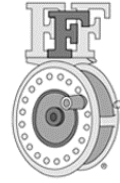




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FEBRUARY PROGRAM

ABOUT TROUT: Oregon Trout is an organization dedicated to protection of healthy fish habitats and fish populations in Oregon. Systematic restoration of rivers such as the Rogue, Wood, Clackamas, and the Deschutes is the means of achieving fish habitat. Salmon Watch is one of the successful programs to teach students ABOUT TROUT. These efforts have been pursued by Oregon Trout since 1983. The program will be presented by Carson Lord, who will discuss Salmon Watch, and Joe Whitworth, Executive Director, who will discuss Oregon Trout projects including volunteer opportunities in Central Oregon. "If it is good for fish, it is good for people." It is ABOUT TROUT. Invite a friend to the meeting.

RANDOM CASTS

Dear Fellow COF Member,

As your new president, I want to share with you a secret that I discovered while making my way through life's maze. The secret - companionship and fellowship are life's most valuable and rewarding experiences, whether with your marriage partner, significant other, or fishing buddy. Some of the best time we spend on this planet is while in the company of those who are generous with themselves and their time. Maybe this is a long-winded way of getting you to give COF a chance to compliment your life, this community, and its scenic beauty and for lack of a better phrase, the "magic" of flyfishing. There are many in this club who are expert fly fishermen, and some that are just starting. But the "real deal" about this club is the opportunity to get to know and become involved with some great folks.

I know that some feel intimidated because of how little they know about fly fishing, or because they are new to Bend area and find that at our general meetings it is difficult to get to know others. The answer to that dilemma is to participate by volunteering for some activity or event, , even if you don't have any idea as to what it is all about. Don't worry, there will be someone who knows. I, unlike our previous presidents, am far from being a flyfishing expert. I want you to know that at times I feel as though I'll never figure out how to cast in the wind or get those wings on straight when tying flies. But it really is all just about good times, if you make it that way. (Well, maybe not all good times-when I'm undoing wind knots in my leader.) No other fly fishing organization has ever given me such great memories and pleasures, and I am quite sure you will experience this as well, but only if you participate.

I hope that this year you participate in as many club events and activities as you are able. Join the club on our outings and environmental projects or get involved with the Kokanee Karnival or any one of more than a dozen club events. I promise you that the more you participate, the more you will receive, and receive and receive.

Your pal,

Dan Driskill

■ # REMINDER # ■

Some Members may not yet have renewed their membership for 2003. If your renewal is not received by the 15th of February, it will not be possible to include you in the printed copy of the COF Membership Roster that will be given out at the Annual Banquet

the first of March.

TIERS REJOICE!

Bah! Humbug! We lost two perfectly good chances to tie flies on Tuesday evenings due to Christmas Eve and New Years Eve! But never fear, we are back in business this Tuesday at the Bend Trap Club from 6:30PM to 8:30PM. We have been running over twenty people each night, and you need to get in on the fun. Those of you with disabilities (Doyle) can offer constructive criticism and show us your fly boxes. Hope to see you there. If you need information or directions, call Harry Harbin at 388-8841 or Bob Griffin at 389-2070.

"**FLY TYING.** The technique of fastening various materials on a hook to suggest real or fancied flies, or other insects or food objects for the purpose of deceiving fish."

A. McClane

The Wise Fishermen's Encyclopedia, 1951

REDBAND TROUT RADIO TAGGING ON THE NORTH FORK CROOKED SYSTEM

Deep Creek is the major tributary of the North Fork Crooked, often making up nearly all the water in the late summer and early fall months. This stream enters the North Fork Crooked several miles below Big Summit Prairie, basically in the center of the Ochoco Mountains. This stream, it is felt, is the nursery for most of the redband survival in the Upper Crooked River and may supply up to 85% of the total population of redband trout to this system. The Deep Creek watershed

comprises 55,000 acres of which the United States Forest Service administers 98%. It has the most intact and interconnected watershed left in the Ochocos for Redband propagation, survival and out migration.

Road building, timber harvest and livestock grazing have impacted the quality of the aquatic environment. Concerns about this aquatic habitat have prompted fisheries biologists from the United States Forest Service and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to do further investigation of the migration patterns of redbands residing in both Deep Creek and the North Fork Crooked River. The data collected should greatly help in determining what habitats to protect, prioritize where stream restoration needs to occur, influence angling harvest regulations and display the number of fish out migrating from Deep Creek to the North Fork Crooked.

In April of 2002, 12 redbands were radio tagged in Deep Creek and its tributaries Little Summit Creek and Double Corral Creek. In November of 2002 an additional 10 redbands were tagged in Deep Creek. These fish will be tracked using a radio receiver adjusted to the frequency of each fish's radio transmitter. Actual tracking will either be done along the stream from the ground or by aerial surveillance from an airplane. Individual fish, when located, are plotted on maps and then compared to where they were tagged and released. In addition, during the spring of 2003, a screw trap will be placed in the lower end of Deep Creek. This trap should capture out migrants on their way to the North Fork Crooked. Some of these redbands will have transmitters implanted and will be monitored

by ground and air through the 2003 spring and summer.

Early results from the study indicate that there is a high number of fish out-migrating from Deep Creek to the North Fork Crooked. It also appears that adult fishing living in the tributaries of Deep Creek tend to stay in those tributaries and do not out migrate. This study is expected to continue until tagged fish samples sizes are satisfactory in a given season to assure logical conclusions can be made.

Ref. Vacirca, USFS
Hodgson, ODFW

UPSTREAM EVENTS

Sometimes it is not possible to record all of the events that will take place. Please stay in contact with your Conservation chairmen. They should have a listing of all events for your convenience. They are Gene McMullen 312-8939 and Dave Dunahay 317-5843.

FEBRUARY

Thursday, Feb. 6 COF Board Meeting
7 PM at the Environmental Center

Tuesday, Feb. 11 Winter Egg Deliveries to Central Oregon schools. Contact Terri Grimm 541 - 318-0567

Thursday, Feb. 13 Deschutes River Lodge presents Skip Morris "Tying and Fishing Flies for Western Lakes" 6:30 - 9:30 PM \$30, 2112 NE 4th Street, Bend, OR 97701 Contact Dick or Jeanine Stentz (541) 923-4701 for reservations.

Wednesday, Feb. 19 COF, Meeting 7:PM Social Hour 6:30 PM C O Association of the Board of Realtors 2112 NE 4th Street Bend, OR 97701

MARCH

Saturday, March 1 COF Annual Banquet
Aspen Hall in Shevlin Park

6 PM Social hour, Dinner at 7:15PM

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

March 6 - 9, Sportsman's Show
Deschutes County Fairgrounds
Kids fishing pond staffed by COF volunteers.
Contact Phil Hager at 541-317-1075 or
flyfishingphil@bendcable.com

CONSERVATION

Members of The Central Oregon Flyfishers are given the opportunity to "encourage, advocate and support conservation and protection of watersheds, fish habitat and wild fish populations" by the COF By-Laws. The Conservation Committee works with the ODFW, USFS, BLM and other agencies on projects such as fish surveys, trout and steelhead redd counts, riparian restoration and high Lakes surveys.

Although some of the usual projects may have been discontinued because of lack of agency funds, we hope that a list of projects for the coming year (2003) will be made available by the agencies in March or early April at the latest.

Joining with others to participate in the "Home waters Projects" that COF has supported for many years or the individual agency projects give Members a chance to share with one another the information, education and comradeship of the event. responsibilities will be. It will be necessary for you to decide whether or not you are fit.

In the past the ODFW has had summer campout projects lasting 3 to 4 days, headed by a biologist and they are a great working

and learning vacation time. It will be necessary for you to inquire about these from the ODFW - Jennifer Bock at 388-6363.

New and old members will find these opportunities a great learning experience. Don't miss out - be sure to join in the adventures helping to preserve what is most important to all of us.

FOR SALE A like-new Renzetti Presentation P4010R Fly Tying vise for \$280. and a Sage RPL+896-4 Fly Rod 9 ft 6 inch 4 piece 8w for \$250. Call Tom Philiben 541-389-5829 or e-mail to tomnanphil@netzero.com

NEWSLETTER

Thanks to a new collaboration between longtime Newsletter Editor Tommie Speik and long time Web Master Gordon Chandler, the Club Newsletter is uploaded to the website (www.coflyfishers.org), for immediate viewing and printing with exactly the same format as the mailed hard copy!

If you desire a hard copy, you will be able to receive the Newsletter at the same time as it goes to the printer and print it out for yourself if you want a hard copy to share with friends.

Adobe Systems Incorporated is the developer of Portable Document Format (PDF). Adobe Acrobat software enables documents to be displayed and printed exactly the same on different computers running different software. We are making available to COF, the monthly use of our personal copy of this professional software conversion program.

Many new computers come preloaded with the free Adobe Acrobat Reader. To see if you have the free PDF Reader, click on Start, Programs, Adobe Acrobat. You can check your version by clicking on Help, About Adobe Acrobat, on any PC.

If you do not have the free Adobe Acrobat Reader or if you have a version older than 5.0, just follow the instructions after clicking on the special Icon available on the COF website. You need this free program in order to read and print the Newsletter as published.

Because COF has become such a large organization, discontinuing the mailing of almost 150 Newsletters will save the Club money and a great deal of time and work for your Newsletter Editor\Publisher each month.

Tommie Speik
Newsletter Editor\Publisher

MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

The Central Oregon Flyfishers meet on the third Wednesday of the month at the Central Oregon Association of the Board of Realtors, 2112 NE 4th Street, Bend, Oregon 97701.

The monthly gatherings start at 6:30 PM and the program begins at 7:00 PM.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Invite a neighbor or a friend to join us at the next meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2003

AWARDS BANQUET

***Great Food! -Heart Stopping Slide Show! -
Silent Auction! -Door Prizes! -Name Tag
Raffle!***

March 1, 2003 is the date for COF's Annual Awards Banquet to be held at Aspen Hall in Shevlin Park. Proceedings will begin at 6:00 PM. Get your reservations in early by sending \$20.00 per person (\$40.00 per couple) to Central Oregon Flyfishers, P.O. Box 1126, Bend Oregon, 97709. Or you may make your reservation at the General Membership Meeting, February 19. See Bob Griffin at the rear of the meeting room.

This event is not to be missed! It has always been one of the premiere COF events, where everybody has a great time. This year will be no exception. The menu will be BBQ TriTip and Chicken Combo, Red Rose Potato Salad, BBQ Baked Beans, Tossed Garden Salad, Garlic Cheese Bread, Salsa, and Desert, Coffee and Tea.

Social Hour this year will be "bring your own", and COF will provide ice, mixers and glasses. A large ice bucket will be available for chilling other beverages. Just be sure to label your items to avoid confusion.

Exceptional Bend photographic artist [Bruce Jackson](#) will present a program of his work here in the Northwest. His photographs are exceptional quality images, and may be previewed at the Mockingbird Gallery. If you have not seen his work, you are in for a real treat that you will find unforgettable.

This year COF is blessed with many members who have given to this club and our community way beyond the call. Join us in honoring their

service to our club, and get to know them during the course of the evening by introducing yourself and thanking them, because their gift to our club is what makes COF such a special organization.

This year we will try and have at least one member of the Board of Directors at each table so that you can have a chance to express your interests and thoughts about various club activities, and ask any questions you may have. You will find the board members to be great folks willing to help you get the most out of your membership.

You will also have great fun participating in the Silent Auction, Door Prizes and Nametag Drawing. The nametag drawing will again be for a fine Sage rod. It is a good idea to bring your checkbook to take advantage of the wonderful items available. Remember your contribution is tax deductible, so be generous and you will not be sorry.

✦ WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER ✦

Our first organizational meeting for women COF members will be at the home of Judy Shasek (call 541-312-8015 for RSVP and directions to 65064 Cline Falls Rd, Bend). This special interest group (SIG) is for women interested in learning how they can support COF projects and activities, meeting other women to fish, enjoy the rivers and lakes and explore the ways " Wild Women of the Water" can enhance their enjoyment of the outdoors. Some of us may be expert and avid fly fishers, others may enjoy working with children at the Kokanee Karnival. Do you want to tie your own flies or do you prefer photographing the brilliant casts of others tweaking flies toward steelhead? COF is creating this SIG to be what you'd like to

enhance your enjoyment of the club.

Whether you are too busy to add another meeting to your schedule, or if you have lots of time to invest in a great leisure/service component of COF come join us on February 26 at 7 PM. We will have online "meetings" as well as activities you design and want. " Wild Women of the Water" will be as powerful and enjoyable as your input.

Come ready to enjoy coffee and some tasty baked treats! "

Judy Shasek
RSVP 541-312-8015

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Randy Webster Greg Luke
Michael and Freya Tripp
Lyle and Adrienne Kearns
Howard and Maria Witson

COF welcomes you all!

When you see a face at the meetings that you don't recognize it is probably a new member. Introduce yourself. Who knows, that other person may be just the friend or fishing partner you've been looking for.

New Members please remember to pick up your copy of "*Harry Teal's No Nonsense Guide to Fly Fishing Central and Southeastern Oregon*" from Bill Lundy at the Welcome Table at the next Meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2003.

GRANT FUNDING AWARDED TO KOKANEE KARNIVAL

COF has received a total of \$19,000 in grant awards during 2002 from three organizations in support of the Kokanee Karnival Youth

Education Program. The Restoration & Enhancement Board of ODF&W awarded \$10,000; Brooks Resources Corporation of Bend granted \$5,000; and the Juan Young Trust of Portland provided \$4,000.

Kokanee Karnival is in its seventh year of operation and involves over 30 classrooms and approximately 1000 students, teachers, and parents throughout the tri-county area of Central Oregon. Funds will primarily be used to purchase additional equipment and supplies for the "eggs to fry" portion of the program, fall streamside and spring angling clinic activities. Funds from the Juan Young Trust will be used to document the program in its entirety in order to provide information to assist other organizations interested in starting similar programs. A portion of the funds will go to support other ongoing operational expenses.

We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to these three organizations for their generosity.

KOKANEE FUNDING FOR 2002

The five organizations, (COF, Sunriver Anglers, ODF&W, U. S. Forest Service, and the Central Oregon Llama Association), that are responsible for the success of the Kokanee Karnival want to thank the following individuals and organizations for their generous cash donations during 2002:

Chris Zobel	Don Johnston
John Marken	James Poulton
Mark Reisinger	Hank Sailor
James Craig	Mickel Osborn
Alan Allison	Sunriver Anglers
Charles & Jean Kern	Juan Young Trust
Clarence Harrison	Paul & Kathy Eckman
To-Ro Enterprises	Gary & Shirley Horning

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Federation of Flyfishers The Bend Bulletin
Dan Re & Terry Monson Pacific Corp
Dennis & Jeri Welbourn ODFW
Central OR Electric Coop
Central OR Building Supplies
Brooks Resources Corporation
OR Watershed Enhancement Board
These contributions are vital to the success of Kokanee Karnival and we sincerely appreciate your generosity.

SUNRIVER ANGLERS COME THROUGH AGAIN FOR KK

The Sunriver Anglers have come through again in a big way in support of the Kokanee Karnival Youth Education Program. At their annual Holiday Gala in December they presented a check to the program in the amount of \$4,000, an amount that matches their 2001 donation.

Kokanee Karnival is lucky to have our fellow flyfishers to the south as a program "spawnsor" because in addition to the funding they've provided over the years they are always present in large numbers when volunteers are needed as well. They participate in fall streamside activities and they take full responsibility for providing lunches for everyone at the spring angling clinic every year.

Thank you Sunriver Anglers!

BULL TROUT STREAMSIDE PROTECTION PROJECT

The Sisters Ranger District of the Deschutes National Forest is currently seeking comments for an upcoming project to protect bull trout habitat in the Metolius Basin. Work planned in 2003 will focus only on the core area of bull

trout spawning and rearing habitat occurring along portions of Canyon Creek, Jack Creek, Roaring Creek, and Brush Creek. This project proposes to protect bull trout habitat by reducing compaction from vehicles and recreation uses through the placement of boulders, bollards, or woody debris, and moving certain camping areas and fire rings back from the edge of streams. Our intent is to continue to provide quality dispersed camping opportunities while also protecting critical bull trout habitat. Project outcomes will lead to continued bull trout recovery, protection of riparian function, and preservation of the special Metolius dispersed recreation experience. If boulders are used they will be partially buried in order that they are more stable and present a natural appearance. This project is one of several efforts within the Metolius Basin to protect forest resources.

Please address your written comments to Scott Cotter, c/o Bull Trout Streamside Protection Project, Sisters Ranger District, P.O. Box 249, Sisters, OR 97759. Send comments via e-mail to: sacotter@fs.fed.us Written or oral comments should include your name, address, and telephone number. Please include the title of your document, specific facts or comments, and supporting reasons that you believe should be considered in helping us to decide how to best implement our project. For fullest consideration, your comments must reach us by the close of business on Friday, February 28, 2003.



CENTRAL OREGON SPORTSMEN'S SHOW MARCH 6TH - 9TH

I'm looking for volunteers again for the Kid's Fishing Pond at the show and here is the schedule that we will be filling:

Thursday	12 PM-5 PM	4 PM - 9
Friday	12 PM - 5 PM	4 PM - 9 PM
Saturday	9 AM- 1 PM	12:30 PM -
	4:30 PM	and 4 - 8 PM
Sunday	9:30 AM-1:30 PM	1 PM - 5 PM

I will be there most of the time and will need the help of 3 others all of the time. In the process of having fun with the kids catching fish we also do some fundraising for the KK fund. Anyone interested can email me at flyfishingphil@bendcable.com or call me at 317-1075.

Remember, for helping out on the project you will get a free gate pass for the day(s) you are there. If you sign up for a morning shift you can stick around when you're finished. If you sign up for a later shift you can come in early and look around before your time starts. The passes will be at the "Will Call" booth under the COF name.

Thanks, Phil @ COF

CHANGE OF PACE

If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there'd be a shortage of fishing poles.

Contributed by Steve Sheldon



CENTAL OREGON FLYFISHERS ANNUAL BANQUET



**Your Annual Banquet is Just Around the Corner
Aspen Hall in Shevlin Park, Saturday, March 1, 2003
6:00 PM Social Hour with Hors d'oeuvres, 7:15 PM Dinner**

Pardon our French, but "ain't we lucky" to live in Central Oregon, in the middle of the Great Northwest? This year our awards banquet will celebrate our good fortune with great food, a heart stopping slide show, silent auction, door prizes and raffles. Get your reservations in early by sending \$20 per person to Central Oregon Flyfishers, PO Box 1126, Bend, OR 97709—Or see Bob Griffin at the General Membership Meeting.

The annual banquet is a premiere COF event where everyone has a great time. This year's will be no exception, with a menu of BBQ Tri Tip & Chicken Combo with all the trimmings plus dessert. Social hour will be "bring your own," and COF will provide ice, soft drinks and glasses. We'll have a large ice bucket to chill other beverages. Please label your stuff to avoid confusion. Exceptional Bend photographic artist Bruce Jackson will present a slide program of his work here in the Northwest. You may preview his art at the Mockingbird Gallery, 869 NW Wall St., Suite 100. You're in for an unforgettable treat.

This year, COF is blessed with members who have given to our club and community way beyond the call. Join us in honoring their service. Thank them and get to know them better. We will try to have a member of the Board of Directors at your table or nearby so you may express your interests, thoughts and questions about club activities. You'll find your board members to be great folks willing to help you get the most from your membership.

You will have great fun participating in the Silent Auction, Door Prizes, Raffles and the Nametag Drawing. Bring your checkbook to take advantage of the wonderful items available. This is your opportunity to further support the work of COF and to take home some special prizes.

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Detach here

Complete the following, attach your check for **\$20 per person** and mail to COF at PO Box 1126, Bend, OR 97709 as soon as possible. Since we are required to make a head count commitment to the caterer, we are offering a **special "early bird" door prize drawing for those signing up by February 18, 2003**

PLEASE CLEARLY PRINT THE FOLLOWING SO WE CAN GET YOUR NAMETAG CORRECT!

Name _____ \$20.00 per person

Spouse /Guest / Name(s) _____

Street Address _____ number attending _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____ Enclosed \$ _____

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Mail this completed application and check to:
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and receive Club Logo Patch, Decal and Monthly Newsletter

FULL NAME(S) _____
member and spouse or significant other

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ / _____ E-MAIL _____ OCCUPATION _____
home work Check if you are **not** able to receive the Newsletter on the Web

Dues Please check those that apply

2003 Family & Single Membership \$36 New Member \$36 Renewal by 12/31 \$30 Renewal After 12/31 is \$36 Associate Member Former Member Address Change

Associate Membership
(Outside Crook, Deschutes
& Jefferson Counties) \$12.50

Please check Interests Acquire More Knowledge Find Fishing Partner Volunteer For Projects Improve Fishing Techniques Social Functions

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

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