First of all, I would like to introduce the new COF board of directors members: Frank McKim, our new treasurer, Carl Sanders, our program coordinator, and Max Johnson, who will serve as our new Kokanee Karnival liaison and serve on the conservation committee. Dan Driskill will stay with us as ex-officio President and Board member. For your information, included in this newsletter is a list of current COF committees and responsibilities. We plan to post this list on the COF web site so members can contact the right member to get updates, volunteer their services, or suggest new activities as necessary.

In 2003, under Dan Driskill’s leadership, COF made several changes, including adding two new overnight outings, started fly tying get-to-gathers during the winter months, initiating a woman’s program (Wild Woman of the Water), and revising the monthly newsletter. Also, our membership grew from about 145 in 2003 to 192 at last count.

We plan to continue these programs in 2004 along with some new activities:

1. An expanded educational program for new and "expert" fly-fishers. The Rick Hafele entomology class is one example. Ron Anderson is developing this program.
2. Closely coordinate the outings, the monthly program and the educational activities. An example is the Metolius outing in October. Harry Harbin and Ron Anderson provided local information and tips on fishing the Metolius.
3. In addition to continuing some overnight outings (Canadian trip and Steen’s Mountain), Dave Dunahay is developing one or more "private water" fishing outings.
4. Several "name" speakers will be brought in for the monthly meetings, along with a greater emphasis on local knowledge. Carl Sanders is coordinating this program.
5. We are developing a revised Kokanee Karnival organization to allow this activity to grow and expand. The committee developing this reorganization plan includes Ron Anderson, Neal Buxton, Dave Dunahay, Dan Driskill, Phil Hager and Mark Reisinger.

Finally, remember that the COF annual banquet will be on February 7. The banquet committee is working hard, and I expect the results will be fantastic! See you there.

Happy Fishing
Neal

CENTRAL OREGON FLYFISHERS
ANNUAL BANQUET
"TIGHT LINES AND ENDLESS HATCHES"

It’s back! The COF annual celebration to recognize those who have given so much to make COF a successful organization is back again. Our theme, "Tight Lines and Endless Hatches", celebrates the sport we love, and suggests a direct relationship between sport and life.

Our format will be similar to last year’s event. We’ll start at 6:00 PM with socializing and hors d’oeuvres, followed by a great dinner at 7:15. COF will provide the ice, soft drinks, water, and glasses, but beyond that it’s BYOB. Please label your stuff to avoid confusion. Our menu is excellent once again: BBQ Tri Tip and Chicken with all the trimmings, plus dessert. Plus we’ve been able to keep the cost the same as last year - $20 per person.

Pat Windsor from Windsor Photography will follow the meal with a slide show of his work throughout the West. This is a program with rave reviews from other organizations, and the program will appeal to fly fishers and non fly fishers alike. See Pat’s bio in the next article.

Next up, we will recognize those members who have made significant contributions to the club during the last year, including "Fly Fisher of the Year", the "Outstanding Service Award", and the "Rose Awards". Please take time afterward to thank these people who are instrumental in making the club work so well.

A highlight once again will be the opportunity to participate in the silent auction, door prizes, and raffle items. Plus, we’ll have the nametag drawing to award the fly rod. All the proceeds help to support the many club activities that benefit our members and the community.

Please, if you have items to donate that will work well in a raffle or auction, contact Mark Reisinger at 389-4124 or banquet chair Earl Rettig at 330-9670. We need and appreciate your help.

The banquet will be held at Aspen Hall in Shevlin Park, Saturday, February 7th, 2004 with a 6:00PM social hour and dinner at 7:15. Please clip the coupon near the end of this newsletter and mail it with your check for $20.00 per person to COF, PO Box 1126, Bend, Oregon 97709. Mail by January 28th and be entered in a special "early bird" prize drawing.

PATRICK T. WINDSOR
2004 BANQUET SPEAKER

My passion for photography began as a young man while living in the ski town of Park City, Utah. Equipped with an old Nikon 35mm camera and one lens, I began taking pictures while on many of my outdoor adventures. I photographed everything from flowers to fly-fishing. I didn’t know it then, but I had begun my life’s work behind the camera.

In 1988 I moved to Bend, Oregon, and got a job as a photographer for the Sunriver Resort. I photographed white water raft trips on the Deschutes River, and special outdoor events. For the first time, I realized I could make money with my camera.

In the spring of 1990, I left Bend and moved to Seattle, Washington, and enrolled in the Art institute of Seattle’s commercial photography program to further my education and to pursue my passion for the art of photography. In December of 1990, I was driving along a rural highway outside Belfair, Washington, where I noticed a fire burning along the roadside. I pulled my truck over to see what was burning, and inadvertently stepped on a high voltage power line and was electrocuted.

Four days later, on Christmas Eve and my 27th birthday, I woke up in the hospital with no idea what had happened to me. As it turned out, I received 3rd degree burns over 30 percent of my body, along with the amputation of my right leg below the knee. I spent three months in the burn unit in Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, and another 6 months in rehabilitation, strength training and learning to walk again. During my recovery, I returned to Bend, where I was cared for by my loving mother and many friends and family. My recovery went well, and in July of 1991 I
returned to school with a new outlook on my life and my future. I received my degree in commercial photography in September of 1992, and graduated with honors in the top 1% of my class.

Shortly after graduation, I returned to Central Oregon, where I presently live with my two Labrador retrievers in a little log cabin on the Deschutes River. I have a small studio at my home, where I operate my outdoor photography business and produce my work for local art galleries and art shows. When I am not behind the camera, you will probably find me behind a fly rod, and often both. When I am not shooting photographs, I am working as a fly-fishing guide and instructor on the many beautiful waters throughout Central Oregon.

I have traveled to many beautiful locations with my camera, and I feel very fortunate to make a living fulfilling my life’s passion. My hope is that you will find beauty in the images I have created, and enjoy the view through the window through which I see the world.

Particularly in light of the interest that COF has in the Crooked River and its tributaries, Larry is obviously one of Central Oregon’s “heavy hitters” in areas that concern fly fishermen. Please bring your questions and concerns, and expect a far ranging discussion with this important guest speaker.

Larry Timchak

WORKSHOPS FOR 2004

We are planning several workshops for COF members during 2004. Our goal is to provide useful programs for all levels of skill and knowledge, and we are attempting to keep the cost as low as possible. Each workshop will have a minimum and maximum number of participants. These workshops are in the planning stage:

"Streamside Entomology with Rick Hafele” (May 1st).
This class is full and a waiting list is being developed.
One Day Fly Fishing School for Women - June
Spey Casting - tentatively early August
Advanced Casting Techniques
Beginning Casting and Individual Coaching

In addition, COF will develop a mentoring program to provide opportunity for individual coaching and help from experienced COF fly fishers.

The 2004 Education Chair, Ron Anderson, would appreciate suggestions for other programs of interest to you. Give him a call at 312-0013.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A special welcome to new members! Look for board members with their green and white nameplates at the next meeting if you have any questions or special interests, and look up Delores Marsh, our Member Services committee chairperson at the back of the room if you have any membership issues, and to pick up your membership packet.
We received the following note from Robert Maddox:

"I grew up fly fishing with my Dad and Grandfather in Central Oregon. Some of my fondest memories are of sitting next to my grandfather, while he taught me how to tie my first fly. Unfortunately, as I grew older, my life took me further and further away from fly fishing, and I've parted with my vices and other tying equipment.

Now that my son is getting older, and my career more stable, I'm being drawn back to the sport. It's been long enough, though, that I've forgotten most of what I once knew about tying, and the "art of the cast." I'm hoping by becoming an active member of the club, I can recapture what I enjoyed so much, and pass that on to my children."

BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGED

Due to a holiday conflict, the January Board Meeting will be held January 8, 2004 instead of January 1, 2004.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER!

Wouldn't you hate to miss all of the projects and events discussed in this newsletter for 2004? Then don't forget to renew your membership for 2004! Use the form at the end of the newsletter and mail it in with your payment.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AVAILABLE

Check the list of committees for unassigned positions. Neal Buxton would love to hear from you if you can fill one of these slots!

WILD WOMEN AT IT AGAIN!

Wild Women of the Water present "What to Wear? What to Buy?" Join us for an entertaining evening as Peter Bowers, owner of The Patient Angler, keeps his store open late exclusively for Wild Women. He'll show us what's hot and what's not in fly fishing gear for women. From rods and reels to waders and vests, and all the accessories in between, it's in this store! Tired of those baggy waders and clunky oversized wading shoes? Now's your chance to find out about companies that make gear designed for women. Can't decide between a 7 and 9 foot rod? Which reel? Chest pack or vest? What about all those GADGETS? And how much will this cost? Don't let this discourage you from presenting a proposal to the board, you will always be welcome.

FISHING BUDDY NEEDED

Member David Mark is scouting for a fishing buddy, and is able to fish mid week. Why not get in touch and see if you could try a little fishing together? 322-6402, dmark@bendcable.com

BANQUET RESERVATION

Please complete the following, attach your check for $20 per person, and mail to COF at PO Box 1126, Bend, Oregon 97709. We need a headcount for the caterer, and those who pay by January 28th will be entered in a special "early bird" prize drawing.

Please print clearly the following:

Name __________________________________________________________
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Mailing Address _____________________________________________
City/State/Zip _______________________________________________
Telephone _____________________________
Amount enclosed @ $20 per person ______________
# 2004 COF OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

**OFFICERS:**

- **President**  Neal Buxton
- **Vice President** Dave Dunahay
- **Treasurer** Frank McKim
- **Secretary** Lyle Kearns

**COMMITTEES and RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- **Audit** Frank McKim
- **Newsletter** Harry Harbin, Terri Grimm backup
- **Nominating** Dave Dunahay
- **FFF representation** Phil Hager
- **Programs** Carl Sanders (chair)
- **(education)** Ron Anderson (education)
- **(outings)** Dave Dunahay (outings)
- **Outings** Dave Dunahay
- **Education** Ron Anderson (chair)
- **Unassigned** (casting instructions program)
- **Legislation** Gene McMullen, Lyle Kearns
- **Web Site** Gordon Chandler, Harry Harbin, Terri Grimm backup
- **Record Keeping** Harry Harbin, Lyle Kearns
- **Historian** Rex Harrison
- **Canadian Fish Outing** Gordon Chandler, Bob Griffin
- **Fly Tying Expo** Phil Havens
- **Picnic** John Burns (chair), Bob Griffin
- **Banquet** Earl Rettig (chair), Mark Reisinger, Bob Griffin, Dan Driskill, Delores Marsh, Judy Harbin, Sandy Dunahay, Dennis McMahon
- **Wild Woman Events** Delores Marsh, Sandy Dunahay
Awards Committee  Rex Harrison (30 hr. awards & fly fisher of year)
   Don Johnson
   Bob Griffin
Oregon Council FFF  Dan Driskill (chair)
OCFFF 2005 Conclave  Phil Hager
   Carol Driskill
Policy & Procedures  Terri Grimm
Upper Deschutes  Herb Blank
Water Enhancement Board
Metolius Bamboo Rod Event  Carl Sanders
Member Services  Delores Marsh
Monthly Mtg. Raffle  Carl Sanders, Tom Philiben
   Unassigned
COF Library  Dave Dunahay
   Bob Griffin
Fly Tying Tuesdays  Phil Havens
   Carl Sanders (backup)
Sports Show Fish Tank  Phil Hager
   Tom Philiben
Conservation  Phil Havens (chair)  fed/state agency coordination, stream side
   Gene McMullen  cleanup
   Lyle Kearns
   Max Johnson
Special Deschutes  Harry Harbin, Doyle Goolsby, unassigned
River Project

KOKANEE KARNIVAL RESPONSIBILITIES:
COF Representatives  unassigned (chair of KK BOARD)
To "new" KK Board  Mark Reisinger
Treasurer  Frank McKim (COF responsibility)
Fund Raising  Mark Reisinger (COF responsibility)
Angling Clinic  Phil Hager
Fish Dissection  Tom Walker
Fish Eggs to Fry  Terri Grimm
Fall Streamside  Kurt Boettger
Recruit new KK Coordinator  Dan Driskill
KK Reorganization Committee  Dan Driskill (chair)
   Neal Buxton
   Dave Dunahay
   Mark Reisinger
   Phil Hager
   Ron Anderson
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