President’s Message

Happy June Flyfishers! Well, spring has sprung – Salmonflies are/were crawling all over the Deschutes, PMDs, Green Drakes, and Callibaetis mayflies are popping all over the area, and the fishing has definitely picked up. It’s time to get out there and take advantage of this great fishing time!

The COF Board has voted to make a $1500 donation to ODFW/OSU for chub removal at East and Paulina Lakes this year. Many of our members fish these lakes throughout the year, and this is a very worthwhile donation that yields real value and results to us.

I received an email last month with this link to the “Modern Fly Fishing Travel” book, which you can download for free: [https://toflyfish.com/fly-fishing-travel-book/](https://toflyfish.com/fly-fishing-travel-book/). I contacted the publisher and he encouraged me to make it available to the club. I’ve read thru most of it and it has a ton of good info regarding FF travel and other nuggets; it should be on your reading list if you are going to travel for fishing in the near future.

I’ve been getting some requests from club members for a recording of our monthly meeting presentations (especially Scott Cook’s Crane presentation from May!). Sorry to say we do NOT record those things – the amount of work to get it on the website, coupled with the problems of having the presentation available to non-club members (our presenters have said that they don’t want it to “go viral”) make that request a non-starter. If you are not going to be able to attend the meeting, get one of your buddies to take notes for you!

Wes Wada sent me a link to an article in the Sacramento Bee about the water situation in the Klamath Basin, and it’s pretty dire. [https://www.sacbee.com/article251710398.html](https://www.sacbee.com/article251710398.html). If things keep going the way they are now, I wouldn’t be at all surprised to see this kind of thing happening around here in the near future.

Another plea for Board volunteers: the terms for some of our current Board members will expire at the end of this year (Prez, Education, 2 (3 would be better) to run the Banquet).

It’s still looking good for getting back to in-person meetings at the Senior Center in July (I should know for sure on June 22 and will put the word out), so hopefully we’ll get some interest when we start meeting in person again. I encourage you to reach out to the incumbent and ask questions about the position; and I’m always available for that too. Our sister club in Sunriver is having similar problems – I wonder if this is the “new norm” where lots of people join on-line groups (where all you have to do is sit back and chat) and nobody wants to be a member of a real “meet in person” group where we actually do things for the community? Please prove me wrong!

Video of the month: Scott Cook, of Fly and Field Outfitters, gave us an outstanding presentation on fishing Central Oregon stillwaters, focused on Crane Prairie Reservoir last month. This is his video of how to find and mark the channel in Crane – an important thing to do when the water warms up. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LQLJL68IS6A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LQLJL68IS6A)

As always, thanx for being a part of this great Club, and feel free to let me (or any board member) know if you have ideas for improvement.

PS: After over a year of this COVID stuff, we ALL know what we need to do and NOT to do. I don’t need to read it every time I read an email or text, so please stop telling me to “Be Safe” or Wear a Mask”! Get out and fish!

Tim Quinton, President COF
This month we will have a virtual presentation by **John Paul Williams** on fly fishing for Smallmouth Bass on the John Day River. John Paul is a writer, presenter, and “acknowledged master of smallies on the fly” as he takes you on a bass-filled adventure down Oregon’s John Day River. You will learn about this outstanding game fish, what they eat, where they live, and how to catch the big ones.

John Paul caught his first Smallmouth Bass in 1972 and loves to share his knowledge of this amazing gamefish. Author of *Fly Fishing for Western Smallmouth* (Stackpole Book), he has written for numerous magazines including *Fly Fisherman, American Angler, American Fly Fishing, Fly Fusion, Fishing & Tying Journal, Bassmaster, Salmon-Trout-Steelheader, Salmon Steelhead Journal, Backpacker, Northwest Travel, Seattle Magazine*. He is a demonstration fly tier and speaker at numerous fly fishing expos, sportsmen’s shows, and fly fishing clubs. He is a member of the Board of Directors of FFI and former Editor-In-Chief of *Flyfisher* magazine as well as past secretary and newsletter editor of the Washington Council FFI.
OUTINGS

Todd Lake Outing

JUNE 14 | MEET AT THE TODD LAKE TRAIL HEAD AT 7:00

Todd Lake is a natural lake and covers 45 acres, it’s named in honor of John Y. Todd, an early settler in Central Oregon. There is a day-use area and a rustic campground located on the west shore of the lake.

Todd Lake is a popular outdoor recreation site for picnicking, fishing, hiking, and nature viewing.

Todd Lake is located on the Cascades Highway just Past Mt Bachelor. The lake has Brook and Rainbow trout. Because of the short ¼ mile hike, few people make the effort to fish this from a float tube. The lake also has shore access, but the heavy forest, except for the North end, will make it challenging to cast.

I fished Todd last year in the middle of June during a flying ant hatch. The rainbows and Brookies were very willing to take ants off the surface. There are also some great ledges and overhanging trees to offer great opportunities to the boater.

Because the lake is popular and the parking can be challenging, we will meet at the trail head at 7:00. Walk up the trail to the lake edge. A portable float tube or pontoon is best. Suggested tackle is 2 - 4wt rods. Set up one for dry’s and the other with a strike indicator for chironomids and midges.

Plan on a shore lunch around 11:00. Eric White COF Outing Chairman.

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Future Outings

By the time you receive this, the Hosmer outing will be in the books. The outing was postponed to June 5 due to the late opening of the Cascades Highway. The gates are scheduled to open on 26 May. Hosmer can be at it’s best as soon as access is available; I’ve caught the most and largest fish this time of year. The Brook trout are also very eager to take your fly during the early season. There have been some great callibaetis hatches and large 20+ inch rainbows and cutthroats hitting them along with your well-presented imitations. The waterways are not yet crowded and the birdlife offers a great distraction from your strike indicator. I can’t begin to count the number of times I looked back to my bobber, as it was floating back to the surface, after watching ospreys, eagles, waterfowl and redwing blackbirds at Hosmer.

Three Creek Lake is scheduled for July 7 – 8th. The state is scheduled stock it about a week prior. We will camp at Three Creek Meadows which is close to the lake. In the past fishing can be good along the North side rock wall and beach area. The afternoons can be a great time with a callibaetis hatch. We will plan on a shore lunch and a group dinner at the campground.

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EDUCATION

Safety When Fishing Alone

CLASSIC RECOMMENDED 10 ESSENTIALS FROM DESCHUTES COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE

Most important - Never start out an adventure thinking or saying this to yourself “I’m just going to do X (fill in the blank) so I’m going to be fine”. And/or “I’m just going close and local”. Even if you’ve done it a thousand times, or it doesn’t seem you could get into trouble due to location, over confidence has been the root of many mishaps and worse.

- First and foremost: Have a plan. Always let someone know where you are going and planned ETA for returning. Text or call when you are off the water and on your way home.

- Park in open area. Be aware of your surroundings. If the hair on the back of your neck stands up or something feels wrong – GET OUT

- Start out with a full tank of gas.

- Keep emergency items in your car: extra water, snacks, first aid, clothes. Well, just keep the 10 Essentials in your call at all times!

- Buddy System is always best especially if you are staying out late for that evening hatch. Consider walkie talks to communicate.

- Wear emergency ID bracelet, such as those from the company: Road iD. They also have pet iD and medical iD bracelets.
• Get yourself a comfortable back pack to take on the water with you for all necessary items.
• Bear Spray – Pepper Spray – Bug Spray
• Loud Dog – if you take a dog with you be SURE your pet has an ID tag and is chipped. Consider a flotation vest for your dog. Remember, they get hungry and cold too.
• Gun (with permit and training) In some areas both 4 and 2 legged threats are out there.
• Phone – and phone charger.
• Whistle – tuck one into your wader pocket
• Tactical flashlight – use for safety and defense/ J5 Tactical V1-Pro is good choice.
• Head Lamp – plus extra batteries.
• First Aid kit in car - small one in fishing pack. Remember those feet, moleskin is good to have in your pack.
• Carry what you may need to get you through a night out and alone.
• GPS tracking system: Garmin, Spot X, Life 360 or other similar device.
• Digital Apps: Here are a few: Avenza Map, Geospatial Maps, Gaia Maps, All Trails App, USGS Topo Maps & Quad maps, Huntstand App. Use your local sporting goods store to get information on Apps for your area. REI is a good source.
• Carry a navigation device, and a paper back up map and compass. In more remote areas, carry cell phone with app not only to track where you are so you don’t get turned around (very easy to do in a forested area), but also to call for help. If no coverage, have off line maps on your cell, or use a gps. Make sure to carry battery backup for cell phone. In super remote areas with no coverage (e.g. wilderness), maybe think about carrying a Spot type of device for tracking, and to notify the need for help.
• For remote areas, it is recommended to carry a backup paper map, and compass. Learn how to use them.

THE 10 ESSENTIALS FOR SURVIVAL
Don’t leave home without them…..these can save your own life, or someone else’s!

• NAVIGATION: A USGS or equal topo map, a properly declinated (16 degrees locally) base plate compass, along with the knowledge of how to use them together. A simple GPS can also be quite useful as long as you’re familiar with how to use it and the batteries aren’t dead. A watch and cell phone should also be carried.
• SUN PROTECTION: Sunglasses, sunscreen, hat (for hot OR cold, summer or winter weather)
• INSULATION: The MOST important consideration: NO cotton clothing! Carry synthetic or wool layers, waterproof/windproof rain jacket/ pants; extra gloves/hat, and extra socks as required. Wear layers of clothing to adjust insulation to activity level and current weather. Stay dry to decrease the risk of hypothermia (which can be life-threatening).
• ILLUMINATION: Headlamp or flashlight, with extra batteries.

• Dry Bag – keep a bag with dry clothes in your car, also keep emergency mylar solar blanket in car or with you, helpful if you fall in the water and are wet and cold.
• Wading Staff – you need 3 points of contact to wade safely. Have it attached to your wading belt. Also good for frightening snakes and letting them know you are there.
• When wading across a body of water: analyze the water flow, determine your path going in and getting out, look downstream for an exit strategy if you fall in. If you fall in, keep feet/legs in front of you. Keep wading staff up stream of your body when crossing a stream, when crossing stream walk at an angle and direct yourself on an angle upstream when exiting. Are you below a dam? Then consider possibility of water level changes. Think Crooked River.
• Multipurpose tool – handy to cut away waders if you fall into stream and they fill with water and just generally handy to have with you.
• **FIRST-AID SUPPLIES:** Basic supplies such as Band-aids, gauze pads, triangular and compression bandages, etc. Include any medications you may currently be taking and a bee sting kit if you are allergic.

• **FIRE:** Waterproof matches, butane lighter or candle stubs, plus fire-starting materials (paste, etc.). Do NOT depend on making a fire in bad weather!

• **REPAIR KIT/TOOLS:** Multi-tool (Gerber®, Leatherman®, Swiss Army knife, etc.), Duct tape. Don’t carry what you don’t need. Carry small mirror to use in emergency to reflect light for aviation search team.

• **NUTRITION:** High energy, no-cook foods, such as high-carb energy bars. Carry at least 200 calories for every hour you will be out.

• **HYDRATION:** Extra water; take at least (1) liter for short outings and at least 2.5 liters for all-day excursions. Remember that extra water will be needed for hot or cold weather, drink continuously during your outing. Don’t wait until you are dehydrated!

• **EMERGENCY SHELTER:** Mylar Space blanket or bright plastic tarp (9’ x 12’) and a few large plastic trash bags. Bring something to insulate you from the ground, regardless of the time of year. You cannot dig a snow cave without a shovel, and you should not sit/sleep on snow without an insulating pad.

Compiled from information on Mountaineers.org

This safety information can also be found on the COF website.

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**CONSERVATION**

**Surface Water Quantity (What is an acre foot?)**

As a road engineer I needed to estimate peak runoff of various streams to size culverts and bridges to prevent high water from washing out the structures. The method to estimate the runoff consisted of using equations developed by researchers who study various watersheds. The researchers calculate various data for the watersheds and then conduct a regression analysis to determine the relationship of the runoff to the various data points. The state of Oregon was divided into various areas and different regressions were developed for the various areas. The $r^2$ term tells the researcher how much of the variation can be explained by the model developed.

The $r^2$ term for central Oregon was the lowest of all the areas studied. This means the standard way of computing the peak flow did not do a good job of predicting the peak flow in surface waters in our area. Items like rainfall and drainage area did not predict stream flows well in our area. Our area is wonderfully diverse and not predictable based on standard data values. This means on any year we may have a large or small snowpack or rainfall and a somewhat corresponding higher or lower surface water runoff. This natural variation makes any study of climate change very difficult in Central Oregon based on surface water flow observed.

In the late 1990’s we had a couple wet years in a row and many of the bridges and culverts in my area washed out due to the high surface runoff quantities. In the past three years we have had low snowfalls and rain and now are experiencing low volumes of surface water in many areas. Connecting these two periods and claiming all the change to be due to “climate change” would be a biased analysis and misleading. Any climate change analysis should be based on long observations covering many years data. The natural high and low flows due to normal changes in rainfall and snowfall need to be eliminated by long study periods and not brief observations.

Removal of water from surface waters is measured in acre feet of water. That is one acre covered in 1 foot depth of water. At 43560 sq ft/acre X 1 foot depth = 43,560 cubic feet of water. Permits to withdraw water from a surface source are filed with the government and prioritized based on date of application. In dry years the older permits are granted water and the newer permits are prohibited from taking their water from the source. I am just back from Arizona and the state is expecting decreased flows from the Colorado River this year and some users have been advised they will not be allowed to
use their previous water rights this year. This summer water flow expected to be low in the lower Klamath and parts of the Umpqua River. This may lead to fish kills due to higher temperatures and disease. I do not feel this is a justification of “climate change” but it is a sign we have many users competing for a limited resource (surface water) in a dry year.

Surface water is the easiest for us humans to observe. We can drive by a reservoir and see how much water is held behind the dam by judging how much shore is exposed. Walking a stream in the late summer when irrigation has removed water for crops gives a quick assessment of how much water is left in the stream for all downstream users. Fishing the Crooked River in winter gives us a quick idea on how much water is allowed to pass Bowman Dam and how quickly Prineville Reservoir is filling for summer use for irrigators.

Next month I will talk about “ground water” and pumping permits measured in CFS and how they relate to the surface water rights outlined above.

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WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER
We had 2 casting clinics in May. A big shout out to Mary Ann Dozer for supporting this event and sharing her skills and experience. Join us at East Lake! Many Wild Women will be at the East Lake campground beginning June 11th through 25th. We have a pot luck planned Saturday the 12th at the East Lake Campground space 7. East Lake is close by so come up and join us!

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**NEXT CAST/YOUTH PROGRAM**

The 3-Day fly Fishing Camp in cooperation with Redmond Park and Rec. will be held on June 21, 22, and 23 at the ODFW Metolius pond. Thank you to the COF members that have volunteered to help the next generation of fly fishers. I will be making volunteer assignments in the near future so there is still an opportunity to volunteer. Bring your fly rods, hopefully we will have time after the lessons to wet a line in the Metolius.

Alex Beattie donated his collection of flies, several rods and reels to Next Cast. I will use some of the flies as part of the flies that will be provided to the individuals attending the 3-Day Fly Fishing Camp. Some of the other items will be added to the raffle as soon as we start face to face monthly meetings. Thanks Alex.

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**OTHER NEWS**

**The Mayfly Project**

Kate Eng is one of our members who is asking for our help with a very worthwhile kids’ project. Please help her if you can!

I am a volunteer with The Mayfly Project and a COF member. The mission of The Mayfly Project is to support children in foster care through fly fishing and introduce them to their local water ecosystems, with a hope that connecting them to a rewarding hobby will provide an opportunity for foster children to have fun, build confidence, and develop a meaningful connection with the outdoors. Our first lesson is on Wednesday (5/19) and I’m excited to get started!

We are in need of flies that work on local water. We would love your extra flies, your hand tied flies, even the not-so-perfect first attempts at tying flies as we know some of these will invariably end up in the trees. Dries and nymphs are appreciated!

Please contact me if you have flies to donate. Thank you and happy fishing.

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**Crooked River 2021 Outlook**

The Crooked River was impassable due to extremely low flows a little below the NUID diversion near Smith Rock on May 21, 2021. Rocks blocked passage in the first photo. The second shows ankle deep water.

By now, we are all aware of the drought we are experiencing. According to the US Drought Monitor (https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/) as of May 20, most of Central Oregon is experiencing “extreme” or “exceptional drought”, our snowpack is at 81% of normal, and groundwater is far below normal. Consequently, rivers and reservoirs are also low. Prineville Reservoir is at 56% of capacity, far below average for this time of year with little snowpack remaining in the Ochocos for spring runoff. All is not lost, however, for club members who like to fish the Wild & Scenic section of the Crooked River below Bowman Dam. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for the rest of the river.

During irrigation season, water will be released from the reservoir to meet irrigation demands, but essentially all of it will be withdrawn by the time it passes.
through the City of Prineville (CoP), the location of the last major diversion. North Unit Irrigation District (NUID) has a diversion below that, just above Smith Rocks, and when they call their water from the reservoir there will be temporary spikes in flows below CoP but that water will be diverted as well.

The Bureau of Reclamation maintains a web site (https://www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet/destea.html) where you can see flows in the Upper Deschutes Basin. As I write this on May 21, flows out of Prineville Reservoir (PRVO gauge) are 180 CFS after being at 230 CFS last week. Flows below Prineville (CAPO gauge) are currently at a lethal level of 9 CFS after being just above 60 CFS. The changes in flow are from NUID calls on their water.

Most anglers are primarily concerned with the Wild & Scenic section immediately below Bowman Dam, which will have adequate flows, but the entire river is important for resident and anadromous fish. 9 CFS is not healthy aquatic habitat. It will not adequately support redband trout, juvenile steelhead, or currently returning adult spring chinook salmon. So far this year, 3 adult spring chinook have gone up the Opal Springs fish ladder near the mouth of the Crooked River. They will not make it far, however, due to low flows making the river impassable not far upstream. (You can watch a chinook swimming up the ladder at https://coinformedangler.org/2021/05/21/spring-chinook-the-crooked-river-and-the-hcp/)

Sudden, dramatic swings in flows from NUID calls are also detrimental, potentially stranding fish and stirring up sediment.

It is also important to know that the Crooked River below CoP is highly polluted from agricultural runoff. This has been well documented by the Crooked River Watershed Council and a study by Portland General Electric who was looking into sources of pollution in Lake Billy Chinook. Low flows concentrate those pollutants in the river.

The Deschutes Basin Habitat Conservation Plan does have provisions for drought years and preserving flows below CoP, but only during non-irrigation season (winter). In those months, a minimum of 50 CFS is required from Bowman all the way to Lake Billy Chinook. I have no idea why this is not a year-round requirement.

- YANCY LIND

### John Day Outing Recap
3 COF members joined 15 members from the Clark Skamania Flyfishers, from Washington State, for 2 days of fishing on the John Day River. The John Day River, in the Service Creek area, is 2.5 hours from Bend. There are several camping sites along with other lodging opportunities in the area. Service Creek Outfitters offers a great shuttle service; we used our own vehicles to shuttle for this trip. The river is considered class 2 on this section. The rapids were easy and fun to float through in our pontoon boats. The focus was small mouth bass. The fishing was marginal primarily due to the high river flows and colder temps. This was the first time for fishing the John Day River for most of the attendees. COF members floated for 4.5 miles from the “gravel bar” above Spray on the first day and 14.5 miles from Spray to Service creek on the second day. Most fish were caught on Bunny leeches and wooly buggers along with a few on poppers.

On the last day, we had a great dinner with the Washington Club and learned a lot about them, how they organize and run their outings. A future outing on the John Day will be at lower water levels and warmer temperatures where 50+ fish days are the norm.

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### BOARD BITS

(A REVIEW OF THE MAY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING) 5/27/21
OSU has received but hasn’t cashed the COF check for the East/Paulina Lakes tui chub project.

We will not continue our BOD meetings at the Environmental Center. This will save the club $180/year in meeting fees. Instead, the BOD will meet in person, on a less frequent basis (like quarterly), and meet in a restaurant or other public place where we can hold a meeting and have food/drinks (at our own expense). The rest of the meetings will continue on ZOOM.

Tim reported that Brenda at the Senior Center will not know if we will be able to hold our in-person meetings there until June 22. We are thinking about
holding our July meeting there in person. There may be some that would still like to attend virtually, so Mary is checking into seeing how that could be done at the Senior Center. Brian O’Keefe is scheduled for July. He lives in Eastern Oregon. Will he be in person or on ZOOM? Art will handle that.

Tim is pulling together the 2020 awards.

Kari & Mary are making the last changes to the Board Book. It will be posted on the website in June.

NEEDED – a raffle volunteer. We would like to put the lesser valued auction items in the monthly raffle, when we meet in person again. We will have to come up with a way to auction off the higher valued items. Liz brought up that we need a gambling license ($40) if we plan on making more that $15,000 in the raffles and auction.

We are still in a big need for volunteers to step up and fill some BOD positions… president, education director, raffle director and auction director. Please contact Tim with your thoughts.

Outings – Eric – a great job is being done organizing our outings. Thanks, Eric! The idea of a “fishmaster” was brought up, as well as scheduling thoughts. Mary suggested that the BOD let him know what the expectations of his position are so we can help him with scheduling. Further discussion was tabled until June, when Eric can be present.

Membership – Bob – 302 members, 45 new members since January. Bob always posts the numbers in the monthly newsletter.

Programs – Art – This year’s schedule is complete. John Day River smallmouth bass will be discussed in June. Does anyone (all members and BOD members) have input for the 2022 schedule?


Next Cast – Fred – Fred is working on the 3 day youth fish camp in June. The Redmond Parks & Rec has signed up 6 youth so far. Maximum is 12. Fred is still taking volunteers to help out. Since the camp is out at the Metolius Youth Pond and finishes around 1:30 each day, volunteers can consider fishing the Metolius River afterwards.

Conservation – Tom – Tom is working on ground water articles for the upcoming newsletter.

Webmaster – Mary – The 15 lifetime members and our youth members must sign the liability waiver each year, even though they have a free membership. These members will be required to electronically sign a waiver through the website. A letter is sent to them at the beginning of each year to explain how to complete this. If they choose not to sign electronically, they can send Member Services an email to be kept in a file.

MEMBERSHIP
Welcome to Our New Members

Craig Achatz – Bend
Tracey Bryan – Bend
Ann Bufkin – Portland
Peggy Carey – Bend
Mary Gibson – Redmond
Brett Hallinan – Bend
James Kehoe – Portland
Patti Pollina – Las Vegas
Vivian Rockwell – Bend
Vicki Wise – Oregon City

As of May 30, 2021, Central Oregon Flyfishers counts a total membership of 303 which comprise Individual 136, Family 101, Out of Area Individual 29, Out of Area Family 6, Honorary Life Members 15, Youth/Next Cast 6 and Shop 10. COF has added 46 new members since January 1, 2021.

LIBRARY

COF library services will resume once monthly meetings restart at the Bend Senior Center. Since the center is closed, we are currently unable to access library items stored there.
Our DVD collection and a select number of books, will be available for checkout once monthly meetings resume.

Sign in on our website https://coflyfishers.wildapricot.org, click on Members Area and select Library to see a list of our books and DVDs. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to email

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COF CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: TWO BUCKS BAGS BRAND MUSTANG FLOAT TUBES, PLUS FINS AND BOOTIES Enjoy Central Oregon’s pristine lakes with matching Buck’s Bags Mustang float tubes with fins and booties (same size but pictures make blue tube look larger). Have been used less than ½ a dozen times and are in great shape! $450 OBO”. Please contact Chris Cooper, ccoopergolfer@gmail.com, phone 541-350-1631.

FOR SALE: KORKERS K5 BOMBER WADING BOOTS, SIZE 14, $50.00 Excellent shape, comes with new interchangeable plain felt or sticky rubber soles, I recommend you purchase studded felt soles ($50) available from any local fly shop for our waters, retail price $199.00, Peter Martin, call 541-388-8956 or email pcmartin@bendbroadband.com

MEMBERS: Got a “fishy item,” (broadly defined), to sell, find, or giveaway? Ads are free and run for one newsletter. If the item is not sold please resubmit your ad for the next month’s newsletter. Submit ads to classifieds@coflyfishers.org by the end of the third week of each month. JPEG photos are useful.

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GLENN'S MIDGE

A few years ago, a good friend from Montana visited me in early June. He grew up in Pennsylvania and became a good trout fisherman. After years living in Alaska he became a great fisherman. A number of years living in Montana sharpened his spring creek skills. I offered to take him to the Crooked River for a day of fishing. I showed him how I rig my drop shot system and fixed him up with midge and mayfly nymphs. I started him in one of my favorite riffles and headed down river. We met up in early afternoon to compare notes. Needless to say, he had a great day. However, he used his own flies (he said he lost mine – sure!). One of his successful flies was a midge pattern I had never seen or was familiar with. I tied up some for future trips. My fishing partners and I fished the pattern for several years and caught hundreds of fish! I found it works well on the Crooked from the start of irrigation season (around April 15) to the end of July. Its effectiveness tails off in later July (about the time the PMDs are in full swing). So, tie up some of Glenn’s Midge – I don’t think you will ever see it on the internet – because it is a very effective pattern from April to late July. I fish it as a point fly (next to stream bed).

Materials

- **Hook**: Size 16 standard nymph hook
- **Bead**: Size 11/0 glass Czech bead (white) (Hobby Lobby)
- **Thread**: Size 8/0 black
- **Tail**: a tuft of white (use egg veil milky white or Senyo’s Lazer Dub (white)
- **Rib**: small silver wire
- **Body**: black dubbing (i.e., hare’s ear of SLF spikey)
- **Wing**: same material as tail
- **Collar**: same material as body

**Tying Instructions**

1. Pinch barb, place bead on hook
2. Start thread, advance to hook bend. Tie on tail.
3. Attach a piece of silver wire for rib
4. Dub a slender body
5. Attach wing material similar to the way one attaches a spinner wing, clip to length (see photo)
6. Dub a narrow collar clean up head, whip finish, a cement knot.

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