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President's Message



was stunned at the fabulous turnout at the December meeting. We had hoped to attract more members by adding some knot tying demos and fly box organization to our usual stable of awesome tying demonstra-

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tions. I think we had at least 50% more participation than we have had at any other December meeting. Thanks to the knot tyers and especially to Jeff Perin who brought his gazillion flies to give us an idea of the multiple way to sort them. Jeff has contributed a very detailed article on organizing your fly boxes to this newsletter. Special thanks to all who brought the delicious snacks and hats off to whomever brought the chicken wings. Yumm.

New fishing regulations take effect January 1st. For the steelheaders, the lower Deschutes will be open year around so go on down and catch some. Yancy has contributed an excellent article highlighting the changes. If you are headed to the Crooked and forgot to get a new license, you can pick one up at the Alfalfa Store.

Winter fishing can be some of the best fishing of the year. Fewer crowds, lots of fish. On January 13 at 6 pm, Reed at Fin and Fire will be holding a class on how and where to fish our local waters in the winter. Come on by and get up to speed.

The next big volunteer opportunity: Plan now to volunteer to help with the kid's fishing pond at the Redmond Sportsmen's Show, coming to the Deschutes County fairgrounds, March 3 to 6. The club receives \$1200 from the show for staffing the pond making this our second largest fund raiser. Anyone who volunteers receives free entry into the show. We will need your help staffing this fun-filled weekend. Allen Caudle (as-caudle@gmail.com) has agreed to organize our volunteers this year as well. If you'd like to help, please send email to Allen.

New website: Our new website is up and running thanks to Gary Meyers, Eric Steele and Terri Grimm. To find the presentations, club roster, library info and other club data, click on the log in button on the right hand side of the page and then scroll down on the "member's area" button. The board felt that the presentations were valuable club assets and that one ought to be a member to access the data. Central Oregon Eyrthhers

~Lee Ann Ross

GENERAL MEETING: JANUARY 20 | 7:00 PM | MONTHLY MEETING | BEND SENIOR CENTER, 1600 SE REED MARKET ROAD, BEND

January's program will be a presentation by Drew Moore, Deschutes County Deputy District Attorney. Drew attended Lewis and Clark Law School where he obtained his Juris Doctor and a certificate in Environmental and Natural Resource law. He has been a prosecutor since 2007 and his caseload has included environmental and fish and wildlife crimes. In 2015, Drew was presented the Wildlife Prosecutor of the Year Award for distinguishing himself time and again in prosecuting violators of Oregon's fish and wildlife and natural resource laws in the Central Oregon area. Drew and one of the Oregon State Police officers will speak to the club regarding investigation and prosecution of fish and wildlife crimes. During this presentation members will gain insight on how regulations are enforced with a focus on criteria considered when making prosecution decisions and what penalties may be imposed. We'll learn what pro-active efforts are taken by law enforcement and what steps are taken when a violation occurs. We'll also learn what it is we can do if we see poaching or other regulations violated. **Pre-Meeting:** Dave Dozer, COFF member and full-time bamboo rod builder, will talk about what it takes to build a bamboo fly rod. He'll demonstrate many of the steps it takes to go from a raw piece of Tonkin bamboo to a fine fly fishing implement that is a great match to our local waters.

OUTINGS

Call for 2016 Outings Destinations & Leaders

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

OUTINGS CALENDAR 2016

MONTH	DAY	DESTINATION	LEADER
March	23rd-26th	Owyhee River	Lee Ann Ross
Mar/ Apr	TBD	Crooked River Cleanup	TBD
April	23rd	Middle "D" Below Steelhead Falls	Yancy Lind
May	11th-14th	Davis Lake	Larry Godfrey
May	20th-22nd	2 night Trout Creek Campout, Lower "D" Warm Springs Float	Mike Tripp/ Eric Steele
June	9th-12th	Hosmer Lake	Bob Burke
June	16th-25th	Possible British Columbia Trip	Lee Ann Ross
July	7th-9th	East Lake, 2 nights, BBQ	Eric Steele
Sept	8th-10th	Steens Mountain - Wild Horse & Fish Lake	John Tackmier
Oct	2nd-5th	Beavertail Steel Head	Robert Gentry



CONSERVATION Update

The new ODFW fishing regulations are now in effect. Be sure to pick up or download a copy of the regulations and review them. As I have covered in past columns, COF played a role in setting some of these regulations and I believe that on balance they are good news.

http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/ fishing/

There was also good news for sport anglers out of Salem in December. ODFW commissioners Holly Akenson and Mike Finley, the current chair, were reappointed. Their terms had officially expired earlier in the year when Governor Brown failed to nominate them with other commissioners. Finley and Akenson have consistently been supporters of anglers and hunters and had been opposed by commercial fishing, timber, agricultural, and ranching interests. Various sportsmen and conservation groups rallied their memberships and convinced Governor Brown to renominate them. They were subsequently approved 22 to 8 by the Oregon State Senate. This might seem like too much inside baseball for some. but without a strong ODFW Commission our abilities to continue to enjoy our sport may be imperiled.

One of the debates that sport anglers are often drawn into is the tradeoff between conservation and economic development. A common refrain is that conservation activities stunt economic development which is perceived to have a higher societal value. A new report shows that sport fishing is a significant contributor to the economy as

well. In 2011, Oregon had 517,959 resident anglers (not counting out of state visiting anglers), there were \$438,864,555 in retail fishing sales, with an economic multiplier effect of \$732,159,606. This generated salaries and wages of \$230,164,106 from 6,237 jobs with Federal taxes of \$55,480,530 and state taxes of \$45,148,353. Here in U.S. Congressional District 2 (Greg Walden's district), there were 113,900 resident anglers, \$96,507,438 in retail fishing sales, with an economic multiplier effect of \$161,003,770. This generated salaries and wages of \$50,613,675 from 1,371 jobs with Federal taxes of \$12,200,310 and state taxes of \$9,928,238.

http://asafishing.org/uploads/Congressional_District_Sportfishing_Impacts_2015_Report.pdf

This is a topical issue with the current discussion around the annual de-watering of the upper Deschutes below Wickiup Reservoir and the resulting devastation to the habitat and fishery. (See last month's newsletter for more on this.) It is entirely plausible that the economic value of restored sport fishing in the upper Deschutes could outweigh the economic value of some irrigation districts here in Central Oregon, particularly the smaller ones close to Bend. In some of these districts there is very limited agricultural crop production. That dynamic may be changing with new marijuana farms and we may be faced with a new question: pot or fish? Kidding aside, existing district landowners and marijuana farmers may make for strange bedfellows, but they may provide a real

economic shot in the arm to some irrigation districts.

n related news, following a notice of intent to sue, the Center for Biological Diversity has filed suit against the Bureau of Reclamation over management of the upper Deschutes.

"The Center for Biological Diversity today filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation over harm to the federally protected Oregon spotted frog from operation of the Crane Prairie and Wickiup dams on the Deschutes River. The 2- to 4-inch long, black-spotted frog, now known to fewer than 100 sites. lives on the margins of both reservoirs and along the river below the dams. Large fluctuations of both the size of the reservoirs and flows in the river alternately flood or desiccate the frog's habitat, in violation of the Endangered Species Act."

http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/news/ press_releases/2015/oregon-spotted-frog-12-18-2015.html

WaterWatch of Oregon also filed a notice of intent to sue but as of this writing has not yet filed. This is going to be a controversial issue for some time to come.

We are now well into steelhead season on the Deschutes. Return numbers are lower this year than the recent past, the thought is that warm ocean conditions are the culprit. As of December 22, 30 steelhead had been radio tagged and passed from the lower Deschutes into Lake Billy Chinook. 23 of these fish have been detected at Opal Springs dam. 10 of these have

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WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

What a fun year we had with our Wild Women fishing friends! We had fishing classes, fly shop hops, fly tying, the IFFF happening and super times on the local lakes and rivers. So much fun, in fact...let's do it again! Watch your email "in" box. That seems to be the best way to communicate. If you haven't

been receiving our emails, then you may not be signed up for the Wild Women of the Water. There was a special box to mark when you sent in your membership. Please let me know if you have questions. I'll make sure that you are a member. Happy New Year!

~Kari Schoessler, wildwomen@coflyfishers.org

EDUCATION

Thoughts on Organizing Fly Boxes

Whether you have 1 or 2 fly boxes or more than a dozen tucked in your tackle bag, organizing and keeping flies is an important job on the road to being a successful fly angler.

30 years in the fly shop and 28 years guiding, I've seen some pretty awful looking fly boxes. This hurts your productivity, and your abil-



Fishers quickly choose the right fly in the heat of the OREGON the heat of the

moment. Organizing flies is a key to being a good angler.

One thing I really try to do is organize boxes so at any given fishing outing I have between 1 and a maximum of 4 fly boxes in my hip pack.

These days, even though I have a lot (OK, way too many) fly boxes, I put a lot of thought and then a lot of time and effort to organize them in a way I can bring just a few boxes with me on any lake or river.

Here are some ideas I have to help you organize your boxes.

- 1. Don't be afraid to take every fly out of your boxes and start over.
- 2. Keep like flies together. For example, have a Dry Fly Box and a Nymph Box.
- 3. Make careful rows and organize by hatch, size, color.
- 4. Make labels for your boxes so you know what box you are loading up with.
- 5. Group boxes by water type. No sense in carrying a bunch of lake flies to the river.
- 6. Some boxes are not suitable for certain types of flies. Make sure your box fits your flies.
- 7. It can be nice to make boxes for specific places. A Crooked River Box, a Cascade Lakes Box, a Lower Deschutes Steelhead box. Be specific and label them.
- 8. Another idea is to make seasonal boxes. What the trout eat in the winter is often quite different in the Spring, Summer or Fall.

I hope this helps. Stop in the shop or email me if you have questions.

~ Jeff Perin, The Fly Fisher's Place, 541-549-3474, greendrakehatch@gmail.com

EDUCATION

Update

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!

Pre-General Meeting Education-January 20, 2016, 6 pm.

Want to learn more about bamboo fly rods? Dave Dozer, COF member and full-time bamboo rod builder, will talk about what it takes to build a bamboo fly rod. He'll demonstrate many of the steps it takes to go from a raw piece of Tonkin bamboo to a fine fly fishing implement that is a great match to our local waters.

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, which includes all materials. There is still room for you to sign up at the upcoming general meeting or give Debbie a call.

If you have any questions about upcoming events or have a special request...feel free to contact either Dalton or myself.

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

EDUCATION

Winter Fly Tying

COFWINTER FLY TYING begins January 5 and will run through March 29. We meet every Tuesday night at the Bend Senior Center at 6:00 pm.

The class is open to current COF members (guests are welcome). All you need is a vise, tools, thread and \$5 per session to offset the room and materials. There will be enough materials available to tie several flies of each pattern.

This is not a beginning fly tying class so you will need to know the basics of fly tying. On the other hand, you don't need to be an expert either. Just make sure you've tied several fly patterns and you should fit in fine.

An experienced instructor who will teach a couple of flies will lead each session.

If you haven't sent me an email address, please do. I'll let you know whom the instructor is as well as pattern sheets for the flies being taught a few days before each class so you can determine if you'd like to attend.

Hope to see you in January!

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



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been trapped and passed upstream into the Crooked River. The numbers remain low, but the fish continue to prefer the Crooked over the upper Deschutes/Whychus Creek or the Metolius. The bulk of the steelhead arrive at the fish trap in January and February with some in March, so I expect numbers to climb soon. Remember that the east side of the Deschutes along the Warm Springs Reservation now remains open after January 1, so get out there and catch a steelhead. Please harvest all hatchery steelhead (adipose fin clipped) so that they do not spawn with wild, native fish.

On a personal note, for the second season in a row on the uppermost stretches of the lower Deschutes I have caught huge redband trout while swinging for steelhead. Multiple football shaped fish over 20". Big, thick, deep fish that were clearly trout, not steelhead. They were not the size of trophy Klamath Basin or Cranebow fish, but they are bigger than any other rainbows I know of east of the Cascades. Also once again, that part of the river has been packed with spawning Chinook salmon. The trout are growing big feeding on Chinook carcasses and eggs. Last spring I got equally big fish further down river on the surface during salmon fly season. You have to pay your dues to know where those fish are and when to go after them, but seeing those monsters take surface flies will get your pulse up. There has been a lot of debate about the health of the fish in the lower Deschutes, my personal observation is that the fish are healthier now than at any time I have fished it.

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

TYER'S CORNER

TLF Parachute Emerger

Snow and more snow, great to see it get here and let's hope it continues, maybe not day after day. Mother nature has her ways and we are just are along for the ride.

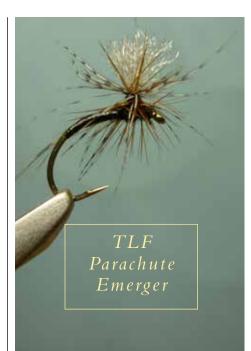
Looking forward to a new year, with the Tuesday night tying starting the on the 5th of January and running until March. If you tye come and join us, we learn great flies that we can use on our home waters and the teaching is always spot on.

Too start the year the featured fly comes from my archives of flies that I developed here in Central Oregon. It is an emerger style and just by changing the body color you can match most of the hatches we have. Black, brown and grey/dun all work well. The thread rib adds a little segmentation and color contrast, which help its appeal.

The Parts

- **Hook:** #14 to #18 Curved scud hook, light wire, like the Daiichi 1130
- **Thread:** Black or color to match the hatch, 14/0
- **Parachute post:** White or light tan z-lon or EP trigger fiber
- Tails: Coq-de-Leon 6 to 8 fibers
- **Body:** Black tying thread or fine nymph dubbing to match the hatch
- **Rib:** Tying thread light tan or light Cahill, twisted tight
- **Thorax:** Fine dry fly dubbing matching the thread

Hackle: Grey partridge (soft hackle) 2 turns and furnace dry fly hackle, 4 to 5



Tying Instructions

- 1. Lock in your thread about eye width from the eye and tye in your post.
- Tye in the Coq-de-Leon tailing material and the ribbing thread. Tail length is to extend down the back of the hook bend.
- 3. Now wind the body thread to rear keeping the tailing material on top of the hook and ribbing thread on the bottom this helps create a very fine body, which is what we want. If using dubbing

lightly dub the thread now.

- 4. If making a thread body start winding the thread towards the eye and then back again to get a nice taper to the body. If making a dubbed body finish the body just behind the post.
- With the body complete bring the ribbing forward about 5 turns and tye it off. Now tye in the furnace and partridge hackles. Note: (if making a thread body, seal the body and ribbing with head cement or hard-as-nails).
- 6. Dub the thorax to just cover the tye in point for the hackle and take a least 2 wraps around the post to make a base for the hackles.
- 7. Now wind the furnace hackle first and take couple of wraps of thread right through the furnace hackle securing it to the post. Once set, wrap the partridge hackle through the furnace hackle and tye it off at the post. A couple of half hitches at the hook eye will finish the fly.

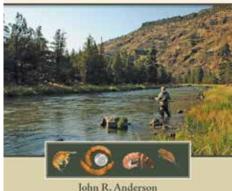
Good Luck and Good Hunting.

~ Jerry Criss, 541-536-3581, tlfly44@msn.com



Fly Fishing Oregon's Crooked River

Insect Drift and Seasonal Fish Diets as a Guide to Successful Fly Fishing



Book Announcement

John Anderson's Fly Fishing Oregon's Crooked River book would make the perfect 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 January 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

As we're nearing 2,100 likes towards the end of December, I'd like to thank each and every one of you who've sent over photos and articles to post on the COF Facebook Page. I appreciate the help and encouragement!

Remember to stay up to date with all other COF happenings by connecting with the COF Facebook Page. And don't forget to give us a "Like" when you have a free second!

As always, don't hesitate to reach out to me with all of your social media related questions, comments, or concerns. Let's make 2016 the best year yet!

~Molly Vernarecci, COF Social Media Coordinator, socialmedia@coflyfishers.org

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OTHER NEWS

Volunteers needed for Outdoor Show Trout Pond March 3-6

ark your calendars for March 3rd (Thursday) through March 6th (Sunday). COFF provides the volunteers for the Central Oregon Outdoor Show annual Kid's Trout

Pond. This event is held at the Deschutes County Expo Center in Redmond near the airport.

This is the second largest fundraiser of the year for our club. Baxter This is the second largest fundraiser of the year for our club... we need 6–10 volunteers each shift...

Auto Parts sponsors the pond but provides COFF with a nice check to man the event!

We need between 6-10 volunteers for each of several shifts on these days. They range from about 9:00 AM through 8:00PM. Each shift is about 4 hours long. This is an excellent way for new members to meet other members, as well as a fun way to help a young boy or girl catch their first trout! In addition, volunteers get free admission to the Outdoor Show as well!

Sign up sheets will be available at the January and February club meetings as well.

Please contact Allen Caudle at ascaudle@gmail.com or 605-214-4319 for information or to volunteer.

2016 COF Fundraising Banquet and Raffle

Where: Riverhouse Hotel and Convention Center When: April 2, 2016

The COF banquet serves as our primary fundraising event. Last year's banquet was a fundraising success due to local business donations, and the attendance and generosity of COF members.

> As always I am asking for your donations of good fishing equipment, flies, hand-crafted creations, just plain good stuff, or hosted fishing trips as raffle and auction items.

Join us. You will find the evening to be fun and the food excellent.

The registration flyer will appear the February and March COF newsletters.

~ Peter Martin, 541-388-8956, banquet@coflyfishers.org

MEMBERSHIP Welcome New Members

Tim Cotter Lisa Davis Mike Davis Dan Driskill Shena Fields Tom & Kathy Herrmann Erik & Jessie Higgins Joe Janego Patti Janego Jim Kreminski Tim Quinton

Steve Wascher

Doug Werme

~Tim Schindele, membership@coflyfishers.org



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NEXT CAST FLYFISHERS

Update



he 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.

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. 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



Big Winner

FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW, Bowen Johnson was the raffle winner at our December monthly meeting. Bowen has attended many of our club meetings, the annual BBQ and the December tying meeting! This year, he won a piece of fishing art and a Fishpond pack. This, to go along with the rod/reel outfit he received last year! He is ready to fish! Thanks Bowen for being such a great fly fisher!

UPSTREAM EVENTS January 2016

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	CONTACT
1st	9:00 AM	New Years Day Outing	Jake's Diner	Bob Burke
5th	6:00 PM	Winter Fly Tying	Bend Senior Center	John Kreft
7th	5:00 PM	Next Cast committee Meeting	Environmental Center	Karen Kreft
7th	6:30 PM	COF Directors Meeting	Environmental Center	Corol Ann Cary
12th	6:00 PM	Winter Fly Tying	Bend Senior Center	John Kreft
13th	6:00 PM	Winter Fishing	Fin and Fire Fly Shop, Redmond Oregon	Debbie Norton
19th	6:00 PM	Winter Fly Tying	Bend Senior Center	John Kreft
20th	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting	Bend Senior Center	Corol Ann Cary
20th	6:00PM	Bamboo Rod Building with Dave Dozer	Pre-Meeting, Bend Senior Center	Debbie Norton
26th	6:00 PM	Winter Fly Tying	Bend Senior Center	John Kreft

In the Future

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 Next Cast Flyfishers 3-Day Fish Camp, June 20, 21, 22, Shevlin Park, Bend OR; Contact: Karen Kreft



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