Greetings and Happy New Year from your new President.

I am honored to be your President and look forward to continuing the legacies of the previous leaders of COF. I will do my best to keep this club moving ahead as well as preserve the great traditions we have.

I am always open to suggestions and will work with the Board to keep this the best fly club in Oregon.

I encourage all members to get involved with the club. The best way I know to meet members is through the many opportunities we have each year to volunteer or attend club activities. To mention a few; Kokanee Karnival, Next Cast, Redmond Sportsman’s Show Kids Trout Pond, Crooked River twice annual clean up, Wild Women of the Water, Assisting ODFW, Fly tying and the Summer BBQ….

Almost every month will provide opportunities to sample some of the great fishing here in the Great Northwest and Central Oregon.

If you have an idea for an outing location or want to lead one please contact our Outings Chair Ron Kaye.

Our Board has an exciting year planned for Outings, Education and Presentations. Utilizing the Newsletter and the monthly meetings will be the best way to get information on these activities. Our Monthly meetings are loaded with education, hands on demos, Excellent Speakers and a monthly Raffle. Mark you 2018 calendars for the third Wednesday of each month.

New Years Day Outing: We will meet at Jake’s diner at 8:30 A.M. (that’s 8:30 A.M.) for our annual New Year’s Day outing. Come on by and have breakfast with the group. If the weather permits, we will head out to the Crooked for a bit of fishing. Hopefully it will be warmer than last year when our fly line ended up looking like a rope with all the ice it had on it. Don’t forget your 2018 license!

Thanks again for being part of this great Organization.

-Allen Caudle
Our speaker this month is Gary Lewis. Gary is an outdoor writer, speaker, photographer and TV host who makes his home in Bend. Lewis is a columnist for The Bend Bulletin, a contributing editor for Successful Hunter magazine, a humor columnist and a regular contributor for many magazines and newspapers. He has authored 16 books e.g. FISHING Central Oregon, Fishing Mount Hood Country, A Bear Hunter’s Guide to the Universe. He will have a few of his books available for sale - bring cash or a check. Gary was born and raised in the Pacific Northwest and he has been walking forest trails and running rivers as long as he can remember. Aside from being a member of COF, Gary is a member of the Outdoor Writers Association and the author of sixteen books. His Presentation will be on fly fishing Central Oregon. We have asked him to focus on a few of the “out of the way” opportunities here in Central Oregon. This program will be for both the newcomer to fly fishing and old timers.

OUTINGS

Step Up and Be a Leader

Jan 1 | Meet at Jake’s Diner
2210 NE Highway 20 | 8:30am

Outings are a way to explore, learn and socialize. If you’ve lead an outing in the past please consider doing it again or suggest a new location? If you haven’t lead an outing we can help you start your journey as a COF leader. Let’s meet at 6:00 prior to the January meeting and exchange some thoughts on this subject. I’ll be there in the room adjacent to our general meeting room. I have a few ideas and look forward to hearing from you all. Let’s make 2018 a banner year for club outings!

Any questions please contact, Ron Kaye, Outings Coordinator. ronkaye@gmail.com

OUTINGS CALENDAR 2018

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To sign up for an outing, please contact the outings leader directly with a cc: to the outings coordinator at outings@coflyfishers.org. Email addresses and phone numbers are available on our website coflyfishers.org. Due to the nature of the water, some outings will have a limit on participation. Sign-ups will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

NEXT CAST FLYFISHERS

Happy New Year!!

Welcome to our new Next Cast Flyfisher Members!

Central Oregon Sportsmans Show:
March 1-4, 2018; Each year COF runs the trout pond for kids under 12. We provide volunteers to help the kids, along with providing flies to fish with! Our Next Cast members run a shift from 4:00-8:00 on March 1st, let me know if you want to help us and I will add you to the volunteer roster.

NW Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo—
March 9 & 10, 2018; Albany, Oregon. Several Next Cast Flyfishers have been invited to the Expo as demonstration tyers. Additional members are encouraged to attend the Expo to see tyers, vendors, classes and demonstrations. Check out NW Fly Tyers and Fly Fishers Expo at www.nwexpo.com.

3-Day Fly Fishing Camp—June 18, 19, & 20, 2018 at Shevlin Pond. This camp is for all beginners and newer fly fishers (age 10-14), you don’t have to be a Next Cast member to sign up! Registration is through Bend Parks & Recreation and will be available online in March with the summer program catalog. This camp is limited to 12 participants and fills up fast! COF membership is not required!

The Next Cast Flyfishers program provides opportunities and coordinates activities for young fly anglers in the area. We offer fly fishing instruction through classroom activities, fly fishing summer
camps, ongoing COF events, and individually through mentorship and teaching.

Providing these opportunities, young anglers will be exposed to fly fishing and increase their interest and level of involvement.

Please contact me directly if you have questions.
~Karen Kreft, nextcast@coflyfishers.org, 503-409-0148

CONSERVATION

Volunteers Needed: Metolius Redband Spawning Survey

The US Forest Service and ODFW need a handful of volunteers to help with their annual redband spawning surveys on the Metolius this winter. You work one day with a biologist to identify and count redds. The open dates are February 28, April 11, and April 25. A total of 2 volunteers each day is needed, and I took one of the slots on February 28, so don’t delay if you are interested in learning more about the upper Metolius. Contact Nate Dachtler, Fisheries Biologist, Deschutes National Forest, at ndachtler@fs.fed.us or 541-549-7725.

Last Conservation Column:

This is my last column for the COF newsletter. While I will remain a member of the club, I have resigned as Conservation Chair. I will continue to work as hard as ever on the issues I believe need to be addressed. We can’t all hope that someone else will defend our interests as anglers. To that end I have launched Central Oregon Informed Angler (www.coinformedangler.org) where a broader and more in-depth discussion can be had. Take a look if you want to keep abreast of the issues that define your ability to enjoy fly fishing in Central Oregon. It’s just getting started but with all that is happening right now, it will soon be filled with material.

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

LIBRARY

Fishing Mount Hood Country

Mount Hood is at once the most recognizable icon in Oregon and yet it is little known by the multitudes that live in its shadow. This book opens up the fishing opportunity available on the slopes of Wy’East and in the rivers that flow out of its glaciers and gather water from its springs.

In Fishing Mount Hood Country, award-winning authors Gary Lewis and Robert H. Campbell tell tales of water, trails, trout, steelhead and salmon and provide a detailed, thoughtful look at the best fly- and gear fishing. The book is divided into two sections - Western and Eastern - by the Pacific Crest Trail. The story is told in over 40 chapters that contemplate 15 rivers and creeks and 30 still waters, illustrated with over 200 full color photos and maps. Some of the best fishing in the state is found in these rivers and lakes.

Hike the trails that lead to rainbows and cutthroat in remote high country lakes and drift the whitewater for steelhead and salmon.

If you are a club member and would like to peruse the library and/or check out one of our books, just look for the rolling bookcase at the club’s general meeting. The librarian arrives at the meeting early to give members extra time to look for books before the meeting starts.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to email Helen Guerrero-Randall, the club librarian:
library@coflyfishers.org

COF Volunteers needed for Central Oregon Sportsmans Show Trout Pond March 1-4, 2018

Mark your calendars for March 1st (Thursday) through March 4th (Sunday). This is the second largest fundraiser of the year for our club and we need YOUR help! Supervised children have an opportunity to catch BIG trout that are heavily stocked in a large pond. For many, it is their first fish and they get very excited (parents too)! COF volunteers net

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and handle the fish (remove the hook) and generally help the kids. Show sponsors pay the club for our efforts and
volunteers get free admission to the Sportsman Show. 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 a trout!

We need between 6-10 volunteers for each 4-hour shift during the show. Signup sheets will be available at the January and February club meetings.

Please contact Ron Giaier at via e-mail at rongiaier@gmail.com or by phone at (908) 400-2680 for more information or to volunteer.

### EDUCATION

**Net Building Class**

The club will be hosting another net building class January 24th and January 31st, 2018 from 6-8 pm. There are openings for 2 more individuals and then we will start a waiting list. If you are interested at all in building your own beautiful wood net, please send us a note at education@coflyfishers.org. The cost is $40 per person to cover all supplies. This class is for COF members only please.

**Rod Building Class**

The club will be holding another rod building class, limited to 6 individuals. This is your opportunity to learn how to and complete a new fly rod of your choice. The cost depends on the rod blank and components you choose. The first class will be held February 7th at 6 pm, where you will order the components for your rod. This is a mandatory class. The actual rod building classes will be held over 4 consecutive weeks and scheduled on Wednesday evenings, once everyone’s components are in. The class will be in March/April 2018. If you are interested in building a rod, please send education@coflyfishers.org a note. This class is for COF members only. Even if you think you have signed up for the class previously, please send an email. Thanks!

**Winter Seminar 2019**

The COF club will be hosting the bi-annual Winter Seminar in February 2019. We are looking to build a committee to complete all of the logistics for this event. Duties could include administrative typing, spreadsheet, budget tracking, selling tickets, ordering meals, facility logistics, advertising etc. This would take approximately 15-20 hours over the next year. If you are interested in helping out, please contact education@coflyfishers.org. Dalton Miller-Jones is leading this effort and coordinating with the Sunriver Anglers to make this a successful event.

Please Contact Debbie Norton or Dalton Miller-Jones at education@coflyfishers.org if you have more ideas for education classes or pre-meeting education sessions this winter.
WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

What a wonderful time we had at the Wild Women of the Water holiday party! 22 ladies enjoyed each others company while eating, telling fish stories and exchanging wonderful fishy gifts. Thank you to LeeAnn for hosting us all!

Did you know that we have a Wild Women Registry? You can send out a note to this list of women, on short notice, and see if anyone would like to join you on the water. All registered Wild Women will be getting an email talking about our Registry. If you don’t get it, let Kari know. We might not have you in our database.

We are planning another women’s flyfishing 101 class this spring. If you have any lady friends that might be interested, let them know. We’ll be sending out info....

Good luck out on the water!! It may be cold, but those fish still have to eat!!

~Kari Schoessler,
wildwomen@coflyfishers.org

COF WINTER FLY TYING

January is finally here and it’s time for our first COF Winter Fly Tying session on January 9. Plan on coming to the Bend Senior Center every Tuesday night through March 27. We begin at 6:00 pm. This is an opportunity to re-stock your fly box with effective, fishy flies. Each session will be led by an experienced fly tyer who will teach a couple of flies. There will be enough materials available to tie several of each pattern. If you haven’t renewed your membership to COF, now is a good time to complete that task. 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 their first night ($5 fee will apply) and must join COF to participate further.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, I’ve started a new mailing list this year. Please contact me to be sure you receive the weekly fly pattern sheets. Many have already responded to the earlier email I sent to last year’s participants.

Bring your vise, tools, and thread and I’ll supply everything else.

This is not a beginning fly tying class so you will need to know the basics of fly tying. Hope to see you in January!

John Kreft (503-559-3811)
jckreft@gmail.com
FLY FISHING TARGETS WOMEN:

OANOKE, Va. — Kim Brannock became fascinated by fly-fishing after watching “A River Runs Through It,” a 1992 film starring Brad Pitt. Years later, a co-worker taught her to fly-fish during lunch breaks, when she practiced casting underneath the St. Johns Bridge on the Willamette River in Portland, Ore.

“Besides falling in love with Brad Pitt, I fell in love with that cast,” said Brannock, who lives in Bend, Ore., and designs fly-fishing gear for Patagonia. “I was hooked.”

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Read the full article at: https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/10/sports/fly-fishing-women.html
Well, winter sure has arrived with the cold temps. but where is the white coating that we had last year. It is coming we all know that, so get out and let the line fly while you can.

Some great news from this corner, Mr. Bill Seitz has agreed to join the team that presents the “Tyers Corner” each month along with Mike Telford, John Kreft and myself. Bill was one of the original tyers who started this piece for the COF newsletter and he will quote, “present flies that catch fish”. Welcome back Bill…

**Materials:**

**Hook:** light weight scud hook #20 to #12, Daiichi 1130 for example.

**Thread:** Dun or Lt. olive, 14/0

**Tail:** Coq de Leon or micro-fibers

**Body:** Lt. olive, 14/0

**Rib:** Lt. Cahill 14/0 thread twisted tight.

**Post/Loop:** Old 6x tippet material, or tying thread (double up), once you get use to tying the Para loop

**Hackle:** Med. or dark Dun, dry fly hackle and for fun try Med. dun CDC.

**Thorax:** Dk. Dun dry fly dubbing

Note: (find it great practice to make your thorax a little darker than the body)

**Tying Instructions:**

1. Lock in the thread about 2 eye widths from the eye.

2. Tie in a 2 to 3 inch piece of looped tippet with the loop facing over eye of the hook, secure with 3 to 4 wraps and then bring the loop back over the tie in point and tie down again with 3 to 4 wraps of thread over the same spot, now stand the loop up, and neatly trim the butt ends.

3. Tie in the tail material with the tail length 1 ½ times the shank, Note: (if you match the butt ends of the tail and loop materials you will get a smoother platform for the body.

4. Tie in the ribbing thread and then dub a neat tapered body forward to the base of the loop, tie off, bring the twisted rib thread forward and tye it off at the loop.

5. Tie in the hackle feather by the butt end at the base of the loop and body tie off point.

6. Dub a small amount of Dk. Dun dubbing on the tread and take two wraps around the base of the loop and then take and wrap the thorax in front of the loop, finish with the thread at the base of the loop on the eye side of the loop. Make a half-hitch at this point. Note: (build up the thorax to form a bubble for the para-loop to lie on, this allows the hackle to form properly).

7. With your index finger holding the loop up, wind the hackle up the loop 3 to 6 turns and the same back down, now take the thread and wrap 2 turns thru the hackle and around the loop, then take 2 to 3 wraps under the hackle, tie off with a half-hitch.

8. Next open the loop at the top and pull apart slowly and carefully, this will force the hackle down and make for a tighter hackle. Now take the loop forward over the eye and make 2 to 3 soft wraps at the same time pull the on the loop.

“Good Luck and Good Hunting” - Jerry Criss
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. NTE 400# (Optimal weight carrying) $300.00. Call Debbie Norton, 503-510-2767.

For Sale: Generator, Yamaha EF1000, perfect for RV dry camping at your favorite lake or stream, call or email to agree on a value, Peter Martin, pcmartin@bendbroadband.com, 541-388-8956.

Free for your $20 donation to Kokanee Karnival: Mr. Heater infra-red portable heater with a 5-gallon propane tank, (what west-side Steelheaders carry in their drift boat to stay warm), Peter Martin, pcmartin@bendbroadband.com, 541-388-8956.

Members: Got a fishing related item to sell? Ads run one month then can be resubmitted if not sold to classifieds@coflyfishers.org.

OTHER NEWS

2018 Season for East Lake Campgrounds

For those who fish East Lake, planning for where to camp and where to launch your boat will be more difficult for 2018. Forest thinning will impact Cinder Hill and East Lake campgrounds & boat ramps. Current notice on the Recreation.gov website: (blue highlight for clarity)

Attention: Campgrounds in Newberry Caldera will experience short term closures to allow for a tree removal project. Trees in campgrounds that are showing signs of future failure because of insect infestations or disease are being removed to improve visitor safety and forest health. As a result, reservations will be opened for this campground in 2018 only after the trees have been removed. Sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis outside of the closures.

Day use areas such as boat ramps within the campground will also be closed concurrently. Caldera boat ramps not affected are Hot Springs Boat Launch, East Lake Resort and Paulina Lake Lodge.

Area campgrounds including McKay Crossing, Prairie and Ogden Group Camp are not affected and may be reserved seven days a week.”

If you go to the web site and try to reserve a site for Cinder Hill or East Lake campgrounds, all reservation campsites currently read either “N”-Not yet available Or “X”-Not available. This will make the planning for the COF East Lake outing a bit more interesting.

Save the Date- 2018 COF Annual Banquet

Where: Riverhouse Convention Center When: Saturday April 14, 2018 5:15 – 9:00

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 we are asking for your donations of good fishing equipment, flies, handcrafted 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 in the February and March COF newsletters.

~Tom Wideman, 503-330-5505; banquet@coflyfishers.org

RAFFLE

The 9 foot 5 weight fly rod will finally appear at the January meeting for raffle.
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In the Future

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