic bugs” and few nymphs (as well as other nymphs) is to present the fly near the stream bottom at a speed at least one half the speed of the surface current. If you fish with an indicator, the indicator should drift slower than the bubbles on the surface. My pattern is variant of Tim’s pattern. I replaced the Coq de leon fibers with two strands of pearl midge crystal flash. On the size 18 pattern, I use a 2.0 mm nickel bead. On size 20 pattern, I substitute a small silver lined glass bead. Also, during the winter, you may want to use extra small silver wire and an extra small white bead.

MATERIALS

Hook: Size 18 and 20 straight shank nymph hook or curved scud hook

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- About an hour from Sisters
- Abundant wild and stocked rainbows
- Daily dry fly action
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Event dates: May 31, June 1 & 2.

**Venues:**
- Crane Prairie - Loch Style Venue - Motor Boat
- South Twin - Loch Style Venue - Row Boat
- Lava Lake - Loch Style Venue - Motor Boat
- Upper Deschutes - Above Crane Prairie
- Upper Deschutes - Below Benham Falls

Loch Style venues will be from a boat. One controller per boat, Controllers on South Twin need to be able to row.

Approximately 80 volunteers will be needed for various positions including controllers, sector judges, group organizers, gear shutlers, and other misc. duties. Volunteer signups will open early February at flycomps.com. If you need any further information, please call Scott Robertson at 541-410-3500 or send an email to sagebrushocean@gmail.com.

**Sportsman’s Show**

**TROUT POND - MAR. 1-4, 2018**

Mark your calendars for March 1st (Thursday) through March 4th (Sunday). COF provides the volunteers for the Central Oregon Sport’s Show annual Kid’s Trout Pond. This is a great family event. Kids, parents, grandparents and guardians all have a good time, and it is a privilege for us to have the opportunity to help a youngster catch what is often their first fish.

**Schedule**

**Thursday, March 1st**
- 11:45 AM to 4:00 PM
- 3:34 – 8:00 (staffed by COF Next Cast)

**Friday, March 2nd**
- 11:45 AM to 4:00 PM
- 3:45 PM to 8:00 PM

**Saturday, March 3rd**
- 9:45 AM to 1:00 PM
- 12:45 PM to 4:30 PM
- 4:15 PM to 8:00 PM

**Sunday, March 4th**
- 9:45 AM to 1:00 PM
- 12:45 PM to 4:00 PM

**Beyond helping a kid catch a fish, you help COF – we get a large donation for running the Kids Pond – and you get to fish them. COF will even supply the fly box.**

**Classified Ads**

**For Sale:**
- Fish Cat 8’ Pontoon Boat, Great for lakes and easy rivers. Nearly new & includes; oars, anchor, dry bags, motor mount, battery case, pump, two rod holders. Just add your rods and start fishing. $300.00. Call Debbie Norton, 503-510-2767
- Yamaha EF1000 Generator, 1000 watts, perfect for RV dry camping at your favorite lake or stream, $200.00, Peter Martin, pcmartin@bendbroadband.com, 541-388-8956
- LOA: Looking for two carry-on sized suitcases with wheels in good condition. We transport fly tying vises, lamps, and materials into a handy spreadsheet for the registration crew.

**Banquet Volunteers**

The COF Annual Fundraising Banquet will take place on April 14th, 2018 at the Riverhouse. 133 Donation Requests and donation forms have been sent out and businesses must be visited to pick up donations. To keep things manageable, we will need a dozen volunteers, folks who won’t mind showing up more than once to catch that elusive owner. If you want to help the club in that necessary task, please contact me.

-- Tom Wideman, 503-330-5505, banquet@coflyfishers.org
President’s Message Continued

Ochoco Creek Clean-up February 24, 2018

“I try to fish every stream in Oregon every year”, a fly fisher told me last spring as I was picking up trash along Ochoco Creek. “I’m sad to say this creek is the trashiest waterway in Oregon.”

That statement just broke my heart.

Since that time, a few Prineville residents and I do regular cleanups of the banks, ‘fishing’ what trash we can out of the Creek. However, we are not capable of doing the entire job, and the annual Earth Day Cleanup occurs too late in the year to catch the trash during low water. This means there still lots of trash flushing downstream to the Crooked River or catching up in bushes along the streamside into extremely difficult to remove, unsightly bundles.

We need your help! Volunteers are needed to do a thorough instream and bankside cleanup on February 24. Our reach of Ochoco Creek to clean up is the 3rd Street Bridge to Gardner Street, within the city of Prineville. More volunteers mean we may expand our reach outside of the City. Following the cleanup, we’ll meet at Ochoco Brewing Company to celebrate our success. There will be complimentary finger foods and happy hour pricing on the brews.

If you would like to join us, here are a few things to know:

- Registration will begin at noon at Pioneer Park (next to the Court House on 3rd Street), and clean up work will start at 1:00 p.m.
- Volunteers will work in teams of four, with two people staged on the bank in support and safety of those working in stream.
- Each team will be assigned a section to focus on. We anticipate it will take about 2 hours to thoroughly clean a section.
- Trash bags and gloves will be provided.
- Bring rubber or other boots with traction for muddy and wet bank conditions, waders for those doing instream work, warm clothes, sunscreen, hat, eye protection/sunglasses, walking or wading stick for support.
- Be prepared for changing conditions, including winter weather and varying water levels. An alternate date of March 24 is scheduled if needed as a fallback.

If you are interested in helping out to clean up this creek, please send an email to Carol Benkosky at carolbenkosky@gmail.com. I would appreciate having names of volunteers and email addresses so I have a way to contact everyone if we need to change the date due to poor conditions.

Thank you for caring about Ochoco Creek and our community. Carol

2018 Central Oregon Flyfishers Fundraising Banquet
April 14, 2018

Donation Form
(Please include this form with your donation)

Name: ________________________________
Company: ________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________
City: __________________ State: __________ Zip: __________

Donation Description: _______________________________________

Retail Value of Donation: $ __________

Note: If your donation is a guided trip or other service, please include your contact information, when the service is available, how much notice is required and any other limitations. If you have a gift certificate please include it along with this form. If you do not have a certificate we will prepare one for presentation to the successful bidder at the banquet.

Your donation will be acknowledged on the bid slips and auction list the day of the event. Please contact me by March 31, 2018 so we have time to include your donation on the advance raffle list sent to attendees prior to the banquet.

Please retain a copy of this form for your records. Your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by current IRS guidelines. Central Oregon Flyfishers is an IRS approved 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (Federal ID # 93-0881830) so your contribution of merchandise, equipment, service, cash, gift certificate, etc. is fully tax deductible. As always check with your accountant.

Please mail your donation and this form to:
Central Oregon Flyfishers, P.O. Box 1126, Bend, OR 97709

Or contact me to pick up your donation:
Tom Wideman, Banquet Chair, banquet@coflyfishers.org, or phone 503-330-5505

Thank you for your donation.
Attend COF’s primary fundraising event to support the Kokanee Karnival Youth Education Program, Next Cast Flyfishers program for older youth, conservation programs, habitat restoration efforts, club activities, and membership services. Join the fun and dine on fine, delicious food. Have an exciting time with the raffle, pick up some high-quality flies or unique family items in the silent auction, and bid on great opportunities at the live auction.

Take advantage of the early bird registration; save $5 and be automatically entered in the early-bird drawing. You may purchase raffle tickets in advance using the registration form (six tickets for $5).

Menu

Entrée: Your choice of chicken OR grilled top sirloin OR seasonal vegetarian ravioli.
All entrees include salad, rolls with butter, chef’s selection fresh vegetable medley, chef’s pairing of potato or rice, dessert, coffee and tea.

No host bar will be available. Please note that you may not bring your own wine.

BEFORE March 15 - $45 per person & automatic entry in the early bird drawing
March 15 to April 9 - $50 per person (no dinner sales after April 9)

Questions? Contact Tom Wideman (503-330-5505 or banquet@coflyfishers.org).

PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE at coflyfishers.org. Payment via PayPal, credit card or check.

For those with no Internet access, mail completed form (indicate dinner choice and raffle ticket amounts) and your check ($45/person BEFORE Mar 15 • $50/person Mar 15 to Apr 9) to COF BANQUET, P.O. Box 1126, Bend, OR 97709.
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