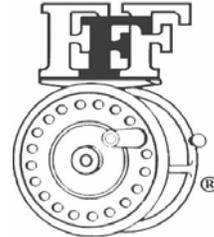


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GENERAL MEETING Lake Fishing Skip Morris

6:30-8:30 PM
Bend Senior Center
1600 SE Reed Market

OUTINGS John Day River -Cancelled-

Deschutes River
June 8th

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Classes

European
Nymphing

Learn to
Double Haul
See p. 3 + 4 for details

Davis Lake
Bass Bash
And
Editorial

June 10 + 11

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Random Cast

Summer is just around the corner and many of our favorite fishing holes are just beginning to be accessible. The Crooked looks like it is down to reasonable levels, East Lake, Little Lava and Big Lava are accessible and by the time this gets in the newsletter we should see Hosmer accessible (fingers crossed). This is some of the best time to fly fish our local stillwaters before the temperatures really start to rise. I used to spend 99 percent of my time on flowing water but have really enjoyed learning stillwater techniques in just the past couple years. I highly recommend to those that haven't taken up this side of our sport yet to give it a go. We have lots of available water, and in many areas you don't need a boat, East Lake is one example.

Take a good look at the newsletter this month, there are a lot of things happening in June, we have a couple classes and outings are in full swing. This month's program is special and one you sure will not want to miss. Many of our members are headed to the Kamloops area of British Columbia for CO's annual BC migration. This event is internationally famous for a good time. I met no less than three people in Bellevue, WA. at the Fly Fishing Show this winter from Alaska, Canada, and Washington that had heard of COF's Kamloops area trip and wanted more info. May the weather be dry, the lakes wet, the food tasty and the fish hungry for all those attending this year.

Don't forget the Davis Lake Bass Bash on May 10th to help rid Davis of some of its bucket mouths. This is not a COF event but a consorted effort by fly fishers from around the state to maintain the integrity of the fishing regulations in place on Davis and to support ODFW's efforts to compile data and decrease the effects of the bass population.

A big thank you to Dick Olsen and Bill Seitz for stepping up and volunteering to take the position of Membership Coordinator from Delores Marsh. Delores Marsh has done an outstanding job with this position and I am sure that Dick and Bill will continue to run a smooth operation. A couple of new volunteer opportunities are available this summer. Read about these in this month's newsletter if you would like to become more involved with your fly fishing club. Carl Sanders

"Three-fourths of the Earth's surface is water, and one-fourth is land. It is quite clear that the good Lord intended us to spend triple the amount of time fishing as taking care of the lawn." ~Chuck Clark

June Program

Skip Morris is a professional flyfishing writer and the author of numerous other flyfishing and fly tying books. He writes regular columns for FLYFISHING and TYING JOURNAL, FLY TYER, and SALMON, TROUT, STEELHEADER magazines.

Skip has collaborated with stillwater guru Brian Chan on tying flies and fishing methods for stillwater. His book is of special interest to you folks wanting to spend more time learning to fish the Canadian and Central Oregon Lakes.

Having heard Skip's presentations several times, I can assure you they are very informative and well presented.

Don Schnack

June Outings

John Day River - We had originally planned on going on a weekend float down the John Day River from Service Creek to Twickingham. Well - Mother Nature just didn't want us to make that trip this year. A couple of us had planned on going down earlier in May and scouting out the river for this trip. The river is extremely high and looks like a gutter filled with chocolate milk. Maybe next year we can give it a go.

Deschutes River Float - The Deschutes River has also been really high this spring. The salmonfly hatch has been delayed a little bit because of the higher/cooler water. On the May 20th outing down to Mecca Flats there were NO stones to be found on the rocks or bushes. By the time this outing comes around there is hope of a hatch. Even if the hatch is not a go, there should be sufficient stoneflies crawling to the shore to make nymphing a great way to fish.

If you plan on going on this outing - please call me and let me know by June 4th (Dave Semich 382-1969), I will be out of town the 5th-7th. We can start out together at Warm Springs and show each other some spots to fish. If you need a ride, or have a boat and would like to share the cost of gas and the shuttle, let me know and I might be able to hook up some members. If you have a pontoon boat, and feel *comfortable* maneuvering it, the stretch from Warm Springs to Trout Creek is very doable in many different kinds of floating devises.

All will need a boater's permit and if you fish the west shore, a tribal permit.

June Volunteer of the Month Terri Grimm

Always there, willing to lend a hand, involved, and COF's saving grace more than once, Terri Grimm has done it all for COF. A partner in the establishment of the Wild Women of the Water, COF website design, Annual Board Retreat mediator, banquet program designer, Kokanee Karnival volunteer, Rendezvous volunteer, kid's pond volunteer, newsletter contributor and all purpose newsletter, email, computer fall back member. We all know how busy Terri is, and we really try to give her the space to get personal things done, but somehow when the club gets hung up, Terri seems to always have the experience and knowledge we are looking for and very fortunately for us the willingness to help. "We do try to take it easy on you Terri, we really do." We thank you for all your help this year and the years past. It is greatly appreciated...and for our sakes, keep up the good work.

Wild Women of the Water

Lake in the Dunes Outing - Five ladies finally had their day of fishing fun at Lake in the Dunes. According to Jo Ussery, "It was everything I had hoped it would be. I cannot thank Peter Bowers enough for all I learned that day. I would do it again in a heartbeat."

If you would like to go to Lake in the Dunes in **May 2007**, send an email message to Terri Grimm (sonata@teleport.com). If there is enough interest, we will try to set a date for 2007 by the end of this year. That will give everyone plenty of time to plan ahead!

South Twin Lake Outing - In spite of the menacing clouds, we decided to take our chances and headed for South Twin. As we opened our car doors, we were blasted by a cool, wet, gusty breeze. No need for fancy fining in the float tubes today, we just put in at the south end and let the wind blow us to the north. ODFW had stocked the lake earlier in the day. So in spite of the less-than-perfect weather, there were plenty of enthusiastic, inexperienced fish. I think Delores and LeeAnn caught ALL of them at least one time. After a warm-up break in the South Twin Resort restaurant, it was back to the lake for more fishing. Remember, if you go to the mountains, be prepared, regardless of the season and weather conditions in town.

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Wild Women of the Water

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June 19, Outing on East Lake - Russ Seaton from Fly and Field will be our guide. You will need a float tube, pontoon boat, or kayak. Watch your email for carpool information, time, flies, and other details.
Terri Grimm

COF Volunteer Opportunities

*Interested? Contact Carl Sanders
4cesanders@earthlink.net*

Metolius Bamboo Rod and Fly Fishing Fair

Volunteer help needed to be at COF's booth during this two day event on July 15th and 16th.

Annual BBQ Coordinator

Each year in lieu of an August general meeting COF holds a free BBQ at Aspen Hall, Shevlin Park. It is an informal family oriented social event. COF provides Hamburgers, Dogs and the fixins, the rest is potluck. Aspen Hall is already reserved for the 16th. BBQ Coordinator would enlist volunteers and organize set-up, breakdown, and cooking of food.

Education Coordinator

Ron Anderson is stepping down after four years as COF's education coordinator. The new volunteer would coordinate the education committee in the organization of COF classes during the year and possibly organize classes also. Generally the position requires planning of future class topics, contacts with possible instructors and giving direction to education committee members. Ron will stay on as ex-coordinator and mentor the new coordinator for the position.

Education Committee Members

There are positions open for members who would like to help coordinate an education class or two a year under the direction of the Education Coordinator. Member would help committee decide on the classes to offer to the COF membership and coordinate a class by making contacts, organizing enrollment, payments and other specifics.

-- COF CLASS -- EUROPEAN NYMPHING TECHNIQUES

Central Oregon Flyfishers is proud to present this class with one of our members **Scott Robertson** as the instructor

Get the information on these fishing techniques that are very productive when the fish act like they have lock jaw. Scott will be teaching this class on JUNE 17, 2006 Sat. We will have classes starting at 8:00am, 10:00am, and, 12noon. The classes will be held at McKay Park on the Deschutes River. To enroll in a class, please fill out the slip below and send \$10.00 made out to COF.

Mail your check and application to:

Carl Cavallo
21636 Paloma Dr.
Bend Or 97701

Please indicate your 1st choice and 2nd choice. Sections are limited so as to allow for individual attention. Please bring your waders, fly rod 5or 6 wt and some 5x tippet

European Nymphing Techniques

Date: June 17, 2006 Sat

Place: McKay Park

8:00am _____ 10:00am _____ 2noon _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone number _____

Email _____

-- COF CLASS --
Learn to Double Haul

Peter Bowers of the Patient Angler Fly Shop will be teaching a class to those that would like to learn how to increase their distance in casting. This is NOT a beginning fly casting class. Those enrolling should already know the basic casting techniques. The class will be held on June 24th at Farewell Bend Park at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.. The classes will be held to 6 participants at each time slot. To enroll in a class, please fill out the slip below and send \$10.00 made out to COF.

Mail your check and application to:

Phil Ogburn
64355 Schibel Road
Bend Or 97701
388-5035

Please indicate your 1st choice and 2nd choice.
Sections are limited so as to allow for individual attention. Please bring your fly rod/reel/line

Learn to Double Haul

Date: June 24, 2006 Sat
Place: Farewell Bend Park

9:00am _____ 10:30am _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone number _____

Email _____

ODFW to Sample Crooked River

June 13-16
(Not the best time to fish)

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is sampling fish below Bowman Dam, June 13th through 16th.

A drift boat electro-fisher will be used to stun fish so fish can be easily netted. Electro-fishing will begin at Bowman dam and end approximately 1.5 miles

downstream. Trout will be released in the same areas where they were captured.

Please don't plan your fishing trip to this section of the river during this time.
We apologize for any inconvenience.

Questions or concerns? Please contact: Brett Hodgson, ODFW, 447-4314

Fly of the Month

It was nice to see the weather warm-up for a few days, and now that winter is back and I am done traveling to Fly-Tying shows I can get to the fishing. The East Idaho Fly-Tying Expo was outstanding. I have missed this show the last two years, but it was like I had never been gone. The show featured about 150 of the best tiers in the West with some great guest tiers from the East. I picked up some great patterns, which I will feature in the coming months. One of the highlights for me was the evening with Dennis Conrad, the owner of Conranch Hackle. I had no idea of the time and research involved in raising the prize chickens we take for granted when we purchase that cape or saddle from the Fly Shops. But after sitting with Dennis at dinner I was enlightened. His feathers are worth checking out, I tied with his products at the show and was really surprised at the quality of the feathers, as were other tiers, trying his stuff for the first time. His contact info is at the end of this month's article.

The Midge

We all fish these small bugs and they are among some of the easiest to tie. The points to remember are, keep them slim, neat and match the color and size of the naturals you see. They can range in many different colors, Red, Black, and Green are the most popular, but I like to carry Yellow, Grey and White at times just to see if they can make a difference. I know tiers who tie white just so they can color to match with pens as needed. Size #24 to #16 should be good enough. I fish them alone or under a good floating Dry Fly as a dropper and also as droppers on a 2 or 3 fly setup. In England they fish bugs called Buzzers that are used as Midges and other bugs. I will present them at a later date but if you are curious, you can find them
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on many of the Fly Tying the Internet sites. I mention them because they are coated with Super-Glue as is the Midge pattern presented below.



Pattern:

Hook: Any curved fine wire scud hook will do in the sizes #24 to #16.

Thread: 8/0 or 6/0 to match color of the fly

Body: Here is where some times Floss is a better choice but you can use the tying thread as the body material. If using floss only one layer is needed for a neat body.

Ribbing: I like to use either pale yellow thread or fine silver wire. And here again it is your choice.

Head: A nicely wrapped head in the body color is all that is normally needed, but with some of the smaller beads available today they can add a nice touch. I like to use a pearl or holographic type; I try and keep them on the translucent.

Gills and Wing Cases: These are options that may be considered but are in most cases not needed.

Fly coating: I like to use Super-Glue, coat the completed fly except for the head, if a bead, wing case or gills were used, do not coat them.

The tying is straight-forward, if using a bead, put it on now, tie in your thread and while moving the thread towards the hook bend attach your rib and keep it on the bottom of the fly, a good trick for any rib. Stop the thread just behind the barb, if using floss you would have attached it at the same time as the rib and also would keep it on the bottom of hook. Use thread to build a nice tapered body towards the hook eye, if using floss wrap over this nice tapered body to the hook eye. If a wing case or gills are being used stop the thread about 1/16" before the hook eye and attach them. Only a small thread thorax is needed for the wing case. Once the fly is

completed it is time to coat the fly with Super-Glue, which I find keeps the fly from unraveling after a few fish and it gives the fly a nice clean look. I use the very small bottles for this as the tip is just right for the coating process, be careful not to fill the hook eye and if you do, run a stripped hackle stem through the hook eye right away.

Jerry Criss

Dennis Conrad
Conranch Hackle E-mail conranch@ipeg.com
35926 N. Conklin Rd. (509) 999-7472
Elk, WA. 99009

ANNUAL FISH STOCKING WITH LLAMAS COMING...SATURDAY, JULY 15TH, 2006...

Central Oregon Llama Association (COLA) is having their annual fish stocking on Saturday, July 15th. We are meeting at Six Lakes Trailhead to stock fingerlings for the ODFW. The trailhead is located just past Elk Lake, exiting the highway to the right when coming from the Elk Lake direction. We will be stocking Doris Lake and Blow Lake again. Both are fairly easy hikes with Blow Lake being the closer one, about 1 ½ miles and Doris Lake is about 2 ½ miles. Come, have fun, and walk some llamas to one of the lakes...or just come to help load fish at the trailhead if you do not wish to do the hike.

If you think you may be coming, or have any questions at all, please contact Jeri Welbourn by calling 388-4687 or 610-6408.

Please plan to arrive at the trailhead at about 9:30 a.m. I will introduce you to your llama hiking group or loading station crew.

Remember to bring the following:

- Sun Screen
- Bug Repellent
- A Hat, Jacket, Proper Shoes for Hiking, etc.
- Water and Lunch

Thanks for your support!

Jeri Welbourn
Welbourn Llamas
Welbournllamas@coinet.com
388-4687 or 610-6408

Kokanee Karnival Wraps Up A Record Year

With the completion of the spring Angling Clinic and a few more classroom activities the Kokanee Karnival Youth Education Program is wrapping up its tenth anniversary year. It's been an outstanding year with a record number of classrooms/students and many other changes and achievements including:

- A record number of 36 classrooms participating in Eggs-to-Fry
- A record number of volunteers/new volunteers
- The hiring of a Development Specialist who is being shared with Wolfree
- An outstanding new web site with tons of information for students, teachers and others (kokaneekarnival.org)
- A record number/amount of donations from COF members

In addition I want to recognize the contributions from all of our partners/spawners who have contributed thousands of dollars and volunteer hours in support of the program. Without this support there is no program and with such an outstanding level of support it is a great program. The Kokanee Karnival partners are:

Central Oregon Flyfishers
Sunriver Anglers
Central Oregon Llama Association
Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
US Forest Service/Deschutes National Forest/Wolfree, Inc.

I also want to recognize and thank our friends at the Fall River Hatchery for their continued support over the years. They provide their entire facility for our fall hatchery tours and hundreds of fish for classroom fish dissections. Special thanks go to Phil McKee at the hatchery for his leadership and support for our program. In summary it's been a very successful year and we look forward to the beginning of the 2006/07 school year in September. Come on out and join us!

BASS IN DAVIS LAKE AND THE WAY ODFW IS DEALING WITH IT!

Let me start this off with a disclaimer. These are my opinions and those of a few other concerned flyfishers. I do NOT speak for the Central Oregon Flyfishers as a group with the comments that follow.

Much has been flying around lately about ODFW's solution to the bass problem in Davis Lake. If you are new to Central Oregon, you may not remember/know that Davis used to be a trophy trout fishery. Not any longer!

If you came to the COF May monthly meeting, you heard Terry Shrader of ODFW tell the club about their plan to let some non-flyfishers collect bass from Davis Lake.

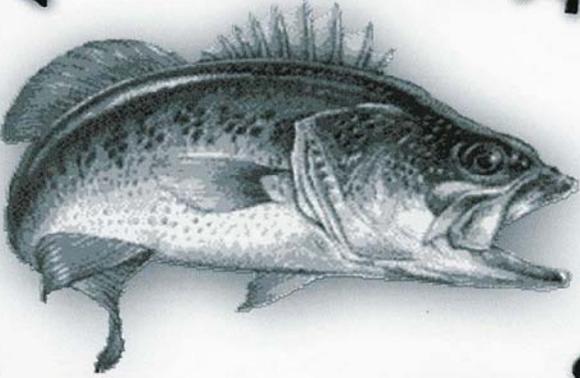
Barry Olson, past board member of the Oregon Council of the FFF, past President and current board member of the McKenzie Fly Fishers, said "It would be a tragedy, in my view, to have the rules set aside, under the guise of "research" by the CO/EO regional fish biologists, to have private bass clubs use typical bass equipment, be considered bass "professionals" for removing bass from Davis Lake. I must agree with Mr. Benke [Bass Bash] and others that this can be a slippery slope to change the Davis Lake management plan, and further allow the regulation change to remove it as a flyfishing only lake." I AGREE

Why did Mr. Shrader go to the bass clubs to catch the bass rather than ask the flyfishing clubs in the area? I have been to Davis Lake 4 times this spring and have personally seen 56 bass taken home. Flyfishers have been successful in catching the bass!

When Bob Griffin contacted Terry Shrader early in March about flyfishers taking care of the ODFW request, this is what Bob received in return on March 22nd "..., I would encourage you and others to participate in ODFW's planned effort this year (planned for June 12-16) to remove bass from Davis Lake...)." Why weren't COF and the valley clubs asked to take care of the project?

In a May 21st Salem Statesman Journal article by Henry Miller, Shrader is quoted as saying "In the past we'd gone over and tried to take some [bass] out. Electro-fishing has been somewhat successful taking limited numbers out, but it's very labor-intensive." I have heard that they shocked and tagged 150 fish for the upcoming research project. Why didn't they just do that twice and dump those 300 bass in Prineville and be done with it. The way they are doing it now is VERY labor intensive. Silence is Acceptance! Dave Semich - Editor

DAVIS LAKE BASS BASH



Help get rid of the Bass in Davis Lake and win some valuable prizes!

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife needs specific information regarding the population of bass in Davis Lake. In order to do so, they need 300 specimens captured and put into holding pens. The ODFW has considered allowing a gear fishing group to take care of this need. Davis Lake is a fly-fishing only lake, so all fly fishermen need to step up and help put 300 or more bass into the holding pens. If the fly fishers are successful, the gear fishing event will be cancelled.

This is your opportunity to help save Davis Lake!

Each fish safely put into the pens will gain you a raffle ticket that may reward you with a quality rod, reel, line, fine artwork, or maybe even a guided fishing trip!

**Saturday & Sunday June 10th & 11th
Lava Flow Campground**

Potluck Dinner Saturday Night!

For more information, please contact Mark Benke at mark.benke@bendcable.com

Special thanks to the generous sponsors of this event, including the following:



UPSTREAM EVENTS – 2006

June:	1	COF Board of Directors Meeting - Carl Sanders
	2-4	Outing, John Day River - Dave Semich -- CANCELLED
	8	Outing, Deschutes River (Stoneflies?) - Dave Semich
	17	Class, European Nymphing, Scott Robertson - Carl Cavallo
	21	COF General Membership Meeting, Skip Morris - Don Schnack
	22-> 24	British Columbia Trip - Gordon Chandler Class, Double Haul, Peter Bowers - Phil Ogburn
July	6	COF Board of Directors Meeting - Carl Sanders
	12	Outing, Hosmer Lake - Dave Semich
	19	COF General Membership Meeting, -----
	29/30	Outing, Backpacking to a Cascade Lake - Dave Semich
August	3	COF Board of Directors Meeting - Carl Sanders
	9	Outing, Little Lava Lake - Dave Semich
	13	Class - Steelhead Fishing, Amy Hazel --Ron Anderson
	16	Annual Picnic , Shevlin Park -
	19	Outing, Elk Lake - Dave Semich
September	7	COF Board of Directors Meeting - Carl Sanders
	9	Outing, Gold Lake - Bob Cooper
	20	COF General Membership Meeting, -----
	28-1	Outing, Deschutes Steelhead - Neal Buxton
October	5	COF Board of Directors Meeting - Carl Sanders
	18	COF General Membership Meeting, -----
	21	Outing, Metolius - Dave Semich
November	2	COF Board of Directors Meeting - Carl Sanders
	15	COF General Membership Meeting, -----
	18	Outing, Crooked River - Dave Semich
December	7	COF Board of Directors Meeting - Carl Sanders
	9	Outing, Deschutes County Library - Dave Semich
	20	COF General Membership Meeting, -----

Notes: (1) For more information about an event - contact the last name on the lines above.

Emails that you might need:

Dave Semich	-	flyfishndave@webformixair.com - Editor and Outings
Carl Sanders	-	4cesanders@earthlink.net - President
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Neal Buxton	-	nealab@aol.com - Outing
Larry Godfrey	-	lgodfrey@bendbroadband.com - Outing
Don Schnack	-	389-4440 - Monthly Programs
Phil Ogburn	-	pogburn@hughes.net - Classes
Carl Cavallo	-	fishincarl@yahoo.com - Classes

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.

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? (Check one.) <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> US Postal Service				
Why did you join COF? (Check all that apply. List other interests on reverse.) <input type="checkbox"/> Wild Women of the Water				
<input type="checkbox"/> Acquire more knowledge <input type="checkbox"/> Find fishing partner <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer for projects <input type="checkbox"/> Improve technique <input type="checkbox"/> 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, Crook and Jefferson County shall pay \$12.50.

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

Recent New Members

Bob and Pat Norman
Annie Davis
Mike Williams
Rick and Janet Ziegler

Please remember to wear your name tag to the monthly meetings (yes Delores, I, Dave Semich, just said that). When you see these new members, please try and include them in your conversations and outings. Let's try and help them feel comfortable in our great group.

Classifieds

For Sale:

Reddington Pro Staff Chest Waders
Men's medium - new in the box
New \$275 - Asking \$175

Steve Sheldon 593-1546

