This warm weather has me thinking about going fly fishing. But rather than go fishing at this point, I think it is a good time to get my fly fishing items ready to go. Over the next couple of weeks I will work on: cleaning line and leaders, servicing reels and rods, and even organizing my fly boxes. During the fishing season, I have a tendency to really mess up my fly boxes. I recommend reviewing: Organize your Fly Boxes with 3 Simple Steps! - YouTube. After I complete all my winter fishing gear work, and if the weather holds, I will go wet a line.

Winter is also an excellent time to go online to learn about or improve fly fishing techniques. I have been fly fishing since 1967. In the last 5 or 6 years, I have found out that there is a lot for me to learn. COF has provided me with many learning opportunities. For example, Tim Quinton is an excellent instructor and taught me how to Euro Nymph. The internet has many great learning opportunities. Ventures Fly Co. has weekly fly fishing tips and tutorials. Check them out.

COF has a lot of activities planned over the next couple of months. Danny is identifying volunteers for the Kids’ Fish Pond at the Sportsman Show. The Fish Pond is one of the COF’s fund raising events and a lot of fun. Tim and Renee Schindele are organizing the banquet, concentrating on soliciting donations for sale. The club has many great fly tiers. If you are one of them, consider tying up flies as a donation. Every fly fisher can always use more flies. The banquet is the major COF fund raising event. Fred and Jen are organizing the Angler Education Program, Egg to Fry and the Spring Angling Clinic. These are three of the COF’s major youth educational activities. Please take the opportunity to volunteer for these events.

I encourage all members to attend the monthly meeting at the Elks Club. Over the past 6 years, I have learned a lot by attending the meetings. The presentations have been excellent and Yancy has identified outstanding speakers for 2023. See you there.

Finally, if you have any comments or suggestions on how Central Fly Fishers can provide greater benefit to you, please contact me.

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We’re pleased to be bringing back COF’s gala spring Banquet fundraising event after a three-year absence. The funds raised support the Kokanee Karnival Youth Education Program, Fish Eggs to Fry, Angler Education, Next Cast Flyfishers for older youth, important conservation programs and habitat restoration efforts, Wild Women of the Water activities, classes, club outings and events. Join the fun and enjoy dinner with friends. Try your luck with the bucket raffles of many great prizes and member-tied boxes of flies. Have your credit card or checkbook handy and bid on quality silent auction items such as name-brand gear, fine dining, and float trips. It will be a special evening. Don’t miss it!

Cost is $40 per person.
Deadline to register is April 19

Purchase raffle tickets in advance when you register or in-person at the event. Raffle tickets are 6 tickets for $5 and are sold in $5 increments only.

Questions? Contact Tim or Renee Schindele at banquet@coflyfishers.org or 206-819-5605.

If you don’t want to register online, use this form. Indicate those attending, dinner choice and number of raffle tickets you wish to pre-purchase. Mail complete form, along with check payment, to COF Banquet, PO Box 1126, Bend OR 97709. We need this information by April 19, so allow 3-4 days for mail delivery.

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Raffle Tickets - $5 for 6 tickets

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DIY Fishing in Alaska

While I think it’s hard to beat fly fishing in Oregon, I have been doing an increasing amount of domestic and international fly fishing travel, just to add some variety to my angling. Alaska has never been on my list, however, since whenever I looked it was cheaper to go to so many other places. So, I am excited to hear Paul Snowbeck, Store Manager of Fin & Fire Fly Shop in Redmond, give a presentation on do-it-yourself fishing in Alaska.

Paul grew up in Alaska, started fly fishing at age 12, and returns every fall where for many years he hosted a group of Central Oregonians on Fin & Fire trips. Successfully planning a first trip to Alaska can be a daunting task and can quickly get expensive without some knowledge and proper planning. In this talk, Paul will discuss the seasons, species, and how to plan a successful DIY trip to the Great State of Alaska. Paul will cover gear needs and set expectations for a first trip, as well as look at specific watersheds where you will have a good shot at success. Join Paul and his 40 years of fishing Alaska and you’ll be planning your own trip soon!

Besides running the day-to-day operations of Fin & Fire, Paul guides for trout on the Lower Deschutes River and teaches single-hand and Spey casting. When not working in the shop or on the website, Paul will be found on his days off on the Lower Deschutes or Metolius rivers which he regards as two of the finest fisheries anywhere.

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EDUCATION

COF Winter Fly Tying Classes

BASIC SKILLS CLASSES - The 4 weeks of classes are now complete, and the 9 COF members that took advantage of it have definitely improved their tying skills greatly. The main reasons they did so, aside from their own focused attention, were the excellent Volunteers that provided individualized coaching, help, and reinforcement. These Volunteers are Doug Cronin, Tim Quinton, Phil Martin, Dick Snow, and Bob Shimane. The class and I are seriously grateful. The class just could not have worked without the Volunteer’s input. And a grateful nod to Mary Baron, COF webmaster, for all the online help with essential class communications.

WINTER FLY TYING CLASSES - Is scheduled to go Tuesday evenings, from Jan 31st to March 28th, in the Multipurpose room at Larkspur. Meetings to run 5:30 to 8:30. We have a full slate of very high quality Presenters lined up. Registration is open, via the Central Oregon Flyfishers web page, for Members under Calendar and Events, Upcoming Events, and follow directions. There will be a $5.00 materials charge per attendee, per class (Please try to bring exact change). COF will provide materials, attendees to provide their own vises, tools and thread. Note that Larkspur has upgraded their lighting since last we met there. Probably adequate for most tying. Masks, no problem either way. Note: REGISTERING Means you are Registered for All 9 classes, not just the first one. It wold be nice to send notice asap, if you are planning on Not attending a particular class.

- JOHN HOWARD
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CONSERVATION

Work is progressing on four areas involving conservation for the Central Oregon Flyfishers.

First, the DBWC (Deschutes Basin Watershed Coalition) has agreed on a 18 page outline to guide the study for the future. If you are interested in the details I can provide a copy of the outline if you desire to see all the details.

Second, work is continuing on designing a fish passage structure for the mirror pond dam in Bend. The advisory council website for this project is www.coic.org/natural-resources-environment/mirrorpond/

Third, BPRD (Bend Parks and Recreation Department) is studying how to provide access to the mirror pond area. The areas considered include the McKay, Miller’s Landing and Columbia Park areas. Input is open through Feb 8, 2023.

Fourth, access to the fly casting course in Old Mill may be limited in the future. The course was constructed in 2002 when the Orvis show was located in the Old Mill District. Presently the Confluence Fly Shop is advocating for continued use of this facility. Due to increased and new uses of the Old Mill area moving this facility is now being considered. The existing course has only 5 stations with only 2 positions involving casting over water. Other options for a fly casting instruction course will be considered. We are reviewing new fly casting practice course location options with Bend Parks and Recreation that better align with Fly Fishers International (FFI) skills development program while encouraging self-guided casting practice for members. Location options currently under review include Pine Nursey and Discovery Park. Planned development at the Old Mill District constrain our ability to redesign and expand this casting course.

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ODFW Report on the Crooked River

The Wild & Scenic section of the Crooked River below Bowman Dam is prized by anglers from all over Oregon who target abundant wild, native mountain whitefish and redband trout. The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife annually surveys fish populations in the river in June. Unsurprisingly, over the years ODFW has recorded a direct connection between river levels and fish health. Specifically, flows below 35 cfs have been shown to have strong negative impact on trout abundance.

The period from mid-September to November 1, 2022 witnessed an unprecedented reduction in flows in the Crooked to approximately 10 cfs. In response, ODFW conducted a survey in October to get a preliminary idea of the impact. We really won’t know
what has happened until the survey next June, but it should not be surprising that the initial results do not look good.

You can read the entire draft report yourself*, but as predicted by ODFW, and obvious to anyone who has spent any time fishing the Crooked River, it has been dramatically impacted. I’ll get into the details below, but first there is a massive caveat that you must be aware of.

ODFW’s annual fish counting is traditionally done in June. Per the Bureau of Reclamation, average flows in the river that month range from 380 cfs to 240 cfs. Last June the river was at 210 cfs during the sampling period. ODFW floats 2.5 miles of the river in a rubber pontoon boat, shocking part of the river with an electric current, and counts the temporarily stunned fish. (It’s a little more complicated, but that’s a good enough explanation for here.)

Of course, at 210 cfs the fish in the river are highly mobile, can avoid a boat, and are spread out across the width of the river. Sampling efficiency in that environment will be much lower than at 10 cfs when surviving fish are trapped in small pools and essentially all of them will be shocked and counted. Also, the October study was only done over 0.4 miles versus 2.5 miles in June. Comparing sampling results from last June and October must be done with this in mind. As ODFW states in their draft report, we will only understand the impact of the extreme low flows when the annual count happens next June after which a direct comparison between similar studies can be made. Nevertheless, the initial results are deeply concerning.

Per ODFW, 
*Instream flow modeling of the Upper Crooked River Canyon Reach below Bowman Dam indicated that at flows of 10 cfs, adult Redband Trout habitat is reduced to less than three percent of maximum available, adult Chinook Salmon spawning habitat is essentially eliminated (<0.1% of maximum) and juvenile Redband, steelhead, and Chinook Salmon rearing is reduced to around 30 percent of maximum (Hardin 1993, 2001, 2011). The decrease in available and suitable habitat under low flow conditions could restrict diel or seasonal movement to important habitats, result in fish congregating in the remaining pool habitats, cause increased stress and disease transmission, and could lead to the immediate or delayed mortality of a large portion of the native fish population. Extremely low flows will also expose cobble and gravel bars reducing benthic macroinvertebrate production, an important forage base for Crooked River fishes. (Bold emphasis added.)

Preliminary results show that whitefish populations have declined by 87%! The decline in the total number of redband trout was 21%, but the surviving fish are almost all under 7.9" (~200 mm) in length. In addition, surviving trout weights were significantly reduced compared to June, indicating a lack of food. This is hard to understand and no explanation was offered on why these two species of fish that have evolved in the same environment had such radically different results. My speculation is that it has to do with the sampling method, but who knows?

A further reflection of this, and my caveat discussion above, are the confidence intervals shown in the graph on page 8. In essence, population estimates from last June could be off by a much larger percentage than last October. So, the declines in trout populations could be higher, but probably not much lower. Also, the dramatic reduction in habitat for aquatic insects, the primary food source for whitefish and trout, will undoubtedly lead to further declines in fish populations, health, or both.

Finally, it is important consider the discussion of dissolved oxygen. Obviously, fish and aquatic insects need to breath. DO comes from turbulence in flowing water trapping oxygen and from photosynthesis occurring in aquatic plants. The ODFW report shows good DO levels during the day as photosynthesis occurs but dropping dramatically at night to levels below those needed by fish and aquatic insects, creating a daily “bloom-bust” cycle and increased stress on fish. *

There is an error on page 7 of the ODFW report. It states that redband populations were reduced to
The year 2023 got off to a great start this January as we gathered at High Desert Chocolate in Sisters. And more than a few of our Wild Women have been on the water this winter fishing with success. We have a busy calendar for Wild Women and many ways for you to connect. Our first meet up in February (Feb. 3rd) is for the showing of the new movie, 80 for Brady. We will meet up at Regal theatre in the Old Mill for the 3:50pm showing. Buy your ticket ahead of time online. Afterwards we will visit one of the yummy restaurants in the Old Mill for Happy Hour.

Wild Women will host Alysia Littleleaf for our February 21st zoom gathering. Alysia and her husband own and operate Littleleaf Guide Service, out of Warm Springs. She will share her journey not only as a woman guide and business owner but also the meaning and value of the Deschutes for the Warm Springs tribal fishing culture. She and her husband Elke are the only indigenous married couple flyfishing outfit in the U.S. This will be an outstanding evening. Watch for details.

Save the date, March 14th, we will have an evening zoom gathering with a focus on bug basics and how to fill a beginner fly box. During the month of April, we will offer an in person beginner fly tying class for the those who are curious about tying your own fly patterns. This will be led by our own Liz Jones. We will have a fun time exploring the pros and cons for tying your own patterns. And for those who do not have a tying vice we can provide one. Watch for details. There is so much fun to be had together!!

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OTHER NEWS

Sportsmen’s Expo In Redmond
THURSDAY, MARCH 9 - SUNDAY, MARCH 12
COF volunteers manage the KIDS TROUT POND at the Expo every year. Please volunteer for a roughly 4 hour shift. We maintain the equipment, help young anglers, net fish, safely release or bag fish for those who want to keep their catch (we don’t clean the fish for them). Signup sheets will be available at the February COF meeting and at the Winter Fly Tying classes. A preferred alternative is to email me directly at ExpoFishPond@outlook.com.

Approximately 6-8 volunteers are required for each 4+ hour shift. The times we need most help are the
Thursday night and Friday night shifts, and all day Saturday. Shifts are:

- Thursday, March 9th: 3 shifts, 9:30-11:45 (set up), 11:35-4:00 and 3:45-8:00
- Friday, March 10th: 2 shifts, 11:35-4:00 and 3:45-8:00
- Saturday, March 11th: 3 shifts, 9:45-1:00, 12:45-4:30 and 4:15-8:00
- Sunday, March 12th: 2 shifts, 9:45-1:00, 12:45-4:30

It is a great opportunity to see trout feeding - how they move to eat, and just how very quickly they could spit out something unappealing. Beyond meeting new friends and watching the excitement of a youngster catching a fish, you will be helping COF - We receive a $1,500 donation for managing the pond.

In addition to helping the club you get FREE admission to the show.

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Kokanee Karnival Youth Angling Clinic – Shevlin Pond

Share your passion of fishing and help with this fun fishing clinic at Shevlin Pond. COF’s Youth Fishing Education Program “Kokanee Karnival” is jumpstarting it’s 22nd annual Angling Clinic.

Fifth graders are introduced to the basics of fishing: how to cast (spinning and fly-fish), how to tie a clinch knot, how to hook and land a fish and fish identification.

In the morning they play a salmon migration game of ‘hooks and ladders,” and then rotate through 20 minute learning stations. After a hot dog lunch, they test their skills and luck in the stocked trout pond. Volunteers are needed to assist, instruct, rig fishing gear, and to be a mentor. This program is a partnership with Sunriver Anglers, ODFW and USFS. We depend on volunteers for this program to be a success.

Dates: April 24, 25, 27, 28 and May 1, 2 Please join us for an afternoon, a day or for multiple days. 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

We would like to get volunteers on the schedule ASAP, so if you can help for an afternoon, a day or multiple days please let Fred or Jen know.

- FRED CHOLICK (COF) FCHOLICK@GMAIL.COM
- JEN LUKE (ODFW) JENNIFER.A.LUKE@ODFW.OREGON.GOV
COF Volunteerism in 2022

In 2020 and 2021, COVID-19 canceled virtually all our live events, including in-person monthly meetings, our annual BBQ-picnic and even the Banquet -- our largest fundraiser. In 2022 we regained a little ground, actually had a few events for kids, resumed monthly meetings at the Bend Elks Lodge, and held our annual COF picnic/BBQ. With a break from COVID we’ll resume many of our events and youth programs this year, so we’ll need volunteers to staff these events. Please jump in and have some fun.

In 2022, 40 volunteers recorded a total of 1,426 hours and have kept our club functioning remarkably well during the pandemic, but we’re still far behind our performance in pre-COVID years. For the past 3 years, COF board members have shouldered most of the burden and deserve a tremendous applause.

Pre-COVID, our 5-year average number of volunteers was 137, far more than last year’s 40. That’s a big difference but we have more than 300 members, so it is doable. If you volunteered last year, THANK YOU! It takes a village to successfully run a club with the range and quality of events COF has provided in the past. Please consider volunteering this year.

Volunteer records can be very important when we apply for grants to maintain and improve programs like Kokanee Karnival. These records provide a solid measure of performance that donors do consider when awarding grants, so these numbers can have real impact. Every year we cite these numbers in the annual club requests to donors for items to be raffled at our annual COF Banquet – the very items you can win with a successful bid. The Banquet is our largest fundraiser and our events need those funds, so we hope to hold it this year and hope you’ll attend.

We also use these records to award special recognition to each member who volunteers 30 hours or more in a year. We hope to staff many events in 2023, and I’ll need your help to record our volunteer data. Here are some results for recent years:

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When there’s a volunteer sign-in sheet at an event, please sign in and record the hours you spend (including travel time) and your round-trip mileage. The event coordinators submit these sign-in sheets to me for recording. If you’re a coordinator, don’t forget to submit your preparation time and mileage supporting the event.

If there’s no sign-in sheet, or if you forget to sign-in at a volunteer event, just email the following information to me at Volunteers@flyfishers.org: **Your Name, Event Name, Event Date, Hours and Miles traveled (round trip).** Or just call me at 541-420-1325. Thank you again. Your participation really makes a difference.

- DICK OLSON
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**MEMBERSHIP**

**Welcome to Our New Members**

Joe Alstott - Bend
Sarah Cloud - Portland
Elisabeth Jappay - Salem
Brian Kerr - Bend
Anne Kougal - Bend
Jerry Meilink - La Pine
Glenn Zinkus - Corvallis

Renewal notices were sent to all members in mid November. Please keep an eye open for them and renew promptly. For those of you who pay by check, it can take up to a week for payment to reach us even though mailed locally.

- ROBERT SHIMANE
MEMBERSHIP@COFLYFISHERS.ORG
BOARD BITS

(AN OVERVIEW OF THE 1/26/23 BOD MEETING)

Treasurer’s Report – New treasurer, Tim Schindele, provided copies and explained the new monthly Treasurer’s Report format to the board. Tim suggested that we invest $30K of our reserve savings in a 17 month CD at US Bank at 4%. The BOD agreed and authorized Tim to do so. Tim also suggested that we close the savings account after the CD is purchased (we made $0 .41 last month) and move the funds to checking. The BOD agreed. Wild Apricot will give us a discount on our annual fee if we use AffiniPay, their payment system, rather than PayPal. The system will be using Square as a mobile payment device.

An Awards committee was appointed….Tim Quinton, Bob Shimane, and John Howard. They will determine Honorary Life time membership, Fly fisher of the Year, and volunteer service awards.

The COF mission statement was discussed. The discussion was tabled until next month to clarify exact wording.

2 new volunteer members…

Jack Patterson – member at large on BOD

Mark Hamilton – August BBQ coordinator (August 16)

We still need an Outings and an Education chairman!! Please volunteer!!

COF ZOOM account….do we still need it?

Banquet committee update – Tim & Renee –

90+ business letters have been sent & solicitations are underway

The flyer has been designed and published

New business cards are designed and ordered

Yancy has visited various shops and is using sponsorship perks to guide the solicitations

Fish Pond update – Danny Kara – We have 19 volunteers…1/2 of what we need. Please volunteer!! It is a great opportunity to see trout feeding – how they move to take, and just how very quickly they could spit out something unappealing

Grants –

Jen Luke (ODFW) is requesting a $1500 match to support a grant she is requesting from the Restoration and Enhancement Program Board. We will be helping ODFW with tui chub removal at East, Paulina and Lava Lakes. BOD agreed.

Sunriver Anglers is requesting $1200 for hotdogs/lunch for Kokanee Karnival. BOD agreed.

COF is applying for a $1500 Education Grant from FFI to help defray the costs of both our Basic Skills and Winter Fly Tying programs.

Membership – Bob – 146 renewals this year

Programs – Yancy – pretty much set for the year.

Wild Women – Sue – Wine & chocolate outing was last month…ZOOM presentations in Feb & March, women’s casting clinic in the Spring by MaryAnn.

KK & Next Cast – Fred – Spring Clinic will be in the March newsletter, Angler Education is filled, Eggs-to-Fry program is completed.

Conservation – Tom – upcoming meetings….Deschutes Basin Watershed, Mirror Pond Fish Passage Project, Bend Parks & Rec meeting about the Old Mill Casting Course. Bend Parks & Rec is developing new access from Mirror Pond to the Old Mill District.

Website – Mary – GoDaddy account is the ISP for KK. Renewal of the account is due in early 2023.

- KARI SCHOESSLER
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COF CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: SAGE MODEL ONE 7116-4 TWO HANDED SWITCH ROD, 11’ 6”, 7 wt., 4-piece, sock and tube, $500, comes with Rio Scandi Shooting Head, 420 gr. and Rio Powerflex Shooting Line, Like new, rod and line fished perhaps twice, retail; rod-$860, shooting line-$40, scandi line-$55, total cost
$955, Peter Martin, landline, 541-388-8956, pcmartin@bendbroadband.com

FOR SALE: POWELL SIGNATURE 256-8 LTSH (LIGHT STEELHEAD MODEL) ROD, 9 ½', 7/8 wt. 2-piece graphite, with original sock and case, $175, excellent condition, Peter Martin, landline, 541-388-8956, pcmartin@bendbroadband.com

FOR SALE: SAGE Z-AXIS 6100-4 (6WT, 10’, 4 PC), used but in excellent condition, blank is free from any nicks or damage. Great rod for throwing streamers, large indicator rigs, single spey casting or large dries/droppers. Comes with original tube/sock. Asking $350, Tim Quinton, 509-392-3516, cgtimq@gmail.com. More photos are available on request.

COF MEMBERS: Got a “fishy item,” (broadly defined), to sell, find, or giveaway? Ads are free and run for one newsletter. If the item is not sold, please resubmit your ad for the next month’s newsletter. Submit ads to classifieds@coflyfishers.org by the end of the third week of each month. JPEG photos are useful.

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TYER’S CORNER

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RECIPE (DEVIN’S AND MY VARIATIONS)

Hook: standard #16 and 18 nymph
Bead: tungsten 2.8 2.3 (my version 2.3, 2.0 brass) copper
Thread: brown 8/0
Tail: 3-4 fibers of Coc de lon (CDL)
Rib: brown 8/0 thread (extra small copper wire)
Thorax: 2-3 pheasant tail fibers (I use dark brown SLF squirrel dubbing)
Optional: a fluorescent orange 8/0 thread collar for a hot spot

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OLSEN’S REALLY SIMPLE PHEASANT TAIL NYMPH
BY BILL SEITZ

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OLSEN’S REALLY SIMPLE PHEASANT TAIL NYMPH
BY BILL SEITZ

The U.S. Fly Fishing Team represented the U.S. in the recent World Fly Fishing Championship in Spain in September 2022. While the team did not win any medals, it did have a respectable performance against skilled anglers under some really tough conditions. Devin Olsen, a USA team member, has produced a number of fly tying videos highlighting the most productive fly patterns used by USA team members as some of the other international team. His videos are available on his website “Tactical Fly Flyfisher” and his YouTube channel of the same name. His latest video is called the “really simple Pheasant Tail nymph”. His pattern was designed to be a small, drab mayfly imitation. The pattern (my variant) will be this month’s pattern. I have used a variant of this pattern for three years and have had great success on the Crooked River in size 16 and 18. To see how to tie Devin’s fly check out his web site or YouTube site. My version uses a few different materials that make his pattern even easier to tie: I substitute dark brown SLF dubbing for pheasant tail fibers in the thorax, I rib my version with extra small copper wire, he uses brown thread. He uses tungsten bead for weight, I use brass beads because I use a drop shot rig. This pattern is easy to tie so you can tie up a season’s worth of flies in a short time.

RECIPE (DEVIN’S AND MY VARIATIONS)

Hook: standard #16 and 18 nymph
Bead: tungsten 2.8 2.3 (my version 2.3, 2.0 brass) copper
Thread: brown 8/0
Tail: 3-4 fibers of Coc de lon (CDL)
Rib: brown 8/0 thread (extra small copper wire)
Thorax: 2-3 pheasant tail fibers (I use dark brown SLF squirrel dubbing)
Optional: a fluorescent orange 8/0 thread collar for a hot spot

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