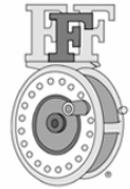




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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
OUTING**

June 17-26
Leighton Lake, BC
Gordon Chandler

**GENERAL MEETING
Lawrence Edwards CORR**

June 16, 6:30-8:30PM
Central Oregon Board of
Realtors

**WILD WOMEN OF THE
WATER**

Fly Fishing School
June 5, 6
Delores Marsh

RANDOM CASTS

The Kokanee Karnival angling clinic in late April was a great success! Over 200 4th and 5th graders took part in the 4-day event. It was hard to tell who had the most fun, the students or the helpers. There were too many helpers to list them all, but some of them included Phil Hager on the fish-to-sea survival event, Doyle Goolsby and Jen Bock on fish life cycles and anatomy, Bob Griffin and Harry Harbin on casting, Dave and Sandy Dunahay on knot tying and Capt. Caddis on fishing paraphernalia. After the "class work", the Sunriver Anglers served tube steaks to all. The students then went out on the Shevlin pond to catch fish. ODFW restocked the pond most mornings so lots of fish were caught. Tom Philiben and others prepared the rods and "flies" for all the students, and Phil Hager and Jerri Wellborune (Llama Association) cleaned and recorded the student's catches. There were many more helpers, such as Max Johnson playing the fish hungry bear and Mark Reisinger as the blades on a hydropower generator. I wish I could list them all.

There are now 63 women in the Wild Woman of the Water sub group. WOW! Delores Marsh is putting together quite an education program, with presentations by many of the fly shops around town. The last presentation was by the Deschutes River Outfitters on various types of float tubes, equipment, and fishing the high lakes.

The May monthly meeting had over 100 members in attendance. There was standing room only. Rayne Nordstrom presented a Kokanee Karnival review (with students for part of the presentation) and Denny Rickards gave pointers on lake fishing and catching the big fish. Every one was rapidly taking notes as a lot of

information and techniques were covered. However, there was too much great information to note it all. Thanks Carl Sanders for an absolutely great program.

Happy fishing: Neal

RIGHT OF WADE?

You have the right to be standing in the river casting dries and swinging flies...don't you? You have the right to float down the river in your pontoon or drift boat...don't you? You've probably heard the answers, "to the high water mark" or "on navigable rivers and streams." Lawrence Edwards of the Coalition for Oregon's River Rights says that the newly formed state legislature said "yes" when Oregon was admitted to the Union in 1859.

But today that right is being debated, and cannot be taken for granted. Oregonians almost lost that right. In 2003, Senate Bill 928 drifted drag free out of committee through the Senate only to be caught in the House by the last legislative session of 2003. There will be more bills in the future.

How can Oregonians secure the use of our state's waterways for recreation through the generations? We can educate ourselves in the state and federal laws, and become involved in our state's legislative processes. June's program will be an opportunity to do just that. Coalition for Oregon's River Rights is a grass roots, non-profit corporation that organized in 2003 to stop Senate Bill 928, and was recently featured in the Oregon Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers newsletter "The Oregon Fly Fisher".

Lawrence Edwards will present a history of Oregon's river use laws, and answer questions such as "Who owns our state's rivers?" and "What is a navigable waterway, anyway?" If you want to be informed, if you want to know what you can do to protect your right to use Oregon's waterways, if you have any questions on the laws as they are written, then please join us for our June program. For more information you can check out CORR's website at www.riverrights.org.

As many of you have noticed in the Bulletin, this issue, with regards to the John Day River, is quickly coming to a head, making this meeting topic particularly timely.

Carl Sanders

NEW COF CLASS

Casting Basics and Solving Common Casting Problems

Would you like to become a better fly caster? Do you at times get frustrated with making casting mistakes such as lack of distance, popping off a fly, seeing line and leader fall ahead of you in a bunch instead of laying out straight, or do you puzzle over those infernal "wind knots" when there isn't any wind? If so, you are not alone, and COF has a new class for you.

The instructor is Jeff Perrin, owner of The Flyfisher's Place in Sisters. Jeff has many years of experience providing fly casting instruction for casters at all levels of ability. This class is designed to help casters who know how to cast, but do not consider themselves to be advanced casters. Jeff's teaching style is to begin with some basic instructional topics, but then to tailor the class to meet individual needs.

Here's a class summary:

Class Title:	Casting Basics and Solving Common Casting Problems
Class Level:	Beginning to Intermediate
Date/Time:	Monday, June 14th, 6 PM (will reschedule for bad weather)
Content:	Basic casting technique Solving common casting problems Individual analysis and coaching
Location:	The Athletic Club of Bend (parking area, south end)
Cost:	\$10

Class Size: Minimum 5, maximum 12

Equipment: Bring your own fly rod

Pre-registration is required. To register, contact Ron Anderson at 312-0013 or rlanderson@bendcable.com. Our last fly casting classes filled quickly, so don't delay if you are interested in this one.

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.

Martha & Fred Wade
Derek Garrett
Melinda Howell

FLY FISHING SCHOOL FOR WOMEN

Wild Women of the Water are proud to offer the first Fly Fishing School for Women.....on June 5 and 6. The Saturday class is full, but we still have some openings on Sunday, June 6. The classes are the same both days.

Watch your e-mail for Date and Location for our first outing in June.Any question call Delores 382-7595 or Terri 318-0567.

AUGUST PICNIC! HELP!

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS: a reminder of the BIG PICNIC on August 18th. This is the BIG PICNIC, and not the regular meeting. It will be held at Aspen Hall at Shevlin Park in Bend, and not at the regular meeting place, which is across town. We need HELP with this event! Our BIG PICNIC needs help with Set Up, Cooking, Kitchen Clean Up, Take Down and Area Clean Up. Please call or e mail Dick or Jeanene at 923-4701 or riverldg@bendnet.com.

THANKS!
Dick & Jeanene Stentz

BOOK COLLECTION FOR SALE

The Flyfisher has received a communication from a Troy B. Jones Sr., who has retired and is no longer able to fish, offering his fly tying and fly fishing book collection for sale. The books range in age from 25-115 years old. If you are interested, send your postal address to Mr. Jones at bootsiez1@earthlink.net and he will send by snail-mail his list of books for your consideration.

NEW COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Several new committee appointments have recently been made to support upcoming projects. Congratulations to the following volunteers:

Awards Committee: Neal Buxton
Harry Harbin
Dan Driskill
Rex Harrison

Nominating Committee: Dave Dunahay, Chair

Membership Committee: Deloris Marsh, Chair
Sandy Dunahay

Picnic: Dick Stentz, Chair
Dan Driskill

KK Steering Committee: Mark Reisinger, Chair
Dave Dunahay
Doyle Goolsby
Other Organizations

Banquet: Earl Rettig, Chair

Special Conservation Projects: Max Johnson

THE EMERGING FLY FISHERMAN

I had spent the morning drifting a weighted nymph through the runs with some success. Suddenly, however, I noticed one, then tens, then hundreds of little grey sailboats floating on the surface of the water all around me. The mayflies were hatching!

I quickly re-rigged for dry flies, and cast my Catskill style fly upstream, where it began drifting along, a beautiful sight to see, standing high above the water on its hackle collar and stiff tail tiptoes.

It drifted along, that is, until it was yanked under by a fish - a fish that grabbed the emerger style fly tied off the bend of the first fly's hook and that was lying flat in the surface film twelve inches behind it.

I have been a fly fisherman for about five years now, and I have noticed a steady evolution in the flies that I actually choose from my box when fishing to rising fish. Like most folks, I believe, I started out with the Catskill style dry for mayfly hatches with its round hackle collar and stiff hackle tail. My first caddis was the ever popular Elk Hair Caddis, and I fished the midge hatch with a Griffith's Gnat. These were the famous flies that everyone associates with dry fly fishing, and who would ever need anything else? Nothing else, indeed, until I hit those days when the fish were rising all around, but they constantly refused my fly, even on my best casts. The search for something better was on!

Since that time, my mayfly imitations have evolved from the Catskill style, to the Comparadun and Parachute styles that lie flat in the film, to the Sparkle Dun that adds a trailing shuck to the Comparadun, and finally to an assortment of flies that imitate the mayfly as it rises to the surface, hangs in the film, and then slowly crawls out of its nymphal shuck onto the surface tension. Similarly, my caddis imitations have evolved from the Elk Hair Caddis, to the X-Caddis that lies flat in the film with a trailing shuck, and finally to the Sparkle Pupa that I actually use over rising fish in a caddis hatch even though it floats a few inches *below* the surface. I fish midge hatches with a Griffith's Gnat as an indicator, but catch most fish on a thread body pupa pattern trailing behind, slightly below the surface. Most of this has been a relatively easy transition since it is possible to fish two flies at once in Oregon, and the superiority of the emerger style patterns is almost always obvious when you try a dun pattern and an emerger on the same tippet.

Fortunately, there are two wonderful books, one brand new, which can help the fly fisherman understand the behavior of emerging insects and

the necessary qualities of the fly patterns and fishing techniques that can be used to imitate them. The first is titled, amazingly, "Emergers", and was written back in 1991 by Doug Swisher and Carl Richards and published by Lyons & Burford. I believe that this book was one of the first that more or less scientifically observed emerger behavior, discussed collecting and observing, and used black and white photos and sketches to illustrate the life cycles and methods of emergence of the various insects. I highly recommend this book, but as slightly dated background reading. Fortunately, you don't have to actually own this book, since the Deschutes Public Library has a copy in good condition.

If you are a fly tier, and perhaps if you are not, the second book is one you will want for your bookshelf. "Tying Emergers" was written by Jim Schollmeyer and Ted Leeson and published by Frank Amato in 2004. In addition to an excellent introduction and assorted material throughout the chapters that discuss the importance of emergers and the methods of emergence and its imitation, this soft bound 344 page tomb shows a myriad of general techniques and over 217 patterns by almost 100 tiers. The photos are all in color, and are very well lit with an average of about eight photos per page. There is also a photographic index of all the patterns, sorted by type, and annotated with the symbol of the insect(s) that they imitate. You can pick out that unknown fly that someone gave you in short order, and if it is an emerger pattern, it is probably in this book. The book is also very international, with flies from a large number of other countries; something that I think is sadly missing from a lot of US published fly fishing books. The book was made suitable for both beginning and advanced tiers by collecting basic tying and material discussions in one chapter so it is not repeated over and over in each pattern, although the basic techniques are thoroughly cross referenced from within the pattern descriptions.

You can probably tell that I think this is a great book, and the style is one that ought to set a standard for future fly tying books. The opinions

expressed here are strictly those of the author-
Harry Harbin

COUNT DOWN TO BRITISH COLUMBIA!

Well, it is finally June and time for the annual COF fishing trip to British Columbia. The plan is still to camp at Tunqua Lake, next to Leighton Lake, which is our usual camping spot. Leighton suffered at least a partial winter kill, although reports vary as to the extent.

Our intrepid leader, Gordon Chandler, along with various qualified assistants, has volunteered to go up a few days early and test the quality of fishing at Leighton. Boy, the things Gordon has to do in this job!

In any case, if there is a change, Gordon will be posting paper plate signs that will direct you to the correct camping spot as you arrive. If you have a portable FRS or GMRS radio, bring it with you and when you get close, try to get in touch. We will be using Channel 12, Privacy code 4. As we direct folks to the various optional fishing lakes, bring your GPS as this may save a little time, and we can also collect location coordinates for future trips.

As of last count, there were 29 people planning to go, a new record and indicator of the popularity of this outing. If you are on Gordon's list, you will be getting further detailed updates from Gordon via e-mail. If you missed the boat and want to come along, contact Gordon at gordon@coinet.com.

By the way, if you are interested in the local BC insects and the flies to bring to imitate them, check out <http://www.bcadventure.com/adventure/angling/bugs/index.phtml>. The area that we fish is in the Thompson-Nicola region. Don't forget to buy your fishing license.

Size	Bead Size, mm	Bead Size, in	Hook Size
micro	2.0	5/64"	18 - 22
mini	2.3	3/32"	16 - 18
x small	2.8	7/64"	14 - 16
small	3.2	1/8"	12 - 14
medium	4.0	5/32"	8 - 10
large	4.8	3/16"	4 - 6

2004 STEP CONSERVATION PROJECTS!

Jennifer Bock with ODFW recently released the first list of STEP projects for 2004. The first projects include the construction and placement of fishing line recycling bins at area lakes, and tui chub collection at Little Lava Lake. Project summaries for these two projects follow.

Further out, there is a Lahantan Cutthroat genetics sampling project in the streams on the East face of Stein's Mountain using electro-fishing, which is a camping project on September 20-26 for 4-6 volunteers. The camping projects to conduct bull trout spawning surveys in the North Fork of the Malheur River near Prairie City will be September 13-19 and again on October 11-17 for 4-8 volunteers each trip. Sometime in July, the dates are not yet firm; there will be a camping project in the same area consisting of a bull trout population distribution survey requiring 2-6 volunteers.

If you are a fly fisherman and you have never been on one of these volunteer trips, you need to plan to go. A weeks' camping with assorted biologists from ODFW and the Forest Service is guaranteed to improve your knowledge and change your attitude about fishing more than reading 100 books and magazines ever would. Plus the food is good, the companionship stimulating and the whole project fun. The inner workings of these surveys are probably not what you think.

Jennifer is also coordinating the Doris and Blow lakes trout stocking llama adventure this year. The date is July 17 (Saturday).

To volunteer, or if you have questions, contact Jennifer Bock, ODFW - STEP, (541) 388-6350 x25, jennifer.a.bock@state.or.us.

NEW BEAD SIZING CHART

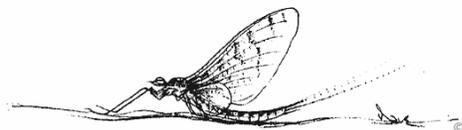
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Activity Description #1	
Name of Project:	Fishing Line Recycle Bins
Location:	Established fishing areas and boat ramps on the Deschutes and Crooked River.
Date(s):	June -July
Project Objective:	Part of "Keep Oregon's Rivers Clean" pilot program for the collection, recycling and proper disposal of fishing tackle, in this case lines and leaders.
Project Description:	Construct several line recycling bins (materials and plans available from ODFW). Put up bins at key locations. We also need volunteers to collect fishing line and monitor the program.
# of Volunteers Needed:	1-2

Activity Description #2	
Name of Project:	Little Lava Lake Tui Chub Trapping
Location:	Little Lava Lake
Date(s):	Mid June through July. 2-3x weekly
Project Objective:	Using a trap net, tui chub will be removed from Little Lava Lake in order to decrease competition for zooplankton and further improve the trout fishery. This would be an ongoing project, and removal of chub would occur for consecutive years.
Project Description:	Volunteers will empty the trap net of tui chub 2-3 times weekly. Chub will be hauled to a designated dumping site. Trout will be released. Volunteers driving the ODFW boat must have the Oregon State Marine Board boater safety card.
# of Volunteers Needed:	10-15

UPSTREAM EVENTS - 2004

	DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
JUNE	3	COF Board of Directors Meeting	Neal Buxton
	5-6	Fly Fishing School For Women	Delores Marsh
	16	COF General Membership Meeting, Lawrence Edwards on behalf of Citizens for Oregon's River Rights	Neal Buxton
	17-26	British Columbia, Canada Outing	Gordon Chandler
	TBA	Fishing Line Recycling Bins	Jenn Bock
	Jun-Jul	Tui Chub Removal, Little Lava Lake	Jenn Bock
JULY	1	COF Board of Directors Meeting	Neal Buxton
	21	COF Gen. Mem. Meeting, Jeff Perrin, Metolius	Neal Buxton
	23-25	Steen's Mountain Outing	Gene McMullen
	TBA	Bull Trout Distribution Survey, Camping 4-5 days	Jenn Bock
AUG	5	COF Board of Directors Meeting	Neal Buxton
	13-22	National Fly Fishing Week	FFF
	16-21	FFF Conclave, West Yellowstone	Phil Hager
	26	COF Picnic- NO MEETING!	Dick Stentz
	27	East Lake Outing	Dave Dunahay
SEP	2	COF Board of Directors Meeting	Neal Buxton
	8	Middle Deschutes Outing	Dave Dunahay
	13-19	Bull Trout Spawning Survey, Camping	Jenn Bock
	15	COF Gen. Mem. Meeting, Scott Richmond, Steelhead	Neal Buxton
	20-26	Lahontan Trout Genetics Sampling, Camping	Jenn Bock
	21-24	KK Streamside, Brown's Creek	Kurt Boettger
OCT	7	COF Board of Directors Meeting	Neal Buxton
	11-17	Bull Trout Spawning Survey, Camping	Jenn Bock
	20	COF Gen. Mem. Meet. Central Or. Out. Winter Fishing	Neal Buxton
	23	Metolius River Outing	Dave Dunahay
NOV	4	COF Board of Directors Meeting	Neal Buxton
	17	COF Gen. Mem. Meet. Steve Shunk, Riparian Hatches	Neal Buxton
	Tues.	Fly Tying	
DEC	2	COF Board of Directors Meeting	Neal Buxton
	15	COF Gen. Mem. Meeting, Fly Tying	Neal Buxton
	Tues.	Fly Tying	



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