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GENERAL MEETING SLACK LINE STRATEGIES

John Judy

**January 19
6:30-8:30PM**

Central Oregon
Board of Realtors

TUESDAY FLY TYING

**January 4, 11, 18, 25
6:30-8:30PM**

Bend Trap Club
61400 Brosterhous Road

KOKANEE KARNIVAL VOLUNTEER TRAINING DAY

Learn Fish Eggs to Fry!

January 25

Contact Jen Bock at
Jennifer.A.Bock@state.or.us

RANDOM CASTS

As we close the year and begin leadership changes on the board of directors, it is always good to reflect and anticipate the clubs future direction. We are losing Earl Rettig, Phil Havens and Dan Driskill. Neal Buxton, as past president, becomes a non voting member. These four have contributed countless hours to our steady improvement and growth. We thank you.

Delores Marsh and Ron Anderson were reelected to the board, along with Bob Cooper, Dave Semich, and Linda Cheney. Under Delores' leadership, the Wild Woman of the Water continues to grow and has profoundly changed the club to everyone's benefit. Ron is bringing a wide range of classes to the membership, and the educational opportunities are one of the reasons the club is growing. If you continue to over-subscribe the offerings, we will add sessions. Our volunteer hours on conservation projects have hit new highs. This is a great way to get outdoors and "give back" to the rivers and streams.

The club is now 220 strong, and we have experienced tremendous growth in the last three years. It is important that we plan and manage our growth so that members feel that they are a part of the club and not just a number. At its planning retreat, the board set goals and objectives to help guide us. We know that communications is the key to keeping ourselves informed about activates and opportunities, so the website is being redesigned to bring more current and better information. Classes are being added, and outings are being restructured to reach more members. The new club trailer will be available for the outings. We plan to increase the number of "regional"

experts on the program agendas starting with John Judy in January. Once again, we will try to get the library on line so it can be used. We are becoming too large for our present location, and other meeting sites are being considered.

The Kokanee Karnival is getting stronger and is in an excellent financial position. The reconstituted KK Board, led by Mark Reisinger, is bringing focus and renewed energy. Wolf tree, which provides similar programs at the high school level, has been added as a partner.

I look forward to serving as President for 2005. With your support and suggestions we can have another great year. Continued good fishing in 2005! – Dave Dunahay

SLACK LINE STRATEGIES

John Judy will be our guest speaker for the January program. John is a COF member, and was one of the original founders of Oregon Trout. He has been a guide on the Deschutes and the Metolius Rivers for longer than he wants to tell me. He lives in Camp Sherman right by the beautiful but difficult to fish Metolius River. Some of you may have enjoyed and learned from his discussion at a club outing along the Metolius a short time ago when he gave some great pointers on fishing the gin clear water there.

John's talk this month will be on fishing with 'Slack Line Strategies', which is also the name of his book on the topic. Most of you already know John from just talking with him at the meetings or booking him for a guided trip. Come and talk with this very likeable and knowledgeable guy before the meeting, watch and listen to his program, and go home with a better chance of catching those large and finicky fish that have been refusing your offerings in the past.

WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

With true multi-tasking efficiency, Wild Women of the Water held their first annual holiday potluck/get-together/yearly planning session in

early December. This meeting had something for everyone! Anne Hutchison announced the upcoming Dickens Christmas Stroll in downtown Bend, an event in which she invested an enormous number of volunteer hours to plan and organize. Anne also distributed posters (designed by Terri Grimm) for the event.

Some suggestions for 2005 include establishing a mentor program, holding a fly fishing school at the beginning and advanced levels, organizing an over-night trip on the Metolius, continuing monthly meetings, and recruiting more volunteer hosts for monthly meetings and outings. The meeting ended with a Kokanee Karnival PowerPoint presentation by Terri Grimm, and a fly grab bag.

In January, Wild Women will help with the COF monthly meeting, which includes a special presentation by local expert John Judy. Wild Women will greet members and assist John while he answers questions about his book "Slackline Strategies for Fly Fishing". To help with the January meeting, or host a future meeting/outing, contact Delores Marsh (ladyd@bendcable.com) or Terri Grimm (sonata@teleport.com).

IT'S BAAAACK! TUESDAY FLY TYING

OK, no more excuses. The kids have gone back home, the presents have been put away (or broken) and the decorations are coming down. This is the middle of winter and the perfect time to tie up some flies to fill those fly boxes.

As recently as January 1 at the Crooked River New Year's Day Outing, I was listening to the moaning about empty fly boxes. So come on down to the Bend Trap Club any Tuesday this month for a little fellowship and fly tying. The fun starts at 6:30PM and lasts about two hours.

If you are a beginner, it is not too late to come down for a few lessons to get you started. We have tools to loan and enough material for your first few flies.

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.

Nancy Breuner	Brad Chalfant
Marvin Elgin	Don Johnson
Chuck Sanders	Rex Urich
Jo Ussery	

CHANGE IS IN THE WIND!

Perhaps you noticed a few differences in the format for this month's "Central Oregon Flyfisher". Or maybe you didn't. At any rate, the Central Oregon Flyfishers' web site will soon be re-launched with a totally new look, containing current information on programs, schedules, club leadership etc. of interest to both existing club members and new visitors to the site. The look of the "Flyfisher" and the web site will be coordinated to appear similar, and this is the start.

If you have any comments on the new appearance of the "Flyfisher", the desired revisions to the web site, or would be interested in a small roll in maintaining and updating the website, please contact the editor, Harry Harbin, at 388-8841.

WELCOME BACK GORDON!

As many of you heard, our own Gordon Chandler was stricken while in Guatemala by Guillain-Barre Syndrome, which resulted in his almost complete paralysis. Gordon returned to Bend on Friday, December 24, and is now at the Central Oregon Health Care Center on Highway 20 just to the East of Pilot Butte. Gordon arrived safely, on time - his luggage following behind. He is in fine spirits, looks good and very happy to have a lot of English speakers around to talk to. If he was sitting in a recliner you would not know that he was not the way he was before he left. His doctors said that his

recovery was way ahead of schedule and that he was doing extremely well. He has good movement in his right hand and arm, with less ability on the left side. He is still bed or wheelchair bound. The Guatemala hospital was first class, and he received excellent state of the art care with excellent attention from the US Embassy in Guatemala.

Gordon would no doubt be happy to see visitors, particularly those with fly fishing stories to tell.

COF members owe Gordon a great deal for his leadership of the British Columbia outing each year in June, and for his beginning fly fishing classes offered through Parks and Recreation each spring. Stop by and say "Welcome Back". (We may need more help with the beginning fly fishing classes if Gordon is still in a wheelchair!)

GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEMS (GPS) WORKSHOP

Ever wanted to hike cross country to a favorite fishing spot and explore new areas with added confidence? This GPS workshop can get you started!

Art McEldowney, a COF member, has agreed to give an introductory workshop on use of the GPS. Art has taught this workshop for years, and can help you get comfortable with or enhance your use of this handheld tool. Here is the scoop:

Class:	GPS, An Introduction
Class level:	All
Date/Time:	Saturday, January 29, 2005 1-5pm
Location:	Central Oregon Environmental Center, 16 NW Kansas Avenue, Bend
Content:	Introduction to the GPS and its uses
Cost:	\$25.00
Class size:	Maximum 20 members
Equipment:	Bring your GPS if you have one or look over a variety to help you make a choice.
Sign up:	Call Carl Cavallo at 617-0211 or email: fishincarl@yahoo.com

JANUARY 1, 2005

NEW YEAR ON THE CROOKED!

A new year, a filling breakfast, and a beautiful but cold winter day would well describe this year's January 1 outing to the Crooked River. About 10 COF members and visitors met at Bend's Back Bear Diner for a hearty breakfast and conversation before rendezvousing at Cobble Rock campground on the Crooked River.

The day started out cold and remained so through the afternoon. A few sun breaks here and there warmed the hands and offered up some nice moments. Fishing started out slow then seemed to pick up about 1:00. A few rainbows were caught but whitefish made up most of the catch. Morning fishing was hit and miss, with a few fish caught on serendipities, leeches, and scuds. There was little to no action on the surface. As the afternoon rolled on, scuds in the deep slots seemed to be the ticket as the action picked up. Overall, the fishing was slow for the Crooked, but the company couldn't have

been better and it was a day well spent. But then again, aren't they all when you are on the river? Don't forget to buy your 2005 fishing license. All of the outing participants now have theirs! – Carl Sanders

PHOTOS WOW STARBUCKS!

As many of you know, COF members provided a photo display in the downtown Bend Starbucks during the month of December. Gene McMullen, the leader of the effort, reports that a long time employee told him how great the pictures were (without him asking), and that they had a tremendous positive response from the public about the pictures.

The day manager stated that this display was the best they have had, and was a favorite of the employees. He also said that the former area manager was in the other day and told him it was the best display Starbucks has ever had in Bend.

Your effort is appreciated!

KOKANEE KORNER

**KOKANEE KARNIVAL AND COF
THANK COEC**

COF has been a member of the Central Oregon Environmental Center (COEC) for several years, and has received many benefits from this valuable relationship. COEC member groups have the opportunity to use dedicated meeting space (we hold our monthly COF Board of Directors meetings there), available office space and office equipment, plus outlets for communication including their newsletter and web site. In addition, we participate in COEC sponsored fundraising events like the spring Salmon Run where we receive additional publicity for COF and our Kokanee Karnival Youth Education Program. Because of our commitment to their programs and sharing their philosophy of protecting and enhancing our local environment, we have received several thousands of dollars in

donations over the years in support of Kokanee Karnival.

Most recently, in 2004 COEC has donated \$1,800 in support of the Kokanee Karnival Fish Eggs to Fry Program. This is a classroom project where students incubate and hatch salmon or trout eggs and eventually release them into an approved local water body. Students learn about fish habitat, life cycles, scientific technique, and they apply stewardship, math and graphing skills by calculating and plotting water temperature to control egg development. This project models events that occur in a redd in a natural stream.

Without the financial support of organizations like COEC we wouldn't be able to include many of our participating classrooms. We recently added four new classes to Fish Eggs to Fry, and COEC funding paid for chillers for three of them. The chiller is a

critical piece of equipment required to keep water temperature in the aquarium at a relatively constant temperature. Unfortunately, these chillers cost approximately \$600 each, so we are very thankful for the continued support of COEC.

COF and the producing partners of the Kokanee Karnival Youth Education Program say:

Thank you Central Oregon Environmental Center!

KOKANEE KARNIVAL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

The Kokanee Karnival Youth Education Program has successfully completed two program activities since the beginning of the new school year in September. We had eight classrooms attend the Fall Streamside and Hatchery Experience at Browns Creek and the Fall River Hatchery. In October, we delivered fish eggs to twelve Central Oregon 4th and 5th grade classrooms in support of the Fish Eggs to Fry program. In support of these two activities, sixty volunteers from the five Kokanee Karnival producing partners showed up to help out one way or another, and we thank each and every one of you. So far it's been one of our better years for new volunteers, and we sincerely appreciate the additional help. Wouldn't you like to join the fun?

For those of you who are interested, we have several more opportunities to come out and see what all the excitement is about. In late January or early February (depending on egg availability) we need volunteers to deliver eggs to 26 classrooms. This is a good way to introduce yourself to the program because there is no prior knowledge or training required, and it will only require a few hours of your time.

April and May are our busiest months because we have three different program activities scheduled and we need a lot of volunteer support. Classroom Fish Dissection sessions require people to deliver and dissect the fish. Classroom Angler Education will hold certification classes in February or March in preparation for classroom work in April and

May. Finally, during the last week in April is the Spring Angling Clinic which runs for four days at Shevlin Pond. If you are interested in helping out or just want a little more information please contact the following people:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Number</u>
Fish Eggs to Fry	Terri Grimm	318-0567
Fish Dissection	Mark Reisinger	389-4124
Angler Education	Bob Mullong	389-4372
Angling Clinic	Mark Reisinger	389-4124

FISH EGGS TO FRY

CLASSROOM PROJECT UPDATE

Steve Williams did more than Christmas shopping during December. Steve built 3 dozen extraordinary new floating egg trays for the Fish Eggs to Fry classroom project. With dovetailed joints and precision craftsmanship, Steve has clearly set a new standard for egg tray construction! Steve also built several racks that fit into the ODFW-STEP coolers. These racks will prevent the eggs from coming in direct contact with ice and melted ice water during transport from the hatchery.

Thanks to Dan Driskill's soldering skill, one Glacier chiller has a new temperature probe. The chiller is ready to return to service in the classroom.

The next egg delivery will occur on February 15. If you would like to pick up fish eggs at Oak Springs Hatchery, deliver eggs to classrooms, or give a 15-minute classroom presentation, contact Terri Grimm (318-0567 or sonata@teleport.com).

KOKANEE KARNIVAL VOLUNTEER TRAINING DAY

On Tuesday, January 25, Jen Bock, the Eastern Oregon ODFW-STEP Biologist, will hold a KK Volunteer Training Day. If you would like to learn how to give a 15-minute classroom presentation, deliver fish eggs to classrooms, or set up a classroom aquarium and chiller, then mark this date on your calendar now! This informal training session will be an excellent way to learn more about the Fish Eggs to Fry Classroom Project. For details, contact Jen Bock at Jennifer.A.Bock@state.or.us.

UPSTREAM EVENTS – 2005

January:	1	New Year's Breakfast and Crooked River Outing, Dave Dunahay
	6	COF Board of Directors Meeting, Dave Dunahay
	12, 26	Metolius Redd Counts
	19	COF General Membership Meeting, John Judy, "Slack Line Strategies"
	25	Kokanee Karnival Volunteer Training Day, Jen Bock
February:	29	Class, GPS, Art McEldowney
	4, 11, 18, 25	Tuesday Fly Tying, Carl Sanders
	3	COF Board of Directors Meeting, Dave Dunahay
	9, 23	Metolius Redd Counts
	16	COF General Membership Meeting, Judith O'Keefe Slideshow, Bone Fishing in Baja
March:	26	COF Banquet, Earl Rettig
	1, 8, 15, 22	Tuesday Fly Tying, Carl Sanders
	3	COF Board of Directors Meeting, Dave Dunahay
	3-6	Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show, Kid's Fishing Pond, Keith Davis
	16	COF General Membership Meeting, Dave Dunahay
April:	19	Outing, Metolius River, Harry Harbin
	26	Class, Single Handed Spey Casting, John Judy
	26	FFF Fly Tying Expo, Eugene
	7	COF Board of Directors Meeting, Dave Dunahay
	11	Class, Solving Common Casting Problems, Jeff Perrin
May:	18	Class, Solving Common Casting Problems for Women Only, Jeff Perrin
	20	COF General Membership Meeting, Scott Cook, Bass on the Fly in Central Oregon
	20	Outing, Haystack Reservoir
	23	Class, Advanced Casting Instruction, Fred Foisset
	25	Class, Distance Casting – Double Haul, Other Dates as Needed, Peter Bowers
June:	26-29	Kokanee Karnival Spring Angling Clinic, Mark Reisinger
	30	Class, Stillwater Fishing Clinic, Fred Foisset
	5	COF Board of Directors Meeting, Dave Dunahay
	13, 14	Outing, Davis Lake Bass, Earl Rettig
	18	COF General Membership Meeting, John Shewey, Summer Steelhead Fishing
July:	25	Class, Fishing the Salmon Fly Hatch, Hanson
	2	COF Board of Directors Meeting, Dave Dunahay
	4	Class, Women's Fly Fishing School – Basic, Steve Light
	5	Class, Women's Fly Fishing School – Advanced, Steve Light
	15	COF General Membership Meeting, Dave Dunahay
August:	16-25	Outing, British Columbia, Gordon Chandler, Bob Griffin
	19	Outing, John Day River, Merle Hummer and Smallmouth Bass
	7	COF Board of Directors Meeting, Dave Dunahay
	20	COF General Membership Meeting, Dave Dunahay
	22-24	Outing, Chewaucan River
September:	4	COF Board of Directors Meeting, Dave Dunahay
	17	COF Picnic in Lieu of Meeting, Dick Stentz
	19-21	Outing, Lower Deschutes, Steelhead and Trout, Neal Buxton
	1	COF Board of Directors Meeting, Dave Dunahay
	1	Class, Two Handed Spey Casting, John Judy
October:	20-23	Kokanee Karnival Fall Streamside, Mark Reisinger
	21	COF General Membership Meeting, Dave Dunahay
	24	Outing, Gold Lake, Rainbows and Brookes, Bob Cooper
	6	COF Board of Directors Meeting, Dave Dunahay
	15	Outing, East Lake
November:	19	COF General Membership Meeting, Dave Dunahay
	3	COF Board of Directors Meeting, Dave Dunahay
	16	COF General Membership Meeting, Dave Dunahay
	1	COF Board of Directors Meeting, Dave Dunahay
	21	COF General Membership Meeting, Dave Dunahay

The following information is used in the roster. Include all contact data and other interests that you wish to have appear in the roster. Print legibly using block letters, all caps.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	OCCUPATION (PAST OR CURRENT)	
SPOUSE'S FIRST NAME	SPOUSE'S LAST NAME IF DIFFERENT	HOME PHONE	
HOUSE NUMBER	STREET	WORK PHONE	EXT
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	
EMAIL ADDRESS			

How do you want to receive the COF monthly newsletter? E-mail saves big \$\$ (Check one.) Email US Postal Service
Why did you join COF? (Check all that apply. List other interests on reverse.)

Acquire more knowledge Find fishing partner Volunteer for projects Improve technique Social functions

You must sign this release EACH year when you renew to attend or participate in club activities.

LIABILITY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

As a condition of membership or of participation in any activity encouraged or publicized by The Central Oregon Flyfishers, I voluntarily assume all risks of my participation. In acknowledgement that I am doing so entirely upon my own initiative, risk and responsibility, I do hereby for myself, heirs, executors, and administrators agree to remise, fully release, hold harmless, and forever discharge The Central Oregon Flyfishers, all its officers, board members and volunteers, acting officially or otherwise, from any and all claims, demands, actions or causes of actions, on account of my death or on account of any injury to me or my property that may occur from any cause whatsoever while participating in any such COF activity.

I acknowledge that I have carefully read this hold harmless and release agreement, and fully understand that it is a release of liability. I further acknowledge that I am waiving any right I may have to bring legal action to assert a claim against The Central Oregon Flyfishers for its negligence.

I have read the above statement and agree to its terms as a condition of my membership in The Central Oregon Flyfishers.

X _____
SIGNED BY PRINT NAME MONTH DAY YEAR

X _____
SIGNED BY PRINT NAME MONTH DAY YEAR

DUES SCHEDULE

Memberships are renewable on January 1 of each year. New members joining prior to June 1 shall pay a full year's dues of \$36. New members joining after June 1 shall pay a prorated amount according to the chart below. New members who reside outside Deschutes County shall pay \$12.

THE MONTH YOU ARE JOINING	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
THE DUES YOU PAY (\$)	18	15	12	9	6	3

RETURN THIS FORM Mail or deliver this form and your check payable to The Central Oregon Flyfishers to the membership chairman. Forms unaccompanied by dues payment or that lack signature, name, or date on the liability release statement are considered invalid and will be returned to sender.

The Central Oregon Flyfishers
Membership Chairman
PO Box 1126
Bend, OR 97709

FLY FISHING HELP

The following COF members have volunteered to answer fly fishing questions or to provide help for members of COF. If you don't see what you need, call Ron Anderson at 312-0013.

<u>AREA</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>PHONE/EMAIL</u>
Aquatic Insects	John Anderson Doyle Goolsby	385-8693 548-2202
Beginning Fly Fishing	Tom McLaughlin	617-1877
Equipment	Earl Rettig Phil Havens	330-9670 330-1454
Fly Tying	Dan Driskill Carl Sanders	388-1572 548-0870
Knots/Leaders/Lines	Bob Griffin	389-2070
Nymphing	Max Johnson	330-1465
Places to Fish	Ron Anderson Phil Hager	312-0013 317-1075
Women's Fly Fishing	Delores Marsh Terri Grimm	382-7595 318-0567

