NORTH -- TO ALASKA!!
Land of the Midnight Sun. Land of the Gold rush. Land of Seward’s Folley. Land of the best fishing in the world presented by RAY IRVIN. Ray is a guide at Kulik Lodge, one of the most famous fishing lodges in Alaska and he will share the beauty and grandeur of Alaska and of the places he works. Originally Angler’s Paradise, this lodge is the model for fly in fishing. Ray lives in Bend in the winter, and many of you will remember him as a guide at the Fly Box. Discover the attraction of Alaskan fishing at the January meeting. Bring a friend! Invite a guest!

RANDOM CASTS
For the last 2 years as the Club President I’ve gotten to "serve" with a number of very outstanding people, met a lot more great folks and have received numerous compliments from both members and "outsiders". I could take up several pages of space recognizing and thanking those that have made this last 2 years a really outstanding experience, but I’ll save that space and approach it a little differently.

When I became the President I told the members of the Board that my belief about what I was to do was really quite simple: first, make sure that the Club meetings followed both a format that the members wanted and a time use that was expected; second, set the agenda and make sure that the Board meeting stuck to the agenda and time allotted; third, make sure to give credit where credit was due and fourth, to take the blame when things went wrong.

Over the past 2 years the first three practices were easy to do and the fourth was not needed.
The members that served on the Board were all that one could ask for, the Committee Chairs did all that was needed and more, and many members stepped forward to help out when help was needed. The best part is I never had to accept the blame for a major error because none took place. This, again, is because of the Board, Chairs and members that helped out.

This type of involvement, and assistance, has resulted not only in the numerous compliments mentioned above but also request from others to help bring their Club up to our level, requests for guidance in how to accomplish what I have accomplished relating to the Club and recognition by many of what our Club represents and its relationships with numerous agencies and organizations.

If you are pleased with how the Club has been operated over the past two years take a look at the names in the Newsletter articles and lists during that same time and let them know what you think. If you have a problem with any of the same areas look me up at a Club meeting and let me know. I'll be doing another year on the Board and will make sure it gets on the agenda for discussion at a Board meeting.

The best part is I know that the incoming Officers and Board members all want the same thing I have been aiming at: A Club that better serves the wants and needs of its members. The future programs and classes are aimed at providing more local knowledge and improving skills and the long-range goals include plans to develop a more solid financial base of operation so the Club can provide more without marked increases in dues. Take the time to get to know these people, share ideas with them, let them know exactly what you want and make the decision to become more involved in the Club.

Here's hoping to see you on the water or at the monthly meetings.

Phil @ COF

NEWSLETTER UPDATE

This may be the last printed copy of the Newsletter that you will receive in the mail! Fear not! If you do not have internet access, the hard copy will be mailed to you as always.

The Newsletter is now available to those with internet access, on the Club website (www.coflyfishers.org), with exactly the same format as the mailed hard copy. If you desire a hard copy, you will be able to print it out for yourself by clicking on the icon on your screen; and you will be able to receive the Newsletter at the same time as it goes to the printer.

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

Tommie Speik
Newsletter Editor, publisher

NEW EASTERN OREGON STEP BIOLOGIST IN RESIDENCE

Jennifer (Jen) Bock was recently named as the new Eastern Oregon STEP Biologist. Jen assumed her new duties on December 2nd. Stop by the Bend ODFW office and welcome her aboard.

Hailing from Vermont, Jen migrated to Oregon several years ago. Jen spent the last four years as a biologist with ODFW’s Aquatic Inventories Project stationed in Corvallis. Her responsibilities included fish habitat inventories and associated reports for streams throughout Eastern Oregon and other areas of the state. Special projects included investigating salmon rearing habitat use in the Salmon River estuary on the Oregon coast and an Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program assignment with the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department.

Welcome, Jen!
Jen was a natural resources instructor at the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department’s Green Mountain Conservation Camp, at Nature’s Classroom in Ivoryton, Connecticut, and at Inner Quest Inc, in Virginia. She served as a volunteer for the Student Conservation Association as a resource assistant and a recruiter. Jen has a Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation Management from the University of Vermont. Reach Jen at 541-388-6363, and by email at Jennifer.A.Bock@state.or.us.

A GOOD READ
For an interesting trout article written by one of the best environmental/outdoor writers in the business, the 12/2002 edition of Audubon magazine contains a thought-
provoking article about efforts being made to halt the rapid disappearance of native cutthroat trout (written by Ted Williams). Williams does a masterful job of describing the value of these trout to the Yellowstone ecosystem, and notes that they are an important source of food for 28 species of birds and mammals. The article also elaborates on the disastrous consequences for other trout species when hatchery-reared fish are stocked (legally and illegally) in different bodies of water. If one is not a member of the National Audubon Society the magazine is available at many libraries.

John Anderson

DESCHUTES RIVER LODGE presents 'Snow-Bound Tier Series II'

SKIP MORRIS
“Tying and Fishing Flies for Western Lakes”

Thursday, February 13, 2003
From 6:30 – 9 PM

2112 NE 4th Street, Bend, OR 97701

$30 Paid in Advance
No Refunds

Contact Jeanene or Dick Stentz
Deschutes River Lodge
(541) 923-4701

Editor's note: I haven’t heard anything for sure, but check with Gordon Chandler about the New Years Day Fishing Outing. His phone number is (541) 504-0709 or his e-mail is Gordon@coinet.com. This has been a regular COF outing for several years.

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 N E 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, January 15, 2003

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

C. E. Francis   Kevin Wooster
Bill Goss      Harley and Judith Homan

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, January 15, 2003
SPECIAL REQUEST

We are having trouble finding good Tips and Tricks to share with our Members. If you know of anything or can suggest something, please e-mail me with the information tspeik@bendcable.com. Also, if you have anything to contribute to the Newsletter - a story - a bit of COF history, photos or tall tales or any other item of interest, your contribution would be most welcome.

Meanwhile here is a tip from the Field and Stream Website www.fieldandstream.com

Presenting the Fly:
Fish often break loose when they take a fly that is presented directly downstream because they get hooked in the weak skin of the lips. Once you have zeroed in on a fish’s location, position yourself so that you can present the fly from a position slightly sideways to the fish. When the fish takes the fly and turns to go back to its lair, the hook will be pulled back into the hinge of the fish’s jaw, where the flesh is strongest.

UPSTREAM EVENTS

JANUARY

Wednesday, Jan. 1, COF Annual Fishing Outing Contact Gordon Chandler 541-504-0709 or Phil Hager 541-317-1075

Thursday, Jan. 2, COF Board Meeting 7 PM Environmental Center in Bend, Oregon

Thursday, Jan. 2, Metolius Redband Redd Count Contact Scott Cotter at 541-549-8874 or scott_cotter@yahoo.com or sacotter@fs.fed.us

Wednesday, Jan. 15, Metolius Redband Redd Count contact ODFW Bend 388-6363

Wednesday, Jan. 15, COF Meeting 7 PM At Association of Board of Realtors building 2114 NE 4th Street Bend, OR 97701

Wednesday, Jan. 29 Metolius Redband Redd Count Contact Nate Dachtler, USFS or Gene McMullen 312-8939

These redband Redd Counts are significantly difficult stream wade and require the participants to have their own chest waders, staff and polarized glasses. They will need to dress for the weather, bring their own lunch and water to drink.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

YourRiver.com - Educational and up to date information

Waterworkswonders.com - A Fish Species Reference of 188 fish gives information and drawings of each type. It includes descriptions and life cycles, where they live, what they eat and much more on each type of fish.

Scott Cotter, a member of COF www.geocities.com/scott_cotter/fishprojects.htm

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The Fly Box • 388-3330
1293 NE 3rd Street, Bend OR 97701
The Patient Angler • 389-6208
55 NW Wall Street, Bend OR 97701
G.I. Joe’s • 388-3773
63455 N Hwy 97, Bend OR 97701
Fly and Field Outfitters • 318-1616
143 SW Century Drive, Ste A,
Bend, OR 97702

CAMP SHERMAN:
Camp Sherman Store • 595-6711
Camp Sherman OR 97730

MADRAS
Numb-Butt Fly Company • 541-325-5515
308 N Hwy 26, Madras OR 97741

REDMOND:
Central Oregon Outdoors • 504-0372
1502 SW Odem, Redmond, OR 97756
Centwise Sporting Goods • 548-4422
498 SW 6th Street, Redmond OR 97754

SISTERS:
The Fly Fishers Place • 549-3474
151 W Main Avenue, Sisters OR 97759

SUNRIVER:
The Hook Fly Shop • 593-2358 Sunriver
Village Mall, Bldg. 21, Sunriver OR97707
Sunriver Fly Shop • 593-8814
56805 Venture Lane, Sunriver OR 97707
COF COMMITTEES 2003

The Central Oregon Flyfishers Board is restructuring the Functions of the Board to better suit the needs of the Club for the year 2003 and beyond. The Board will have five committees: Finance, Development, Audit, Nominating and Public Relations. Each of these Committees will be headed by a Board Member. The Club Committees and their Chairman will each be responsible to the appropriate Board Member. This restructuring is still being finalized by the Board.

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DUES Please check those that apply

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New Member $36
Renewal by 12/31 $30
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Associate Member
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(Outside Crook, Deschutes
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