For me the year 2006 ended with a chance to try something new. My mother-in-law lives in Satellite Beach, Florida and that is where I am as I write this article (December 21). My wife Nancy and I are here visiting her for the Christmas Holiday. The holiday seasons are times to be spent with your relatives, but I did sneak away for one day of fishing!

I met the husband of a friend of my mother-in-law while down here a few years ago. I called Skip a month or so ago to see if he would like to go fishing one day while I was visiting and he set up a day of fishing for the both of us on Mosquito Lagoon with a friend of his. Capt. Frank took us out for a day of sight fishing for Redfish and big Sea Trout. We left at dawn and took off north to the Lagoon. We ended up going to a section that was very shallow and Frank had to do a lot of poling to get us back in to his spot.

As he poled, I looked around at the totally different environment that I had put myself into. It was 11 degrees when we boarded the plane just a few days ago in Redmond - and right now it was 79! There was only about a foot of water above the weeds and then another 12 inches of weeds to the bottom. Not very deep! The sun played hide-n-seek behind the clouds which made it very hard to see well into the water.

We were busting large sea trout close to the boat. I couldn't see them until they swam away at great speeds making huge wakes in the shallow water. Frank said to take in some slack line, because by the time we would spot the fish I would only be making around a 25 foot cast. PROBLEM! I had just put on a 12 foot leader - my rod is 9 1/2 feet long + it's an 8 wt. fast action Sage XP. Do the math! It doesn't load very well with less than 5 feet of fly line out the tip top. The wind didn't help this fresh water fisherman any either.

I would like to say that we did well - but - it was a fishless day. Frank put me on some fish and I blew it. I botched at least three chances that I can still remember (the brain blocks out painful memories). But I do remember that Frank put me on some big redfish, Frank and Skip were pleasant company for the day, the scenery was really different and interesting, and all in all, it was a very good day.      - Dave Semich    President

“Many men go fishing all of their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after.”

Henry David Thoreau
**January 17th General Membership Meeting**

Diamond Lake – What’s going on with what use to be one of the best trout lakes in Oregon. Dave Loomis, O.D.F.W. agent form the Roseburg office is going to bring us up to date. Dave is the Incident Commander for the Diamond Lake Restoration Project. Recently Diamond Lake was treated with Rotenone to get rid of the Tui Chub, pronounced (too-ee chub), scrap fish that had successfully competed with trout to the point where the trout were in real trouble. Dave will tell us how successful the project is going and if Diamond Lake water levels will be ready for the 2007 trout season.

- Don Schnack

**Kokanee Karnival/ODFW’s Angler & Aquatic Ed. Program Needs You**

Remember the thrill of landing your first fish? Do you have a passion for fishing that you would like to pass on to others? Have you been anxious to help our Kokanee Karnival Kids by volunteering some of your time? Then this opportunity is perfect for you!

The Angler and Aquatic Education Program is a certified training program that teaches:

* Angling Skills
* Angler Ethics and Responsibilities
* Water Safety
* Basic Understanding of Aquatic Ecology

ODFW is offering a training course for potential instructors on Saturday, January 27th at Bend’s Summit High School. This training will provide you with the knowledge and skills you need to pass on your passion for angling. If this sounds like a way in which you would like to give something back to the sport, please contact Bob Mullong, aka Capt. Caddis, Deschutes County Area Coordinator, at 541 389-4372 (email: capt@bendnet.com) or Chris Willard, ODFW Angler and Aquatic Education Coordinator, at 503 947-6017 (email: chris.a.willard@state.or.us).

In addition to the above which will be held from 9:30 – 3:00, we will be offering training which will qualify you to teach Kokanee Karnival fish dissection in the classroom which will take approximately one additional hour.

Since this is a fun-filled full day of training we will provide refreshments and lunch for all who attend. Kokanee Karnival has lots of instructors for field trips, but we are in dire need of qualified classroom instructors so please give this your consideration.

**Wild Women of the Water**

Maybe it’s the time of year, or the cool weather, or maybe we just like getting together for good food and fishy conversation. Whatever the reason, Wild Women met at Ann’s house in December for another potluck that included killer tacos, rib-sticking chili, herbed pork roast (my personal favorite), and tantalizing appetizers. We topped it all off with Ann’s decadent cheesecake for dessert. Sherry Steele brought her impressive fly collection for show and tell. This lady has exotic flies, flies that you never use because they’re for display only, California flies, jumbo insect flies, colorful flies, drab but useful flies, teensy flies, and every type of fly in between. Have you ever thought about using CD cases to organize flies? Sherry has. For a flybox, Sherry uses a removable insert system by C and F Design. With this system, you can organize flies by waterbody, conditions, type, time of year, or any method that you like. Just pop the insert that has the flies you need for the day into the flybox. If you ever want to talk flies, see Sherry. I don't remember the name of the flies that I got during the fly exchange; but they look intriguing, and I can't wait to try them out.

Several Wild Women of the Water hats remain, and they need a good home. To purchase your hat, contact Delores Marsh (ladyd@bendcable.com).

The ever-lively Jessica Born will talk about macro invertebrates at our January meeting. (Sorry, no potluck included.) Stay tuned to your email for more details. Now that the holiday rush is over, I hope you can join us. - Terri Grimm 318-0567

**Welcome New Members (Nov/Dec 06)**

Don Kagey  
Gerald & Barbara Quissell  
John & Barbara Tuttle  
Wally Zimmerman  
Patty & James Cagney  
Bruce & Susan Schafer  
Charles & Renee Chlysta III  
Ronald Deady  
Gilbert G. & Peggy Geihs  
Matt & Becky Hillman  
Bill Holversstott  
Andrew W. & Livia Johnson  
Mark L. & Caroline Mintz  
Jerry Olsen  
Steven & Mary Petersen  
Jim & Diane Weishaupt
Banquet Donations Needed!

As I stated last month, our Annual Banquet is quickly approaching! Preparations are underway. The banquet will be held on February 24th at the Senior Center as it was last year. The Annual Banquet is a wonderful time to get together, “swap lies” and get to know one another a little better (Oh, and the food ain’t half bad). Also, our banquet is THE MAJOR FUND RAISER of the year for our club. For those of you who are new to the club, in addition to the wonderful food and great company, each year we have door prizes, silent auctions and bucket raffles with lots of great stuff to be had by those that attend. The banquet is also where we select the winning ticket for our annual name tag drawing. Last year we had lots of wonderful donations from our local fly shops, other businesses and individuals in our club. The donated items included a guided fishing trip, beautifully hand carved fish, a hand made quilt, fly rods, fly reels, fly tying equipment and supplies, gift baskets, overnights at private fishing lakes…the list goes on… There was a wide variety of great donations by very generous people like you, which brings me to the point. WE NEED DONATIONS! If any of you have items you would like to donate to the club please contact Dennis Rockwell by email (rockwell@bendcable.com) or by phone (541 788-1099). Also if you know of anyone who might be interested in donating to the club please print a copy of the attached letter at the end of the newsletter and give it to the prospective donor. All donations are, of course, tax deductible.

Fly Donations Needed… Last Chance

This is your last chance to donate a fly to the ‘special box’ that will be raffled off at the Banquet. Please bring the special creation that you tied yourself to the January meeting. We will put it in the box to be raffled off in February. Thanks. Dave Semich

Pictures… More Pictures…Needed!

This is the last chance to send in your pictures of this year's fishing and other outdoor adventures. These pics will be put into a program for this year's Banquet in February. Digital pictures may be sent to Dave Semich at flyshndave@webformixair.com and prints can be brought to the January monthly meeting. I will scan your picture and return the print to you.

2007 COF Banquet

The 27th annual COF banquet will be held Saturday, Feb 24 at the Bend Senior Center. It is a celebration of the past year, a chance to socialize with fellow flyfishers and their spouses and friends, and an opportunity to purchase flyfishing items.

The social hour will begin around 6:00 p.m. It will be followed by dinner, a slide show of fellow flyfishers, and awards.

Since this event is our chief source of funds, please think about donating any unused flyfishing items. If you have any talents such as tying flies or with woodworking, you may want to make some things for the raffle.

The cost of the event will be $20 if we receive your registration before Mon, Feb 12. It will cost $25 per person after the 12th. We need to know early how many will attend because of space set up and the amount of food to order.

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BANQUET RESERVATION
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Please complete the form below, attach a check for $20 per person, and mail to COF at PO Box 1126, Bend, OR 97709. We need a headcount for the caterer, and those who pay by Feb 12 will be entered in a special “early bird” prize drawing. Please PRINT CLEARLY

Name__________________________________________
Spouse/Guest(s)_________________________________
Mailing Address______________________________
City/State/Zip___________________________________
Telephone______________________________________
Amount enclosed @ $20 per person _______________
COF Library

Central Oregon Flyfishers currently has a collection of over 300 items in our club library. We are in the process of building a bookcase that will be housing a portion of that collection. The bookcase will be available for your perusal at the monthly meetings. Items can be checked out at that time. The remaining items will remain in storage until they are requested. If there are any items that you would like to see selected to be in the bookcase please make a request.

A list of the entire COF library may be viewed on the COF website. Just go to coflyfishers.org and click the link to “library”. Alternatively you could go directly to http://coflyfishers.org/coflibrary.html. Please note that this page takes a little while to load because it contains information on over 300 items.

To check out a book just make a request and the book will be brought to the next COF meeting. You can then check out the book at the meeting. To request a book please send an email indicating the author and title. Send the email to coflyfishers at gmail dot com or phone Gordon Chandler at 788-3508.

If there are items that you would like to see in the club library let us know. If funds are available, and the library is being used, the club may purchase the item and allow you to be the first borrower. The item could be a book or DVD. You may be asked to submit a book review to the COF newsletter in exchange for a first shot at the new acquisition. Use the same email address given above to make a suggestion for a new acquisition.

December Fly-Tying Event Meeting

Special thanks to all the presenters at our fly-tying event meeting. A great deal of information was circulated to everyone. The Fly Rod fund raiser was completed and the rod has a new owner, Mark Reisinger! The club made over $800.00. Thanks to everyone who purchased a ticket.

Bill Seitz: Canadian flies
Scott Roberson: European flies
Harry Harbine: Yellowstone area flies
Peter Bowers: Steelhead flies
Jerry Criss: Jerry will share with us the fly tying Kit he takes on the road with him to match the hatch streamside.
Sherry Steele: Lake flies for local waters.

- Don Schnack

Winter Fly-Tying UP and Running with a full house!

Contacts:
Central Oregon Flyfishers, Bend Oregon (Bill Seitz)
The Fly Fishers Place, Sisters, OR. (Sherry Steele)

Evening Fly-Tying in Bend for 3 months.

18 tiers have signed up!

Every Thursday Evening starting January 4th
Meeting starts at 6:30PM (13 meetings)
Location: Bend Senior Center, 1600 SE Reed Market Rd

Daytime Fly-tying in Sisters

9 tiers have signed up!

Meetings will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, started December 19th. This is a day time meeting, From 2:00PM to 4:30PM

Location: Fly Fishers Place 151 W. Main Ave.
Sisters, Or 97759

How the fly-tying is organized

The pattern and materials needed for the tie will be announced via Email. Club members, hosts or sponsors will be deciding which patterns they want to tie. Club members will also have the opportunity to host the meeting and to be the instructor for the pattern they want to share with the club. Professional Tiers will be invited to be the instructor/presenter at some of the meetings. At this point, there are no dues or fees of any kind. Donations for COF meetings will be accepted to help with the cost of the meeting room at the Senior Center. All levels (Beginners to Professionals) of tiers are invited to join in the fun and learning. Club members will be expected to supply their own tools and thread. I will email club members if they need to bring materials needed for the tie.

Feel free to stop by to watch and learn, even if you are not signed up!

For more information contact:
Sherry Steele Email: steelefly@msn.com
541-549-2072

www.coflyfishers.org
2007 Winter Seminar: “Mostly Stillwater”
with Jack Dennis and Phil Rowley

Stillwater fly fishing will be the emphasis of this year’s Winter Seminar to be held on February 20 and 21. We are very fortunate to have Phil Rowley join Jack Dennis this year. Phil is an authority on lake fishing. The 2-day program will be held in the much more accommodating environs of Aspen Hall in Shevlin Park. The seminar will run from 8:30 am to 5 pm both days.

Cost is $60 for COF members, $65 for non-members. This includes coffee, pastry/snack, and lunch both days. A number of interesting and valuable items will be raffled off as well.

Jack has also offered to have a dinner program the night of February 20. This will be held at a restaurant yet to be determined. At this dinner Jack, who is part of the US Fly Fishing Team, will give a team update, discuss the European Nymphing techniques used by national fly fishing teams around the world, and give a preview of his new TV show, “Jack’s Secret Wyoming”.

The cost of this dinner and presentation is yet to be determined, but will be under $30. Send me an email or give me a call if you are interested in this separate program. I need to gauge interest before finalizing location and cost. Note that you do not need to go to the seminar to attend the dinner. So, this might be an option if you are busy during the day.

Registration

We will reserve seats exclusively for club members during the first two weeks of January, and then open it up to non-club members. Demand last year was high and we had to cap enrollment at 80 people. This year we can comfortably handle up to 100, but we expect to sell out so don’t hesitate to get your payment in the mail.

Make your check out to COF. $60 for COF members, $65 for non-members. Send it to Yancy Lind at 3031 NW Shevlin Meadow Dr, Bend, OR 97701. Contact me at yancy_lind@ml.com or 312-6821 (work) or 788-5514 (cell) with any questions.

The Program

Jack and Phil will spend two days unlocking the secrets of fly fishing stillwaters. Lake fishing is often quite different than traditional river and stream fly fishing. As we all know, Central Oregon is filled with excellent stillwater fly fishing opportunities and the techniques these gentlemen have perfected in Western Canada and elsewhere are directly applicable to our local waters.

The program will include discussions of food sources, reading stillwater, equipment, tactics, fly patterns, and more. A video of stillwater expert Brian Chan discussing his techniques will be shown. There will also be discussions of fishing destinations in Canada and around the world (including some non-stillwater destinations), and more.

The Presenters

For the past 20 years Phil Rowley has been fly-fishing stillwaters almost exclusively. A former commercial fly tyer Phil has written for almost every major fly fishing publication in North America. His contributions also include books and numerous feature articles on fly-fishing stillwaters and stillwater fly patterns. Phil’s book Fly Patterns For Stillwaters has become a best seller. Phil has had the good fortune to appear on such TV shows as Sport Fishing B.C., The New Fly Fisher, and Fishing with Shelly and Courtney. Recently Phil became one of the co-hosts of the New Fly Fisher, a television show focused on educating fly fishers. Phil’s website, www.flycraftangling.com is dedicated to fly-fishing and fly tying education.

Jack Dennis’ fly fishing resume is over two pages long and filled with truly impressive accomplishments. The short version is that Jack’s professional fishing career began at the age of 12 when he sold his first flies. At 19, Jack founded Jack Dennis Outdoor Shop in Jackson, Wyoming, which has become a well known international fly fishing and sports emporium for the last 40 years. Jack's books, “Western Trout Fly Tying Manual, Volumes I & II”, have sold over 300,000 copies, making it one of the best selling fly fishing books of all time.

Jack Dennis is the founder of Wyoming Galleries, Jack Dennis and Pepi Steigler Ski Shops and the Jack Dennis Fly fishing guide service and school. His clients include everyone from U.S. presidents to movie stars.

Television has been a part of his life and he has hosted or appeared on numerous network and cable fishing shows, as well as programs in Europe, Australia, Japan, Canada and New Zealand.

Jack is the founder of the Jackson Hole One Fly foundation. The One Fly contest is fly fishing’s premiere fund raising event, where teams compete by selecting one fly and fishing it all day. Money is raised to improve native trout habitat. In its twenty year history, over $1,000,000 has been raised.
Fly of the Month

Wow, has the weather in by neck of the woods changed, burr!!!!!!!!!!! I haven’t been on the Fall since before the big storm hit here. The fishing had been good with tough fish being caught at the headwaters and the hatchery. The BWO hatches and Midge hatches are short and lite, so pay attention. I have been using a dun wet wing with a brown body and float it on the surface. Also try spinner patterns and let me know by email your findings. I had some very good luck on the Crooked River, the Saturday after our outing with nymphs; take them deep and slow. I used the pattern listed below and it worked very well especially for the bigger white fish.

The show schedule for next year looks good; see below for dates. For those who haven’t attended the Fly Fishing Show, you can’t miss this one it is a very good show fly fishing only, and some of the best tiers in area will be demonstrating. I am scheduled to tie at most of the shows here this next year so that will be fun.

“The Fly Fishing Show”
Bellevue, Wa. Feb. 9,10,11 --- Potland, Or. Feb. 17,18 ---
- Pleasanton, Ca. Feb. 23,24,25
“Northwest Fly Tyers Expo” March 9,10

Pattern: “TLF Ostrich Bead Head”
Hook: Tiemco 206BL #16 - #12
Bead: Tungsten Black 5/64
Thread: Danvilles Flat waxed nylon 210 Denier Brown or Olive. Note this same thread is used for the tail and body.
Tail: Optional tail material if you choose is; 3 or 4 pheasant tail barbs.
Hackle: Black ostrich hurl 3 to 4 turns only
Rib: Fine silver wire 4 to 5 turns max
Head: A nice whipped finish between the ostrich and the bead; option here is a little dubbing material.

Tying the fly:
Nothing fancy here just use the tying tag from the tye in as your tail. Keep the body slim and tapered. The ostrich hurl is tied in with the good side forward towards the hook eye and only 3 or 4 touching turns. Do not over wrap the herl that mats it down.
If you have any questions or suggestions please, Email at
--- tlfly44@msn.com

Good hunting, Jerry Criss

Flies for the Crooked

The following flies have been working on the Crooked River this fall and winter: Size 16 beadhead pheasant tail, size 16 peacock nymph, size 16 and 18 blue and blue/gray midges, size 12 cream, amber, or light green eggs (mimic the whitefish eggs), size 14 and 16 olive and orange scuds, and size 16 black A.P. All fished on or near the bottom. A peacock nymph has a wood duck tail, peacock or synthetic peacock abdomen, silver or gold ribbing, pine squirrel (or gray) thorax, and a black wing case over the thorax (I sometimes use mirage opal). It can be tied either with or without a gold, copper, or black bead. A black A.P. (the way I tie it, has, a black moose tail, black dubbing (I use black UV ice dub) for both the abdomen and thorax, copper rib, and a mirage opal wing case (crystal flash or flashabou can be substituted)). Can be tied with or without beads. I usually use a copper bead. Both can be tied on a standard length hook but I usually use a size 16 scud/caddis pupa hook. My pheasant tail is tied with pheasant tail fibers (I use moose also) for tail, golden olive Krystal flash (2 strands twisted) abdomen, synthetic peacock for thorax, mirage opal (or substitute), and a gold bead. Sometimes I will use pine squirrel instead of peacock for thorax and will use reddish brown thread (about the color of pheasant tail) and gold ribbing for the abdomen. The blue midge is simply blue krystal flash (2 strands twisted) abdomen, a silver glass bead or nickel bead, and blue dubbing mixed with black UV Ice dub (about 50:50 ratio) for thorax. I also use a blue/gray midge: gray thread abdomen ribbed with small blue wire, silver glass or nickel bead, and gray UV ice dub for thorax. Probably, more than you want to know. Hope the weather is good on the outing and the flows are OK.

- Bill Seitz
January 2, 2007

Dear Prospective Donor:

On behalf of the Central Oregon Flyfishers and the students who participate in our Kokanee Karnival Youth Education Program, I want invite you to join us by making a contribution to COF. We are hoping you will find the time and resources to support us this year so that we can continue to provide this outstanding program for our Central Oregon children.

Throughout each school year COF heads up a joint project with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODF&W) called the **Kokanee Karnival Youth Education Program**, which consists of a series of outings and projects culminating in April with a week of instruction and fishing for the children at Shevlin Pond. This coming year, 2007, will be COF’s twelfth year with this project. The response from students, teachers and administrators has been outstanding. In addition, 2006 marked the beginning of a partnership between Kokanee Karnival and Wolftree, Inc. Wolftree is a non-profit organization with a passion to “enhance young people's awareness and appreciation of Pacific Northwest forest and aquatic ecosystems, while cultivating fundamental skills in science and geography”. We feel this is a powerful partnership that will enhance and expand the Kokanee Karnival’s reach into our community.

The Central Oregon Flyfishers, with 250 member families, is the oldest fly-fishing club east of the Cascades. With more than a quarter century of community service we have received several awards including the Federation of Flyfishers 1997 McKenzie Cup, in recognition for having the best conservation education program in the nation. Our members have donated many thousands of hours on a variety of teaching programs and conservation projects.

Our Primary goals are to:

- Broaden public knowledge, understanding and enjoyment of the sport of fly-fishing
- Encourage, advocate and support conservation and protection of our watersheds
- Promote good sportsmanship and a code of ethics among all anglers
- **Provide educational opportunities specifically for school children**

On February 24, 2007, we will hold our annual club recognition and fundraising banquet which is critical to COF and our support of Kokanee Karnival. The success of this event depends on donations from generous individuals and businesses in our local community. Your contribution of gift certificates for merchandise or services, outdoor equipment, meals, golf outings, or any other items suitable to the general public will be greatly appreciated. COF is an IRS approved 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization (Fed ID # 93-0881830) so your contribution of merchandise, equipment, cash, gift certificates, etc. are fully tax deductible (as always: check with your accountant). We will provide publicity for all contributors in our promotions and at club activities including the banquet.

Thank you so much for your kind consideration. If you have questions please call me at (541) 788-1099. I am available to pick up your donations or you can mail them to The Central Oregon Flyfishers, P. O. Box 1126, Bend, Oregon 97709

Sincerely,

Dennis L. Rockwell
Fundraising Coordinator

**COF Mission Statement:** To promote the preservation and conservation, for future generations, of Central Oregon’s watershed and its fisheries through education, the practice of stewardship and the art of fly fishing. Our goal is to provide an opportunity for its membership to participate in a community of fly fishing, fellowship and public service.
The Central Oregon Flyfishers

NEW MEMBERSHIP

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.

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LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

OCCUPATION (PAST OR CURRENT)

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SPOUSE’S FIRST NAME

SPOUSE’S LAST NAME IF DIFFERENT

HOME PHONE

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HOUSE NUMBER

STREET

WORK PHONE

EXT

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CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

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EMAIL ADDRESS

How do you want to receive the COF monthly newsletter? (Check one.)

Email

US Postal Service

Why did you join COF? (Check all that apply. List other interests on reverse.)

Wild Women of the Water

Acquire more knowledge

Find fishing partner

Volunteer for projects

Improve technique

Social functions

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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.

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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, Crook and Jefferson County shall pay $12.50.

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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